

28/11/2024

Dear Parents,

Senior Ski Trip 14 - 21 February 2026 – Madonna di Campiglio, Dolomites, Italy

Price: Circa £1999 TBC fully inclusive

We are delighted to announce that we are now launching the February 2026 Senior Ski Trip for students currently in Years 9 - 12 to Madonna di Campiglio in the extensive Dolomites ski area in Italy. Madonna di Campiglio is renowned for being a premium ski destination. It offers stunning scenery and a vibrant snow-sure ski area that boasts over 150km of pistes, friendly locals and great traditional Italian mountain cooking. Madonna di Campiglio is a fairy-tale village at 1522m that is both traditional and lively, allowing us to offer an exciting après-ski programme.

We will be staying at the Hotel Posta in the centre of the village which is just a 5-minute shuttle from the fast cable car up to the slopes. Breakfast and 3 course evening meals will be served in the hotel, and lunch is included in a second hotel by the slopes. Students will have 5 hours of ski lessons per day in small ski groups (ratio of c.9:1 students to instructor) to allow for maximum fun and progression, and the trip will include night skiing, bowling and a Pizza Night in a local pizzeria. Furthermore, based on feedback from previous trips, we have expanded this trip to include **6 days of skiing**. The trip includes:

The trip includes:

- Return Air travel from London airport to Italy
- Return Coach Travel from RGS airport
- Accommodation - 7 nights hotel accommodation including breakfast and evening meal
- Hot lunches – Provided; a short walk from the slopes
- **Lift pass - 6-day lift pass**
- Tuition - 6-days of 5 hours per day skiing tuition by fully qualified English-speaking instructors
- Ski, boot and helmet hire
- Après-ski activities – Night Skiing (substitute for one afternoon session), Pizza night, Quiz nights, village tours and Bowling
- Insurance - Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- In resort representative – a dedicated tour rep will join our party for the week to ensure the smooth running of the trip

The senior trip is normally run on 45 pupil places and is typically an extremely popular trip. This year all parents who wish to claim a place for their student are required to pay a £150 1st instalment via ParentPay. Paying the deposit will **not** guarantee a place for your student. To allow for fairness, if the trip is oversubscribed, we will then select the places **at random**. All students who are not initially selected for the trip will either remain on a waitlist, or we shall refund the initial deposit, depending on parental preference. The Parent Pay portal is live and will remain open until 9am on 13th December. There will be no priority given to the order in which deposits are paid during that period; however, anyone wishing to book a place after the period will go to the bottom of the waiting list.

For those students who gain a place there will then be four further payments – please see the schedule below:

£150 - 13th Dec 2024 (non-refundable if selected for trip)

£200 - 17th January 2025

£329.80 - 28th March 2025

£329.80 - 30th May 2025

£329.80 - 25th July 2025

£329.80 - 26th September 2025

£329.80 - 28th November 2025

The total cost of £1999 includes a healthy budget for flights and any saving in the cost of flights will be reduced from the final payment. However, please be aware that until flights are paid for we cannot guarantee the final price. **There will also be an APD charge of £13 for those students 16 and over at the time of travel.**

Any student wishing to withdraw from the trip, without a replacement being available, will have refunds considered on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will depend on the time remaining before departure, as RGS will be making advance payments based on confirmed bookings.

Please note: We will be holding a launch meeting next Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm with the Director of Co-Curricular, Mr. Clatworthy, and myself via google meet. This should not last more than an hour but will be a good opportunity to find out more information about this exciting opportunity and ask any questions you may have. You can join the meeting [here](#).

We would not want any pupil to not be able to take advantage of this opportunity due to financial hardship. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please immediately contact Mr Clatworthy, Director of Co-Curricular Education (dec@rgshw.com) or Mrs Chick, Headmaster's PA (dmc@rgshw.com) in strictest confidence and they will see if there is any funding available to assist you.

There will be a presentation evening for parents and boys at School in September to give out important information about the trip and the full finalised itinerary and to answer any questions you may have, but please contact us if you have any more urgent queries.

Yours sincerely,

James Chitham-Mosley
Trip Leader (jec@rgshw.com)