LBM/TCC

24 November 2026

Expression of Interest: 2028 Ski Trip to France

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am starting to organise our school's next international ski trip. Following the incredible success of our previous trips, we're planning a journey to Valfrejus, France, in 2028.

Due to the infancy of planning, there is no confirmed price yet, but we are relatively confident it will not exceed £2000. Payments will be staggered over the course of the year, to make the trip as accessible as possible.

Key Details & Important Information

- **Location:** France
- **Trip Dates:** Approximately a week within 19–26th February 2028. Please note these dates are provisional and may shift by a day or two depending on flight availability and cost. We will finalise and communicate the exact dates once we secure flights. The trip will be 7 days and 6 nights, with 5 days of skiing.
- **Cost:** The estimated cost includes flights, accommodation, lift passes, ski hire, and a trip hoodie.

We believe this destination offers an exceptional experience and is renowned for its reliable snowfall and varied terrain, making it a perfect destination for both beginners and advanced skiers.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated in line with our Educational Visits selection protocol based on the applications we receive. I will then contact parents and students who have been allocated a place. If your child is not selected your deposit will be refunded.

Please note that by paying the initial deposit, you are committing to pay the full balance by the agreed deadlines. After Wednesday 13 January 2027, should you decide that your child can no longer attend the trip, we will refund any monies paid only if a replacement student can be found. At the time of writing, the airline fee for amending a passenger name is approximately £230.

We will hold a parents' and students' evening in the new year (2027) to provide you with as much information as possible in advance.

Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy, this includes all the details outlined above. Insurance is included in the price (a copy of the policy can be provided), but you may have or wish to take out your own insurance.

When making payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. **Please can I ask you to complete the deposit payment on ParentPay as per the schedule above.** Please be aware that should your child be unable to attend the trip due to medical emergency then we would require official confirmation of this at the time.

Unfortunately, our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, so no refunds would be available in this circumstance.

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their child holds a valid passport and any required visas for this trip. The school is not liable for costs incurred if a student cannot travel due to invalid travel documents. It is therefore vital that you check this as any payments made will not be refundable in such circumstances, and indeed further payments to the full total may still be due. Many airline policies specify that passports should have an additional six months on the expiry date – after the dates of the trip.

If you are interested in this trip for your child, please complete the expression of interest form below by **Wednesday 13 January 2027,** and pay the deposit of £350 on ParentPay.

HGS Ski Trip 2028 – Fill in form

This trip will only be open to those currently in Y7-Y11. For Y11 students, you must be attending HGS Sixth form in 2028 to go on the trip. For Y10 students please note the proximity to your second mocks and therefore ensure you have the time available to revise before and a little during the trip.

Student Expectations & Logistics

We are currently **not including pre-trip ski lessons** in this proposal due to the high costs associated with the trip itself. These will be planned and offered for those who wish to take part.

We will offer two dedicated 2-hour ski lessons at SnoZone prior to our departure. For those new to skiing, these lessons will cover the essential basics, including how to correctly fit equipment, which is crucial for safety and will ensure a smoother start to their time on the slopes in France. This proactive approach will allow everyone to get more out of the skiing in France, enabling them to progress more quickly and safely once we arrive. These are required for those that are new to skiing, and strongly recommended for those of beginner ability. These two lessons will run next academic year. The price will depend on number of students attending, estimated costs are around £130 for lessons and transport to and from the venue.

Please be aware that this is a **skiing only trip**.

Please note that all information in this letter is subject to change due to the time frame in which this enquiry is being sent, details including cost and student allocation will not be confirmed until early next year.

Thank you for your consideration. I'm very excited about the potential of this trip and hope your child can join us.

Yours sincerely,



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