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Year 9 Ski Trip 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

Plans are now being drawn up for next years' Ski Trip. I have decided to go to Salzburger Sportwelt, Austria, following the success of this year's trip. I have provisionally booked places for 80 FCC pupils, leaving on Saturday 11th January 2025 and returning the following Saturday. This is a package that offers 5 days of skiing, totalling 25 hours of instructed ski lessons throughout the week as well as evening activities.

The trip is being organised through IBT, a company which, offers excellent service and value for money. Sportwelt is an excellent ski area in Austria; it has a good snow record, is surrounded by beautiful scenery and has a modern lift system. There are runs for skiers of all abilities. IBT is a well-respected company and very established in the Sportwelt area. They are an ABTA bonded company which has been offering school skiing for many years and I am pleased to be dealing with them again.

The trip is offered to pupils in the present Year 8. It is only students in this year group (Year 9 when the trip takes place) that can attend the trip. Please note, skiing is a high-risk activity and living in a hotel in large numbers for a week requires a high level of consideration for others. Therefore, the College reserves the right not to accept students on this trip who do not show good levels of behaviour and co-operation in college. Good attendance is also a requirement for acceptance on the trip.

Please note that all students taking part in this visit must have their own passport. In addition, each child must have either a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), or Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Any travel visas, where necessary, must be organised by parents.

IBT specialise in offering a very comprehensive package to make budgeting as easy as possible. The cost includes the following:

- Travel by coach
- Hotel accommodation, all rooms with private facilities
- 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast in hotel
- Evening meal before departure on last day
- 5 days hot lunch vouchers for use on the mountain
- 5 day lift pass
- Hire of ski equipment including helmet
- 5 days skiing, with 5 days of 5-hour lessons per day (25 hours in total)
- Après ski - A program of evening entertainment

The only extras which need to be budgeted for will be the cost of hiring/purchasing ski clothes (if necessary – as a guide, this worked out to be £45 for the hiring of ski trousers and ski jacket for previous trips) and pocket money for the journey and to spend in resort. I feel that with the inclusion of the many extras such as the evening entertainment, equipment hire and main meals in resort, pocket money can be kept to a minimum.

The total cost of the trip is £1,095. **Please be advised that a £150 non-refundable deposit will be required.**

The rest of the payments will be in regular instalments with the final payment being due by the start of October 2024. Details of the interim payment dates will appear in the next letter. If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/jxKphMuB6c> by 9:00am Friday 15th March 2024 to express initial interest. If the trip is oversubscribed, I will endeavour to book more places but if this is not possible, names of those whom have completed the online form by the deadline will be chosen at random.



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PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THROUGH YOUR PARENTPAY ACCOUNT. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN TO DO THIS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH PARENTPAY AND YOUR DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.

Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents in support of activities for which the school has to pay. However, there is no legal obligation on parents to contribute and children will be treated the same whether or not parents are able or choose not to contribute. However, if not enough contributions are made, the activity may have to be cancelled.

Financial assistance is available if you are in financial hardship and by special arrangement with the school. Please contact **Charlotte Heath, Educational Visits Coordinator, if you require further information, at EVC@fcc.faringdon.academy** If you would like any more details about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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