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24 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: The Ongar Academy Ski Trip 2026 – Sunday 29th March 2026 – Saturday 4th April 2026

After what has been two extremely successful ski trips for The Ongar Academy, I am delighted to announce The Ongar Academy **Ski Trip** to **Santa Caterina, Italy**, in Easter 2026. The trip will run from **Sunday 29th March 2026 – Saturday 4th April 2026**. The trip will run during the Easter holidays next year. This is an exciting opportunity to learn a new sport, perfect your skills if you have been skiing before, have an amazing holiday, and make memories that will last a lifetime! This trip is open to students currently in Year 7-10 (Year 8-11 at time of trip).

Of course, such trips do not come without a sizeable financial commitment. I have managed to keep the cost down to **£1450**. The trip will remain at this price as long as we have full uptake (45 spaces). This includes return flights from London to Italy (1x 20kg hold bag and 1x hand luggage), return coach travel from the school to the airport and from the airport to the resort, hotel (6 nights including breakfast, lunch and dinner at Hotel Abete Blu), the hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets, 5-day lift pass, insurance, a ski trip hoody and helmet cover, and all evening activities (sledging, pizza night, and karaoke night). The only additional cost would be for the purchase of ski clothing (ski jacket, ski trousers, gloves, goggles, socks and baselayers), and any spending money. Your child will require a valid passport and EHIC/GHIC card to attend this trip. There may also be an additional Visa cost of around €7 if this becomes enforced.

I intend to make it possible to spread the cost over as long a period of time as is possible. I know that this is a great deal of money and I appreciate the sacrifices that will need to be made to offer your child this opportunity. I hope that if you are able to do so that they appreciate it too.

Proposed payment schedule:

March 2025 **(by Friday 14th March 2025)**	**£350** (deposit to secure place)
April 2025 **(by Friday 11th April 2025)**	**£160**
May 2025 **(by Friday 9th May 2025)**	**£160**
June 2025 **(by Friday 6th June 2025)**	**£160**
July 2025 **(by Friday 4th July 2025)**	**£160**
September 2025 **(by Friday 5th September 2025)**	**£160**
October 2025 **(by Friday 3rd October 2025)**	**£160**
November 2025 **(by Friday 7th November 2025)**	**£140** (£1450 must have been paid by this date)

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This payment plan should help you keep up to date with payments to ensure that the full amount is more manageable. I have left out August so that you do not need to worry about a payment during the summer holidays and have also set it up so that you are fully paid before Christmas. You can pay in different instalments if you wish, but the dates for the specific minimum amounts to be paid by, must be adhered to in order for us to pay the tour company in time. If you sign up to the trip and then decide that you no longer what the place, it is important to note that all payments are **non-refundable** unless we can find somebody to fill the space.

ParentPay will go live at 8am on Monday 3rd March 2025. If you wish to book your son/daughter a place on the trip please log in to **ParentPay** in order to pay the **£350 deposit by Friday 14th March 2025**, to secure their place. Due to the nature of the trip, numbers are limited (45 spaces) and will therefore be offered on a "first come, first served basis". This trip is extremely popular and I can only advise that you log in to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. I cannot guarantee that places will still be available come Friday 14th March as this has sold out on the day of release for the past two years now. Should you be unsuccessful in securing a place, please email me your child's name and I will add you on to a waiting list. If you would like any more details before you make the deposit payment, then please feel free to contact me **(gfaley@theongaracademy.org)**.

This opportunity naturally comes with the requirement of a good behaviour record and full participation in PE lessons. In order for your son/daughter to keep their place on the trip once sign up has been made, they will need to ensure that they meet the behaviour conditions stated below.

Behaviour Conditions:

To be eligible to go on the ski trip you need to ensure that you meet the following behaviour criteria. If you sign up, but do not meet the sign up criteria then you will be removed from the trip.

To sign up for the trip:

- *Above 92% attendance*
- *No more than 100 behaviour points*

To remain on the trip:

- *Regularly bringing in Ongar PE Kit and participating in PE lessons*
- *Cannot fall below 90% attendance before the trip date*
- *No more than 200 behaviour points this academic year*
- *Zero time spent in the reflection room*
- *Zero suspensions*

I do reserve the right to refuse the place of any student that would present a health and safety risk or whose behaviour does not meet The Ongar Academy's standards.

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I will hold an information evening for those attending the trip on **Thursday 8th January 2026**. This is roughly 11 weeks before departure. At this meeting you will receive important information about the trip and it will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

G. Faley

Miss G Faley
Head of PE & Ski Trip Party Leader

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