

24 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

SKI TRIP 2025 – Zell am See/Kaprun - Fusch, Austria

The Kings Academy Ski Trip has provisionally been booked for 2025 which will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays, departing on Friday 4 April 2025 and returning on Saturday 12 April 2025.

The week's skiing will be spent in **Zell am See/Kaprun, Austria**, which is one of the more snow sure resorts in Austria, especially as it includes the Kitzsteinhorn glacier offering late season skiing. It has a range of pistes designed to suit both beginners and the more experienced skiers. We will be staying in the village of Fusch, which is approximately 20 minutes from the ski lifts.

Travel will be by coach from school to the resort. The total cost of the trip will be **£1325** (payable in instalments) which will include the following:-

- Coach travel to and from the resort, including use of the coach in resort
- 7 nights full board accommodation, including packed lunches
- 6-day lift pass
- 6 days of 5 hours fully qualified ski lessons
- 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
- Spending money
- Ski clothing (a suggested kit list will be provided later)

The trip will be available to book on ParentPay from 7.00pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024. A non-refundable deposit of **£200.00** will be required, payable online via ParentPay, in order to confirm the place at the time of booking. The second instalment of **£200 will be due on 31 March 2024**, with further instalments as shown on the reverse of this letter. If you are unable to pay online, you can pay by cash at any store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above as well as informing us of any medical or dietary information. Please note that should your child withdraw from the trip, we will not be able to refund the initial deposit of £200. Any further amount may be refunded if their place can be filled by another student.

This price is based on 40 students attending the Ski Trip. **Please note that the trip may run if there are fewer than 40 students, but an additional cost may be added by the travel company.** We anticipate, however, that we will be able to attract 40 students, as this is always a very popular trip. **The payment deadline for the initial deposit is Wednesday 31 January 2024.** If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. **If you are unable to secure a place, please email the office on office@kovessex.co.uk to be placed on the waiting list.**

The suggested payment schedule for the deposit and remaining money is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
31 January 2024 - Deposit	£200	
31 March 2024	£200	
31 May 2024	£225	
31 July 2024	£225	
30 Sep 2024	£225	
30 November 2024	£250	
		£1325

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you choose to use the payment plan or not **the full amount must be paid by 3 January 2025.**

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. **If the Academy feels that a student's behaviour has not been appropriate now or at any time before the trip, then their place will be removed.** All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting is circulated via Tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or me on TJames@kovessex.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mr T James
Ski Trip Coordinator and Ski Party Leader