

February 2022

Dear parents and carers

KS4 Carrington Ski Trip, 10-17 February 2023

I am excited to offer our students a fantastic opportunity to participate in a ski trip during February half term 2023, from **Friday 10 February to 17 February 2023**. We will be using the highly reputable ski company [321Ski](#), who specialise in school ski trips to Europe.

The Chalet is in [Borgata](#), on the border of Italy and France. The resort itself sits at an altitude of 1840m with skiing possible up to 2823m. Combined with its predominantly north and north-west facing slopes this makes it a snow sure resort. The snow record is excellent for the resort with over 1.60m of packed snow lasting to the end of the season on a regular basis. It is a great resort for students to learn and improve, offering an extensive piste map with over 440kms of piste between blue, red and black runs.

We have negotiated an excellent deal of £960 which for an all-inclusive holiday represents extremely good value. This includes all travel (by coach and ferry), accommodation in a “ski in–ski out” hotel, ski boots, poles & helmet hire along with the lift pass for the whole resort, not to mention 5 hours tuition a day for 5 days. The meals package comprises a buffet-style breakfast, a hot lunch on the mountain and three course meal in the evening. Included within the price are the local tourist tax and travel insurance.

A staff-to-student ratio of 1:8 is offered by the ski company, this guarantees there will always be supervision both on and off the slopes. The approach I always take when I lead trips of this nature is that staff members ski along with the students during the day, learning, falling and laughing with them in their groups and equally participating in the evening activities. Ski instruction is a part of the package, students’ abilities will be determined by the ski instructors on the very first morning.

Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. **[ParentPay](#) will open to year 10s on Tuesday 22 February at 18:00 for 24 hours before being opened to year 9s.** This **Priority Window** will allow any year 10 student to secure a place as it is their sole opportunity to take part in such an amazing experience before their time at Carrington comes to an end. We have a guaranteed 42 places, after which names will be added to a waiting list. Year 9 ParentPay will open on Wednesday 23 February at 18:00. The trip will run again in February 2024 for any students who miss out in 2023.

A deposit of £160 is required by when you register for the trip on ParentPay in the Year 10 Priority Window (Tuesday 22 February 18:00 to Wednesday 23 February 18:00). This would be refunded if there were insufficient students to make the trip viable, however, once we know numerical thresholds are met the deposits will be paid to 321Ski and as such are non-refundable.

Yours sincerely

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