



23 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Skiing trip to Serre Chevalier, France

I'm pleased to be able to tell you about an exciting trip the P.E. Department is planning for our students.

We will be staying in Serre Chevalier, France from Saturday 8th February 2025 for 1 week. This trip is open to current Year 7 and 8 students.

Thistley Hough Academy has chosen to travel with SkiBound; they are recognised as the market leader in operating exclusive Clubhotels in France. They are completely financially protected by ABTA and ATOL, meaning in the event of any unlikely unexpected occurrence your money is protected.



The trip includes:

- Return coach transfer from school to Manchester airport.
- Return flights from Manchester to Chambéry (TBC)
- Coach transfer from Chambéry airport to resort
- 7 nights full board accommodation including breakfast, hot lunches and a 3-course evening meal.
- 6-day lift pass
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance including medical, redundancy cover, travel delay, personal liability, 24-hour emergency services, ski breakage and snow guarantee.
- Ski equipment hire for 6 days (skis, boots and poles) including helmets.
- 4 hours of ski tuition per day with fully qualified staff
- A bespoke ski trip hoody

The Academy is requesting a voluntary contribution of £1,420 to cover these costs. Payment needs to be paid on ParentPay and the attached reply slip needs to be returned to Mrs Baldwin. **Paying the initial non-refundable deposit will reserve a place on the trip.** Please be aware that if we do not receive sufficient contributions this trip will not be able to take place.

A non-refundable initial deposit of £200 is due by 3rd November 2023.



Trip refunds

1. All initial deposits are non-refundable.
2. If your child changes their mind about the trip or you withdraw your child from the trip for any reason (subject to point 3), any payment for the trip will still be payable unless the student can be substituted. This is due to the fact the Academy will be charged in full for the reserved place.
3. If your child is unable to attend the trip at the last moment for a legitimate reason supported by a medical certificate, i.e. illness or injury, then a refund of payments will be made where the requirements for a claim on the Academy's insurance has been met. The initial deposit still remains non-refundable.

This will then leave an amount of £1,220 to be paid, the **minimum monthly payment plan** is outlined below:

Amount Due	Date
£155	24 th November 2023
£155	26 th January 2024
£155	23 rd February 2024
£155	29 th March 2024
£150	26 th April 2024
£150	31 st May 2024
£150	28 th June 2024
£150	26 th July 2024

However, the total balance or more than the stated payment amount per month may be paid at any point.

Please also note that a valid passport will be required for your child – this needs to have at least 6 months left on it to travel within Europe.

Further details will be provided and an opportunity for you to ask questions at a trip meeting for parents/carers and students at a later date which will be confirmed in due course. However, if you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at meg.baldwin@thistleyhoughacademy.org.uk or telephone 01782 883500.

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.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to Mrs Baldwin as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

M. Baldwin

Mrs. M Baldwin
Head of PE



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Student Name: **Form:**

I give permission for my child to attend Ski trip to Serre Chevalier, France.

I *give/*do not give consent for my child to be filmed / photographed during the event.
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

I *give/*do not give consent for photographs/filming of my child to be used on our social media platforms, within newsletters, and other promotional material for Thistley Hough Academy and/or Creative Education Trust.
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Signed: Tel No:
Parent/Carer

Medical information/Dietary Requirements:

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Emergency Contact: *(if different from above)*

Name: Tel No: