

15th June 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

SKI TRIP 2018 – Flirsch, St Anton, Austria

A Kings of Wessex ski trip has been provisionally booked for 2018 and will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays, departing on Friday 23rd March 2018.

The trip has been booked with Ski Team 4 who also ran the Ski Trip to Austria last year. I was impressed with their high standards of safety; security and general quality of staffing that were provided on that trip and those that have been made part of this package. It is a very competitive price for six days of skiing and accommodation.

The weeks skiing will be spent in **Flirsch, St Anton, Austria** which is in the Austrian Alps. It's a beautiful and one of the most exclusive locations in the Austrian Alps. It has a range of pistes designed to suit both beginners and experienced skiers.

Travel will be by air from Bristol or Heathrow (TBC) followed by a coach transfer to the resort. The total cost of the trip will be **£1040** (payable in instalments) which will include the following:-

- Ski Trip Hoody
- Return air flights and coach travel transfers.
- 7 nights full board accommodation, including packed lunches.
- Soft drinks with all meals
- 6 day lift pass
- 6 days of 4 hours fully qualified ski lessons and 1hour supervised hot lunch provided
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmet
- Evening entertainment programme
- Full insurance cover, including snow guarantee, piste closure and ski breakage

Not included:

- Meals on route
- Pocket money
- Ski clothing (details of discounted hiring and purchasing will be provided later)

All that is required initially is the attached reply slip to be filled in and returned with a deposit of **£180.00, which is non-returnable on gaining a place on the trip, to the main office by Friday 23rd June 2017**. All cheques should be made payable to **The Kings of Wessex Academy** and be in a sealed envelope marked with the students name. The remaining payments can be spread out between now and January 2018 when the final payment has to be paid to the company.

This price is based on 30 or more students attending the Ski Trip **please note that the trip will run if there are fewer than 30, but an additional cost may be added by the travel company**. We anticipate that we will be able to attract more than 30, as this is always a very popular trip.

The payment schedule for the remaining £860 is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Friday 23 rd June 2017 Deposit	£180	
Wednesday 19 th July 2017	£180	
Friday 8 th September 2017	£180	
Friday 20 th October 2017	£180	
Wednesday 30 th November 2017	£180	
Tuesday 15 th December 2017	£140	£1040

If preferred, the full and final payments can be made immediately. Whether you chose to use the payment plan or not it is essential that the full amount be paid by **Tuesday 15th December 2017**. Cheques should be made payable to Kings of Wessex Academy and all payments must be made to the school office where a receipt will be issued as record of payment. **ONLINE PAYMENT** can now be made by logging onto the Academy website. Simply click onto the parents' link and select 'Internet Payments' from the menu. Payments must be accompanied by the parental consent form below.

This is likely to be a popular trip and there are only 50 places available. If it is oversubscribed consideration will be given to the following factors:-

1. Contribution to extra-curricular activities
2. Good behaviour record
3. Attendance

As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. Pupils will only be taken on the trip if the school can be sure that they will behave in a responsible and mature fashion. Failure to do this could result in them losing their place and any payments made to date.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,



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Ski Trip Coordinator & Ski Party Leader

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To: Mr Bennett (via main office)

I wish my son/daughter to be included in the St Anton 2018 Ski Trip and I am enclosing my deposit of £180. I understand that if my son/daughter obtains a place on the Ski Trip 2018 then this deposit will be non-refundable.

Name of son/daughter Tutor Group

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)