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### Ski Trip 2025 – Current Year 9-12

**Destination:** Wagrain, Austria

**Dates:** Friday 14/02/25 – Saturday 22/02/25

**Approximate cost:** £1524 (£1614 for 18-year-old students)

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

During the February half-term holiday of 2025 I am planning to take a group of **current year 9 to 12 students** on a ski trip to the resort of Wagrain in the Sportwelt Amade ski region of Austria -

<https://www.skiamade.com/en/winter/skiresorts/salzburger-sportwelt/wagrain> It is an extensive ski area (350 km) with modern lift facilities up to an altitude of 2200 metres.

The proposed accommodation is the Jugendgastehaus Oberwimm - [Youth Hostel Oberwimm | Youth Hotels Wagrain](#) Rooms sleep 2-10 and all offer ensuite facilities with shower and toilet. The hotel offers doorstep skiing for all. Facilities at the hotel include a large sports hall, table tennis tables, a climbing room and a computer area. We have stayed at the Oberwimm many times in the past and have always had a fantastic holiday.

Once again, we will partner with Absolute Travel and Tours Limited, under their winter sports brand, Absolute Skiwise - <https://www.absolutetravel.co.uk/ski-trips/> who have been trading since 1992 and are based in Stansted Mountfitchet. The company are ABTA members, have accreditation from the School Travel Forum, and hold the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge. We have travelled on school ski trips for a number of years with the company and always had a very positive experience.

The mode of travel will be executive coach. We will depart from school on Friday afternoon (14/02/25) and return on the following Saturday afternoon (22/02/25). Accurate timings have yet to be arranged.

The approximate price of the ski trip is £1524. This includes:

- Comprehensive winter sports insurance cover
- Coach travel to and from the resort and use of the coach in the resort
- Return channel crossings
- Six day lift pass
- Six day hire of carving skis, poles, boots and helmet
- Six days of tuition with six fully qualified instructors for five hours per day
- Six nights full board hotel accommodation (including packed lunches)
- A range of evening activities
- Absolute Skiwise representative



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- Snow guarantee

The cost does not include:

- Spending money
- Hire or purchase of any ski clothing for the trip
- Meals during journeys

As with many other sports, skiing does involve a certain degree of risk of injury. **Students will only ski under the supervision of qualified instructors.** At all other times, students will be reasonably supervised by the accompanying staff to a level that would be expected of a prudent parent, in line with our legal duties of being *in loco parentis* to students whilst on school trips. To ensure this, we intend to take seven staff on the trip to provide adequate supervision.

The cost figure for the trip covers all associated costs with the organisation of the trip, including the fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance. This policy includes enforced cancellation (subject to deduction of an excess). You must tell us about all serious or long-term illnesses for your child and anyone else in the family whose health might affect your child's ability to participate in the tour, in order that we may advise the insurers.

In line with school policy, you need to be made aware that should funds remain at the end of the trip amounting to less than £20 per head, they will be put into the school account for the benefit of all students. If funds remaining amount to more than this, a choice of reimbursement to parents will be offered. Where the tour costs exceed the budget due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. change of travel plans, exchange rate variation etc.), parents may be asked for a further contribution.

**Please note that if an incident or incidents occur where your child's behaviour becomes incompatible with inclusion on the trip, or is excluded from school for any period, the school reserves the right to withdraw a student from the trip at any stage. Should this situation come about, and incur a cost to the school, this will be borne by the parents in all cases.**

In order to apply for a place, please complete this Attendance Request Form -

<https://forms.office.com/e/NRYzFTf5uR> The deadline is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. If the ski trip is over-subscribed we will prioritise older students. A payment schedule will be sent to you once a place on the trip has been confirmed. If your child is not on the initial ski trip list (limit of 51 students) he/she will be placed on a reserve list.

If you require any further information then please contact me at the school. My email address is [jonathan.griffiths@tbshs.org](mailto:jonathan.griffiths@tbshs.org)

Yours sincerely,



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