

SRC/srh
13 March 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

**Trip No: 4780 - Optional Residential Overseas Trip During Term Time
Year 11 and 12 Sixth Form Ski Trip to Otz Valley in Austria Friday 9th February 2018**

We are writing regarding an exciting ski trip which we are organising exclusively for Sixth Form students. The trip is open to all members of the current Years 11 and 12, who will be in Year 12 and 13 respectively by the time the trip takes place. The trip has been booked for the February Half Term 2018, leaving school on Friday, 9th February and returning on Saturday, 17th February 2018. We have a provisional booking for 32 pupils and all those interested should apply as early as possible as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Resort

The resort that we have booked is the Otz Valley in Austria, which gives us access to three different ski areas across the week. The three ski areas of Sölden, Otz and Kuhtai are traditional Austrian resorts offering picturesque pistes which are ideal for beginners and intermediates, whilst also offering a challenge for more experienced skiers. The resorts offer over 150km of piste, making them one of the largest combined ski areas in Austria. Sölden itself stands 1368m above sea level with the top lifts reaching above 3000m; resulting in excellent snow conditions and thus it is widely regarded as one of Austria's premier ski destinations.

We will be staying in the nearby town of Imst which offers a wide range of après ski and evening entertainment options. The Hotel Eggerbrau is a newly refurbished three Star Hotel situated near to local amenities and a short drive from the ski slopes.

The Cost

This virtually all-inclusive package will cost £840.00. Skiing holidays are expensive as we have to travel in high season, over the school's half term holiday. This price represents a very competitive offer for an Austrian resort in an extensive ski area. The cost will include:

- 1) Executive coach travel from school to resort
- 2) Channel crossing via ferry
- 3) Full board accommodation
- 4) Six days hire of skis, boots, poles and ski helmet
- 5) Six sessions of five hours ski tuition
- 6) Six full days lift pass across three different ski areas
- 7) Resort representative service
- 8) Full Medical and Travel Insurance Cover

Not included in the Cost

Personal spending money

Après Ski activities, these will be arranged in resort

Meals during the journey

Dry Slope Ski Lesson, recommended for any beginner skiers and these will be organised once students have signed up for the trip

Ski Clothing

Payment

The cost of this trip will be spread across four payments. The first payment of £240.00 is a non-refundable deposit and will be due with the return of the consent form by 29th March 2017, with the remaining three payments due on the following dates:

Payment	Payment Due Date	Amount
Deposit (Non-Refundable)	Wednesday, 29 th March 2017	£240.00
2 nd Instalment	Wednesday, 28 th June 2017	£200.00
3 rd Instalment	Wednesday, 20 th September 2017	£200.00
4 th Instalment	Wednesday, 18 th October 2017	£200.00
Total Cost		£840.00

Eligibility

As you will appreciate, this trip is for the next academic year, and as such we must stress that only students who are on the school role at the time of the trip will be eligible to travel. Students who sign up for this trip now, but do not continue with their studies at The John Warner School next year will not be allowed to come on the trip, and the school cannot guarantee that any money paid will be able to be refunded. We expect continued excellence of behaviour and effort up to and including during this trip. However, if pupils fail to abide by the school rules we reserve the right to take away the privilege of going on this trip. Obviously the school have an excellent reputation on school trips and wish to uphold this tradition.

Please complete the [consent and payment form on our website by following this link](#) or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment **by Wednesday 29th March 2017**. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and we would therefore recommend that you respond as soon as possible.

As this trip is overseas, all pupils will need their own up-to-date passport¹ and EHIC Card (www.ehic.org.uk) which we will require a copy of in advance.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this optional trip you are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £240.00, representing the non-refundable deposit, and then the remaining three instalments, which will cover the cost of this visit. We must inform you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents who are able to pay are willing to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, you are invited to contact the Assistant Head: Director of Finance & Resources.

Please complete the [consent and payment form](#) on our school website or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received, and therefore we recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. You will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Sally Pringle on 07938 225451 or Mr Oliver Price on 07925019743.

Yours faithfully

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Encl.

¹ Some countries have an immigration requirement for a passport to remain valid for a minimum period (usually at least six months) beyond the date of entry to the country. Therefore please can you ensure your passport is in good condition and valid for at least 6 months at the date of your return. This is a requirement of the country concerned, not the UK Passport Service. Any questions should be addressed to their Consulate or Embassy.

Reply Slip

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) on the school's website.

Student's Name: _____

Form: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions? Yes No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities? Yes No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: _____

Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements:

Has your child been immunised against tetanus? Yes No

Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:

Number: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

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For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:

Copy of Passport included Yes No

Copy EHIC included Yes No

Declaration

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Payment Method – £240.00 Non-Refundable Deposit

<input type="checkbox"/> Wisepay ¹ Preferred payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque ² Cheques payable to The John Warner School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash ²
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¹ If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance department in the first instance. If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please contact the Finance Department.

² If paying by cash or cheque, please put your payment in an envelope which should be labelled with the name of the trip, your child's name, form and the amount enclosed. We would appreciate your cooperation by requesting that your child places the response slip in the trips box, which is located at Student Services.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent / Carer