



# Haygrove School

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Dear Parent

## SKIING IN AUSTRIA – 24 – 31 MARCH 2018

I am pleased to announce our plans for the Ski trip taking place during the Easter holidays next year, departing on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. The Academy has previously enjoyed extremely successful skiing holidays and the event is a regular addition to the school calendar. It is also pleasing to note that students from current Years 7-10 are able to participate.

We will be travelling to the wonderful Austrian resort of **Sölden**, a splendid snow sure resort, the host to the yearly held Alpine World Cup Opening as well as being one of Austria's most outstanding valleys. Students will be staying in the surrounding hamlet of Vent which is very close to the slopes.

The skiing offers good snow conditions, diverse terrain, a superb learning environment and adventure on and off the slopes. Snowtraxx (ATOL bonded company) is an educational tour operator able to offer a personalised tailor made experience for us. They have provided us with an exciting and very competitive package for a 6 days skiing experience. They have a wealth and depth of experience in running educational visits and are able to provide an excellent service. The hotel is ideally situated, and is well suited to school parties, with excellent food, accommodation and facilities. We have English speaking instructors who will be staying with us at the hotel and in resort. All pupils will be offered the opportunity to have a dry slope ski lesson at Churchill for approximately £10-15.00 before the trip.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience breath-taking scenery and the cultural charm of an Austrian ski resort. There are benefits to a residential outward bound trip such as coping with being away from parents for an extended duration, the cultural experience that a foreign country offers, and the obvious benefits for each child's social development.

### The cost of the trip will be £1271 based on 32 and will include the following:

- 7 nights accommodation with full board. Hot lunch will be served in a local restaurant.
- Airport transfers in England and Austria.
- Return flights from a southern UK airport.
- 6 days full ski pack – skis, boots, poles and helmets.
- 6 days lift pass.
- 6 days ski school – four hour lessons per day.
- Fully comprehensive insurance.
- Full evening entertainment programme to include movie evening, ice skating, tobogganing, pizza evening and presentation evening
- In resort representation and 24 hour emergency service

The price does not include:

- Ski Clothing (details of hiring arrangements will be given later)
- Passport – pupils will require their own passport (and a European Health Insurance Card which can be obtained on-line free of charge at [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) or through the Post Office).
- Pocket money
- Snacks/meals on journey to Austria and return journey home.



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Typical itinerary of the ski trip (this will be confirmed closer to the time)

- Saturday (am)- depart from Haygrove for Ski resort
- Saturday (pm)- arrive at resort and get fitted for skis/boards. Meet with Snowtraxx ski instructors who will stay with the groups
- Sunday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed by evening activity (usually movie evening)
- Monday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed by evening activity (usually ice skating)
- Tuesday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed by evening activity (usually tobogganing)
- Wednesday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed by evening activity (usually pizza night)
- Thursday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed by packing and evening activity (usually quiz)
- Friday (am and pm) 2 x 2 hours of ski lessons followed (usually presentation evening)
- Saturday (am) Depart ski resort and arrive back at Haygrove!

A full information meeting and pre-residential briefing will take place in February 2018, in order to provide final details and ensure that all paperwork is completed before departure. This will also be an opportunity to ask any specific question you may have,

If you wish your child to participate in this trip, please return the attached consent slip with a deposit of £310. If this trip is over-subscribed, names will be drawn and your deposit will be refunded if unsuccessful. All places on this visit are subject to good attendance and behaviour and the head of year has the right to withdraw a student from a visit if this criteria is not met.

Deposit - by Friday 2 June 2017	£310
Second Payment - by Friday 8 September 2017	£300
Balance Due – by Monday 18 December 2017	£661

**PLEASE NOTE – If for any reason your child has to withdraw from this trip (unless there are medical grounds) all costs incurred by the School/Tour Operator are payable. This could mean that the full amount of £1271 will have to be paid (depending on the date of withdrawal and/or whether a replacement can be found).**

I hope I have included all the points you need to consider but if you would like to clarify any issues please do not hesitate to contact me at school. An evening meeting for parents and pupils will be held nearer the date.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Stannett  
Ski Trip Leader



Mrs T Lee  
Ski Trip Deputy Leader

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Please return to the School Finance Office during morning registration by Friday 2 June 2017

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I wish my son/daughter to be allowed to take part in the above mentioned activity/visit and, having read the information sheet, agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described. I understand that, while the establishment staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the young people, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss or damage suffered by my son/daughter during the activity/visit. All activities/visits are covered by public liability insurance and trips outside the County are usually covered by comprehensive travel insurance. Details of cover are available from the establishment on request.

I have read, understood and agree to the Declaration and Explanatory Notes on the reverse of the attached letter.

**I enclose £310.00 deposit to secure a place for my child on this trip.** Cash (exact amount please)/or cheque payable to 'Haygrove School' with your child's name, tutor group and 'Austria' written on the back.

**Ski Level:- Beginner**

**Intermediate**

**Advanced**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name \_\_\_\_\_ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES - This form serves several important functions.

1. It confirms your knowledge of and your agreement to your child's participation in the planned visit.
2. It advises you that the Haygrove School Academy Trust will NOT necessarily be legally liable for every type of loss suffered by a child whilst on a visit.
3. It contains information about your child together with your consent to medical treatment if required.
4. It gives the supervising staff immediate information on how to contact you in an emergency.
5. If this form is not returned your child will NOT be able to participate in the visit.
6. If you wish to discuss the contents, please contact our Educational Visit Coordinator, Mrs C Morgan at Haygrove School.
7. Data Protection. Haygrove School Academy Trust, as the data controller, will fulfil its data protection obligations by treating all personal data, held manually and on computerised administrative systems, with due care and confidentiality. Personal data will only be disclosed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and the purposes registered by Haygrove School Academy Trust. Data collected is used for registration and monitoring purposes, and emergency contact information.

## Declaration

Having read the information sheet, I agree to my child taking part.

I understand that all reasonable care will be taken of my child during the visit/activity and that he/she will be under an obligation to obey all directions and instructions given and observe all rules and regulations governing the visit/activity.

I understand that if my child seriously misbehaves or is a cause of danger to him/herself or to others, then he/she may be sent home early from the visit/activity. In such a situation, there will be no obligation on the school/establishment to refund any money.

I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as I have instructed in this form and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided.



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