

March 18th 2024

Ski Trip Itinerary and Information for Parents

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now able to give you full details of travel arrangements and other essential information prior to our departure for Austria on **Thursday 28th March 2024**. Ski Team 4 have confirmed the following information regarding travel to and from our resort.

Travel Itinerary

Outbound travel

- Coach departure from school **9.00 a.m.** Thursday 28th March 2024
- Cross Channel Ferry Dover to Calais **8.00 p.m.** Thursday 28th March 2024
- Arrival in Hochfugen ski resort Friday afternoon **2.00pm** Friday 29th March 2024

Inbound travel

- Coach departure from Hochfugen resort **6.00 pm** Wednesday 3rd March 2024
- Cross channel ferry Calais to Dover **11.20 a.m.** Thursday 4th March 2024
- Arrival Hermitage Academy approximately **7.00 p.m.** Thursday 4th March 2024

Rooming - We have received the room allocation from Alpincentre and rooming will be organised prior to departure - your child will be informed of their room over the next week. We will aim, where best we can, to ensure that students are with their friends but it is not always possible for students to be with all friends from a larger group. In past seasons, we have always managed to accommodate friendship groups to ensure they are comfortable and gain the most enjoyment out of the trip.

Money - Students are advised to bring spending money for the trip in both Euros and pounds to ensure that they can purchase food and drink on the journey and whilst in resort. Should you wish to use a payment card, this is not an issue, however, students should bring a small amount of cash in both currencies as not all services or amenities take card (NB some of the services in Europe charge a small amount to use the toilet facilities – so some change in advance or using cash to obtain change is advisable). Important - your child will also need a **€5 note** for their ski pass deposit, this will be collected on the outbound journey as the resort manager collects our deposits upon arrival and distributes ski passes for the duration of the trip. Some students like to keep lift passes as a memento- this is not a problem but in this case, their deposit would not be returned.

Medicines - All medicines (including over the counter medications such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, travel sickness etc.) must be handed in to main reception with the attached medical consent form. It is essential that you inform staff of frequency and dosage of any medications you envisage your child

may need during the course of the trip. Medicines can be handed in earlier than the day of departure but we appreciate that this is not always practicable.

Kit List – please read the attached kit list carefully. Students cannot ski without essential items therefore, we advise that you check your child’s luggage prior to departure. We will carry some spare items of kit, however, this is not always size appropriate for each student so careful preparation is advised. Some kit is required for the coach and these must be packed in travel backpack rather than being in hold luggage. This is identified on the kit list. Finally, we encourage students to bring a fancy dress outfit for our fancy dress party and to ski in on their final day skiing.

Food – we advise that students bring food for the journey but also consider packing some snacks in their hold luggage- these can be useful in social time or whilst out skiing as students expend large amounts of energy and small snacks can help with this. In addition, a named water bottle is helpful which can be filled up each day and taken on the slopes. Food in resort is on a full board basis.

Documentation - The trip lead will carry all passports and GHICs during the journey and passports will then be stored securely in the hotel safe. Students will be given a copy of their passport and their GHIC once in resort which they will carry in their ski coat pocket at all times. Students will also be given emergency contact details for trip lead and hotel, which they will carry at all times.

Departure date - On the morning of the 28th your child should come to school for 8.00 a.m at which time students will bring their luggage to a central area and medicines can be handed in to reception. If you are dropping your child off and wish to wait to see them leave on the coach, all cars must be parked away from the school site and access road. Any cars parked may then prevent the bus from making a timely departure and could result in missing the 8pm ferry slot.

We look forward a fantastic ski tour and we know that your child will come back with memories to last a lifetime.

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