

Our ref: BDO/RKR

2 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski Trip Final Arrangements

I am now in a position where I can confirm final arrangements for the upcoming Ski Trip (with the exception of any late, unforeseen, changes by airline companies to flight times). Please read this letter carefully and respond to any requests made within it.

Travel arrangements

Outbound (Saturday 29 March 2025)

Students to arrive at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy: 08:45

Coach departs Sir Thomas Wharton Academy: 09:15

Flight departure time (Manchester): 14:25 – EJU4054

Flight landing time (Venice Marco Polo): 15:50 (local time)

Inbound (Friday 4 April 2025)

Flight departure time (Milan Malpensa): 10:35 (local time) – FR2758

Flight landing time (London Stansted): 11:40 (local time)

Approximate arrival time at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy: 18:30

Students must be on time in the morning to pack the coach and check all documentation. Please ensure you check you have both passport and GHIC card prior to leaving your home to travel to the Academy. Due to flight times, checking baggage at the airport and security processes, we will not be able to wait for any students that are late to the Academy on the morning of departure.

Luggage details

As we are flying with both EasyJet and Ryanair, we are restricted to their baggage policies that are summarised below. Students will all have one 20kg checked bag allowance (this should include your ski wear), which will be dropped at the check-in desk before security.

Students will also be permitted to carry one small bag, that must fit under the seat in front (40 x 20 x 25cm). If the small bag does not fit in the baggage sizers, which are placed at every boarding gate, the airline will tag the bag and place it in the aircraft hold, subject to payment of a gate bag fee. Please note, Ryanair has the smaller requirements for both cabin bag and hold luggage so ensure that your baggage meets the Ryanair requirements.



If carrying a small bag onboard the aircraft, please take note of permitted items on board on the following links (we are flying with two separate airlines so insure hand luggage is fit for purpose with both airlines):

<https://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/cabin-bags?msockid=2bf3f655f08667e70bcce594f1fc663b>

<https://help.ryanair.com/hc/en-gb/categories/12502999419409-Permitted-Items-On-Board#What%20liquids%20are%20permitted%20on%20board>

A point to consider is taking liquids on board, which we recommend are kept to a minimum and are stored in the checked bag. We have outlined these requirements below:

- Each item of Liquid carried must be in a container of no more than 100ml (3.4 ounces).
- All liquids should be carried in a single, transparent, re-sealable plastic bag of up to 20cm x 20cm with a total capacity of up to 1 litre (provided at the airport).
- You must be able to completely seal the bag and be able to fit it in your hand baggage.
- The bag of liquids must be taken out of other hand baggage to be screened separately.

Passports and GHIC

Students will need their Passports and GHIC cards and these will be checked before boarding the coach. Without them, your child will not be permitted to travel with the group. Students will hand these to staff prior to departure and will have them reissued at the airport. Passports are the responsibility of the student. Upon arrival at the accommodation, passports will be stored in a safety deposit box.



Please can you **complete the following form**, as a matter of urgency, to share your **child's GHIC details**, to ensure that we have these on file, if the card is lost (follow the link or scan the QR code with the camera on your phone): <https://forms.office.com/e/uGPVPZNKbN>

If you do not have a GHIC please apply for one as a matter of urgency here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Clothing

As a reminder, the 6-night stay includes 5 days skiing, 6-night half board, hot on-mountain lunches at The Malghet Aut restaurant and a full evening activities programme. As shared previously, and at the parent's information evening, ski's, ski boots, ski poles, helmets and lift passes are all included in the cost of the trip. Ski clothing/gloves/goggles/sunglasses are *not* provided. Attached to this letter is the suggested packing list and a reminder of key contacts.

Additional Money

As the trip is all inclusive there is no need to bring any additional money. Your child may, however, wish to purchase snacks in the airport or on the mountain, or may wish to purchase



souvenirs during the trip. This is at your discretion and students are responsible for their own money.

General Behaviour

Please note that where your child's behaviour is deemed to not meet the expectations of the Academy, Sir Thomas Wharton Academy reserves the right to make adjustments to planned activities. Where safety is of concern, in conjunction with instructors, a decision may be made to withdraw your child from taking part in ski lessons for a period of time. I trust that you understand that this is in the best interests and safety of all participants on the trip, and I encourage you to have these discussions with your child prior to departure.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact me on the following email address: b.dobson@stwacademy.com

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B Dobson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. B Dobson
Ski Trip Leader



Sample Ski Kit List (provided by Max Ski)

Please feel free to adapt as you see fit, but these are what we believe to be the essentials for a successful, comfortable trip.

- Passport/money/EHIC/GHIC card (carried in a travel wallet preferably)
- Small hold-all for taking on the plane, better still a small rucksack that can also be used on the mountains to carry spare kit/food
- Ski Jacket
- Ski trousers/salopettes
- Long ski specific socks (a pair a day is the ideal, but you can wear a pair every two days)
- Base layer(s) – ideally a top with wicking/thermal properties
- Long Johns – optional
- Layers for skiing e.g. thin fleece, jumper etc.
- Buff or scarf
- Ski gloves
- Ski helmet (your own if you wish; they are included in the package as standard)
- Ski goggles/sunglasses (one or the other or both, but at least one!)
- Water bottle for taking on the mountain
- Woolly hat/beanie
- Nightwear
- Toiletries/shaving equipment etc
- Hairdryer etc
- Brush
- Personal medication/first aid
- High-factor sunscreen for those glorious sunny days at the top of the mountain!
- Lip salve/balm
- Underwear/socks etc
- Casual clothes for wearing around resort and in the hotel. Ski resorts are generally very relaxed when it comes to clothing. Jeans/t-shirts/hoodies are acceptable in every setting
- Sturdy shoes/boots with grips, for walking around resort and to/from the mountain
- Music/headphones/iPod etc & chargers
- European plug adaptors
- Books/magazines
- Travel comforts e.g. neck pillow; snacks etc



Trip Organiser Company Details

The trip has been organised in conjunction with Max Ski, an experienced Tour Operator who organise ski trips for Schools and Colleges. They are members of the School Travel Forum, ABTA and all tours are ATOL protected (ATOL 6698).

www.maxski.com

Ski Wear Hire & Purchase Company – AC Sports

<https://acsports.co.uk/>

Insurance

Here are some of our key points to note about our insurance offer. Full details are available on request:

- Covid-19 cancellation cover – if passengers test positive for Covid-19 or have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus.
- Cover of additional costs of accommodation and flights should someone in your party contract Covid-19 and have to self-isolate whilst on your tour.
- Comprehensive winter sports
- No excess (excluding luggage) on claims
- No exemptions for pre-existing medical conditions
- Up to £20 million medical cover per person

