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LRGS Ski Trip – Obertauern, Austria 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Unfortunately, due to current difficulties with international travel, we have had to postpone the 2022 ski trip (due to take place in February half term next year) by 12 months to February half term 2023.

As some students are now unable to attend we have a number of places available which we are looking for students to take up. These places are available for students in year 7,8,9,11 and L6. The details of the trip are as follows:

We will be travelling the Austrian resort of Obertauern, staying at the at *Jugendhotel Alpincenter*. (<https://www.skibound.co.uk/destination/austria/obertauern>).

- Dates are **10th – 18th February 2023**, with tour operator Skibound/HTS Total Ski.
- Travel is by Coach with 6 nights full board accommodation in the Jugendhotel Alpincenter
- 6 days skiing, with 4 hours of skiing with instructors and the option of additional skiing with trained school staff after lessons. Lift pass and ski hire all included in the price.
- A package of evening activities will be provided, with possible options including swimming, ice skating and bumboarding. This will be finalised over the next 12 months.
- The price is inclusive of all meals in resort (although students will need to provide own food for the journeys)
- The total cost of the trip is **£1225**

N.B. For beginners there will also be a cost of approx. £40 for 4 hours of dry ski slope lessons at Kendal Ski Club prior to departure. It is also our intention to organise optional Hoodies for the trip (approx. £25).

We have been in negotiation with the tour operator about the payment schedule and have agreed the following:

- First deposit – **£400** required to secure your place on the trip
- 2nd payment – **£400** (due May half term 2022)
- 3rd payment – **£425** (due October half term 2022)

The first deposit payment of **£400** is non-refundable and has already been paid to the tour operator by students signed up to the trips in 2021 and 2022. If you would like to come on the 2023 trip your first deposit payment will be used to refund one of the students who cannot attend in 2023, and you will be taking on their place (and any risk of loss of deposit due to cancellation). Should you decide to withdraw in the future, refunds of this £400 could only be made if another student can be found to take up the place.

Cancellation

The trip is insured through the school insurance policy (the Academy Risk Protection Agreement (RPA) run by the DfE) and the tour operator Skibound is fully bonded with ABTA and ATOL. Should the trip be cancelled in the future, any refunds of money paid so far will depend on the exact circumstances of the cancellation. We cannot guarantee full refunds in all circumstances and you may be liable for any costs we are unable to claim back from the insurance company or the tour operator.

The number of places we have to fill is limited, so we will allocate places based on the levels of interest in different year groups, prioritising older students where we can as they will have fewer opportunities to go on a trip in the future.

If you are interested, please fill out this form by Monday 6th December. **Please do not pay any money on Wisepay until you have been contacted offering you a place.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yailXmpUak-KTNUsi0VxvKqciivkyoy5NjO6vXo5czLVUQTk4UTQ1MDVGOZFZOQ0pNMFdMUeVTIJTUy4u>

If you have any other questions about the trip, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best regards,

Mr Calvert & Mr Mellon

