



Thursday 1st October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9 and Year 12,

Re: Ski trip to Cimone, Italy – 13th to 19th February 2028

Description of trip: The Gosford Hill School Ski trip 2028 will take place in Cimone, Italy. Cimone is a friendly, charming location perfect for school ski groups, with excellent food, varying levels of slopes for all types of skiers and excellent accommodation in the Hotel Elena. It is a resort we have been to and enjoyed before. The terrain ranges from gentle nursery slopes to challenging, well maintained slopes, and you can be sure to find the ideal terrain for your level of skiing.

Travel arrangements: We will be flying to and from Italy. Details of the airport, flight times and meeting times will be communicated in detail closer to departure. Please note in advance is that, on the advice of the tour company and in line with our previous successful trip to Cimone in 2026, **arrangements to get to and from the UK airports on departure and arrival home will need to be made individually by parents and their families.** More information about this will also be communicated to students and their families closer to departure.

Dates: Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th February 2028.

Location: Cimone, Italy.

Cost: The cost of the course is **£1656** and is fully inclusive of:

- 5 days of 5 hours of skiing (25 hours)
- Ski tuition from qualified local ski instructors
- Ski Lift Pass
- Helmet, Ski and Pole Hire
- Return flights to Italy
- Evening entertainment programme (Include a Crepe Night, Pizza Night and Quiz Night)
- Accommodation at Hotel Elena
- Full board
- Travel Insurance

The trip will this year be offered to current Year 9 students (who will be in Year 10 when the trip departs), and current Year 12 students. There are a limited number of places on this trip which will be offered on a first come, first served basis via ParentPay. Should any places become available after the advertised deadline, they will be advertised in school and on ParentPay. Deposits are due by Monday 2nd November. Although unlikely, the price of the trip may vary slightly depending on the number of students who wish to travel. Any changes to the price will be communicated directly to parents at the earliest opportunity.



Once accepted on the trip, the deposit and any subsequent payments made will not be refunded under any circumstances unless there is a valid medical reason as to why the student cannot attend the trip or we are not permitted to go on the trip due to Covid related issues. **In the event that a student is requested by Gosford Hill School to withdraw due to significant behaviour issues and/or repeated breaches of our school behaviour policy then no payments will be refunded.** Please note that Gosford Hill School reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour does not give the school the confidence to trust the student to act responsibly at all times. A Behaviour Policy will need to be signed and returned by both parent and student.

Payment instalments: The **£1656** cost of the trip can be paid in instalments as follows:

Deposit 1: Monday 2 nd November 2026	£250
Payment 2: Monday 7 th December 2026	£75
Payment 3: Monday 4 th January 2027	£100
Payment 4: Monday 1 st February 2027	£125
Payment 5: Tuesday 2 nd March 2027	£150
Payment 6: Tuesday 6 th April 2027	£150
Payment 7: Tuesday 4 th May 2027	£150
Payment 8: Tuesday 1 st June 2027	£150
Payment 9: Monday 5 th July 2027	£150
Payment 10: Monday 6 th September 2027	£150
Payment 11: Monday 4 th October 2027	£206
Total	£1656

Mandatory documents:

Students must be in possession of a valid passport before reserving a place on this trip. **Students from non-EU countries must also be in possession of the appropriate Visa/documentation to travel to Italy.** Travel insurance is included in the cost of the visit, however, students should obtain a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) to ensure access to free health care if necessary whilst outside the UK. These cards are available at <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>

ETIAS application: It is anticipated that an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) will be required for travel to most European countries (including Italy) by 2028. If applicable, everyone individually will need to complete an online ETIAS application and pay the fee of €7 per application. **Applicants who are under 18 or above 70 years of age are exempt from this payment, but will still need to complete the application.** It is the responsibility of each student going on the trip to have completed an ETIAS waiver prior to the trip. **We will communicate nearer the time of departure whether an ETIAS application is required.**



If you would like your child to be considered for the Ski trip, please **log onto ParentPay** to pay and give consent by Monday 2nd November 2026 to reserve your place. Please also return a copy of your child's passport in an email to lsmith@gosfordhillschool.org.

Your child will not be allocated a place on the trip until we receive the full deposit. I am expecting many students participating in the Ski trip this year, so please get payments in early to avoid disappointment.

Ski Lesson / Ski Hoodies: Please note we will also be offering a ski lesson, in advance of the trip, which is thoroughly recommended for beginner skiers. The additional cost for this lesson is approximately £65 for around 2 hours of tuition. Students will also require a ski hoodie for (costing approximately £25-30) at the Ski Information Evening. Further details about the ski lesson, Ski Trip Information Evening and ski hoodies will be communicated later in the academic year.

Further information and itinerary details will follow later in the academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Smith
Ski Trip Leader