

## **Dear Parents/Carers**

## Subject Ski Trip to Alpendorf, Austria – 10 to 17 February 2024

I intend to run another Ski Trip to Alpendorf in Austria during February half term 2024. I will be using a school specific ski company called IBT who are ABTOT bonded and ATOL registered. We have used IBT for the last 8 Vyners Ski Trips and they are an outstanding company.

In order to secure a booking for your child, I require a non-refundable deposit of £150 and <u>places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.</u> Please be aware that the Ski Trip is usually sold out within a week of opening on sQuid. This trip will therefore open on sQuid at 7pm on Wednesday 3 May 2023.

The trip is available for students currently in Years 10 to 12 and there are 40 spaces available on the Ski Trip. Students wishing to travel on the trip must have displayed an excellent behaviour record both in and around school.

The total cost of the trip will be £1,330 (based on 40 students) and this will include:

- Return travel from Vyners to Alpendorf by an executive coach and ferry.
- 5 nights full board accommodation.
- Evening meal before departure back to Vyners.
- Lunch on the slopes every day.
- 5 days lift pass plus hire of all equipment skis, boots, poles and helmet.
- Ski lessons 5 days x 6 hours.
- A ski race, test and presentation.
- Fully comprehensive insurance.
- Evening activities of ten pin bowling and a shopping visit to Salzburg.
- A ski hoodie.

Please note that the sQuid offer will not open until 7pm on Wednesday 3 May 2023.

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Deposits are non-refundable. The remaining balance of £1180 will be due in five separate instalments before the end of November 2023. The payment plan is as follows:

- £150 Deposit paid as soon as possible and secures a place on the trip.
- £200 1st Instalment paid by 17 June 2023.
- £200 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment paid by 16 July 2023.
- £200 3rd Instalment paid by 16 September 2023
- £200 4th Instalment paid by 15 October 2023
- £380 Final Instalment paid by 20 November 2023.

It is very important that payments are made before the stated deadline. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions. Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. Log onto the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'school trips and offers' purse, then tick the **PE Ski Trip 2024** box.

The school remains very conscious of the constantly changing landscape with regard to Covid-19 related travel restrictions. Whilst we are keen to give students an overseas experience, this needs to be done safely, and such that there are no complications with either leaving or returning to the UK (testing and isolation requirements). Parents will be asked to confirm, when paying a deposit, that they are willing for their child to comply with whatever travel requirements may be in place at the date of departure. This may include a requirement for your child to hold an upto date covid vaccination.

I appreciate that this is very early to be asking for deposits for 2024, but this does allow myself to select a resort I think most suitable in a competitive market at the high point of the season and also allows payments to be spread over a number of months.

Yours sincerely

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(Ski Trip Leader)

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