



St Peter's

Collegiate Academy

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Three Spires Trust Sixth Form - Ski Trip 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a very successful Three Spires Trust Key Stage 3 and 4 Ski Trip in January 2025, we are delighted to announce the very first Three Spires Trust Sixth Form Ski Trip, a collaborative venture involving three secondary schools across the Trust.

Scheduled for January 2026, this trip will take place in the Aosta Valley, Northern Italy. We will be skiing in the resort of La Thuile. Our staff, experienced with this destination through previous school ski visits, attest to the high standard of service and facilities. The safety infrastructure and support provided by the chosen company are unparalleled. La Thuile is nestled in the stunning range of mountains separating Italy from France and boasts excellent snow records, a modern lift system and covers approximately 150 kilometres of ski runs suitable for all skill levels. The resort is linked to La Rosière (in France) so students will have the opportunity to ski between the area.

The trip cost is £1300.00, covering travel, accommodation (full-board with three meals daily), breakfast on outbound and return journeys, ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles, ski jacket, ski trousers, and helmet), ski instruction by qualified instructors (5 hours daily with lunchtime supervision), lift pass, après-ski activities (details below), a trip hoodie, and a comprehensive insurance package.

While this trip may not be cheap, we are confident it offers outstanding value for money. For many students, this journey will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Accommodation will be at the Hotel Valdigne in Morgex near Courmayeur, offering rooms for 2-4 people, each with private bathrooms. Meals will be served at the hotel, which is known for its excellent facilities and welcoming atmosphere for school groups. Travel to Italy will be by luxury coach and ferry, departing on **Saturday, 10th January 2026**, and returning on **Saturday 17th January 2026**, resulting in a seven-day trip with five full days of skiing.

A typical day on the ski trip includes breakfast, followed by two and a half hours of skiing under the supervision of the Interski ski instructors (Instructors are all fluent in English and fully qualified). A hot lunch is included and taken at one of the mountain restaurants, followed by another two and a half hours of skiing. Skiing concludes late afternoon, allowing time for relaxation before a three-course dinner.

Evening activities ("Après Ski") are integral to the ski trip experience, and Interski organises a full programme - bowling, quiz night, shopping, a pizza evening, and a presentation evening with certificates and badges.

It's important to note that prior skiing experience is not necessary. Beginner tuition will be provided, and students are encouraged to have a go and stick at it! The visit caters for all levels of skiers. Students with existing skiing skills can discuss their level further with the trip leader.

Before committing to the visit, parents should be aware of additional costs for necessary ski gear, including gloves, socks, goggles/glasses, and lip and face sun cream. We will strive to secure the best deals for parents. However, costs can often be reduced through borrowing items from family or friends or taking advantage of end-of-season sales. More details on these items will be provided once a place has been secured.

You must also ensure your child has a valid passport in advance of the trip and it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that any student travelling on a Non-British passport has applied for an appropriate VISA, if required.

With limited spaces available and the visit being highly popular, we operate on a 'first come, first booked' basis. A non-refundable deposit of **£250.00** per student is required to reserve a place. Deposits should be made via SCOPAY and the attached form must be returned to the finance office.

To facilitate easier payments, we have implemented a staged payment schedule, which is in line with the tour operator payment requests and also spreads the cost evenly over time. Target dates and corresponding amounts are outlined below:

Instalment amount	Proposed date of payment	Total Paid
£250(non-refundable deposit)	Before 28th February 2025	£250
£300	Before 11th April 2025	£550
£300	Before 18th July 2025	£850
£250	Before 26th September 2025	£1,100
£200	Before 24th October 2025	£1,300

Adhering to these dates is crucial to maintaining a reasonable cost. Nevertheless, if any parent faces challenges with this schedule but wishes their child to participate in the visit, please contact us without hesitation.

Whilst every care will be taken to ensure the safety of students during the visit, there is always an element of risk. For this reason, the party will be insured. Parents may wish to take out personal cover for accident or loss of/damage to property as an additional safeguard.

If you are interested in having your child join this trip and need more details, feel free to contact me either by calling the school or by contacting via email: rwalker@stpetersacademy.org.uk

A formal parent information evening, providing a comprehensive explanation of the visit details, will be held before departure.

Yours faithfully,
Mr R Walker

Assistant Principal - Achievement and Personal Development

To be returned to the Finance Office

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Name of Student Form

- I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate on the above school visit and I consent to the administration of emergency medical treatment should this prove necessary.
- Any medical issues /medication being taken
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Please notify school at a later date if this should change.

- Dietary Requirements
- Please notify school at a later date if this should change.

- Emergency Contact Numbers:
1
2
3

Please notify school at a later date if this should change.

- I have made a payment of £250 [non-refundable deposit] via SCOPAY
- I am aware that further payments are to be made, as stated in the above payments schedule, on or before the stated dates.
- I am aware that the final balance of £1300 needs to be paid by October 24th 2025.
- I am aware that the total money paid is non-refundable if a student withdraws from the visit after 31st May 2025, unless we are able to fill the place.

Name: (Parent / Carer)

Signed: (Parent / Carer)

Date:

