

February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Ski Trip 2024 – Italy

I have organised a ski trip for February half term 2024 which will be open to students who are **currently** in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Maiden Erlegh School, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading and Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

The trip will be organised through Select School Travel. An information evening for parents and students will be held in the main hall at Maiden Erlegh School on November 15th at 6pm.

General Details

<i>Dates:</i>	Saturday 10 February 2024 – Sunday 18 February 2024
<i>Travel:</i>	The journey will take in the region of 24 hours and is by coach and ferry.
<i>Accommodation:</i>	The resort and accommodation will be allocated nearer the time, but rooms will be ensuite and between 2 and 6 beds. We may share the hotel with other school groups and/or holidaymakers
<i>Skiing:</i>	6 days of skiing with 5 hours of ski instruction and supervision per day. Students will only ski under the supervision of an instructor, in groups according to their ability: beginner, intermediate or advanced. There is no free skiing.
<i>Ski fitness:</i>	A compulsory requirement for all members of the trip. These sessions will run after school in January and February.
<i>Evening:</i>	A range of activities likely to include swimming, ice skating and bowling
<i>Cost:</i>	£1160

Students will need their own passport for this trip. Parents will need to organise any necessary visas for travel to Italy. For visa advice visit [ivisa](#) using the country of issue on the child's passport as 'Where am I from?'. All passports must be valid until at least 18 May 2024.

All students will need a valid EHIC (or GHIC). They can be ordered free of charge [HERE](#).

THE SKI TRIP IS NOT A HOLIDAY. STUDENTS MUST BE BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY RESILIENT.

During this trip, the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups of at least three. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance, but they are not directly with the group.

Allocation of places:

Skiing trips are always popular. There are 120 places available, and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **The deadline for applications is 3pm on Friday 3rd March.** All names will first be approved by the Headteacher and in the event of oversubscription names will be drawn at random. We aim to notify successful applicants within two weeks of the deadline.

Breakdown of Cost

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return coach transfer from school to resort.• Return channel crossing via ferry.• 6 nights full board accommodation including packed lunches for skiing.• A 6-day lift pass• Ski lessons: 30 hours of ski tuition (5 hours per day)• Ski equipment hire for 6 days (skis, boots, poles, and helmets)• Fully comprehensive travel insurance	£1069
Ski hoody	£21
Incidental expenses, e.g., evening activities, drinks, and chocolates at the end of each day, administration costs, ski awards, photographs.	£70

Total £1160

Additional Costs

You will need to provide a ski jacket, trousers. These can be hired from our partners [Snow Union](#).

Additionally, you will need to provide ski base layers, gloves and goggles.

If you choose to, you can organise private dry slope or Snow Zone lessons for your child, but we expect most applicants to be complete beginners.

Payment scheme

An initial **non-refundable** deposit of £240 must be paid via ParentPay in order for your son/daughter to be considered. This will be returned if they are not selected.

The remaining £920 should be paid in four instalments of £230 on or before 1 June, 1 August, 1 October, 1 November 2023. Payments by ParentPay only.

In order to apply for a place on the trip you must **first pay the deposit** and then complete **[THIS FORM](#)**.

If you have any enquiries about the proposed trip, please contact me directly by email a.walker@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Walker
Ski Trip Organiser