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Dear Parent / Carer

SKI TRIP 2019 – AXAMER, AUSTRIAN ALPS 16-23 February 2019

We are delighted to inform you that we have made arrangements for our students to go on a ski trip to Axamer in the Austrian Alps. **The trip will run from Saturday, 16 February to Saturday, 23 February 2019, which will be during the February half term break.**

Axamer Lizum is a snow sure domain and offers spectacular views of Innsbruck and the surrounding region. Host to the 1964 Winter Olympics, the resort offers a quick ride to the peak on the mountain railway - from there the skier can take either the men's or women's downhill course. Axamer Lizum is a favourite with the Innsbruck locals and the area has recently expanded to take in the new lifts at Mutters. Extensive *off piste* terrain and tree skiing are on offer. The altitude of the ski area of Axamer Lizum (1583 – 2340 m) provides snow reliability from mid-November, until the end of April. Moreover, 75 % of the *pistes* can be groomed with snowmaking equipment. If you go skiing in the ski area of Axamer Lizum, you have modern lifts and slopes suitable for all levels of difficulty available.

We will be staying at the modern 3* Hotel Olympia. Located in the mountains, this fantastic hotel offers ski-in/ski-out access, with great entertainment in the evening, with a pizza night, karaoke, quiz night and disco which are all included in the price. Accommodation is all *en-suite* and the hotel restaurant offers full board, consisting of dinner and a cooked breakfast served buffet style in the restaurant and a hot lunch taken in a mountain restaurant.

For further information on the resort and hotel, please have a look at: <https://hammerle-hotels.at/en/hotel-olympia/>

The price of the proposed tour is £889, which includes the following:

- Return ferry crossing/Eurotunnel and executive coach travel from school to resort
- Full board accommodation – All you can eat buffet
- *En-suite* bedrooms
- Hooded sweat shirt
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Ski breakage guarantee insurance
- 5-days local ski pass
- 5-hours of ski tuition each day (x 5 days)
- 5-days hire of boots, poles, skis and helmets
- An inclusive evening entertainment package
- The services of the tour operator representative once in resort.



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This trip is aimed, on the first instance, at our Y10 students and will be offered on a ‘**first come first served**’ basis. Prior and during the event, the Behaviour and Attitude to Learning (ATL) of students who have signed on this trip will be closely monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. The starting point will be their current SDC’s (SDC 3/4) and should there be little or no improvements in these over the next 10 months, this could result in a child being removed from the trip. It is vital that all students on the ski trip remain focused and working towards their targets. In the event of Behaviour and/or Attitude to Learning being a concern, a meeting will be arranged with parents, Head of Year and the student.

On behalf of our students the school will make the booking with the tour operator *Visions in Education*. It is understood that all conditions of the booking are accepted and one such condition is that deposits are non-refundable once your son/daughter’s place has been confirmed and deposits have been forwarded to the tour operator. Booking terms and conditions are available here: <http://visionsineducation.co.uk>

If you would now like to confirm your child’s place on this trip please read, sign and return the attached Parental Agreement to **Mrs Goodger in the Student Office**. The booking system will be available **from 6.00pm, Monday, 19 March 2018**, when payment for the **first immediate non-refundable deposit of £100** can be made via the online payment system (ParentMail). This should give parents time to discuss the ski trip with their children before making a **second non-refundable deposit payment of £100 to be paid on or before Thursday, 1 June 2018**. Any issues in accessing this system please contact **Mrs Newall on 01280 812206 ext. 258**.

Future Payment Schedule

Payment due by:

Immediate	£100 to secure a place – 1st deposit – Non-refundable	
Before the 1st June 2018	£100	2nd deposit – Non-refundable
1st July 2018	£150	
1st Sept 2018	£150	
1st Oct 2018	£139	
1st Nov 2018	£150	
1st Dec 2018	£100	
	Total payment:	<u>Total £889</u>

Should you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at ccollie@buckinghamschool.org I will be only too happy to answer them.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Collie
Trip Leader - HOY Y7 & PE Teacher

