



Dear Parent/Carer

**Axe Valley Academy Ski Trip - Zell-Am-See, Austria
28 December 2019 – 5 January 2020**

We are in the process of organising and co-ordinating a ski activity week over the New Year period 2019/2020 to Austria. Accommodation will be at the Haus Brunhilde in the village of Fusch an der Glocknerstrasse, just outside the ski resort of Zell am See. The trip will be available for all current year 8, 9 and 10 students.

We are currently negotiating a cost for the trip. The initial idea on price will be £860; however this may change depending on the strength of the pound, and the outcome of the Brexit negotiations.

The week's activity includes:

- Return executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossing from Dover – Calais route
- Full medical and travel insurance cover
- 6 nights full board accommodation, including cold lunches.
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, helmet and poles.
- 6 x 5 hours of ski tuition
- 6 day full lift pass
- Evening entertainment – Ice hockey, swimming, New Year's Eve party, bowling.

We understand that this is a large sum of money to pay out, and to support this a structured payment plan will be put in place. A non-refundable deposit of £200 will be required to secure a place with subsequent payments at staged intervals (more details of this to follow in future letters). There are many students already interested in this trip and for this reason I must point out that the places will be on a first come, first served basis.

We will write to all parents/carers of students involved in due course to inform you of who is taking part and the staff supervising. We will also include in the letter advice about clothing and preparation, documentary information and the information about the parents evening that we will be holding nearer the time.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience breath taking scenery and the cultural charm of an Austrian ski resort. Students will also be encouraged to develop their speaking language skills whilst they are abroad. There are further benefits to a residential outward bound trip such as coping with being away from parents/carers for an extended duration, the cultural experience and the obvious benefits for each child's social development.

Please note that students will require a valid Passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for this trip.

Please complete the consideration form below and return to reception at the Axe Valley Academy. Please also indicate any previous skiing experience below. We do not require any payments at this stage.

Yours sincerely

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I would like my son/daughter to be considered for the 2019/20 ski trip to Zell-am-See, Austria.

Print Student Name..... Tutor group

Signature of Parent/Carer..... No. of weeks on snow.....