



21 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Bormio/Santa Caterina Ski Trip – February 2028

Deposit Deadline: Friday 23rd October 2026

We are delighted to announce the launch of the 2028 Prince Henry's Ski Trip to Bormio and Santa Caterina in the Italian Alps. The trip is open to students in Years 7–12 and is suitable for all abilities, from complete beginners to advanced skiers. Bormio is a beautiful medieval town and high-altitude resort offering excellent facilities, with gentle nursery slopes for new skiers, strong progression routes for intermediates, and challenging terrain for advanced students — including the renowned Stelvio piste, host of the men's Alpine Skiing events at the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics. Just up the valley, Santa Caterina provides additional high-quality skiing, with pistes reaching nearly 2,900m and a range of runs that cater to all levels. The trip will **depart on 19th February 2028** and **return on 25th February 2028**. We will confirm the exact timings approximately a year before the trip when the flights have been secured.

The cost of the trip is **£1,590**. We understand that this is a large sum, but we feel it represents good value as it includes air travel, coach transfers, six nights' full board accommodation (including lunch on the slopes every day), 5 days of skiing, 6 hours per day ski lessons, lift passes, equipment hire including helmets, skis, poles and boots, as well as evening activities, a trip hoodie and full insurance (including winter sports' cover). We will be staying in a hotel which is in easy reach of the lift to the slopes where the students will be able to store their equipment. The only additional expense would be spending money and the cost of a passport, which are not included in the trip cost.

Students will receive 6 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 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.

If you wish to apply for a place for your child, please complete the electronic consent form on Scopay and pay an initial **deposit of £200** (also on Scopay) by **Friday 23rd October 2026**. If this deadline causes particular problems, please contact us directly as soon as possible. If you are unable to use the online payment system, please contact the Finance Office for assistance.

The full payment schedule is as follows:

23 rd October 2026	£200 (<i>initial deposit</i>)	23 rd May 2027	£105
23 rd November 2026	£110	23 rd June 2027	£105
23 rd December 2026	£110	23 rd July 2027	£105
23 rd January 2027	£110	23 rd August 2027	£105
23 rd February 2027	£110	23 rd September 2027	£105
23 rd March 2027	£110	23 rd October 2027	£105
23 rd April 2027	£105	23 rd November 2027	£105

For this particular trip, the school may be able to provide a small subsidy to students currently in Years 7-11 who are in receipt of **targeted** free school meals (i.e. with an annual household earned income of no more than £7,400). Please see the end of this letter* for details of recent changes to FSM eligibility. If eligible, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to request a subsidy.

Please note that **students will require their own passport for this trip**. This must be valid until at least 25th May 2028 to meet entry requirements. (If your child is not a UK national, please also check any visa requirements before applying for a place).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read carefully before applying for a place for your child

- In the event that demand for this trip exceeds the number of places available, names will be “drawn out of a hat”. Therefore, payment of the deposit must not be taken as a guarantee of a place. Students will be informed as soon as possible whether or not they have a place, and deposits will be returned, where appropriate. We have operated this system for many years and believe it to be the fairest way of allocating places. **Please do not apply for a place for your child if you are not happy with this.**
- In recent years, we have had an increasing number of students who enroll on a school trip but then later decide that they no longer wish to take part. May I stress that, should your child take up a place on this trip, this will be taken as a firm commitment. **In the event of a student withdrawing from the trip, a refund of monies already paid can normally only be given if cancellation is covered by the terms of the insurance.**
- Payments must be made on time in accordance with the schedule above to avoid your child’s place on the trip being put at risk.
- 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.
- 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 February 2028, 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.

There will, of course, be a meeting for all parents/carers and students concerned shortly before the trip departs in February 2028. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Speak & Mr D Curtis
Ski Trip Party Leaders

***Recent changes to free school meals eligibility**

Subsidies for school trips and other activities are only available to students in receipt of “**targeted free school meals**”, where the annual household earned income is £7,400 or less.

Unfortunately, the school is unable to provide a subsidy for students who receive free school meals under the recently introduced “**expanded free school meals**” programme for all families in receipt of Universal Credit with an annual household earned income of more than £7,400. This is because we do not receive any additional funding for these students (beyond the cost of a daily meal).