



4 January 2023

Dear Families

Ski Trip to Passo Tonale, Italy – Friday 9 February to Friday 16 February 2024

For many years Sackville has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2024 we will be going to Passo Tonale in Italy, departing from Sackville School on Friday 9 February and returning on Friday 16 February 2024. This trip will be for skiers only and not snowboarders.

Passo Tonale is arguably Italy's most snowsure and perhaps one of its best value ski resorts, with access to 100km of well-connected slopes.

The main resort base sits at a lofty 1883m, which allied to an impressive snowmaking system, gives Passo Tonale one of the longest and most reliable ski seasons in the Alps. There are great beginner facilities, over 60% of the slopes are marked as red – making this an excellent place for keen intermediate piste skiers – and there is also access to the Presena Glacier at 3016m.

The resort has 41 trails, 30 lifts, and over 100km skiing distance with the longest run being over 11km's. Our accommodation will be for 6 nights, full board, at the Hotel Sciatori, Tonale, which is a 3-star hotel located in the heart of Passe del Tonale and just 300 metres from the ski lifts, making it a great base for your group to access the best of this beautiful resort.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,300.00. This includes coach travel from school to the Tonale and return, 6 nights full board, insurance cover, hire of ski equipment (including helmet), lift pass and daily 4 hour ski lessons with a local ski-school instructor. Please note that ski clothing is not included in the total cost. This can be purchased, hired or borrowed from friends or relatives. The only other extra to be budgeted for will be spending money for snacks, drinks or souvenirs in the resort.

As the trip is being planned in advance, we may have to increase or reduce the cost should the costs increase/reduce as a direct consequence of a change in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or other power sources or (ii) the level of taxes or fees on the travel services included in the contract imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the package including tourist taxes, embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports.

If your child has not skied before they will be expected to attend dry slope ski sessions prior to departure (at a cost of approximately £50.00) as this will improve the progress of their skiing and make the most when in the resort.

Students will require a passport for travel into the EU and must be valid for at least **3 months** after the day of departure from the resort.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, please sign up via the MCAS App (My Child at School) and make a payment of **£200.00 deposit by 9.00am on Friday 27 January 2023**.

Places on the trip are limited and therefore, will be allocated via a ballot with the final student list being released at 2.00pm on the Friday 27 January. A **second payment of £200.00 will be required by Friday 24 March 2023**, followed by **9 monthly payments of £100.00 on the 24 of each month, which will be collected on a pre-payment plan.**

The only occasion when the deposit will be refunded is if unsuccessful or the trip does not run.

All money forwarded to the tour company is non-refundable.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we can use **some** of this to pay towards the cost of the ski trip. Please get in touch with Mrs H Nibloe at hnibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk if you would like to discuss this further.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ktreen@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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