



10 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip to Passo Tonale, Italy – Friday 14 February to Saturday 22 February 2025

For many years Sackville has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2025 we will be going to Passo Tonale, Italy, departing from Sackville School on Friday 14 February and returning on Saturday 22 February 2025. This trip will be for skiers only and not snowboarders.

Passo Tonale is arguably Italy's most snow sure 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 11kms. 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 Passo 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 **£1,525.00**. This includes coach travel from school to the Tonale 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 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. Also, students would need an EU visa.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, **please make a 1st deposit payment of £200.00 by 9.00am on Monday 6 November 2023.** Payment should be made via the MCAS App ([click here to access a guide on how to find a trip on the MCAS app](#)), Ski Trip 2025 Passo Tonale ITALY DEPOSIT .



Places are limited, as those students that were unsuccessful in the ballot for the 2024 ski trip will already have a confirmed place for the 2025 trip, (if they still wish to go, if they do not then please let me know asap). **Please note that if your child has one of the confirmed places you still need to follow the payment structure set out below.**

All the remaining places will be allocated via a ballot and the final student list will be released on Friday 24 November 2023.

The full payment schedule can be found below:

Type of Payment	Amount	Dates for Payment
1st deposit	£200.00	Payment to be made by: 9.00am Monday 6 November 2023
2nd deposit	£200.00	Payment to be made by: 9.00am Monday 4 December 2023
12 monthly payments	£93.75	12 month pre-payment plan (from 2 January to 2 December 2024)

The only occasion when the deposit will be refunded is if your child's placement is 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.

Insurance has been arranged directly with the tour company. **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

If you require further information, please do not hesitate me.

Yours sincerely

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