



Spalding High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2021, Friday 12th - Friday 19th February 2021 (8 days/5 nights in resort)

I am delighted to be able to offer your daughter a fantastic opportunity, assuming that there is sufficient interest to raise a full party, to learn to ski in the fabulous Austrian ski resorts of **Wurzeralm & Hinterstoder**. This is a superb opportunity to enjoy a healthy, physical activity in a new outdoor environment. Skiing will help to build self-confidence, a real sense of achievement.....and much, much more!

A popular skiing destination since the beginning of the 20th century, Wurzeralm/Hinterstoder continues to hold onto its excellent snow record and now plays host to World Cup ski races. There's even a new World Cup run on the Hinterstoder, which is named after the downhill world champion, Hannes Trinkl, while Wurzeralm lays claim to the fastest funicular railway in Europe. School parties stay in Spital am Pyhrn, conveniently located between the Wurzeralm and Hinterstoder resorts. Set in the heart of Upper Austria, the small town is defined by its beautiful cathedral and encircled by mountains

The trip will be led by myself in conjunction with Skibound. Skibound is a first-class operator with a solid reputation for organising ski trips and over 30 years' experience in the school travel business. They are ABTA members and ATOL-licensed so your payments are fully insured. The price of the ski trip will be £979.

Included in the cost:

- Return travel from School to resort by executive coach via Ferry crossing, departing after dinner on the last day's skiing
- Full board accommodation at the **Hotel Freunde Der Natur** whilst in resort (hot lunch each day on the slopes)
- 5 days skiing in resort, including area lift pass, ski, boot, pole and helmet hire
- 5 hours daily ski tuition (students will only ski under instructor supervision)
- Winter Sports Insurance and Snow Guarantee
- The full support of a Skibound representative in the resort, including evening entertainments and a tour 'hoody'
- Staff/student ratio of at least 1 accompanying adult to every 8 students

Excluded from the cost:

- Passport
- Meals en-route
- Pocket money

An initial deposit of £179 is due by Friday 24th January 2020, with a further 8 monthly instalments of £100 being made at the end of each month from February to September. **Your deposit does not guarantee a place on the trip and refunds will be made once places are allocated and confirmed.** All payments **must** be made on or before the deadlines.

If you would like to book a place for your daughter, please make your payment and return the slip below to the finance office by Friday 24th January 2020. Once a place has been confirmed, any deposits paid are **NON-REFUNDABLE** if the place is not filled by a reserve, unless covered by the insurance policy (eg medical etc.), details of this cover will be available on request. The School reserves the right to withdraw this trip should the number of applicants interested and deposit payments received, be such that the trip is not financially viable. Should this be the case, parents will be notified and all deposit payments will be refunded in full. It may be necessary, when allocating places, to take into account student behaviour at School, so as not to place the safety of students, staff and their peers at risk.

Places are limited to 42 students so **please return your deposit and form** quickly to aid planning and to avoid disappointment. If deposits received exceed places available, it may be necessary to take into account skiing experience to ensure ability groupings are of the correct number for instruction (around 10-12 per group). If you are willing to be on a reserve list and pay for the trip along with everyone else, please indicate on the form below; eight reserves were eventually given places last year. If no place becomes available, you will receive a full refund, including the initial deposit. If you have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me at School.

Yours sincerely
Mr L Farrell

