St Anselm's Catholic School

(A Voluntary Aided School in the Archdiocese of Southwark)

Principle: Mr P Rowarth, BA (Hons) NPQH

"faith seeking understanding"

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ski Trip – Gressoney, Italy, 23rd-30th January 2027

We are pleased to announce that we have organised our annual Ski Trip for current Years 8, 9, and 11 students for January 2027. Over the past few weeks, we have been rolling out an introductory assembly to all eligible students and it has been greatly received. For your information, we have compiled some information for yourselves.

We shall be travelling with Interski – a well-established and reliable company that we have been using over the past couple of years. Based at the centre of the Monterosa 'three valleys' in Italy, Gressoney is actually two villages: Gressoney-La-Trinité and Gressoney-Saint-Jean. Champoluc and Alagna are also part of the Monterosa ski circuit, a large network of lifts and pistes, and some great off-piste terrain. Despite its excellent ski area, all three resorts are unspoilt and quiet, with a friendly, authentic Italian ambience. As such, Monterosa is considered by many to be one of Europe's best kept secrets.

The cost of the ski trip is £1510, which will be payable by an initial £200 non-returnable deposit and then 5 payments of £262 (*or you can pay in full*) which must be settled by October 2026.

The cost includes

- Luxury coach travel, school to resort and return including tunnel or ferry crossing
- Five nights full board accommodation with hot lunches provided on the slopes
- Hire of ski boots, skis, ski poles and helmets
- 5 x 4hr lessons with the Italian Ski School
- 5 day whole area lift pass
- Snow guarantee
- In-house entertainment package
- Piste closure guarantee
- Comprehensive insurance cover
- No Surcharge guarantee

The cost does not include the following:
Individual pocket money, Ski clothing (normally hired), Individual passport, or dry-slope ski lessons (*optional*)

The full cost of each student must be met by the parents/carers. However, if your child is Pupil Premium/Free School Meals, then some financial support could be made available. This launch letter and ParentPay will be sent out to all eligible year groups at exactly the same time to allow people a fair opportunity to enrol. If you wish your son or daughter to go on this trip, please make a payment of £200 for the first deposit on ParentPay and then return the slip below to Mr Barry or Mr Lloyd. A payment plan will be set up for you and obviously, the sooner the deposit is paid, the longer you will have to spread the monthly costs. There will be a limit of 42 student places available. Going on previous years' experience, the trip is likely to be over-subscribed and therefore places will be offered on a first come-first served basis. A Reserve list will then be set up (*as some students do drop out across the year*).

In an attempt to remove cash and cheques from school we are asking parents to use our e-payment method to pay for school trips this year. To make an e-payment please go to the following secure website www.parentpay.com. If you have any concerns regarding the use of ParentPay or have mislaid your login details please contact b.williams@st-anselms.org.uk. If you have any concerns about meeting the costs of this event, please contact your child's House Team.

An email confirming your child's place on the trip will follow shortly after the launch. Full details about pre-trip activities, parents' evenings and the trip itself will also be sent out around May 2026. If there are any further queries at this stage please contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Barry and Mr R Lloyd, Party Leaders
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CONSENT FORM:

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My son/daughter wishes to be considered for the above trip and has paid £200 deposit via www.parentpay.com. I understand that the deposit is non-refundable if my child is selected.

Student Name: …… Form……

Parent Signature: …… Date: ……...