

## Elite Performer Case Study - Reece Pike

Reece is an Elite Performer in skiing and competes with school support at a regional, national and international level.

### What's your greatest achievement over the last year ?

During the winter of this year I was invited to compete in the French National Championship taking place in Mongègne. I placed 1<sup>st</sup> position out of qualification for the final by 0.01s against France's top 300 athletes.

I am also a team member of The Friary School ski team, the Telford ski team and Esf LesGets Race Team.



### How has the school helped you this year with the Elite Performers Scheme ?

This year I had the opportunity to be able to get out into the French Alps where we live for 3 months. This allowed me to race in international races and also be selected to compete in the French National Championship.

School helped me get my work and be able to keep on top of my GCSE work in an important period of school for me. Miss Oldfield made sure I had everything I needed and chased up anything with teachers to ensure I was sent all relevant work. Mr Sleight made sure that I kept in regular touch with school life was available on emails to stay updated with my racing and has pushed me to achieve what I wanted. Mr Allman helped with approving everything from school and allowing me this fantastic opportunity, competing in English Schools events and now international competitions.



### What are your aims for next year ?

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I was the first member of the school to represent the school at SchoolsGolf events and hope future aspiring golfers want to compete too.

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