



Dear parents and carers

April 2022

Perins Ski Trip: Tonale, Italy (1st – 9th April 2023)

You may be aware that Perins usually ran highly successful annual ski trips before the pandemic. We are now pleased to announce that Perins is once again planning a ski trip and this will be to Passo Tonale ski resort in Italy, where we previously skied in 2015.

Given that we have not run a ski trip since 2019, meaning that current Year 10 students have never really had a chance to participate, the school has made the decision that, for the first time, **all students will be invited to participate on the trip next year** (current Years 7-10). This demonstrates the school's commitment to getting trips, which have always been such a big part of our ethos, back off the ground, and recognising what our current Year 10 have missed out on due to school closures. To this end, we have 80 places available on the trip (the largest in my time of running ski trips at Perins (since 2014) was 72, with the normal average around 60-65).

Message from Halsbury (Our chosen ski trip provider):

A high-altitude resort with excellent slopes for both beginners and intermediates, there's also a huge range of après-ski activities to keep students entertained. Passo Tonale is a purpose-built resort, and the cosy mountain village atmosphere and friendly, hospitable locals make this resort a great choice for our school ski trip to Italy.

A glacier resort, Passo Tonale caters for skiers and snowboarders of all levels. Beginners in particular are able to progress quickly thanks to the gentle slopes, which are wide and sunny, and reach a top altitude of 3069m. Skiing starts high, at 1800m, which means that the pistes are snow-covered all year round. In general, the resort is fairly quiet due to the absence of big tour operators, so you won't have to worry about busy slopes or long lift queues either, which really can make the difference when it comes to your school ski holiday.

The hotel

We are planning to stay at the Hotel Sciatori in Temu, a short coach transfer to the resort. We are expecting (due to our numbers) to have sole occupancy of the hotel.

Further information

We will have a ski representative from Halsbury solely designated to our group who will co-ordinate all our activities including 4 hours of ski lessons per day, accommodating all standards of skier. They will also organise various après ski activities, which will be finalised prior to our departure.

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The maximum price of the trip is **£960**. (We are still finalising the itinerary and trying to keep the cost of a range of après-ski activities as low as possible). Whilst this is a great deal of money, we believe it represents excellent value when you consider it is inclusive of the following:

- Executive coach travel, ferry crossing and road tolls
- 6 nights' accommodation and full board meal arrangements
- Winter sports insurance including ski breakage insurance
- A Covid insurance guarantee (for individuals and the school)
- 6 day lift pass
- Ski, boot, helmet and pole hire
- 6 days of ski tuition (6 x 4 hours)
- Après ski activities (these could include: quiz night; ice hockey; ice skating; bowling; meal out; swimming and curling)
- Services of a Halsbury representative for the group
- A Perins Ski 2023 hoody

Dry slope skiing will be compulsory for all beginners, but is not included in the cost of the trip. All beginners will be required to attend two dry slope sessions at the Southampton dry slope prior to going on the trip, and this will cost around a further £25-30, to be charged separately. We will organise dry slope sessions once we have determined the number of beginners on the trip.

Places are limited, so please register your interest by giving consent on your child's SCOPay account by **9am on Monday 2nd May 2022**. Do not send any money now. If your child is secured a place on the trip you will be informed on Monday 9th May 2022, via email. It will be at that point that we ask you to pay the £130 non-refundable deposit, which will be due, if the trip runs, by 9am on Monday 16th May. There are 80 places on the trip. Please be assured that, as we always have done in the past, we will do everything possible to include every child.

Yours faithfully,

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