



13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Les Menuires Ski Trip: 3rd – 10th January 2026 – Current Years 7 and 8

Trip Lead: Mrs Brankin

We are excited to be able to offer to current Year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to participate in a ski trip to the French 'Three Valleys' in January 2026.

The ski trip will be to the resort of Les Menuires in France, staying at the Clubhotel Skilt. The proposed dates are for the trip to run from Saturday 3rd January 2026 and returning on Saturday 10th January 2026. The trip will initially be opened with 60 places available. Ideally, we would like to have a fair split across the Years 7 and 8, so we are working on the basis of 30 places in each year. However, it may be possible to increase places if demand is higher.

The trip is being organised through SkiBound, an established company that the school has used for successful ski trips previously. Please see below for a summary of what the trip includes:

- Return flights including airport taxes.
- Transfers between the overseas airport and accommodation.
- Full medical and travel insurance – exclusions may apply.
- 7 nights full board accommodation based on multi-bedded rooms. Drinks with meals other than breakfast are not included.
- 6 day hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets.
- 6 days x 5 hours ski tuition
- 6 day local lift pass.
- 3 external evening entertainments.
- 2 in-house evening entertainments (disco night & movie night).
- Pizza night (*subject to availability – may change).
- Travel representative at the resort.
- Transfers to/from UK airport.
- Personalised trip hoodie – to include school logo, students name and resort details.

Skiing is never cheap, we know that. However, skiing is a fantastic experience and we are launching this now to give parents as much time as possible to spread the cost.

The initial costing for the trip will be £1500 per student. However, the flights and their availability, including UK airport, are yet to be confirmed. Depending on which UK airport (we have requested as local as possible), please be aware that this means that **the price could increase depending on departure airport and distance UK transfers**. We want to be as transparent as possible that the price quoted above is a calculated **estimate** due to this reason. We understand that this is a significant cost, so there will be a payment plan to help spread this out.

In order to secure places for your child/children, we will require **an initial deposit of £150 by Friday 11th October 2024** payable via ParentPay. This date is set by SkiBound and we are required to submit the initial deposits in order to secure the booking.

Payment schedule will be as follows:

First Deposit

First deposits of £150.00 per paying passenger are due by 11th October 2024.

Second Deposit

Second deposits of £150.00 per paying passenger are due by 8th November 2024.

Third Deposit

Third Deposits of £150.00 per paying passenger are due by 20th December 2024.

Final Balance

The final balance (which can be paid in 'chunks') for the trip will need to be paid no later than 12th September 2025.

If you would like your child/children to attend please add your child/children's name onto the **form by Friday 4th October to register an expression of interest.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/JHHFm0nS0y>

If there is more interest than the number of places available, a fair lottery system will be used to select the required numbers. Parents of these children will then be contracted by school to pay the £150 deposit via ParentPay by Friday 11th October 2024.

Families in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding you may speak to myself or Mrs Starkie who will be able to advise and look into any financial support that may be available.

If there is a surplus number of people interested, a waiting list will also be created and we will contact SkiBound to enquire if additional places may be possible.

Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact myself on brankin@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Sarah Brankin
Head of Maths

**by clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child. Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.*