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LRGS Ski Trip – Obertauern, Austria 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are currently in the early stages of planning our 2021 Ski Trip, to take place during the February half term holiday (**Friday 12th February– Saturday 20th February 2021**). We currently have reserved accommodation in the Austrian resort of Obertauern (<https://www.skibound.co.uk/destination/austria/obertauern>) at *Jugendhotel Alpincenter*.

With the rising costs of the European ski resorts, we are constantly looking for value for money and we believe that this educational trip will offer a great mix of culture, language, skiing and fun. The school has had excellent trips to Europe in the last couple of years and we are pleased to be able to offer our students the opportunity to visit Austria for our next trip. The resort is large enough to offer lots of variety, with 100km of piste suitable for complete beginners and very experienced skiers. The hotel is in a wonderful location, with the Schaidberg chairlift just outside the hotel, perfect for getting straight onto the slopes in the morning. In addition to the 4 hours a day skiing with instructors, students will also have the opportunity to ski with trained school staff outside lesson times, ensuring that they really make the most of their lift pass and many students in the past have managed to ski from the first to the last lift each day.

Further details will be made available after confirmation of your son or daughter's place and you will be invited to a presentation evening nearer the time of departure. Don't worry if they have never skied before, all students are eligible to go on the trip from absolute beginners to advanced skiers. The trip is open to all year groups in school except for the current year 10. This is due to the GCSE mock exams in February after the trip returns.

The cost of the trip will be **£1095** per student. The cost includes: *Coach travel; full board & accommodation; ski, boot & helmet hire; six - four hour ski lessons/day with the local Austrian ski school; an evenings' entertainment package; lift pass for the full area and comprehensive winter sports insurance cover under the schools policy, skiing under the supervision of ASCL/Snowsports England qualified school staff at times when not in lessons.*

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).

Important Information

We plan our trips well in advance in order to secure accommodation at the best price possible and to give parents as much time as possible to plan payment. Although there is currently some uncertainty regarding the UK's future relationship with Europe after Brexit, we are continuing to plan ahead on the assumption that school visits to European destinations will be largely unaffected by any changes that occur in the future. Attached to this letter is a Brexit statement from the tour operator Skibound for your information.

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. In the event of an unforeseen situation resulting in the cancellation of the trip you may be liable for any costs we are unable to claim back from the insurance company or the tour operator.

The tour operator guarantees the quoted price against minor currency fluctuations, but in the event of significant cost changes they reserve the right to increase the price to cover their additional costs.

If you would like your son/daughter to have a place on this trip **please return the attached form** to Mr Calvert (either hand in to city view or email bcalvert@lrgs.org.uk) **and pay the £200 deposit via Wisepay**. Places are limited and if the trip is over-subscribed will be allocated based on ensuring viable ability groups for skiing. Priority will be given to those who have missed out on previous trips. To allow us sort ability groups please ensure you provide details of any previous experience your son/daughter has when you pay the deposit.

The deadline for receipt of deposits is **Friday 15th November**. At this stage we will confirm if we have sufficient numbers to run the trip and will be able to give an exact final cost. You will be free to withdraw from the trip, if you find the confirmed details unsatisfactory, without loss of deposit. After this point deposits will be passed to the tour operator to secure the rooms and will become non refundable.

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

Best regards,

Mr Calvert & Mr Mellon



PLEASE HAND IN TO CITY VIEW

Ski Trip 2021 - Initial Deposit Return Form

Full Name (as on Passport): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Form: _____

Nationality: _____

I wish my son/daughter to be considered for the **Obertauern 2021 Ski Trip** and I have paid an initial deposit of **£200 via WISEPAY**, which will be refunded if I find the confirmed details unsatisfactory.

I am aware this deposit will become non-refundable once the details are confirmed and a second deposit has been paid.

Signed:

Date:.....

Experience

The following information is required to determine whether dry ski lessons are required and to help organise ski classes based on similar ability.

Ski Ability:

Has your son/daughter ever skied on snow before? If so, how many weeks' experience has been accumulated.

Never	
Indoor/Dry slope only	
1 week	
2 -3 weeks	
More than 3 weeks	

Please give a brief outline of the skiing experience your son/daughter has to help us place him/her in an appropriate group.
