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Ski Trip 2017 to Saalbach-Hinterglemm – Friday March 31st – Saturday April 8th 2017

12th April 2016

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 31st and returning on Saturday April 8th. The trip is for all ski abilities and includes instructor tuition for all. This trip is open to boys in years 9, 10, 12 & 13 in the next academic year 2016-17 (current years 8, 9, 11 & 12).

Following on from the success of many previous trips (including last year's) to Austria, we have provisionally booked a hotel in the Austrian resort of Saalbach-Hinterglemm in the Austrian Alps near Salzburg. The area boasts some of the most reliable snow conditions in the country. Recent investment has seen the introduction of the all-new TirolS 10-seater gondola which now connects Saalbach to the neighbouring resort of Fieberbrunn (a hidden treasure of a resort), linking the Salzburg and Tyrol regions. With 70 lifts and 270 kilometres of piste, it's one of the world's largest ski areas - a truly extensive skier's paradise with great runs for all abilities. Intermediates will enjoy the beautiful tree-lined pistes on both sides of the valley and the open snowfields above Hinterglemm. Experts will find some steep and bumpy challenges, especially on the formidable FIS World Cup Zwölfer run from the top of Hinterglemm at almost 2000 metres down to the bottom of the valley. Meanwhile, for beginners the nursery slopes are close to both village centres, with a range of good, easy runs higher up.

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 (Saalbach-Hinterglemm 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 £880. 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 April 29th at the latest. We will be asking for second payments of approximately £120 to be made prior to the end of the school year in July. We hope not to have to limit places; however, should we find hotel spaces limited, then 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. Please view our 2016 trip video via the news page on the school website or by clicking the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByvWyh4_eIEPaWtEV2VHUE1qQIE

Yours sincerely,

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