



5th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Ski trip to Austria 15th-22nd February 2025

I am very pleased to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in a seven-day ski trip to Austria in February 2025. The trip will include travel to and from Austria by coach and ferry, and accommodation at a hotel located in Montafon. During our stay, the children will participate in 5 days of ski school (5 hours per day) as well as a variety of après-ski activities such as bowling, ice skating and snowtubing.

In order for the trip to take place, parents/carers are requested to pay **£1500**.

The cost of the trip includes travel by coach and ferry, winter sports insurance, full-board accommodation, all meals while at the hotel, equipment hire (skis, boots, poles and helmets), lift passes, après-ski activities, and administration costs. The cost of the trip does not include spending money for extras such as additional drinks and snacks. **Children will need to bring their own passport for the trip, these will be collected and held in school prior to the trip.** Passports need to be less than 10 years old and need to have 6 months left on them from the date of travel. Winter sports insurance for the trip will be arranged. **Children will also need a GHIC card** available for free online at <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>

The well-being and consideration of all children wishing to take part is paramount. Any child whose behaviour gives cause for concern may have their place withdrawn at any time with the possibility of losing any money already paid. Any child who is suspended during the 2024-2025 academic year will be unable to participate in the trip.

If you would like your child to take part, please pay a £150 deposit by Monday 26th February 2024. **This is non-refundable.** Should your child be allocated a place on the trip and at a later date decide they no longer wish to participate we will be **unable to refund any payments made to date** due to payment deadlines applied by the tour company. We are unable to provide any financial assistance for this trip, but should you have an issue with making the deposit payment on time, please contact Mrs Dooley, finance@stjamescheadle.co.uk our School Business Manager. All payments should be made via our online payment service, ParentPay.

Places on the trip are strictly limited, if the trip is oversubscribed, names will be drawn at random.

Due to commitments regarding invoices from the tour operator the following deadlines will apply and **all payments are non-refundable:**

Payment 1	£150 (deposit) by 26 th February 2024
Payment 2	£250 by 25 th March 2024
Payment 3	£300 by 6 th May 2024
Payment 4	£400 by 5 th September 2024
Payment 5	£400 by 21 st October 2024

Failure to keep up with this payment schedule may result in your child's place being lost. The total contribution of **£1500** must be made in full by Monday 21st October 2024.



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If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at d.bennett@stjameschadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Mrs D Bennett
Trip Leader