



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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October 2025

Ski Tour – 14th February – 20th February 2027 – Pinzolo/Madonna, Italy – Y7 to Y12

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce details of the next school ski tour, which will take place between Sunday 14th and Saturday 20th February 2027, open to students from Year 7 to Year 12. We will again be travelling during the February half-term, which provides excellent snow conditions and an exciting opportunity for students to experience skiing in one of Italy's most scenic alpine areas.

This year's trip will be to Pinzolo, part of the world-renowned Madonna di Campiglio ski region in the Italian Dolomites. The resort offers access to over 150km of slopes in the Skirama Dolomiti area, with a wide range of runs suitable for all abilities – from gentle beginner pistes to challenging red and black runs. Pinzolo also features modern lift systems, snow parks, and links to the larger Madonna di Campiglio area, providing a fantastic range of skiing experiences. Students will stay at the Olympic Regina Hotel, located within walking distance of the resort centre and offering comfortable accommodation, full board meals, and traditional Italian hospitality.

The school has once again chosen Halsbury Travel to operate the trip. Halsbury are an experienced school ski tour company, protected by ABTA and ATOL, and accredited by the School Travel Forum and Learning Outside the Classroom schemes.

The cost of the trip is £1,990, which includes:

- Full board accommodation (including hot lunches on the slopes)
- Equipment hire – skis, boots, poles, and helmet
- Five-day ski lift pass (with Madonna di Campiglio extension)
- Five days of ski tuition (5 hours per day) with qualified instructors
- Return flights from the UK and all coach transfers
- Comprehensive medical insurance provided by the school

Not included in the price:

- Individual ski clothing (approx. £150 to purchase)
- Valid UK passport. If not travelling on a UK passport you will need to arrange your own visa at your own expense and in enough time to travel.
- Spending money (approx. €100–150)
- Optional snowdome/dry slope training in the UK (approx. £120, compulsory for beginners – organised separately by Mr Finch)

We appreciate that this is a significant financial commitment, and we have worked hard to secure a trip that offers excellent value for money. Students eligible for Pupil Premium may receive up to £100 of financial support, credited to the second payment. Other cases for financial assistance will be considered individually via the school's support form, available on the QMGS [website](#). Please note that all payments are non-refundable, and prices may be adjusted only in the event of exceptional fluctuations in travel or fuel costs. Any necessary changes to the itinerary (for example, due to snow conditions) will be equal to or better than the arrangements described.

Parents can sign up for the trip via ParentMail. Places for all year groups will open on Saturday the 1st of November. As previous ski tours have sold out rapidly, early sign-up is strongly advised.

Payment Schedule

- On parent mail now, deadline of the 1st of December: Trip deposit of £350
- 1st February 2025: Payment of £300
- 1st March 2026: Payment of £300
- 1st April 2026: Payment of £300
- 1st June 2026: Payment of £300
- 1st September 2026: Payment of £440

(Alternative monthly payment options may be arranged, provided payments are not made after the deadlines above.)

For further information, please contact Mr Rendu by **email**:

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Yours sincerely,

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