



Friday 28 March 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

SKI TRIP 2026 PLACE – APPLICATION PROCESS

We are launching the Ski Trip 2026 – on the back of the very successful recent trip to Austria. This trip (available at a cost of £1850**) will be:

- To Austria in the first week of the Easter Holidays (leaving Friday 27 March 2026)
- Full board
- Via plane

ParentPay will open at 07:00 on Monday 31 March 2025 for you to **apply** for a place and will require a financial commitment of £250 as a deposit. There will be an instalment schedule to pay with a final payment by 1 January 2026. We can only offer limited spaces (capped at 40) but also must reach a minimum number for the trip to run.

**this is likely to drop by £55 to £1795 in total but we have to include a contingency for flight prices rising before deposits are paid.

There will be a process for the allocation of places on this potentially very popular trip:

- From 7:00am Monday 31 March, ParentPay will be open for all parents of students in Years 7 to 12 to pay a deposit of £250 and effectively **apply** for a place
- ParentPay will remain open until 09:00am Thursday 10 April
- If there are 40 or fewer students who have signed up by that Thursday, all those who have signed up will be allocated the places they have applied for
- If more than 40 students have applied by Thursday 10 April, priority will be given to students who did NOT go on the 2025 Trip
- If more than 40 students who did NOT go on the 2025 Trip have applied by the Thursday, the 40 places allocated will be based on which of them signed up first. ParentPay records the signing-up time
- Any remaining spaces allocated to those who went on the 2025 trip will be done so on the basis of who first signed up

If there are still places remaining after Thursday 10 April we will re-open the ParentPay item at some point after then and any remaining places will be available first-come, first-served.

This is to try to ensure that there has been a reasonable opportunity for students who did not access the 2025 trip to be able to go on the 2026 trip.

Whether or not a space on the trip has been secured will be confirmed via email contact ASAP.

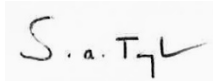
Please do not assume that if you have signed up on ParentPay that a place is there for your child.

Monies paid by parents who apply but do not secure a place for their child will of course be refunded. Students will need their own passports and parents will have to pay/organise any visas if the passport is a foreign one and regulations require it.

Please bear all this in mind when applying for a place as we do not want to disappoint students – i.e. please await a confirmation email before telling your child they have a place.

As with this year's trip, we trust parents understand the reasoning for this and appreciate the usual understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

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Steve Taylor – Visit Leader