



10 March 2020

Dear Parent and Carers

Re: 2021 Ski Trip – Falcade, Italy

Following our previous successful and enjoyable ski trips we are now in the process of organising our next ski trip for February half term 2021. The trip is open to all students in current years 8 and 9 regardless of ski experience. The trip will leave on Friday 12 February 2021 and return on Friday 19 February 2021. There will be five members of staff supervising the trip and fifty students.

We will be staying at Hotel San Giusto, a short walk from the ski lifts. Six days of ski tuition will be taught by highly qualified ski instructors, skiing at the extensive resort. There will be a range of evening activities including a pizza night, tubing, ice skating and a quiz/presentation evening. The cost of the trip is £1470 on a full board basis including flights, transfers, evening activities, accommodation, insurance, ski tuition, equipment hire, lift passes, ski storage and travel hoodies.

Insurance is included within the cost but we must have all relevant medical details or other relevant information relating to your son or daughter. It may be necessary for pre-existing medical conditions to be made known to our insurers and for parents to pay for any resulting additional premium. The organising tour operator is Absolute Skiwise; information on the company is available here <https://www.absolutetravel.co.uk/ski-trips/>

All students will require their own passport which needs to be valid for at least six months from the return date of the trip.

As with all school trips Health and Safety is of paramount importance. Invariably on ski trips there are injuries but staff will ensure that any required medical attention is given. At this time, however, it is necessary to point out some key expectations:

- Students will be required to stay in small groups at all times (they will be in small groups receiving tuition whilst on the slopes) unless given specific instruction by a member of staff.
- There will be some limited 'free time'. During this time students may be in groups of between four and eight. They will be given specific instruction on where they are permitted to go, what they may do, and where and when they should return. Staff will be in a prescribed area and will be available if needed.
- Students must remain in the hotel during evening time and lights out will be set by staff each evening. Ski trips are physically demanding and sleep is a vital ingredient for a successful trip.
- Students will have an identified group leader who will be responsible for passports and money during the trip. It is highly recommended that expensive items are not brought on this trip.
- Smoking and alcohol are strictly prohibited.

We can take a maximum of fifty students on this trip and if demand exceeds this a random draw will take place at lunchtime on Monday 23 March to determine which students will go. On this date, you will be sent a letter to inform you whether your son or daughter was successful in gaining a place on the trip. Unsuccessful students will be placed on a reserve list. Should a place become available, this shall also be randomly drawn. It has to be made clear at this stage that if the minimum numbers are not met then it may not be possible for the trip to run.

Deposits will be returned if your son or daughter is unsuccessful in securing a place; deposits are non-refundable if they are successful.

If you would like your son or daughter to take part in this trip, please return the attached consent form by Friday 20 March together with a cheque deposit of £270 made payable to St. Martin's School. Further payments must be made via ParentPay, by the dates outlined below, and are non-refundable unless the allocated place is sold to another student.

	Instalments	Expected Balance
TOTAL DUE		£1470
20 March 2020 - deposit	£270 cheque	£1200
30 April 2020	£172	£1028
30 May 2020	£172	£856
30 June 2020	£172	£684
30 July 2020	£172	£512
30 August 2020	£172	£340
30 September 2020	£172	£168
30 October 2020	£168	£0

If you have any questions, please contact me at school on the number above or by email at cbarrell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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Trip Organiser