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15th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip to Val Cenis (France)

I am pleased to announce plans for a school ski trip scheduled to take place from **2 January 2027 to 9 January 2027**. This trip will provide an exciting and enriching opportunity for our students to experience skiing while developing independence, teamwork, and confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

We will be travelling to the **Val Cenis ski resort**, [Ski resort and ski area of Val-Cenis in Maurienne](#) located in the Haute-Maurienne valley of the French Alps, close to the Italian border. Val Cenis is a charming and authentic mountain resort, well known for its family-friendly skiing, traditional Alpine villages (including Lanslebourg, Lanslevillard, and Termignon), and rich cultural heritage. In addition to excellent ski facilities, the area offers a welcoming atmosphere and a strong focus on safety and accessibility for young skiers. Our accommodation is a spacious and well-equipped hotel, ideally suited to school groups. It offers a range of communal facilities, including a lounge, library, meeting rooms, a disco room, and classroom spaces. The hotel is located approximately a 10-minute walk from the centre of Lanslebourg and is just 200 metres from the ski school meeting point. Students will also be able to ski back to the accommodation via a green cat track. The hotel is part of an eco-friendly holiday village and can accommodate up to 350 guests. Most student rooms have shared facilities, which is typical of group accommodation and encourages social interaction. The trip will be on a **full-board basis**, including breakfast, lunch, and a three-course evening meal each day.

We have negotiated a fantastic deal as a school group and the cost for the week is **£1205**

INCLUSIONS:

- Return flights Manchester to Grenoble including 20KG luggage allowance
- Return coach transfer from Grenoble airport to hotel (**please note transfers to and from Manchester airport are not included and are parents' responsibility**)
- Flight times are: 02nd Jan 0945 MAN GNB FR1432
- Flight times are: 09th Jan 1330 GNB MAN FR1431
- Ski lift pass • Val Cenis Lift Pass - 6 Days
- Ski rental • Skis, Boots & Helmet Rental
- 6 Days Ski School • Ski Tuition 4 Hrs/Day for 6 Days
- Evening Entertainments • Disco (additional activities may be available at small cost, I will update once I have details.
- Air Passenger Duty
- Airport Assistance
- Operational support • 24hr Equity Emergency Support Throughout the Trip
- Free Hoody



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- Insurance is provided through the Trusts School trip policy, (details will be sent to all parents so if they wish to buy more extensive cover they can)

I understand that this is a considerable sum of money to pay out, and I have therefore arranged for school to administer a Payment plan. This will be confirmed in writing once your child has secured a place.

Failure to maintain payments in line with the payment plan will jeopardise your child's place on the trip. It is very important that you are aware of the following:

If for **any reason you are no longer able to support your child's place on the trip all monies paid could be forfeited**. The trip may be over-subscribed, and we will endeavor to re-sell the place, but we offer no guarantees. **Any monies would only be returned at the conclusion of the trip on the basis that the school could re-sell the vacant place with a full paying replacement.**

Please be aware that payment deadlines must be met. Your child will receive a receipt and a payment card. Please note that students will require a valid Passport and Global Health insurance card (**available free of charge**) for this trip.

I will write to all Parents/Carers of students involved in due course to inform you of who is taking part and the staff supervising. I will also include in that letter advice about clothing and preparation, documentary information and the information about the parents' evening we will be holding nearer the time. On the parents' evening I will be inviting a ski clothing company who have many years experience in cost effective school ski weeks, to come along and give advice about clothing and other equipment that may be desirable for your son/daughter.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience breath-taking scenery and the cultural charm of a fantastic ski village. There are further benefits to a residential outward-bound trip such as; coping with being away from parents for an extended duration; the cultural experience that a foreign country offers and the obvious benefits for social development.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's place if they deviate seriously from the positive structure our behaviour policy provides. In this case, monies will only be returned if a full paying replacement is secured.

If you would like to register your child's interest, please do so using the MS Form link below, or scan the QR code.

[Year 7, 8 and 9 Ski Trip to Val Cenis, France January 2027 – Fill in form](#)



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We will review the interest in this trip, and a governor is attending school to draw the successful names out of a hat to ensure a fair process. We will then let you know whether we can offer your child a place by **Wednesday 21st January 2026** and at that stage we will require a **£100 deposit** to be paid via Parent Pay by **Tuesday 27th January 2026**.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school and I will hopefully be able to provide you with the answers.

(Please note: Where the student has committed to a trip, and the school has entered into a financial agreement with an external supplier for such a trip, the school cannot refund monies which those suppliers will not refund, the school is acting as an agent in buying the trip for the students)

Yours faithfully

Mr C Bramwell
Executive Headteacher

Due to the significant amount of money that is involved with this trip I feel it is pertinent to also inform you of some of the key terms and conditions as set out by Equity Ski (the travel company with whom we are organising the trip) regarding cancellations and refunds.

This is also taken from the companies booking terms and conditions, Section 9 regarding 'FORCE MAJEURE': (unforeseeable circumstances that prevent someone from fulfilling a contract).



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Force Majeure

In these Booking Conditions unavoidable and extraordinary means any event or circumstances which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include but shall not be limited to: war (whether actual or threatened), riot, civil strife, terrorist activity or its consequences, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic eruption, epidemics, pandemics, health risks, fire, flood, unforeseeable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closure restriction or congestion, flight or other travel restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party, sanctions and any other action or advice from governments in the UK or overseas and all other events situations which are outside of our, or our suppliers' control.

In the event of that the FCDO advises against all but essential travel prior to your departure, or we are unable or prevented from providing or performing our obligations to you, we shall offer you a deferment of your trip to a later date; or an alternative trip (where available); or a refund credit note (subject to ATOL guidelines).

Very rarely, we may be forced to change or terminate your Trip after your Departure, but before the scheduled end of your Trip, as a result of unavoidable and extraordinary events. In this very unusual situation, we regret we cannot make any refunds (except where we are able to obtain refunds from our suppliers), or pay any compensation, or be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by you as a result.

With regards to any acts of terrorism that might occur in Val Cenis before we travel:

"We regularly review the Foreign Office Travel advice as to whether it is safe for our groups to travel... if the situation changes, then closer to your date of departure we will enter into negotiations with our suppliers regarding partial or full refunds, and/or look at the option of an alternative destination for your trip.

Please be assured that we would never jeopardise the safety of your group by sending you to a region or country that is unsafe"

Full booking terms and conditions as defined by Equity Ski can be found on their website:

<https://www.schoolski.co.uk/>

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