

4 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: The Roseland Academy Snowsport Development Programme 9 - 16 December 2023

Your son/daughter has shown an interest in The Roseland Academy's Snowsport Development Programme 2023.

We will be going to the Italian resort of Pila in the Aosta Valley, travelling by coach and departing school on **Saturday 9 December 2023**. We aim to arrive in the resort on Sunday afternoon, when the ski-fit will take place ready for a prompt start on Monday morning. We will return to school on **Saturday 16 December 2023**.

There is excellent skiing for all levels of skier, but first time and intermediate skiers will benefit from the resort's plentiful and wide runs. Experienced skiers are well catered for and snowboarders can hone their skills in the fun park. I am confident that this resort will give the best possible skiing for whatever standard your child may be at.

The après ski opportunities within Pila are exceptional. With a variety of activities available, including karaoke, a pizza night and a disco, we will be able to give the students a stimulating and full programme for the evenings too. Final details of these events will be confirmed prior to departure.

The accommodation in Pila will be a comfortable, traditional style hotel. Rooms will accommodate between three and four students with all benefiting from their own toilet and shower.

The company that we are travelling with, Interski, are market leaders in providing quality skiing for schools in the Aosta Valley, and have many years' experience. They are full members of ABTA, ABTOI, ATOL and BASI. Having previously booked through Interski, we have first-hand experience of their excellent efficiency and thorough professionalism and have no hesitation in using them again.

The first key issue is that of fitness. As you will be aware, skiing is a very demanding sport and students will be on the slopes for up to 6 hours a day. This is very strenuous on the body and we need to prepare the students so that accidents are prevented. Inevitably, minor falls will always occur but, with the students being in peak fitness, injuries will be kept to a minimum. To assist with the students' fitness, in the 6 weeks prior to travel we will be holding fitness sessions twice a week during lunch times. It is **essential** that students attend these sessions. As we expect this trip to be over-subscribed, only those students who show their dedication to these sessions will be allowed to take part in the trip.

Secondly, we are keen to make the payment for this trip more manageable and so are proposing the option of flexible payments to the Finance Office (via School Gateway). The total cost for the trip is **£1129 for skiers** and **£1139 for snowboarders**. This includes travel to the resort and back, all equipment hire, ski/snowboard lessons, full board accommodation, evening entertainment and insurance. It is a legal requirement that all skiers and snowboarders wear helmets during lessons. Helmet hire is not included in the price but this can be done through Interski. Once we have an idea of how many students would like to go I will invite you to an Information Evening. It will be an opportunity to find out more about the trip and ask any questions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION REPLY SLIP TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 November.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Capron
Ski Trip Organiser

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM:

The Roseland Academy Snowsport Development Programme 9 – 16 December 2023

Please return to Miss S Capron via Reception no later than Friday 18 November – thank you.

I would like to register interest for my son/daughter (please complete full details below) to go on the school Snowsport Development Programme to Italy in December 2023.

Name of Student:

Tutor Group:

Signature of Parent/Carer:

Printed Name of Parent/Carer: