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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Ski Trip to Italy February 2026

The UGS 2026 ski trip to Canada has been rebooked as a trip to Bardonecchia in the Italian Alps largely as a result of the forest fires that hit Jasper this summer. You will find the details of the new ski trip below.

The trip will depart the UK (airport TBC) by air on Sunday February 15th, 2026 and return on Saturday February 21st – 5 days x 5 hours of skiing. These dates may alter by one day. The tour party will be staying in the Olympic Village Hotel which is near to the centre of town and the lifts.

[Olympic Village Hotel, Bardonecchia: School Ski Trips \(skibound.co.uk\)](http://skibound.co.uk)

The trip is open to all students who will be in years 8-13 at the time of departure – so that is the current years 7-12.

The cost of the trip is £1679. This includes:

- Return coach transfer to the departure airport from school
- Flights to Italy
- Return coach transfer from the arrival airport to the hotel.
- 6 nights full-board accommodation (drinks with meals other than breakfast not included)
- 5 day hire of skis, boots & poles.
- 5 day hire of helmets.
- 5 x 5 hours ski tuition.
- 5 day lift pass.
- Resort representative.
- Winter sports insurance
- Ski Breakage and Piste Closure Insurance.
- Evening activities – ice skating, swimming, tubing, cinema night, disco

There are a number of other costs involved – ski clothing (jacket, ski trousers, goggles, base layers etc – can be purchased for around £100-£150 at the parents evening before departure or from Decathlon etc), chill factor lessons before we go (optional) and spending money. In addition, those students who will be over 16 at the time of departure will be charged an additional £13 for Air Passenger Duty and those students who are aged over 18 will need to pay a small supplement for an adult lift pass. The cost of the trip can be spread out over the next 13 months. Students in the current year 11 would need to be certain of attending UGS VI form and the entry requirements can be found in the VI form section of the school website – look for the course handbook.

The cost of the trip is for skiing only. If your son/daughter would like to **snowboard** then this will incur an additional cost. This is because we may need an additional instructor(s) to cover the smaller snowboarding groups and the equipment hire is also slightly more expensive. Snowboarding is only possible if the group(s) contains students of a similar standard. Please sign up for the trip in the expectation that your son/daughter will ski but do drop me an email expressing an interest in snowboarding and let me know the ability level of your son/daughter – beginner, intermediate, expert. If I can, I will put together a snowboarding group and let you know what the cost will be.

Urmston Grammar School - Headteacher: Mrs R S Wall
pride, participation, empathy

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If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the UGS 2026 ski trip please make a payment of £150 on parent pay to cover the cost of the initial **non-refundable** deposit. We will need a second **non-refundable** deposit of £150 in November and a third **non-refundable** of £150 by the end of January 2025. These deposits are only refundable if we can replace your son/daughter. We will need you to have paid 50% of the cost of the trip by the end of March 2025 and 75% by the end of July 2025. Payments should be completed by the start November 2025. If we do not reach the required numbers for the trip to be viable than all deposits will be returned. The quote from SkiBound is based on a minimum number signing up for the trip. Please also note that the students have not been informed about this trip in school. The trip will go live on parent pay at the end of the day tomorrow, Wednesday September 25th and will be filled on a first come first served basis. There will be 80 places on the trip but, some of these have already been taken by those students who were signed up for the Canada trip. I will set up a waiting list if the trip is oversubscribed so, please do e mail the finance office if you find that the trip is full by the time you come to pay the deposit.

If you would like any further information about the trip please feel free to e mail me on:

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Yours Sincerely,

Matthew McPartland
(Ski Trip Leader)