

1st March 2019

Ski Visit Austria: February Half-term 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the success of the recently returned 2019 Ski Trip, we are very pleased to again be offering your child 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 of next year's 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; <a href="https://www.htstotalski.com">www.htstotalski.com</a>

The trip will depart from The Priory Academy LSST on Friday, 14th February 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, 22nd February. Our chosen hotel will be the Jugendhotel Niederegg, Saalbach. It is based in the pretty village of Saalbach which has a good range of local facilities and opportunities for evening activities. We will be skiing in the Saalbach-Hinterglemm Resort 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 Saalbach region itself is well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions. The ski resort is one of the largest linked resorts in Austria and hosted the world cup championships in the early 1990s. It boasts an attractive and unspoilt area, with a good range of amenities. The hotel itself is 3 star rated and comes well recommended with good facilities including a sports hall and games room.

## The cost of the trip is £1030 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 lunches on the slopes;
- En suite rooms for all students.

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





- 1. All replies should be taken to Student Reception and must be in by the end of morning registration on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Places will be allocated by a random computerised draw. However, those students who do not receive a place on this trip will be placed on a reserve list and monitored in terms of other visits taking place during the year. Replies will not be accepted if they arrive after the deadline or through any other method. Please advise your child to hand their reply in personally and not to pass it on to one of their friends.
- 2. Once all applications have been received we will inform you as to whether your child has been successful or not, with initial £300 deposits being required at that stage by Tuesday 26th March 2019 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 can not be returned in the event of you wishing to withdraw your child from the visit. The exceptions being if a replacement can been found, or if there are exceptional circumstances.

Payments will b	e required	as follows:
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Initial Deposit £300 – upon acceptance – by 26 March 2019;

**Second Payment £250** – by 17 May 2019;

**Third Payment £250** – by 12 July 2019.

Final Payment £230 – by 11 October 2019.

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

Miss J L Heckford Mr P Ryland

Trip Leader Trip Leader

## Ski Visit - 14 - 22 February 2019 - Saalbach - Hinterglemm, Austria

Name of student	Tutor Group	Date
I would like my child to be considered for their place has been confirmed. I also agre		-
Signed	Name(	please print)

Please return the slip to Student Reception by the end of morning registration on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Do not include any payment at this time.

(Parent/Carer)