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Ski Trip 2015 – Friday March 25th – Saturday April 2nd 2016

15th April 2015

Dear Parents,

I am writing with information about next year's proposed school ski trip. We will be running this trip, should there be sufficient interest, in the first week of the Easter holidays as ever, departing on Friday March 25th, (Good Friday - the day **after** school breaks up), and returning on Saturday April 2nd. The trip is for all ski abilities and includes instructor tuition for all.

Following on from the success of many previous trips to Austria, we have provisionally booked a hotel in the Austrian resort of Bad Gastein in the Austrian Alps near Salzburg. Bad Gastein lies at the end of a steep valley in the magnificent Hohe Tauern Mountains with lifts up to 2,686m. It offers both excellent skiing with its recently upgraded lift system and a cosmopolitan atmosphere in the town, deriving from its historic grandeur as one of the greatest spas in Europe. For beginners Bad Gastein offers ideal slopes and good progression to plenty of enjoyable cruising and carving. As an area it is probably best suited to intermediates looking for a combination of mileage and challenge. Advanced skiers will enjoy some of the best skiing in the region on the runs into the Angertal and the long black run through the woods from the Jungeralm.

In order to keep costs down, we have once again decided to use coach transport, which does mean a lengthy coach journey to and from the resort (Bad Gastein is 16 hours from Calais).

The estimated cost of the trip, inclusive of travel, 5 hours skiing a day (including ski, pole, boot and helmet hire), ski pass, full board at the hotel, and evening activities, will be £875. If you would like to apply for a place on the trip for your son, then I would ask that you make a deposit payment of £100 on ParentPay via the school website. *Deposits are only returnable in the event of withdrawal, if a replacement person for your son's place can be found.*

In order to determine the viability of the trip it would be helpful to have deposits back by May 21st at the latest. We will be asking for second payments of approximately £120 to be made at the start of the new school year in September. Our likely limit on places (set by operators PGL for this resort) will be 52 and we will operate a first-come-first-served policy, although we reserve the right to consider students' prior behaviour on trips and in school.

If you would like any further information about the trip, do feel free to contact me at school. My email is at the foot of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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