

8 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Ski Trip 2023 – Dachstein West, Austria

I have organised a ski trip for February half term 2023 which will be open to students who are **currently** in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Maiden Erlegh School, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading and Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

The trip will be organised through Select School Travel. This trip will include coach and ferry travel and we will be staying in the village of Bad Goisern, near to the Dachstein West ski area. An information evening for parents and students will be held in the main hall at Maiden Erlegh School on 16 November at 7pm.

General Details

<i>Dates:</i>	Friday 10 February 2023 – Saturday 18 February 2023
<i>Travel:</i>	The journey will take in the region of 22 hours and is by coach and ferry.
<i>Accommodation:</i>	We will be staying at the Luise-Wehrenfennig-Haus. How the children will be split will be decided much nearer to the time. We may share the hotel with other school groups and/or holidaymakers
<i>Skiing:</i>	6 days of skiing with 5 hours of ski instruction and supervision per day. Students will only ski under the supervision of an instructor, in groups according to their ability: beginner, intermediate or advanced. There is no free skiing.
<i>Dry slope lessons:</i>	Dry slope lessons will be organised at Alpine Snowsports in Aldershot and are a compulsory requirement for all beginners on the trip. These will run after school during December and transport will be provided.
<i>Ski fitness:</i>	A compulsory requirement for all members of the trip. These sessions will run after school in January and February.
<i>Evening:</i>	A range of activities likely to include ice skating, snow tubing and bowling
<i>Cost:</i>	Complete Beginners: £1190 (to include a course of dry slope lessons) Non-beginners: £1130

Students will need their own passport for this trip, valid until at least 18 August 2023 and an EHIC (or GHIC).

THE SKI TRIP IS NOT A HOLIDAY. STUDENTS MUST BE BOTH PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY RESILIENT.

During this trip, the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups of at least three. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance, but they are not directly with the group.

Allocation of places:

Skiing trips are always popular. There are limited places available, and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **The deadline for applications is 3pm on Wednesday 27 April 2022.** All names will first be approved by the Headteacher and in the event of oversubscription names will be drawn at random.

Breakdown of Cost

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return executive coach transfer from school to resort• Return channel crossing via Ferry• 6 nights full board accommodation including hot lunches on the mountain• A 6-day lift pass• Ski lessons: 30 hours of ski tuition (5 hours per day)• Ski equipment hire for 6 days (skis, boots, poles, and helmets)• Fully comprehensive travel insurance	£1039
Ski hoody	£21
Incidental expenses, e.g., evening activities, drinks, and chocolates at the end of each day, administration costs, ski awards, photographs.	£70

Total £1130

Additional Costs

Compulsory ski lessons at Alpine Snowsports in Aldershot

£60

This is a requirement for all beginners on the trip.

Payment scheme

An initial **non-refundable** deposit of £230 must be paid via ParentPay in order for your son/daughter to be considered. This will be returned if they are not selected.

The remaining £900 should be paid in four instalments of £225 on or before 1 June, 1 August, 1 October, 1 November 2022. Payments by ParentPay only.

Payment for dry slope lessons will be requested separately.

In order to apply for a place on the trip please first pay the deposit first and then complete the Expression of Interest form at the link below:

[Ski Trip 2023 - Expression of Interest](#)

If you have any enquiries about the proposed trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email a.walker@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Walker
Ski Trip Organiser