



1 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Hinchingsbrooke School Ski Trip 2023

Next year the school is organising a Ski Trip (Years 8 to 13) to Folgaria, Italy, during February half term, leaving on Friday 10 February 2023 and returning on Saturday 18 February 2023.

Folgaria is situated in the heart of the ski region in the highlands of Trentino. At 1079 metres above sea level, there is guaranteed skiing from the beginning of December to the end of April. The **Hotel Cristallo** is located directly on the nearest ski slopes of **Folgaria**, providing doorstep skiing. This comfortable accommodation is of a high standard. All rooms are en-suite with small groups of students sharing.

Government legislation on charging for school activities, under the terms of the Education Act 1996, means that this visit, which is not predominantly in school time, has a charge incurred. The total cost will be **£1200** and this will cover accommodation, full board, ski and boot hire, lift pass for 6 days, après ski, transport, with 5 hours ski tuition each day and fully comprehensive insurance.

To apply for a place on this trip, please initially return the permission slip to Mrs Jago in the PE department before **Monday 7 March 2022**. A deposit of **£250** will be required no later than **Friday 25 March 2022** **if your child is successful in gaining a place**, followed by 7 further instalments. Please be aware the deposit is non-returnable once allocated a place and other instalments may be difficult to refund if your child chooses to withdraw from the trip at a later date and a replacement student is not found. The payment schedule of instalments is as follows:

25 March 2022 £250 (deposit)
29 April 2022 £160
27 May 2022 £160
24 June 2022 £160
15 July 2022 £160
30 Sept 2022 £160
21 Oct 2022 £150 Remaining outstanding balance

For a pupil finding cost a barrier to participate, the school may be able to offer financial assistance. Parents may write to the Trip Leader in confidence, requesting financial support from the Educational Visits Fund. This fund is limited, but a request for assistance will receive due consideration by the Director of Operations on the joint recommendation of the Trip Leader and the Head of Year. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Trip Leader, Mrs Jago on 01480 375700 ext 5785, or email TJago@hbk.acesmat.uk.

We have 80 places at present and we will try to accommodate everyone on this trip. This trip is not offered on a 'first come first served' basis and if the trip is oversubscribed then the names will be put into a hat to determine places. Once 80 names have been drawn from the hat, names will continue to be drawn to create the order of the Reserve List. Parents of students who were selected will be notified by ParentMail and deposits will be due by Friday 25 March 2022. If prompt payment is not made by the deadline your child's place will be given to the next person on the reserve list. This may need to be a boy replace a boy and a girl replace a girl, if rooming arrangements require this. A student's place on the trip is dependent on them displaying the appropriate behaviour standards in school. If we determine that these behaviour standards are not being met in school then we may refuse the child a place on the trip, or withdraw a place and seek a replacement student.

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Our insurance fully covers us for cancellations due to COVID-19. It covers being unable to travel due to testing positive pre-departure and testing positive and possible quarantine whilst away. All medical costs would also be covered. Due to the current Italian legislation, and our trip being only for a 7-day duration, there may be the risk of having to test, or isolate depending on the result if you are not vaccinated. This may jeopardise our time on the slopes. Therefore, we strongly advise your child to keep up to date with Covid vaccinations in the lead up to the trip.

Please note with all foreign trips, we are bound to comply with any Covid related rules and processes that are required by the country to which we are travelling. This may incur additional costs, such as the costs of undertaking a COVID-19 test if required by a country to which we are travelling. Since countries' own COVID-19 rules and processes can change at any time, it will not be possible to build unforeseen additional costs into the original price for the trip, but we will notify you as soon as possible. Should this happen, and families will be required to pay the additional costs.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jago

Trip Leader & Second in P.E.

Students should note that the school's Code of Conduct applies to all educational visits. Parents should note that the staff supervising are acting in loco parentis and they should expect the standard of care given by a reasonably prudent parent/carer. The school will not be responsible for any personal loss or injury unless proved to be negligent.

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Please hand this in to the PE Dept office (Sports Hall building)

For the attention of: Mrs Jago, PE Dept, Hinchingsbrooke School Ski Trip 2023

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place on the Hinchingsbrooke School Ski trip, February 2023

Student name _____ Current Form _____

I confirm that I am aware that I will need to pay a deposit of £250 by Friday 25 March 2022 if my child is offered a place on the trip.

Parent/Carer name: _____ Parent/Carer signature: _____