

Dear Parents/ Carers

In previous years St. Peter's School has run a Junior Ski Trip which has proven to be extremely enjoyable and rewarding for all students concerned, whatever their standard of skiing. Unfortunately due to the economic climate over the last few years we have been unable to run the Junior Ski Trip. However, I am pleased to announce that I am proposing to lead a visit to Austria during the next academic year. This excursion will start Friday 14th February 2020 and return on Saturday 22nd February 2020. The journey will be made in a luxury coach and will involve overnight travel allowing us 6 days of skiing. **Please Note we are unable to offer snowboarding as an option on this trip.**

The school offers this experience above the normal academic curriculum, recognising that each student's academic progress is the first priority. Therefore, we would like each student involved in the trip to have:

- 1) An Attendance Rate of approximately 90%
- 2) No serious behavioural concerns

The resort is part of the Sportwelt-Amade ski area. Not only will this trip's focus be skiing, it will also offer an insight into Austrian culture, lifestyle and cuisine. Below are a series of Web links which you may find useful:

Hotel: <https://www.saringgut.com/>

Ski Area: <https://www.skiamade.com/en/winter/skiresorts/salzburger-sportwelt>

Unfortunately, due to the present economic climate (poor exchange rates) and high demand on the hotels due to there being only one week in which schools across Europe are taking their half term breaks the cost has risen significantly. The cost of this trip will be **£1000** which will include:

- Insurance (including ski breakage).
- Travel.
- Full Board accommodation.
- Ski equipment hire (skis, ski poles, **helmet** and ski boots).
- 5 Hours of ski instruction
- Ski Lift pass.
- Use of the coach at the resort.

Skiing can be an expensive sport. To give you an idea of the other costs that you may have to budget for:

Ski Jacket /Pants:	Hire £40	to buy £100+
Ski goggles, socks etc.(the Essentials Pack)	to buy £70	
Dry Slope Sessions:	Ski £60 (4 ¹ / ₂ hrs)	
Pocket Money:	£80 – £100	

The school is acting as an intermediary between the student and the tour company. As with any holiday undertaken, the tour company requires a contract to be signed. This is a binding agreement which includes a payment schedule. **If the schedule is not adhered to then you are at risk of forfeiting your place on the trip and may lose ALL previous payments.** I have signed this agreement on behalf of all students and have constructed a **contract of business which both parents and student will need to sign.** The payment schedule is as follows:

Due Date	Amount	
By return on acceptance on the trip	£250	Non-refundable deposit
Monday 22 nd April 2019	£200	
Monday 24 th June 2019	£250	
Monday 16 th September 2019	£200	
Monday 4 th November 2019	£100	Final Payment

The deposit, totalling £250, is **non-refundable, unless a replacement can be found.**

Skiing for 5 hours a day is a strenuous activity and is difficult for people who do not complete regular exercise. Students will be unable to sit out of daily ski sessions due to tiredness and therefore students will be expected to complete a rigorous fitness regime prior to departure.

A visit to a mountain environment can be dangerous; therefore the school must have complete confidence that all students will conduct themselves in a manner that is essential to maintain the safety of the rest of the party. **The school reserves its right to assess the suitability of the students who are registered on the trip at anytime. Furthermore, the school reserves the right to repatriate, at the cost of their parent/ carer, any student who places themselves or the rest of the group at risk during the ski trip.**

It is therefore clear that students must respond positively to requests made by myself or other members of staff involved on the trip. The first opportunity to demonstrate this level of commitment and their suitability to the trip is to return their application form endorsed by their Head of Year. The deadline for responses is Wednesday 23rd January 2019 **(this does not guarantee your place on the trip)**. I will then notify your son/ daughter by Friday 25th January 2019 whether they have a place on the trip or whether they are on the waiting list. At this time payments will be able to be made **(All Payments should be made via Parent Pay)**.

If you give your permission for your son/ daughter to participate on the trip there are some of pieces of information that are vital and need to be completed on the application form. Prior to the departure, during January, there will be an additional opportunity to dry slope ski. If you have any other queries regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr. I Brown
(Ski Party Leader)

Junior Ski Trip 2020 Application Form

To Mr Brown or Junior Ski trip pigeon hole in the Staff room.

Name : _____ Tutor Group: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age on 14/02/2020: _____ years

I/ we give permission for my/ our son/ daughter's name to be added to the Junior Ski trip 2020 party.

To be filled in by the student:

1. Why do you want to go on the Junior Ski trip? (state any special reasons why you should be considered for the trip)

2. What physical activities do you undertake on a regular basis?

Furthermore, I have read and agree to pay the repatriation cost for my son/ daughter if the event arises.

Parent/ Guardian's Signature : _____ Date: _____

Comment from Head of Year (if Applicable)

Head of Year's Signature: _____ Date: _____