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## **SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP 2026**

## **Dear Parent**

I am delighted to announce that Tretherras will be running a ski/snowboarding trip during February half term 2026. We need 40 students as a minimum and slope instructor groups need to be full to guarantee places for each ability.

We are very excited to be offering this trip as part of our offer of overseas trips for our students in 2026 after running 2 trips in 2024 where a total of 162 students have enjoyed the experience and opportunity and an upcoming trip in February 2025 with 54 students. We will be using Elemental UK as our tour operator (a Cornwall based company with over 30 years' experience of running school adventurous trips and are ABTA bonded and ATOL protected) but we are still finalising prices with Elemental and will not be able to confirm the total price until after Easter 2025. The price is going to be approximately £1450-1500. There is a surcharge if students wish to snowboard instead of ski, which is a cost we must pass on from the equipment hire shops in resort. As a guide for 2025 this is £50.

We are acutely aware of the rising cost of living and we are launching the trip now to give families maximum time to budget and save as the final balance will be due at the end of November 2025.

The trip is for 9 days, 8 nights and we will be either going to France or Italy, but will not be able to confirm this until final numbers are confirmed. Both hotels are set up for school groups with all rooms enjoying en-suite facilities. Accommodation is full board, with a large buffet selection available for breakfast, and a hot lunch and a 3 course evening meal.

This price includes insurance, equipment hire (including helmets which are compulsory), 5 hours supervised tuition a day, a six day ski pass and all meals. We hope to be able to include a trip hoody within this cost. The cost to hire/provide ski clothing or pocket money is not included.

Departure Date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Return Date: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Mode of Travel: Executive coach – Dover to Calais Ferry/Tunnel Cost per child: Skiing/Snowboarding £1450/1500

We will only be able to accommodate intermediate/advance skier/boarders if instructor group numbers are full (at 12 for skiers and 10 for snowboarders). We are hoping to be able to take between 45 and 90 students on the trip. Places will now be allocated based on full slope groups by ability and activity until we reach either the 45 or 90 target.

Once you confirm your interest, we will then confirm your child's place on the trip and ask for a deposit of £200 to be paid by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 via ParentPay. At this point deposits become non-refundable and all further payments are non-refundable, unless covered by Zurich cancellation insurance. Other instalment deadlines will be spread out over the year ahead once the trip has been booked.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this trip, please attend a parent information meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm in the Quay Hall. If you are unable to attend but would like your child to go on this trip, please email us via enquiries@tretherras.net with your child's details and ski/board preference and experience.

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