

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

After a hugely successful trip this year, we are proposing to run another school ski trip next year, leaving on **Friday 27th March 2026** and returning on **Friday 3rd April 2026**. Our destination will be **Saint Caterina** and **Bormio** in the Italian Alps.

We will be staying in the 4 star '**Hotel 3 Signori**', which is a modern family-run hotel offering a very high standard of accommodation. Students stay in two- to six-bed rooms and enjoy a range of fantastic Italian food. The cost of the trip includes full 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 Saint Caterina and Bormio ski areas offer a wide range of skiing and have among the largest snow making facilities in the Alps. We plan to ski the Saint Caterina ski area for three days and drive to Bormio on the other two. 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 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 **£1219**. This price includes return transport by luxury coach, full 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.

Due to the high demand for places on this trip, and acting on parental feedback, we will be asking parents to enter into a lottery, of which the first 80 names drawn will be offered a place. Please click on the MS Form via the link below to enter.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0xMhjgkA0y>

The form will remain open until 8pm on Tuesday 20th May. Eighty places will then be assigned at random from all of those requesting a place. We will inform you on Wednesday 21st May of the outcome, and those given a place will be required to pay a **£300 deposit (of which £150 is non-refundable) within two working days**. All parents who complete the form will have the option to be placed on a waiting list if unsuccessful in the first selection, and pupils will be offered a place if one becomes available, again through a further random selection



process. For parents who gain a place on the trip, three further payments will be needed before November 2025.

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 Microsoft Form. **Students dropping out after we have booked can have a financial impact on the remaining participants.**

Yours sincerely

Mr R Casey
Ski Trip Leader