

September 2021



Dear parent/carer

Ski Trip – Austria 2022

We are delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to accept instalments for our planned ski trip to Austria in April 2022. Due to the high level of interest in the trip, student places will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis, once the non-refundable initial deposit of £100.00 has been paid. This trip is open to students in Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13.

Students will leave school on Friday 1st April and travel by coach to and from Austria, returning to school on Friday 8th April. Travel, accommodation, ski lessons, ski equipment hire and food are all included in the cost of the trip. Students will also receive a ski trip hoodie. Students will be required to bring clothing appropriate for cold weather and ski wear: ski pants; ski jacket; ski gloves and thermal undergarments, including socks. Further information regarding the practicalities of this trip will be discussed at an information meeting, to be held at a later date, closer to the time of the trip.

If your child suffers from asthma or requires an EpiPen, it is your responsibility to ensure that the appropriate medication is provided for this trip.

The total cost of this trip is £850.00. If you would like your child to participate, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £100.00, before Friday 15th October. Please note that by paying the non-refundable deposit, you are agreeing for your child to attend this trip and all subsequent payments (also non-refundable) must be made by the dates set out below:

Second instalment of £200.00 by Tuesday 30th November

Third instalment of £150.00 by Friday 31st December

Fourth instalment of £200.00 by Sunday 30th January

Balance of £200.00 by Monday 28th February

It is your responsibility as a parent/guardian to ensure that your child has a valid passport, that expires at least 6 months after they return from the trip, but also within 10 years of passport issue date (e.g. where additional months are added to the end of the passport, the additional months are no longer valid).

Parents must also ensure that students have valid EHIC cards for the duration of the trip – if not they will need to apply for the new free GHIC card. Students who hold a non-EU passport will also require a valid Visa.

Please note that we are limited to a maximum of 44 places, across Years 9 - 13. Only students with an exemplary record of behaviour will be eligible. We must also stress that students who are demonstrating consistently poor behaviour in the lead up to the trip, may have their places revoked. This visit will only take place if we have a sufficient number of students and confirmed payments. If the trip is cancelled, payments will be fully refunded. This will also be the case if the trip has to be cancelled close to the departure date for any COVID restrictions in place at that time.

Details of the accommodation we are staying in, which is located close to the slopes and the centre of the village, near Saalbach, can be found via the link below:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/course-types/skiing-and-snowboarding/hotels/gasthof-unterwirt>

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Due to the current situation, we are unable to place a hold on the hotel booking until we have paid a deposit. If the situation arises where the hotel is no longer available, we will look for alternative destinations with the same price bracket. Failing that, we will have no choice, but to postpone the trip and full refunds will be given.

Payments must be made via ParentPay. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the school office, who will provide a barcode letter to enable payment at a PayPoint, which is linked to your ParentPay account. If your child receives free school meals and payment should present a problem, please contact one of the Trip Co-ordinators at the bottom of the letter.

By consenting on ParentPay, you agree to:

- Your child taking part in the visit as detailed above;
- A member of staff giving consent for your child to receive appropriate medical treatment in the event of an emergency.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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