

Dear Parents and Students,

We are delighted to share an exciting update about the Wimbledon High School Ski Team Programme for the 2026/27 season and this letter outlines the year's plans for training, competitions, and payments.

To provide greater opportunities for skill development, we are expanding our training programme to 14 sessions across the academic year. Sessions will take place on Friday evenings time tbc at Oakwood Ski Centre, Sandown Racecourse, Esher.

We are also in discussions with a highly regarded slalom coach, who we hope will attend every session to provide expert technical and race focused coaching. Further details will follow in September.

In addition to training, the team will compete in a range of events throughout the season, including NSSA, ESSKIA, and Surrey Schools Championships competitions. These events take place on both snow and dry slopes across venues such as Hemel Hempstead, Aldershot, and Sandown, and are scheduled on both weekdays and weekends. School transport will be for the competitions at Hemel Hempstead that take place during a weekday, while students attending weekend competitions will need to arrange their own travel.

We plan to hold trials on Friday 18th September, time tbc at Oakwood Ski Centre, Sandown Racecourse, Esher. Following the trials, a maximum of 24 students will be selected for the 2026/27 squad.

A key change this season is that competition entries will be managed through a single bulk payment at the start of the year. This will allow us to enter the entire team into each event and maximise racing opportunities for all athletes.

The total cost for the season, covering training, instructors, coaches, weekday transport to and from competitions, and competition fees, will be a single annual payment of £800. We ask for an initial payment of £400 by 23rd September, with the remaining £400 due by 11th October.

We will also be holding a Teams call on Tuesday 8th September after the Sport Welcome Evening Meeting online (details of which are in Coutts' letter dated 24.06.26), to discuss further details and answer any questions.

In the meantime, if you are interested in your daughter being involved in the team, please email me at k.lewis@wim.gdst.net to express your interest.

We are very much looking forward to another exciting and successful ski season and to welcoming both new and returning members to the team.

Best wishes,

Kitty Lewis