

Ski Visit to Austria: February half-term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

After the disappointing cancellation of the 2021 Ski Trip, we are very pleased to be again offering our students the chance to take part in this exciting visit. The ski trip will be an opportunity for students to learn to ski under the careful supervision of fully qualified instructors. We will be offering this opportunity to 43 current Year 8 and 9 students and hope that you will agree with us that it would be a great learning experience for your child. The visit will be organised and run in conjunction with HTS Total Ski who are specialists in this field with more than 40 years of school travel experience. Details can be found on their website; www.htstotalski.com

The trip will depart from The Priory Academy LSST on **Friday, 10th February 2023** when we will travel by executive coach to the Austrian Alps. The group will then spend the half term week improving their skiing before returning to the UK on **Saturday, 19th February 2023**. Our chosen hotel will be the Hotel Alte Post in Fulmes. It is based in the picturesque area of Stubai Valley, which has a good range of local facilities and opportunities for evening activities. We will be skiing on the **Stubai Glacier** and using the area that surrounds it. With many kilometres of varied ski runs and a high quality lift system, it is perfectly suited for both beginners and improvers. The Stubai glacier region peaking at 3300m itself is well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions. The hotel itself is three star rated and comes well recommended with good facilities including a disco, games and recreation room and swimming pool.

The cost of the trip is £1120 per person.

This price includes:

- 6 x 5 hours ski tuition per day including lift pass;
- Ski/ boot/ helmet hire;
- All travel by executive coach;
- Comprehensive travel and ski insurance;
- Full board accommodation including packed lunch on the slopes;
- En suite rooms for all students.
- Evening activities including; bowling, ice skating and curling.

For the standard of accommodation and skiing this is a very good price and it should be noted that demand this year is very high with many schools nationally having the same February half-term. We therefore, unfortunately, require a quick turnaround on this to secure places.

There are a limited number of places on this trip. The following procedure has been put in place when returning any replies and payment.

Headteacher: Mrs J Hopkinson



As a school we are also aware of the changing global response to the Covid-19 epidemic; with this in mind we will be regularly checking on the requirements for entering Austria and the UK. Depending on the requirements closer to the time we may have to request further testing or documentation to ensure a smooth travel experience. We will ensure that you are kept fully up to date on changes closer to the time of departure.

- 1. All replies should be completed by the end of morning registration on **Friday 12th November 2021**. However, if the places are not filled the trip will be advertised to other students. Replies will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline or through any other method.
- 2. Once all applications have been received, we will inform you as to whether your child has been successful or not by Friday 26th November 2021, with initial £150 deposits being required at that stage by **Friday 10th December 2021** to confirm the place. Payment will be in the form of a non-refundable deposit and then the balance in part payments. Once you have committed to pay, your payment will not be returned in the event of you wishing to withdraw your child from the visit. The exceptions being if a replacement can be found, or if there are exceptional circumstances.

Payments will be required as follows:

Initial Deposit £150 – upon acceptance – by Friday 10th December 2021; Second Payment £300 - by Friday 25th February 2022

Third Payment £350 – by Friday 27th May 2022;

Balance Payment £323 – by Friday 30th September 2022.

Please also note that the Academy will make the final decision as to whether any student should or should not be included on the visit.

Please complete the slip below if you would like your child to be considered for the visit.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hill Trip Leader

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https://forms.office.com/r/g3dSgPbAYD

Please complete the form by the end of morning registration on Friday 12th November 2021.