

15 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

OPTIONAL VISIT TO VALMEINER, FRANCE

It is our aim at Chase Terrace Academy to enable all pupils to succeed and thrive. We propose to arrange a visit to **Valmeiner, France**, leaving on Friday 27th March 2026 and returning on Friday 3rd April 2026. The visit is open to pupils who are currently in Years 9-12 (providing that they are physically fit and healthy enough to cope with the demands of a sporting holiday and that their behaviour and attendance record is good).

This trip will explore a new area for most CTA pupils and staff. The venue has been confirmed with "Select School Skiing" and we will be staying at the Villages Club La Louza. The cost of the trip is **£1437** per pupil.

What is included in this price?

- Coach travel to and from Valmeiner, France
- Channel crossing
- Travel Insurance.
- Full Board.
- Skis / Boots / Poles / Helmet hire.
- 5 hours of skiing lessons per day.
- 5 days of skiing.
- Lift Pass for the whole area
- Evening Entertainment
- Fun!

What do I need to do if I would like my child to come on the trip?

This trip is being offered to pupils currently in Year 9 and above. Please return the reply slip at the bottom of this letter by 22nd January 2025 with a valid email address (communication will be mostly via email). If your child is offered a place, then an account will be set up for you on **MCAS**. Please pay the first non-refundable deposit of **£100** by **Wednesday 29th January 2025**.

At this stage we are ONLY asking pupils to apply for a place on the trip as it maybe oversubscribed. There are approx. 40 places available.

If your child is allocated a place on the trip you will be notified email. The first deposit will then be required by Wednesday 29th January. Please note that this and further deposits are non-refundable without a medical reason from a doctor or medical practitioner.

Please note that skiing is a physical activity that will require a certain level of fitness to be enjoyed fully. The school reserves the right to deny a student access to this trip if fitness, health or behaviour is in doubt.

Please be aware that the first and second deposit are non-refundable and are a commitment to a place on the trip, after which full payment in line with the payment schedule listed below is required.

Payment Scheme

Payment	Amount	Due Date
First Deposit (non-refundable)	£100 per pupil	Wednesday 29th January 2025
Second Deposit (non-refundable)	£201 per pupil	Wednesday 26th March 2025
1 payment per month (over 8 months)	£142 per pupil	By 30 th of each month, starting from 30 th April.

Payments should be made via MCAS as cash payments WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and will be returned. If you have any issues with MCAS please contact Mrs Heames-Read l.heamesread@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk who will be able to rectify this for you.

What if my child's place is cancelled?

Participants attending this visit will need to have a record of good behaviour and attendance and demonstrate that they can obey safety and other rules. Anyone whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the trip has been booked may be excluded or required to return home early and any expenses incurred, which cannot be recovered, will be the responsibility of parents/carers.

Occasionally parents/carers decide to cancel their child's place on visits. Though everything will be done to fill this place, this isn't always possible. In this event, the reimbursement of monies is dependent on the fulfilment of the place as well as the cancellation terms of the travel company. If you do decide to cancel your child's place you must inform the school immediately. Failure to do so may result in you being charged the full amount for your child's place, irrelevant of whether they attend the visit.

Notification of medical conditions or special needs

Advance warning is needed of any participants with special medical or other needs to ensure all health and safety considerations have been made. Parents/carers must inform the school of any relevant medical or other needs on the consent form. Residential courses will require an 'Education Visit Medical Form' to be completed no more than seven days prior to the start of the visit. This must be returned during the week before the visit and no participant may join the visit unless this form has been received. Notification of dietary needs for sound medical, ethical or religious reasons must also be made.

Health and safety information

All educational visits are covered by the school's RPA insurance. Your child will be expected to be responsible enough to wear any seatbelt provided until informed that it may be released.

A parents evening will be arranged closer to the time to give more details of times, itinerary and other information. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to allow your child to attend the trip to this amazing place. It will be a highlight of their time here at Chase Terrace Academy and they will have a truly remarkable time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Scholes
Trip Leader

PARENTAL CONSENT

Forms should be returned to **Mrs Scholes** no later than **22 January 2025**.

Trip: VALMEINER, FRANCE

Date: 27th March 2026 and returning on Friday 3rd April 2026

I wish to confirm a place for my child
tutor Group to take part in the **Ski Trip 2026** trip.

Medical/dietary details - My child has the following medical or dietary needs

.....
.....
.....
.....

I understand that

- I am giving permission for my child to take part in an adventurous physical activity.
- I must declare on this form any medical conditions which might affect my child whilst away.
- The payment schedule as detailed in the letter
- That anyone whose behaviour becomes unacceptable after the trip has been booked may be removed from the trip.
- That an initial non-refundable deposit of **£100** will need to be paid via **MCAS** by **29th January 2025**

Name:

Signed:

(Person with Parental Responsibility)

Email

Date.....

Photographs/Social Media. I give consent for photographs and film to be taken and used in school or education service promotional information, school website, Facebook and Twitter.

Yes No (please circle)

Please return this slip by 22 January 2025.