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Ski trip 2026 – Ski Amadé (Wagrain), Austria

Dear Parents,

We are in the early stages of planning our 2026 ski trip. We currently have an option reserved at the Jugendhotels Markushof, in Wagrain, Austria.

<https://www.equity.co.uk/trips/School-ski-trips-to-Amad%C3%A9>

The dates of the trip are Saturday 14th February 2026 – Saturday 21st February 2026.

The cost of the trip is **£1875**. This price includes:

- **Flights and transfers (Manchester-Salzburg flights TBC)**
- **7 nights full board accommodation based on multi-bedded rooms. Drinks with meals other than breakfast are not included.**
- **6 day hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets.**
- **6 x 4 hours ski tuition with local instructors and skiing with qualified school staff outside lessons**
- **6 day local lift pass.**
- **Evening activities in resort**
- **Insurance with the school insurance policy (available on school website)**

Costs have increased significantly over the past few years, and we pay a premium for travelling in the peak half term week, but we believe this trip offers the best value for money possible. Wagrain is part of the Ski Amade ski area which offers excellent skiing, with scope to explore multiple different resorts. The accommodation looks very good, with an indoor sports hall and other inhouse facilities. In addition to lessons with instructors, students are offered the chance to ski with trained school staff outside lesson times which significantly increases the amount of time spent skiing. Since Brexit, cross channel coach travel has been severely disrupted and we have been impacted with long delays at the border. We have therefore taken the decision this year to fly rather than travel by coach. Whilst this does increase the cost of the trip (by approx. £250 pp) hopefully the benefits of avoiding a 30+ hour coach trip are worth it.

The payment schedule will be as follows:

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| • 1 st Deposit - £450 | due on offer of place – 8 th November 2024 |
| • 2 nd Payment - £450 | February 2025 |
| • 3 rd payment - £450 | May 2025 |
| • 4 th payment - £525 | October 2025 |

The trip is open to students currently in years 7, 8, 9, 11 and L6 (the dates will clash with the GCSE mock exams for the current year 10). Those in year 11 will need to be returning to LRGS for 6th form.

The trip is suitable for all standards of skier, from total beginner through to those with many weeks experience.



If you are interested in a place on the trip, please complete this webform:

<https://forms.office.com/e/d68Wxb26Re>

Please note, completing this form does not guarantee your son/daughter a place on the trip. The deadline for completing the form is Friday 1st November. Deposit payments will be collected shortly after this date on Wisepay from those who we are able to offer a place to.

Places on the trip are very limited. If we are oversubscribed places will be allocated randomly, although we will need to consider the ability levels of different students on the trip to ensure that ski groups are viable in resort, and we will need a minimum number of students from each year group for rooming. We will be in touch with those we can offer a place to after October half term. There is also a minimum number of students required for the trip to be able to run.

Please do not try to pay a deposit on Wisepay unless you have been offered a place.

Regards,

Mr Calvert



Year 10 student above Wagrain on February 2023 trip