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7th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

SKI TRIP 2024 – SPORTWELT AMADE REGION, AUSTRIA

I am pleased to offer this opportunity to students to gain a place on our school's forthcoming ski trip to the Amade region of Austria during the February half term 2024. The opportunity to experience an activity holiday in a mountain environment in a different country with their peers is great and one not to be missed. Students gain immense self-confidence and a real sense of achievement in being able to cope with the demands of a new and challenging sport and a different culture. Indeed the benefits are immeasurable and I want to ensure that all those who attend have the opportunity to enjoy the experience. **The trip is open to all current Year 9 and 10 students who are attending Walton High School.**

However, as I am sure that you are keenly aware, during any school course, and most especially on a skiing course, the welfare and safety of all those attending, be they students or staff, is of paramount importance. The teaching staff who will be accompanying your child on the trip are experienced party leaders and they, and I, expect students to demonstrate a high standard of care and concern for others both on the mountain and in the hotel accommodation. To achieve this it is vital that students adhere at all times to the strict code of conduct required for a mountain environment. To do otherwise would put them and countless others in very real danger. Thus, it must be accepted and understood that I cannot accept behaviour that could undermine the safety and enjoyment of any member of the ski party. Nor can I tolerate behaviour that could put the good name and reputation of our school at risk.

Therefore, I must inform you that account will be taken of your child's behaviour in and out of school prior to the trip, as this may be an indication of how he/she may behave whilst on the ski trip. In addition, in response to that behaviour the school must reserve the right to withdraw your child's place if satisfied that he/she may not behave in the manner required and so spoil the holiday, or compromise the safety, of others.

The trip will depart on **Friday 9th February 2024**. We shall be leaving after school and should be at the resort around lunchtime on the Saturday. Our accommodation is very comfortable with rooms accommodating between four and six children and all of the rooms have their own private facilities. The food we are promised, is excellent.

The company that we are travelling with, SELECT, has many years' experience of running these ski holidays.

The cost of this trip will be **£1320** which includes:

- Full insurance through Zurich
- Return executive coach travel from school to resort
- Return Eurotunnel crossings
- 6 nights full board accommodation including packed lunches
- 30 hours of ski tuition – 5 hours per day
- A 6 day lift pass for the area
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- Dedicated Resort Representative
- Instruction both morning and afternoon each day
- Ski Hoodie

The costs are based on a minimum of **forty seven students** going with a minimum of six members of staff. **After an initial non-refundable deposit and once we know final numbers you will be expected to make three further instalments (May, July and September) and the final payment in November 2023. The trip is on a first come first serve basis with payments on Parent Pay.**

Please note this is an optional extra-curricular trip and parents are reminded that once numbers have been finalised and the initial deposit paid, this represents a firm commitment to the trip. Each subsequent payment must be paid by the deadlines and will also be non-refundable.

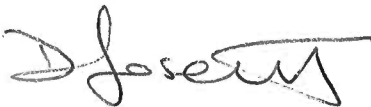
If you wish to proceed with a booking you will need to indicate your agreement by signing the form attached to this letter and returning it to the school's Finance Office by no later than **Thursday February 16th 2023**. The form confirms that at any time up to the day of the trip where the school has concerns about the behaviour of your child it can withdraw the place and that you will be responsible for the costs incurred as a result of that withdrawal. Up to this point we have not had to withdraw a party member from any of our previous trips.

I am happy to be able to provide this unique opportunity for your child to develop physical and social skills, and in order to ensure that the course is a positive experience for all those involved I must insist on receipt of the completed form before the booking can proceed.

An information evening will be held in November 2023 to give us the opportunity to discuss arrangements and any matters you wish to raise. An exact date for this meeting will be confirmed later.

If you would like your son/daughter to be a member of the 2023 Ski party please complete and return the attached slip and log on to your parent pay account to make a **non-refundable** deposit of £150 (so that the trip can be confirmed).

Yours sincerely



MR D FOSKETT
Headteacher



MR G VALENTINE
SKI TRIP ORGANISER

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
SKI TRIP – FEBRUARY 2024**

Medical details for residential visit

I understand that comprehensive medical details must be entered on a medical form to be completed not more than seven days before the visit. I give the following prior notification of any medical or special needs information that staff or insurers may need to know about

Failure to complete the above section may invalidate an insurance claim.

Accommodation

I am aware of, and happy, regarding the accommodation/sleeping arrangements being offered.

Dietary details

My son/daughter has the following dietary needs.....

Insurance: I understand the limits of insurance provided for this visit.

Transport: I understand the transport arrangements for this visit (and my child understands the need to wear a seatbelt.)

Financial Contribution

I have logged on to my parent pay account and made a deposit of **£150** for the above trip. I understand that this **non-refundable** deposit represents a firm commitment and that if my son/daughter should subsequently wish to withdraw, or at any time up to the day of the trip where the school has concerns about the behaviour of my child, it can withdraw the place, and **I would be liable for the payment of the full travel costs (£1320).**

Photographs

Photographs taken on the visit may be used in school or education service promotional information. Yes /No (Delete as applicable)

I agree to my son/daughter attending the trip detailed above and I acknowledge that to be included he/she will need to maintain responsible behaviour.

Name of son/daughter Class

Signed _____ Person with Parental Responsibility

PRINT NAME: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE BE AWARE, BY AGREEING FOR YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THIS VISIT, PERSONAL DATA MAY BE PASSED ONTO A THIRD PARTY OR ORGANISATION.

**COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE FINANCE OFFICE
BY THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY AFTER YOU HAVE PAID THE DEPOSIT ON PARENT PAY.**