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Dear Parent/Carer

### Ski Trip – March 2026

I am pleased to be able to offer the following details for the Taverham High School Ski Trip in March 2026. Following on from such a successful trip last year, I have managed to obtain a really good deal including flights and coach transfers.

#### **Key Information:**

Dates:Saturday 21 March 2026 - Saturday 28 March 2026Resort:Serre Chevalier, FrancePrice:£1395

### **Resort – Serre Chevalier, France**

Serre Chevalier is a top-class resort with lots of choices for all levels of skiers in a very traditional alpine setting. It covers an extensive ski area with an altitude range of 1200 - 2800m with the resort height of 1350m.

It is 1 hour 30 minutes from Grenoble airport, 2 hours from Turin airport, 2 hours 30 minutes from Chambery airport and 4 hours from Geneva airport (The airport will be confirmed once places are confirmed).

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#### Skiing

With wondrously wide nursery slopes, new beginner area and excellent ski schools, Serre Chevalier offers the perfect introduction to winter sports within a truly picturesque location.

There are some excellent intermediate runs above the tree line, and for the more advanced skiers some Olympic black runs.

All grades of skiers are well catered for:

- 24 Beginner runs: 62 Lifts
- 28 Intermediate runs 250km off piste
- 11 Advanced runs 1200m 3800m high



## Ski Lessons

Students will have 3 days with 4 hours of ski lessons and 3 days with 5 hours of ski lessons. The ski lessons will be taught by English speaking instructors from the French ski school. Students will not have any free ski time. Prior to the trip I will organise dry slope lessons for all beginners. This will be 4 sessions of 90 minutes at Norfolk Snowsports Club, Trowse for the price of £87.

# Fitness

Skiing is an extremely physical activity which works all parts of your body and 6 days of skiing will be extremely tiring and students must ensure that they are physically and mentally prepared. Please consider if the trip is suitable for your child/ward regarding existing injuries, fitness and resilience. Students need to be willing to 'give it their all' to get the most out of their week and are encouraged to attend the school Fitness Friday sessions to help prepare themselves fully.

# Accommodation – Clubhotel Frejus

Situated in the quintessential village of Villeneuve, Clubhotel Frejus is a 10-minute walk, or a 2-minute free shuttle ride from the new Pontillas gondola lift in Villeneuve.

There are two large beginner areas close to the hotel which offer excellent conditions for the first day for beginners. Ski hire and fitting occurs in the hotel upon arrival, allowing a smooth arrival and departure.

The Frejus has a very welcoming lounge and bar area, complete with a television and pool table, home cinema system and a newly installed log burner.

All guest rooms are en-suite with a maximum capacity of six occupants per room. We have full board accommodation with a buffet breakfast, packed lunch on the mountain and dinner in the hotel. Drinks are not included except for at breakfast.

Please click on the following link to view the hotel and a short video: <u>Clubhotel Frejus, Serre Chevalier</u>

# Après Ski

The hotel offers some good options of in-house entertainment, with swimming, ice skating and shops nearby.

Après ski activities will be confirmed nearer to the departure date but will include a pizza night in a local pizzeria.

## **Tour Operator – SkiBound**

SkiBound are one of the larger school tour operators and have been operating for over 30 years. They are fully bonded by ABTA and ATOL and are also members of the Federation of Tour Operators (FTO) and School Travel Forum (STF) adhering to a rigorous Code of Practice. We used them last year and they have offered us a great deal to return next year.



# Price - £1395

The price includes return flights, coach travel to and from airports, 7 nights full board accommodation, 6 day ski pass, 6 day ski, poles, boots and helmet hire, 3 days x 5 hours and 3 days x 4 hours instructor led lessons, fully comprehensive medical and travel insurance and après ski activities. The only additional costs will be food en-route and pocket money for treats etc. Students wanting to bring their own skis or snowboard will need to pay a supplement luggage charge.

Currently, I have booked five instructors to cover all abilities. There is a possibility we will only need four instructors which will reduce the total cost. If this occurs it will be taken off the final payment.

For students wishing to take the snowboarding option, there will be an additional charge of £65 depending on numbers, as group sizes must be smaller. Snowboarding is only an option if we have enough participants of a similar ability.

## Spaces

Spaces are limited to **40** students and in order to be fair, we will again be selecting 'names out of a hat'. However, due to safety reasons the school reserves the right to refuse a place to a student whose behaviour in the past has shown that we may not be able to trust them to behave appropriately.

## Booking

To confirm your child/ward would be interested in a place on the 2026 trip, please complete the online form using the link below. **The link will close on Monday 7 July 2025 at 10:00 am.** 

Please click the following link: <u>Ski Trip 2026 Trip</u>

The first 40 names will be drawn 'out of a hat' and successful parents/carers will be informed by 3:00 pm on Monday 7 July 2025. If successful, you will then have five working days to pay the non-refundable deposit of £350. The remaining students will be placed on a waiting list in the order of their placement in the draw. In summary, if successful, **please pay the non-refundable deposit of £350 via WisePay by Monday 14 July 2025.** Please let me know if your child/ward no longer wishes to attend so that their place can be offered to someone else on the waiting list. **Deposits are only refundable if another student takes their place and cancellation charges will be applied.** 

I appreciate this is a quick turnaround, but the company are requesting the deposits be paid before the middle of July 2025 to secure the hotel and book flights. Please contact me if there is an issue with the deposit deadline, but your child/ward still wishes to attend.

The remaining pay schedule will be as follows:

- 30 August 2025: £250
- 28 September 2025: £250
- 26 October 2025: £250
- 30 November 2025: £295 (Final payment)



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on <u>c\_burgess@taverhamhigh.org</u>

Yours faithfully

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Mrs C Burgess Trip Organiser

