

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 8 Pupils

Our Ref: 87586696

6 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Year 9 School Ski Residential to Pass Thurn, Austria – Easter Holidays 2025**

We are delighted to offer a Year 9 Ski Residential to Austria in 2025 to pupils currently in Year 8.

The residential visit will take place during the Easter holidays 2025. We will leave on Saturday 5 April 2025 and will return a week later, on Sunday 13 April 2025. The residential will be to a ski resort in Austria which has previously been visited and approved by members of staff.

The cost of the residential is £1440; we recognise this is a large sum of money and so we have broken the amount down into more manageable instalments. Please see the payment plan at the bottom of this letter.

### **How do I register my child for a place on the visit?**

Please complete the following form to register your child's interest in the visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KC5MyHrGj4>

You will need to clearly state your child's name and tutor group. The deadline for completing this form is Friday 17 November 2023.

The visit will be available for up to 43 pupils. If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be chosen at random using online software.

After completing the form above, you will receive a second letter stating whether your child has been successful or not in gaining a place on the visit. If successful, an initial deposit of £200 will be required by Friday 24 November to secure a place. You can make your contribution payment by using our secure internet payment site <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>. If you require any assistance in using this site or if you need your login details, please e-mail [finance@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:finance@southhunsley.org.uk). If you do not have access to the internet, then please contact the Finance department via telephone on 01482 631 208 to arrange an alternative method of payment. All payments made are non-refundable.

If your child's name is entered on the form above, but no deposit is received by 9am Friday 24 November, then we will allocate the place to another pupil.

Unless the visit is cancelled, all payments are non-refundable for any pupils who drop out, unless the school can gain a suitable replacement. We would like to assure parents and carers that if the visit needs to be cancelled the school is insured and so any deposits taken are covered and you would not lose out financially.

The tour has been organised by Ski Bound/HTS, a specialist school tour operator. Ski Bound/HTS is well established and has many years of experience in the school travel industry. They are fully licenced by both ABTA and ATOL. South Hunsley is obliged to complete and submit a risk assessment for every visit in conjunction with the local authority; we can assure you that this residential will be risk assessed by myself and the rest of the South Hunsley ski visit staff.

The 2025 ski residential price includes:

- Return, executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossings
- Six nights full board accommodation
- Hot food at lunch on the slopes
- All food throughout the stay
- Experienced and knowledgeable resort representative
- Experienced South Hunsley Staff
- Six-day resort full ski lift pass
- Ski lessons: 4 hours of expert ski tuition per day (24hrs total)
- Evening watching an ice hockey match in Zell am see
- Ski race on the final day
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets for six days
- Fully comprehensive winter travel insurance through the school

The offer of après ski and evening entertainment activities is also available to pupils. This may include swimming, bowling, pizza evening, visiting an ice hockey event and more.

Skiing is a great opportunity for pupils to gain several new and exciting skills. Even the shyest of pupils can expect to come back from the residential with new found confidence, and new friends. There will be a range of pupils travelling, of all abilities, so please do not be apprehensive in this respect. As well as the social benefits of the trip, pupils will have the chance to experience different cuisines and to try a sport that, in this current economic climate, is not readily available to everyone. We endeavour to account for every possible cost through our school trip, aside from pupil clothing and a small amount of spending money (no more than 5-10 Euros a day will be needed).

Our ski visits are usually oversubscribed, and we do reserve the right to refuse a place on the visit based on any pupil's school behaviour record.

## Payment Instalment Information:

Friday 24 November 2023 (1 Deposit)	£200.00
Friday 26th January 2024 (2 Deposit)	£210.00
Friday 22 March 2024 (3 Payment)	£200.00
Friday 24 May 2024 (4 Payment)	£210.00
Friday 19 July 2024 (5 Payment)	£200.00
Friday 27 September 2024 (6 Payment)	£210.00
Friday 22 November 2024 (Final Payment)	£210.00

\*Payments can be made at anytime

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school via email [laura.Dixon-Brown@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:laura.Dixon-Brown@southhunsley.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



Laura Dixon-Brown  
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