



2 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### Livigno Ski Trip - Easter 2025

We are delighted to announce the launch of the 2025 Prince Henry's Ski trip to Livigno in Sondrio near the Swiss border in the Italian Alps. The trip is open to students from Years 7 - 12, whether they are beginner, intermediate or advanced skiers. Livigno is a beautiful high-altitude resort with plenty of easy runs for the beginners, and plenty of challenges for more advanced skiers. In order to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible we have agreed with the tour provider that we will leave during the first three days of the Easter Holiday 2024, on whichever day has the cheapest flights. Therefore, **the trip will run from 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. We will confirm the exact dates later in the year, once flights have been secured.

The cost of the trip is **£1,540**. We understand that this is a large sum, but we feel it represents good value as it includes air travel, coach transfers, full board (including lunch on the slopes or in restaurants every day), 5 days of skiing, 5 hours per day ski lessons, lift pass, all equipment hire including helmets, skis, poles and boots, as well as evening activities and full insurance (including winter sports' cover). We will be staying in a friendly, family-run hotel which is in easy reach of the lift to the slopes. The only additional expense would be the trip hoodie (optional and approximately £25), spending money and the cost of a passport, which are not included in the trip cost.

Students will receive 5 hours of tuition from trained instructors every day. The instruction is excellent in Italy, and on past visits all our beginners have been confident on the slopes by the end of the week. The 115km of trails provide plenty of miles for everyone to ski. We will be insisting that all skiers will have to wear helmets. This is a school requirement, but it is also the law in Italy.

The payment schedule is as follows and has been spread over 14 monthly instalments:

26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	£110 (deposit)	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	£110
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	£110	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	£110

Those students wishing to be part of this trip should bring the **two** completed slips (see attached forms) to the **Finance Office** by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. By this same date, please also pay the initial **deposit** of **£110** using the **online payment system**. If this deadline causes particular problems, please contact me directly as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are unable to use the online payment system, please contact the Finance Office for assistance or to make alternative arrangements.

For students in Years 7-11 who are currently in receipt of free school meals, the school may be able to provide a small subsidy for this trip (unless your child is already receiving a subsidy for another residential trip next school year). Please contact Mr Lillington at school if you think your child is eligible.

**Students will require their own passport for this trip** with at least 3 months validity after the final date of the trip.

There are approximately 50 places on this trip. If demand should exceed the number of places available, names will be “drawn out of a hat”. Therefore, receipt of the deposit must not be taken as a guarantee of a place. Where appropriate, deposits will be returned and students will be placed on a waiting list. For Health and Safety reasons, students who have (or later develop) a record of poor behaviour in school may not be permitted to participate in this trip.

Occasionally, someone changes their mind and asks to withdraw from the trip. **Once the deposits are paid to the travel company they are non-refundable.** We will always make every effort to find a replacement, but this is not always possible. If we cannot find a replacement, we will not be able to return your deposit or subsequent payments. There may also be other fees from the airline (i.e. name change fees) that we will be unable to return in the event that your child withdraws from the trip.

Please note that applications are accepted from students on the understanding that they will be studying at Prince Henry's at the time of the trip. In the event that a student leaves the school before Easter 2025, they would no longer be permitted to take part in the activity. In such circumstances, **we would not be able to return your deposit or any subsequent payments**, as explained above.

We want to make this trip as environmentally friendly as possible so we will be sending most communications by email. If you have any queries about the trip, please feel free to contact me at school. If you require a paper copy of the application forms, copies will be available for collection in HU1.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tp Watts', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Tom Watts  
Ski Trip Party Leader

**Prince Henry's Grammar School**

**Folgarida Ski Trip 2025 - Application form**

Name of student .....

Form .....

**Parent / carer's email address** .....

(This must be a parent/carer email address)

Skiing Experience

None                      or                      \_\_\_\_Days                      or                      \_\_\_\_Weeks

Skiing Ability level (delete as appropriate)

**Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced**

I give my permission for my child ..... to take part in the 2025 Ski Trip to Livigno, Italy.

Signed .....

Name of parent/carer .....

Date .....

Please return this form to Finance as soon as possible, together with the slip at the bottom of the Trips and Visits Permission Form.

**Please pay the initial deposit of £110 online by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**