



# Spalding High School

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**Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: SKI TRIP 2021 TO WURZERLALM & HINTERSTODER, AUSTRIA**

Due to the many uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and putting pupils' health & safety at the forefront of our thinking, we have decided to postpone the ski trip to Austria in February 2021 to February 2022. Furthermore, the Department for Education regulations currently state that no schools should take overnight or overseas trips. As a result, parents/carers will now have the choice of either transferring their child to the February 2022 ski trip or a full refund of the monies currently paid. However, we do hope that most pupils will still want to join us in February 2022 to make the ski trip viable. Nevertheless, we must make you aware that the overall cost of the ski trip in February 2022 is an additional £20 (£999 in total) but still includes the following:

- Return travel from Spalding High School to resort by executive coach via ferry crossing
- Full board accommodation at the Hotel Freunde Der Natur whilst in resort (hot lunch each day on the slopes)
- 5 days skiing in 2 different resorts (2 days in Wurzeralm & 3 days in Hinterstoder) including area lift pass, ski, boot, pole and helmet hire
- 5 hours daily ski tuition (pupils will only ski under instructor supervision)
- The full support of a Skibound representative in resort, including evening entertainments and a tour 'hoody'
- Staff/pupil ratio of at least 1 accompanying adult to every 8 students
- Winter sports travel insurance
- A tour operator that is ABTA bonded and ATOL licensed so your payments are fully insured

The small increase in price is mainly due to an increase in global travel insurance costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, parents/carers will have an additional 12 months to fund the trip and the payment profile will be adjusted accordingly.

Finally, no decision needs to be made at this moment in time as we will discuss this further with the pupils on our return in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrell

Ski trip leader

Miss Pascoe

Deputy ski trip leader