



## Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **The Olympic Village, Italy Ski Trip: 31 March- 6 April 2024**

We are delighted to be able to offer students (current year 8, 9 & 10) the opportunity of an exciting Ski trip to Bardonecchia, Italy from 31<sup>st</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April.

The trip, overseen by the touring agents 'Ski Bound', will involve travelling to and from school by coach, flying to Turin (tbc) from a London airport (tbc). Bardonecchia Ski Resort has 100kms of skiable terrain and is perfect for beginner to experienced skiers; with a range of slopes and excellent English speaking instructors.

Students will have 5 days on the mountain skiing, which will include lessons of four hours per day in Ski School. This tuition will cover basic techniques of turning and stopping on the nursery slopes for beginners and carving and parallel techniques on more challenging slopes for intermediates or advanced skiers.

Students will stay at The Olympic Village Hotel. It's a huge hotel with endless facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, pool tables, table tennis, table football, disco rooms and much more. All meals and drinks will be provided and served at the hotel. Also included in the cost of the tour is travel insurance and a trip hoodie. In addition, we have the services of resident Ski Bound coordinators throughout our stay.

In order for this visit to take place, we request a contribution of **£1230.00** to cover transport, full board accommodation, equipment hire and ski tuition. As per our Charging and Remissions Policy, this visit will only be able to go ahead if we are able to cover the costs through voluntary contributions.

Payments are divided for your convenience as follows:

#### **£150.00 – deposit due by 03 February 2023**

£150.00 – due 03 March 2023

£150.00 – due 30 April 2023

£110.00 – due 31 May 2023

£110.00 – due 30 June 2023

£110.00 – due 31 July 2023

£110.00 – due 31 August 2023

£110.00 – due 30 September 2023

£110.00 – due 31 October 2023

£120.00 – due 30 November 2023

**Spaces on the trip are limited**, all monies paid are on a non-refundable basis as long as the trip goes ahead, and if a pupil withdraws within 16 weeks of the trip, they will still be liable for full payment of **£1230.00**.

If you are willing for your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please click on the link within the email to make the booking, we require a deposit payment of **£150.00** by **Friday 03 February 2023**.

To ensure the safety of all students and staff on the trip, we require students to demonstrate that they will follow instructions and abide by the schools behaviour policy. We will notify parents if we have any concerns about this after the point of application.

### **Valid Passport**

All students must have their own valid passport. We would ask you please to forward a copy of the details page to Finance Office ([finance.office@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:finance.office@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk)) by **Friday 10 February 2023**. We have to supply a list of names (exactly as it appears on their passport as any changes will incur a charge) to enable the tour company to book travel flights. Passports must have at least **3 months** validity from the end date of the trip.

### **Valid EHIC/GHIC**

The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get state healthcare in Europe at a reduced cost or sometimes for free.

If you have a UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it will be valid until the expiry date on the card. Once it expires, you will need to apply for a GHIC to replace it. You can [apply for a GHIC on the NHS website](#). Please forward a copy of your valid EHIC or GHIC card to the Finance Office by **Friday 10 February 2023** ([finance.office@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:finance.office@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk)).

Students will need a valid **passport** and a valid **EHIC** or **GHIC** in order to participate in this trip.

There are no longer COVID-19-related restrictions on travel from the UK. All travellers should familiarise themselves with the entry rules for Italy before travel. Should restrictions change and pre-departure travel tests ('fit to fly') are required, the cost will be in addition to the trip, and is the responsibility of the parent/carer to arrange.

I have attached a kit list. It is important students are well equipped for the tour in terms of clothing and footwear due to the active nature of the trip.

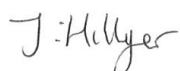
Students will need to have appropriate amounts of spending money in order to cover drinks with meals, and food and drink at the airport to and from Italy. We leave this to the discretion of the parents.

Please see the link below to a Loom video which gives more information on the trip.

<https://www.loom.com/share/b8b93aac5b4f4d71aa59b0a4a63a0966>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school by telephone (ext 247) or by e-mail: [jessica.hillyer@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jessica.hillyer@ickniel.d.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



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**Hotel details**

The Olympic Hotel  
Viale della, Vittoria, 46b  
10052 Bardonecchia TO  
Italy

<https://www.skibound.co.uk/destination/italy/bardonecchia/olympic-village/>

**Essential Kit list**

Ski Jacket  
Thermals Trousers  
Thermal long sleeve tops (2 sets)  
Hoodies/ fleeces (a hoodie will be provided)  
Salopettes  
Ski Goggles  
Sunglasses  
Ski Gloves  
Ski Socks  
Suncream lotion  
Water bottle  
Thermal hat  
Snow boots  
Lip balm  
Underwear  
Toiletries  
Swimwear  
Towel  
Rucksack

All ski equipment (ski, boot and helmet) is hired and is included in the cost.