



THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

16th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ski Trip – Pila, Italy – February 2026

We are excited to announce that we will be running a ski trip to Pila, Italy in February 2026. School ski trips are an incredible experience and offer many benefits and opportunities. Students will be able to enjoy the thrill of skiing and the wonders of the mountain environment, whilst also immersing themselves fully in the local culture, creating long lasting memories and forming strong friendship bonds along the way.

Main Trip Details

Destination	Pila, Italy
Date of Travel	14 th February 2026
Date of Return	21 st February 2026
Cost	£1700
Main Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return travel by executive coach• 5 nights' accommodation• All meals• A 5-day lift pass for Pila• 5 days' tuition• 5 days' equipment hire• Evening après-ski activities• Comprehensive travel insurance, including winter sports

Tour Operator

We have chosen to book our trip through Interski, a specialist school tour operator with over 40 years' experience. Interski are members of ABTA and also hold an ATOL licence. They are also members of the School Travel Forum and have been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge. For more information on Interski, please visit www.interski.co.uk.

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Information Evening

To find out more, we will be holding an information evening for all parents of interested pupils, on **Wednesday 29th January 2025 from 6pm - 7pm**, where more detailed information about the trip will be provided.

To confirm your attendance at the parent information evening please complete the Google form [Ski trip to Pila - Information Evening](#)

In the meantime, please contact me for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jayne Mortimer
Outdoor Education Lead

ELIGIBILITY

Should the trip be oversubscribed, the trip organiser will select participants at random and create a waiting list. It is important that you pay your deposit by the deadline given – late payments will not be accepted. Any unpaid deposits will result in your child losing their place, and the next student on the waiting list will be offered the place.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Interski operate using Trust Accounts. This means that all money paid to Interski is held by their fully Independent Trustees until you arrive back from the trip. This method of protecting consumer monies is one of the most robust available and is fully compliant with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations.

PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN

Please see below the instalments broken down for the trip. Payments and consent can be made via the school's online payment platform IRIS.

Please note by giving consent and payment via IRIS, you are also giving consent for your child to have "free time" with remote supervision in the accommodation if applicable.

Please note that students entitled to the Pupil Premium can use this allowance to pay for part of the trip excluding the deposit (subject to sufficient funds remaining).

31 st January 2025	£350 (initial deposit, non-refundable)
28 th February 2025	£150
31 st March 2025	£150
30 th April 2025	£150
31 st May 2025	£150
30 th June 2025	£150
31 st July 2025	£150
31 st August 2025	£150
30 th September 2025	£150
31 st October 2025	£150

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION

At the time of travel, students must have a valid UK passport with more than six months remaining on their passports. This is subject to change depending on Government guidelines. All students will require a UK GHIC/EHIC card to travel. Holders of British

passports do not need a visa to enter Italy. If your child does not hold a British passport, we advise you check the entry requirements for Italy with your embassy.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

In the event that you are unable to go on the trip, we will endeavour to recover, from the tour company, what is allowable under the conditions (see below).

“If you or any member of your party, decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing by us and acknowledged and will be effected from the date on which we receive it”.

Period before departure in which you notify us	Cancellation Charge
More than 70 days	Initial and interim deposits only
35-70 days before departure	50% of the total trip cost
34-14 days before departure	75% of the total trip cost
Less than 14 days	100% of the total trip cost

Full terms and conditions:

https://www.interski.co.uk/Downloads/Schools/Schools_T&Cs_Standard.pdf

The school reserves the right to cancel the trip should there be insufficient numbers. In these circumstances any monies paid will be refunded.