



Churchdown School Ski Trip 2020

February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the success of many years of ski trips in Austria, Italy and America, we are planning to return to the Hotel Kirchenwirt, Bad Kleinkirchheim in Austria during February half term 2020 (Friday 14–Saturday 22 February 2020). This is a lovely family run hotel that we have been to many times before. The cost of the trip will be £960 and is open to skiers of all (or no!) ability.

The cost of the 8-9 day trip will include:

-) Full board accommodation
-) Travel to and from the resort by coach and ferry
-) Six days hire of skis, boots and poles
-) Six days lift pass
-) Five hours instruction per day by qualified instructors (school trips normally have only four)
-) Evening activity program (eg bowling, ice skating, etc)
-) Travel insurance

Extras to be budgeted for:

-) Hire of ski jacket / trousers if required
-) Purchase of gloves, goggles etc
-) Meal en route
-) Possible lift pass supplement for ages 16+ (usually in the region of £15-20 although so far I have managed to cover this without additional charge, and hope not to have to ask for it this year either!)
-) Students who are currently unable to ski will be given the opportunity to take part in a series of lessons at Matson in the autumn (around £30 for 3 lessons); usually around half of the trip have not skied on snow before

If you wish to reserve a place on the trip for your son/daughter please pay a deposit of £100 and return the slip below to Mrs Roberts in the Admin Office. The easiest way to pay and monitor instalments is via www.scopay.com/churchdownschool or you can submit a cheque (made payable to *Churchdown School General Fund*) or cash to Mrs Roberts. If you have not yet registered for scopay please contact car@churchdownschool.com giving the name of your child so you can be issued with a link code. Once accepted on the trip payments will be monthly and around £120; the next instalment will be due before the Easter holiday.

Students are **not** selected on a first come basis but once we have enough deposits students will be considered for the trip as follows:

-) Behaviour in school and on previous school trips
-) To ensure that we have an acceptable range of abilities
-) To ensure that we have an acceptable mix of ages and male/female ratio
-) After this names will be drawn from a hat if we are over our maximum





Places on the trip are limited and in some years the trip has filled up quite quickly. The trip is being promoted from February half term and will remain open until 18 March to allow people to get deposits in. If you do not get a place your £100 deposit will be returned, but your name can be kept on a waiting list in case anybody drops out. Once the trip is confirmed and you have been accepted, all instalments are payable on the monthly schedule, which will be provided, and are non-refundable.

In addition, I need to point out that poor behaviour at school which could lead to potential problems on the trip can result in students being excluded from the trip and any financial losses would need to be met by you. In this unlikely event I will talk to you at the earliest opportunity but sincerely hope this will not be necessary.

This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in an amazing trip to Austria. Whether you are stepping on to the slopes for the first time or if you are an experienced skier, this is a great chance to either learn to ski or to improve your technique. In addition to the skiing, we stay in a traditional family run hotel and take part in a range of evening activities. If you have not been on a Churchdown School ski trip before I do urge you to either look at the display on the board in the Humanities block, talk to someone who has been before or talk to me to find out more.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me djc@churchdownschool.com

Yours faithfully

Mr D Carter
Assistant Head
Trip Leader

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I would like my son/daughter to take part in the ski trip to Austria in February 2020 and have completed all details below including the method of payment of the £100 deposit. Please return slip to Mrs Roberts in the Admin Office by 18 March. Please be aware that until payment is received (via scopay.com, cheque or cash) the system will not record your child's name on the trip list

Student's name		Tutor		Date of birth	
Parent/Carer's name		Signed		Date	
Parent/Carer's email address (essential)				scopay.com / cheque / cash	
Please tick as appropriate for ski ability	BEGINNER		INTERMEDIATE		ADVANCED