



MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

2024 - 2025

"EVERYONE EXCELS EVERYDAY"

SKI TRIP 24

During the February half term, we embarked on our largest-ever ski trip, with 78 students and 10 staff members fortunate enough to take part in what was a truly unforgettable experience. This marked the academy's first overseas trip since the COVID-19 pandemic – and for many of our students, it was also their very first school trip due to the disruptions of the pandemic.

Our base for the week was the beautiful resort of Santa Caterina in Italy, part of the wider Bormio ski area – set to host the 2026 Winter Olympics! From the moment we arrived, our students were exceptional. Their behaviour was exemplary, and their determination to master skiing – despite tired legs and a few bruises along the way – was a joy to witness.

The majority of the group were complete beginners at the start of the week. However, their rapid progress was impressive, with many advancing confidently from the beginner-friendly green slopes to the more challenging blue and red runs. The week concluded in true Olympic spirit with a timed slalom race, which was a fantastic highlight for all involved. Evenings were packed with fun and social activities, giving students a chance to unwind and explore the local area. Highlights included a pizza night, karaoke/disco evening, shopping trip to Bormio, and a luge evening. Our final day brought a spectacular snowfall – over 50cm of fresh powder – which made for an incredible last ski session. Though the return journey involved a long 26-hour coach ride, it was a small price to pay for the memories, laughter, and achievements of the week. We're incredibly proud of our students and grateful to the staff who made this trip possible. Here's to many more adventures ahead!





