



27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### SKI TRIP 2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following another hugely successful trip to Westendorf in the February half term break just gone, I am pleased to announce another ski trip to Pas de la Casa, Andorra. This will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy adventurous outdoor winter sports. We will leave the school site on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2027 and return to the school site on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2027. This trip is open to students currently in Year 7, 8, 9 and 11. Unfortunately, students currently in Years 10 and 12 will not be able to attend due to the proximity to their exams. Students must be enrolled at the school upon departure date to attend this trip and therefore current Year 11 students need to be attending sixth form next year. We have a capacity of around 100 students for this trip and therefore if demand exceeds capacity, then a random draw of names will be used to determine places. Behaviour and school attendance will also be used to determine suitability for this trip.

Pas de la Casa is a charming ski village in the heart of the Grandvalira ski area in Andorra, the largest ski area in the Pyrenees. Nestled high in the mountains, this sun-drenched resort offers a stunning Alpine setting and a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. Sharing lift access with neighbouring Soldeu ski resort, Pas de la Casa is in the perfect location to explore over 200km of varied pistes, all set against a dramatic backdrop of snow-capped peaks and crisp blue skies.

We will be staying in the Hotel Alaska situated in Pas de la Casa. If we take our full capacity of around 100 students, we will have sole exclusivity of this hotel for the week. The Residence Alaska is ideally located in the heart of Pas de la Casa, just 100m from the lifts providing access to Grandvalira ski area. The facilities here are excellent and include ski storage, WiFi access throughout and a games room. All rooms have en suite bathrooms and sleep 2-6 people. Please be aware that although we will try our hardest to put friends together where possible, sometimes friendship group sizes don't meet capacities of rooms and therefore smaller friendship groups may have to combine to share rooms. If we do not achieve the numbers necessary for exclusivity, we may share this hotel with another school group or find another suitable hotel in the area.

Included in the trip cost are:

- Executive coach travel – we will have sole use of the coach for the entire week.
- Full board accommodation from evening meal on arrival to an evening meal on the last day. Students will not receive a meal until we reach the resort and the last meal will be provided at the hotel before our departure. Therefore, food and/or money will be needed for these travel days. We will be having a hot lunch each day either at the hotel or on the slopes.
- Evening entertainment consisting of use of the in-house activities, a meal at a local pizza restaurant, a trip to the local ice rink for an evening session of ice skating and a trip into Andorra la Vella, Andorra's capital for some tax-free shopping and sightseeing.

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- Ski tuition, 5 hours each day for 5 days.
- Skiing equipment and helmet hire for 5 days.
- Ski lift pass for 5 days for the Grandvalira area.
- Local tourist tax.
- School payment transaction charges.
- Fully comprehensive insurance.

The cost of the trip is £1430.00. We are aware that this is not an inexpensive trip, however, skiing during a ‘peak’ week of the season is always costly and this really is an all-inclusive trip. We are organising this trip with a reputable school ski trip provider, Halsbury Travel. This company has been running school trips for over 40 years. The company are ATOL, ABTA and ABTOT registered and therefore this trip is protected to the same level as any other holiday in the event of the company ceasing to trade.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium, a small proportion of the cost can be covered by the school. Please email me in confidence at the email address below for more information.

The payment structure for the trip is outlined below:

Payment	Due Date	Amount
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment (Deposit 1)	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	£100
1st Instalment (Deposit 2)	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	£175
2nd Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	£165
3rd Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	£165
4th Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	£165
5th Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	£165
6th Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	£165
7th Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2026	£165
8th Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	£165
		<b>Total - £1430</b>

Please be aware that the first £200 of trip cost is considered a deposit by Halsbury Travel and therefore if your child can no longer attend the trip and a replacement student cannot be found, this deposit is non-refundable up until 10 weeks before departure. If we are over subscribed for the trip and a replacement student can be found, the full cost will be returned to you. If cancellation occurs in any period, no closer than 10 weeks before departure date and a replacement student cannot be found, 50% of the trip cost is non-refundable. Any cancellation between 2-10 weeks before trip departure, without a replacement student being found, results in 75% of the trip cost being non-refundable. Any cancellation within 2 weeks of departure results in 100% of the trip cost being non-refundable. For full Terms and Conditions please see: [Booking conditions](#)

The cost of the trip does not include ski clothing and food for the travel days. Your child will need a ski jacket/warm coat, salopettes, thermal clothing for under their ski clothes, ski socks, ski goggles/glasses and ski gloves. They will also need suitable casual clothing whilst in the hotel, toiletries and roughly 10 euros per day spending money. This spending money is an optional extra. As mentioned above, there will be multiple opportunities for students to spend money on and off the mountain at the various places we will visit. However, no additional spending is needed.

We will be offering all complete beginners the opportunity of a brief lesson at either Milton Keynes Snozone or Tamworth Snowdome. The purpose of this is to get familiarised with skis and boots prior to the trip. This brief lesson will consist of an equipment fit and basic introduction to skiing. This will hopefully maximise the time we

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have out there as students will have at least some understanding already. The optional additional cost of this is roughly £50-£60 (TBC) and this will take place in December 2026 or January 2027. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Please be aware that skiing is outdoor adventurous activity and there are associated risks that come with it. These risks are mitigated through following the rules and regulations of the ski highway code. Students will remain with a qualified local skiing instructor throughout the week and therefore their expertise, knowledge of the area and specific instruction will allow students to remain safe throughout the entirety of the trip. Skiing is also an extremely demanding sport, and a high level of physical fitness is needed to ski for 25 hours in a week. This would be the equivalent of an entire school week of back-to-back high intensity PE lessons. Please ensure that your child is aware of the physically demanding nature of skiing. Please also be aware that the ski area is only accessibly by travelling in a gondola which is a mountain cable car lift. Also, chair lifts are used to get skiers from the bottom of a ski run back to the top, these are generally 20-30 metres above the ground and therefore any students afraid of heights need to consider this.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity, please can you complete the Microsoft form here: [Ski Trip - Pas de la Casa 2027 - Expression of Interest Form – Fill in form](#). Please register your interest by Friday 3rd April 2026. Contact will then be made shortly afterwards with regards to the deposit. This initial £100 will then need to be paid by the 10th April 2026. I understand that this is a relatively short space of time but to secure this trip and to maximise the length of the instalment plan it is essential that deposits are gathered promptly.

There will be a parent and student information evening later in the calendar year or early 2027 where further details will be given and there will be an opportunity to answer any more questions you may have. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rlevett@montsaye.org](mailto:rlevett@montsaye.org)

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Levett  
**Ski Trip Organiser**