

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

After a hugely successful trip this year, we are proposing to run another school ski trip next year. However, since next year the Spring half term holiday falls in the same week for most schools in Britain (and the continent), we have decided to run the trip during the Easter holidays. This is in order to both avoid the expected congestion and to ensure we have a larger choice of reasonably priced accommodation. We will therefore be leaving on **Friday 4th April** and returning on **Friday 11th April 2025**. Our destination will be Bormio in the Italian Alps.

We will be staying in the Hotel Darby, which is a modern family-run hotel offering a very high standard of accommodation. Students stay in two to six-bed rooms and will enjoy a range of fantastic Italian food. The cost of the trip includes half board accommodation from the evening meal on the day of arrival until the evening meal before our departure on the last day. We will benefit from the in-house facilities that include a games room (with table tennis and table football). A night at the local swimming complex is also included in the price.

In terms of the locality, the Bormio ski area offers a wide range of skiing and has one of the largest snow making facilities in the Alps. All skiing abilities are catered for, from the complete beginner to the more advanced skier. Beginner skiers will usually start at the bottom of the valley on the well-prepared nursery slopes before progressing to other parts of this extensive system. Intermediate and advanced skiers can cruise along on the many long blue runs or more challenging red and black runs, including the proposed 2026 Olympic downhill run. Our five days of skiing includes five hours of instruction per day with qualified English-speaking Ski School instructors.

The total cost of this trip will be between **£1189** and **£1219**, depending on the number of students who commit to the trip. This price includes return transport by luxury coach, half board accommodation, five days of skiing, boot and helmet hire, lift pass, five hours of daily instruction, travel insurance, the services of a ski representative and an evening entertainment programme.

To gain a place on the trip, an initial payment of **£300** will be needed, of which **£150** would be a **non-refundable deposit**. **Wisepay will open at 7pm on 23rd April**. For those students who gain a place on the trip, three further payments will be needed before November 2024.



The trip is open to all year groups. If Year 11 students decide not to come back to Southend Boys in the sixth form, they will be given a full refund. Please be **certain** that your son/daughter wishes to take part in the trip before completing the initial payment. **Students dropping out after we have booked can have a financial impact on the remaining participants.**

All places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Casey
Trip organiser