



To **Aspire**, **Endeavour** and **Thrive** Together

13th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Ski Trip 2025

I am delighted to be offering students a very exciting opportunity to attend the Glossopdale School & Sixth Form Ski Trip to Bardonecchia, Italy. The trip is open to applications from students in Years 7 to 12 and will take place during February half term in 2025. The dates for the trip are **Saturday 15th February to Sunday 23rd February 2025**. Please note that students currently in Year 11 will only be eligible to participate in the trip if they go on to attend Glossopdale 6th Form and are on our school roll. Similarly, current Year 12 will need to remain on our roll into Year 13.

Bardonecchia [bardo'nekkja] is an Italian town and comune located in the Metropolitan City of Turin, in the Piedmont region, in the western part of the Susa Valley. It grew out of a small village with the works for the Frejus Rail Tunnel, the first crossing the Alps. The town hosted the snowboarding events of the 2006 Winter Olympics. Bardonecchia hosts alpine skiing and snowboarding on a ski area with 21 ski lifts and more than 100 km of slopes, ski touring, snow park, cross-country ski trails, skating rink and marked trails for snowshoes. The resort has ski areas appropriate for all skiers, beginners to experts. Our lessons will be delivered by the local ski school qualified instructors, all FISl members, who have expert knowledge of the area. The town has a charming mix of old and new set amidst a breathtaking backdrop. It is a quiet and relaxed resort with many evening activities available such as sledging, pizza evenings and ice skating.

Our party will be located in the Villaggio Olimpico, an attractive property. The Olympic Village is a 3*** hotel renovated for the 2006 Turin Olympics. Hotel facilities include bars, disco and fitness rooms, a theatre, hobby rooms and the various meeting rooms throughout the Village to allow the organisation of all kinds of activities. The hotel is located a short walk to the ski lifts and beginner's area.

Travel will be by coach from Glossopdale School to Italy via Dover to Calais and return. The coach has reclining seats, toilets, TV and DVD and plenty of luggage space. The vast majority of the journey is by motorway and is quick and comfortable. Full details of travel and other holiday arrangements will be available at a later date.

Our trip includes:

- 6 nights full board.
- Coach and ferry transfers to and from the resort.
- 6 day ski pass.
- Ski tuition for 5 hours per day.
- 6 day ski, boot and pole hire.
- Comprehensive insurance

The approximate cost of the trip is £1650 based on at least 32 places being filled. This price may be slightly lower if we have sufficient numbers to fill a coach.

Payment Details

1st deposit	£100 per student	By Friday 8th December 2023
2nd deposit	£200 per student	By Friday 2nd February 2024
Final balance		By Friday 1st November 2024

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The information in this letter should be shared with other person(s) with parental responsibility for your child.



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This price is an estimated price that may be subject to change based on final trip numbers and local taxes levied. However, I do not anticipate the final price to be higher than this.

If you wish to apply for a place on the trip, please pay a £100 deposit on ParentPay (Ski Trip 2025) **by Friday 8th December 2023 and complete the attached Form using this link [here](#)**. If for any reason the trip does not go ahead, any monies paid will be refunded to the person paying the deposit. Should the trip be oversubscribed, selection for places will be based on 'names out of a hat'. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, their name will be placed on a waiting list and the deposit paid will be refunded. Once your child has been accepted on the trip, your deposit is non-refundable. A suggested payment schedule will be issued in the next letter confirming your child's place on the trip and once we know final costs.

Further deposits collected towards the final balance are done so according to the tour provider's terms and conditions and, therefore, are non-refundable in most cases. If your child subsequently decides to withdraw from this trip at a later date, cancellation of the place will only be accepted in writing from the parent/carer, and the tour operator's cancellation charges will apply. The School will attempt to fill cancelled places and endeavour to obtain a refund, but this is not guaranteed. If a student is unable to attend due to a medical reason, evidence of this will be required from a doctor. Please be aware that we reserve the right to refuse or remove places based on your child's attitude, attendance and behaviour, either in School or on any other previous trip or residential.

Please see the cancellation charges which will be made by the tour provider below:

- Cancellation more than 10 weeks prior to departure date - Loss of all deposit payments
- Cancellation within 2 to 10 weeks prior to departure date - 75% of total cost due
- Cancellation 2 weeks or less prior to departure date or after departure - 100%

We understand that trips can be expensive and we do have some financial assistance available to ensure that all students are able to take advantage of this opportunity. If you would like to discuss this, please contact your child's year leader or manager. Contact details can be found on our website <https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/contact-us>

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to engage with their classmates in a wonderful and new setting. They will experience new places and ideas but most importantly continue their personal development in what I hope will be a holiday of a lifetime.

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact me on the email address below.

Yours faithfully

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