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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Stockport Academy Ski Trip 2025 – Madesimo, Italy

We are pleased to announce a fantastic opportunity for your child to attend a 7-day ski trip to Madesimo, Italy from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

At Stockport Academy we are proud to be able to provide opportunities for your child to attend residential which help develop personal skills outside of the academic curriculum. Attending this trip will allow students to develop a range of skills as they mix with different students to their normal group of friends. Picking up any new sport can be challenging but the resilience that is developed while doing this in a country that speaks a different language in subzero temperatures will certainly develop students resolve. The opportunity to be away from home for a sustained period of time will also develop students' independence, giving them the opportunity to practice problem solving while still in a safe environment, but without their parents/guardians. (How do you dry 4 lots of ski kits with just one small radiator?)

To secure a place for your child on the trip, we will be collecting a **non-refundable deposit of £200** on Parent Pay which must be **paid before Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. **The total cost of the trip will be £1400** which can be paid in instalments throughout the year (please see below recommended Payment Plan).

Please note: if your child qualifies for pupil premium, they are eligible for a subsidised cost. However, the first deposit of £200 is required. The price of the trip includes:

- Return Flights and coach transfer from Manchester Airport
- Coach transfer from airport to resort.
- 7 nights full board accommodation including hot lunches & packed lunches (Hotel Arlecchino)
- 6-day ski lift pass
- 6 days hire of Skis, boots, poles and helmets
- 4 hours of ski tuition every day, 6 days in total
- Fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance
- Resort representatives' services
- 24-hour emergency contact numbers & medical assistance service
- In house evening entertainment & Apres Ski programme
- Pre departure lesson @ Chill Factor (subject to date)
- LotC quality badge assurance

The balance can be paid in flexible instalments which best suite you, if it is paid before the deadline date. Payments can only be paid via parent pay- no cash payments will be accepted. Below is our recommended payment plan:

First deposit - £200	Wednesday 22nd May 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
£150	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Final Payment - £150	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Payment Deadline



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We have chosen to travel with Select School Travel whose staff have many years' experience organising and running successful Ski tours. They are completely protected by ABTA and ATOL which means in the event of any unlikely occurrence your money is protected.

Skiing is a very demanding activity. If you have any questions or would like advice, then please contact via the email below.

Please be aware that pupils **MUST** have their own valid passport (and for non-UK passports a visa where appropriate); this must be valid for at least 6 months after our return to the UK and will be checked before final confirmation of a place is given, as no refunds/insurance will be offered if passport out of date.

#### Place Allocation

This is a fantastic opportunity for students and places are likely to fill up fast. If you would like your child to attend the trip please fill in and return the online Arbor consent form before Wednesday 15th May 2024, by submitting this form you are agreeing that you would like your child to have a place and can commit to payment.

There are 40 places available on the trip which will not be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

At the deadline date for consent, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, if there are more than 40 pupils that have consented, names will be pulled out randomly and your child and you will be notified by school if they have/have not got a place on the trip. If your child is successful in gaining a place, then the first deposit of £200 will be requested via Parent Pay with a deadline of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 to be paid. Please note cash payments will not be accepted.

**Please note, submitting consent for your child to attend, does not guarantee your child a place.**

#### Behaviour

Taking a group of students on a trip like this is a big undertaking, and it is important that we know students can be trusted and will represent our school in a positive light. For that reason, we expect students that go to have good attendance and positive behaviour throughout the year. If a student fails to meet the necessary standards, they may not be allowed on the trip. If in an extreme case this happens deposits are non-returnable.

#### Cancellations

If you withdraw your child from the trip before the final payment deadline, you may have to pay extra charges that the Tour Operator will pass on to us due to under-occupancy. Insurance will be provided as soon as the trip goes ahead. Medical forms will be issued later in the year and please be advised that any pre-existing medical conditions which have not been disclosed on the form will invalidate the insurance.

#### Further Information

There will be a parent information evening for the parent/carers of the pupils who are attending the trip to explain the trip in more detail. Date and time of this to be confirmed. If you have any questions before then, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email on [eventspe@stockport-academy.org](mailto:eventspe@stockport-academy.org)

Kind Regards,

Stockport Academy PE Department