

Vandyke Upper School

Leighton Buzzard

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28th February 2022

SKI TRIP: SESTRIERE, ITALY 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to tell you about an exciting trip organised by the PE Department for current Year 9 students, as of September 2021, to go skiing in Italy! We will be staying in Hotel Duchi D'Aosta, Sestriere, Italy from **31st March – 7th April 2023**.

Sestriere is part of the Milky Way circuit, with over 400km of runs. Being one of Italy's highest resorts and having hosted the 2006 winter Olympics, it has a reputation for great snow and spectacular views. The resort itself is at 2035m and the area provides skiing up to 2555m which is why the resort holds its snow particularly well.

We will be staying at Hotel Duchi D'aosta which is a three-star hotel located just 150m from the main slope. Students will stay in multi-bedded rooms with full board accommodation and hot lunches being served at the hotel on the mountain between ski sessions. Evening activities will depend on availability at the time but are likely to include a movie night, quiz and games night, pizza night in an Italian restaurant, ice skating and swimming.

We expect to leave Vandyke at around 1pm on **Friday March 31st 2023**, in order to make an early evening ferry crossing. Traveling through the night we hope to arrive in Sestriere at around midday. Over the course of the 5 days in resort students will receive 4 hours of ski tuition each day from the local ski school, with students being placed in groups according to their ability.

Following the fifth day of skiing we will depart from Sestriere after the evening meal on Thursday 6th April 2023 to arrive back at school on Friday 7th April 2023 early evening.

The complete package includes:

- Return coach and ferry travel
- Full board accommodation
- A 5-day lift pass
- Ski, boot, pole, and helmet hire
- 4 hours of ski tuition a day
- Full ski insurance
- Full evening entertainment programme
- COVID guarantee
- Ski hoodie

The total price for this trip is **£886**. Payment schedule:

Initial deposit (14 th March 2022)	£100
1 st Payment (14 th April 2022)	£200
2 nd Payment (14 th May 2022)	£100
3 rd Payment (14 th June 2022)	£100
4 th Payment (14 th July 2022)	£100
5 th Payment (1 st October 2022)	£100
6 th Payment (1 st November 2022)	£186

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The trip is protected by a COVID guarantee whereby if the trip must be cancelled due to COVID restrictions students should be entitled to a refund. However due to the unforeseeable entry requirements that may be imposed, all students must have received the COVID vaccinations.

We will be giving further details and an opportunity for you to ask questions at a trip meeting for parents and students, information of this evening to follow. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to engage with their classmates in an unfamiliar setting, discover new places and ideas and most importantly further develop their own skiing skills.

If you would like your son/ daughter to take part in this trip, please return the permission slip below to Miss Gransden **by Friday 4th March 2022** to be included in the draw, should the trip be oversubscribed. Students allocated a place will be notified as soon as possible after the draw with a deadline for the payment of the **deposit** of £100.

The Vandyke Opportunities Fund is available to support families in financial hardship and may be able to reduce the cost of the trip. If you think you might qualify, please contact Mrs Ruston at school using rustonv@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk or call 01525 636700. There are clear criteria that set out when financial support can be provided, and Mrs Ruston will be pleased to speak with you in confidence about this.

You will appreciate that an educational visit requires proper supervision and the full cooperation of all students. For this reason, we reserve the right not to take students who have had behaviour-related concerns in school, and we will review all students who wish to participate before making a final decision.

*Please be aware that the current price of the trip is dependent on sufficient numbers taking up this opportunity. If the trip is undersubscribed causing costs to increase, we will make you aware in reasonable time.

Please complete the attached form and return it to Miss Gransden by Friday 4th March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gransden

PE Department

Vandyke Upper School

FAO Miss Gransden – ITALY SKIING TRIP 2023

Name of Student (Year group)... Tutor Group
 (AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT – ANY LATER CHANGES MAY INCUR CHARGES)

I would like my child to be included on the Vandyke Upper School Ski Trip to Sestriere during Easter holidays 2023 at a total cost of **£886**. I have read and accept the payment arrangements. I understand that my child will require their own passport and COVID vaccinations for this trip.

I also understand that my child’s details will be shared with the travel company for ferry and hotel bookings, only as necessary.

Previous ski experience (please tick)

- None
- Dry skiing (lessons) no. of lesson
- Dry skiing (free skiing)
- Snow skiing (no. of weeks)

I have / have not attached a copy of Passport.

I confirm that once notified of a place, I will pay the non-refundable deposit of £££ via:

- sQuid
- Cash
- Cheque

I also understand that my child’s behaviour in school may affect their participation on the trip.

Name (Parent/Carer).....

Signed (Parent/Carer)..... Date.....

Parent/ Carer Email Address:

Parent/ Carer Contact number:



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