

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Proposed Italy activity residential trip May 2024

We propose to take an 8-day Alpine Adventure trip to the Aosta Valley, Italy, departing Saturday 25th May, returning Saturday 1st June 2024. We hope this trip will allow students to build confidence and resilience through a number of adventurous activities set in the idyllic mountains and lakes of the Gran Paradiso National Park.

Due to the adventurous nature of this trip, it is essential that all pupils participating have a robust level of physical fitness, are competent swimmers and have the courage to try all activities on offer. This trip is run through a third-party provider, *Acorn Adventure*. Acorn is a fully accredited, well established, ABTA bonded operator with nearly 40 years' experience and pupils will be under the supervision of fully qualified instructors.

Proposed itinerary:

- Day 1 – Depart SHSB
- Day 2 – Arrive Aosta, check in and explore
- Day 3 – White water rafting
- Day 4 – Kayaking / Stand-Up-Paddleboarding / Raft building
- Day 5 – Excursion day
- Day 6 – Climbing & hill walk
- Day 7 – High ropes & depart Aosta
- Day 8 – Arrive back at SHSB

The cost of this trip will be **£950** and includes full board accommodation, all transfers, local taxes, entrance, activity costs, a swim in a local pool, a white-water rafting photo and a dinner out at a local pizzeria.

If you would like for your son to attend this visit, please complete the MS Form below by 8am on Monday 31st October:

<https://forms.office.com/r/t6LEsWxsu3>

We have secured places for 44 students. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will select pupils randomly as this trip is non-academic, however a pupil's behavioural record will be considered when allocating places. We will email you to confirm your son's place on Tuesday 1st November 2022, **with an initial deposit of £70 to be made on WisePay by Friday 4th November**. Please note, by expressing interest in a place on the trip you are committing to the



payment instalment schedule. If you no longer wish for your child to attend, please let us know at your first opportunity so that we can offer to places to pupils on the reserve list. If you are unsuccessful in securing one of the first 44 places, your son will be kept on our reserve list

Future payments are anticipated to be due as follows, however a final payment schedule will be confirmed once we confirm our booking.

Instalment 1:	01/01/2023	£160.00
Instalment 2:	31/03/2023	£180.00
Instalment 3:	30/06/2023	£180.00
Instalment 4:	30/10/2023	£180.00
Instalment 5:	28/02/2024	£180.00

You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations, and those who have not demonstrated a sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip. As the trip will be departing during term time your son will also be expected to catch up any missed work on return.

Finally, please find a link below to Acorn Adventure for more information:

<https://www.acornadventure.co.uk/alpine-adventure-italy>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school's enquires email.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Imbush and Mr D Hill
Trip Organisers