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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2025 - Zillertal, Austria. February 14th 2025 to February 23rd 2025.

After a successful 2024 trip to SkiWelt, we are planning for next year. We are going to a similar area but with a much higher peak to ensure the best ski conditions.

Austria has been our destination for a number of years now. The generally good snow and the wide range of pistes makes it an excellent choice. Austria is also a little cheaper than many of the French or Italian resorts we are offered. This year we are planning to travel to the Zillertal ski area. It is big ski area that caters for all standards of skiers from beginners (our favourite group) up to experienced skiers who can put in big mileage each day.

Zillertal offers **a total of 180 lifts for winter sports**. Skiers can expect exhilarating **fun on 544 kilometres of ski slopes** – with enjoyable carving slopes, long, sporty valley runs and demanding routes for real experts. Adrenalin junkies can also choose from snow parks, numerous racing and speed courses and many easily accessible freeride routes, as well as deep, pristine snow hills. There are **80 huts** in the skiing valley which are perfect stop-offs for enjoying a bit of time out from your sporting activities on the slopes.

We will be staying in the nearby town of Bruck am Ziller at the Hotel Ederleiten, (<https://www.eberleiten.at>). The Gasthof Eberleiten is a traditional youth hotel, which was modernised to make it an ideal accommodation for school groups in 2009. Accommodation is on a full board basis with breakfast being served as a buffet style, while dinner is served to the table and includes a salad buffet. Guests are able to make up their own packed lunch over breakfast and water is available with all meals.

The cost of this trip will be in the region of £1600 depending upon numbers. This is an increase on the 2024 price. Some of this is down to a change in tour operator, but mostly it is down to the increased costs of fuel and lift passes. After the success of this year, we have decided to carry on with 5 hours per day of ski tuition. As ever we have also priced in the cost of an extra instructor to keep the ski groups as small as possible.

This price includes:

- Return **coach travel** from Altrincham to resort.
- Travel to and from the slopes daily.
- 6 days' ski instruction (5 hours per day) including lift pass, ski, and helmet rental.
- Instruction will be in groups of around 1:9 students on average. If required, we always pay for extra instructors to ensure each group gets the best, most relevant tuition.
- All breakfast and evening meals. A packed lunch, although many will choose to purchase a hot meal option on the slopes.

- A selection of evening activities which have included bowling, pizza night and a trip to a nearby town in previous years.
- A tour 'hoodie'.
- Relevant Health Insurance.

We are planning to take 50 students alongside 6 staff members on the trip during half term next February.

A word of warning for students presently in Year 8.

Often the Y9 Barcelona football trip overlaps with the ski trip departure. If you sign up for the ski trip and subsequently wish to swap onto the football trip, we cannot guarantee that any payments will be refunded.

Cost

The cost will be £1600 paid in four equal amounts.

- £400 initial deposit
- Three more payments of £400 in May, July, and September.

We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no student will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made, we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

Application process

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an Expression of Interest Form using this [link](#). Once numbers are confirmed, we will email to request you to complete the Trip Form and make the initial deposit payment via ParentPay. **Deadline to complete the Expression of Interest form is by 9am Friday 15th March 2024.**

Additional information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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