

March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We have met this week with students who have secured a place on the Ski trip, to provide an overview of the visit and the activities that students will have the opportunity to take part in. A copy of this presentation will be made available on the Bardonnechia Teams group that all students are able to access. As part of the lead up to the visit, there are a number of tasks that we are asking students to complete now, with an overview of each below:

Payments

Thank you for the prompt payments received so far for each of the payment deadlines. As a reminder, all remaining payment deadlines are outlined below:

Deadline Date	Amount
1 st May	£250
1 st July	£250
12 th September	£250
1 st November	£200

All payments should be made using the online college store at <https://nclt.collegestore.uk/>. All instalments are currently listed should anyone wish to make earlier payments

Further information

You will shortly receive an email from our ski trip provider (Select Ski) requesting further information such as ski ability, medical and dietary requirements, passport information, etc. This will be sent to the email we have on Cedar, if you do not receive a link for this by Friday 4th April 2024, please contact me using the details at the bottom of this letter.

Travel Documents

All students will need to have a valid Passport and GHIC (formally EHIC). Passports will need to have **3 months left on them from the date of leaving Italy and should have been issued within the last 10 years**. If you require a new passport please leave the API information blank when you receive the link above. Fully comprehensive travel insurance is included with the price of the visit, although we do **insist that all students also have a valid EHIC/GHIC**. This will allow students to access medical treatment whilst abroad for the same cost as a local, ensuring that where possible expensive excess fees are avoided. If you do not have an existing EHIC/GHIC card, you can apply for a new one at: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>. Please note this is a free service using the NHS website, any other websites wishing to charge a fee are not recognised by the NHS and UK Government.

Travelling to Europe

The European Union are currently in the process of introducing the Entry and Exit System and ETIAS, this will incur a fee of €7 for all non-EU citizens entering and exiting the European Union. Once paid, this will be valid for three years. These systems have been delayed numerous times and payment of the fee has already been pushed back to Quarter 4 of 2026 (will not impact this visit). The intended launch of the entry and exit system is due to take place in Quarter 4 2025, more information and about the scheme can be found here - https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees/what-ees_en

Ski Ability

Prior to travel, we do ask that all students let us know their current ability. Where possible we try to accommodate these groupings. We have asked all students to provide their level using the criteria below:

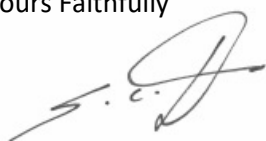
Ability	Typical expectations
Beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never Skied before• Only completed lessons at an indoor slope• Less than one week of experience
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can link turns• Comfortable with Blue and Red runs• More than one week of previous experience
Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comfortable with Red and Black runs• Can ski fully parallel• Can stop parallel
Snowboarders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please note these will all be in one group due to ski school ratios and will all be taught at the same level.

Rest assured that there are a large number of beginners on this visit, as a result there may be different levels within groups e.g. Low beginner and High beginners in different groups. Where possible students will move groups based on their current progress, assessed by the instructors in resort. In typical years, students have gone on to progress through Blue and Red routes in the early days of the trip. The place in each ski group is solely determined by the ski instructors in resort and not by college staff.

We do recommend, where possible, that students visit an indoor slope if they have not experienced skiing/snowboarding before. This can often be useful as a way for student to be accustomed to using the equipment required and covering some of the very basics.

We will be in touch over the coming year to confirm with you a parental meeting outlining the visit, we ask that all parents attend this meeting with students. It is anticipated that this will take place in November, we will communicate this date with you closer to the time. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the visit please feel free to contact me at scott.faulkner@nclt.ac.uk.

Yours Faithfully



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