THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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26 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2027, Austria: Friday 12 February – Friday 19 February 2027

We are delighted to inform you that in February half-term 2027, we will be running a school ski trip to Ski Juwel in Austria. This is open to students who are currently in Year 8 and Year 9, so at the time of travel they will be in Year 9 and Year 10.

The trip will involve 5 days of skiing with fully qualified instructors from an Austrian ski school and will give the opportunity to skiers of any level to learn and develop skills in this exciting sport. It is a great opportunity for students to go on their first ski trip and enjoy the challenge of learning to ski, or for more experienced skiers, to come and ski at a new resort and be challenged to develop their ability.

Skiing will, of course, be a primary focus of the trip but a ski trip also offers students the opportunity to experience the culture and fabulous scenery on offer in an Austrian ski resort. Furthermore, we are firm believers that this type of trip is also a great opportunity for students to make new friends, build resilience and feel a huge sense of achievement by the end of the week.

Skiing is an extreme sport and all students will be provided with equipment of a high standard including a helmet, which must be worn. The ski instructors are fully qualified and will ensure students' progress at a level appropriate to their ability with the main priority being the safety of the group.

Our ski package is booked with Select School Travel, a very experienced travel company. We will be travelling by coach to Austria on **Friday 12 February 2027** and returning to the school on **Friday 19 February 2027.** More detailed timings and route information will be provided in future correspondence.

The cost of this trip is **£1,775.00** and includes the following:

- 5 days of ski instruction
- 5-day lift pass
- Rental skis, boots, poles and helmet
- Return coach travel from Mountbatten to Austria
- Full board accommodation (in resort)
- Winter sports insurance
- A trip hoodie
- Evening entertainment

Although this includes the vast majority of the trip's cost, it is important that parents are aware that their child will need appropriate clothing for skiing. We will publish a kit list to those who gain a place on the trip.

We expect all students with no skiing experience to complete a basic course on dry slopes in the UK. We will guide those who gain a place on the trip through the various options available to you. This will ensure that once we get to Austria, our beginner skiers will be more prepared and therefore more able to progress quicker and make the most of skiing on snow over the week. This will be an additional cost to the trip with dates and times to follow. We cannot overstate the benefit of gaining as much skiing experience before we go to Austria.

In order to help parents budget for this trip, there will be a payment schedule to help break the cost of the trip down. We will set up the schedule of payments on Scopay and when you sign into your Scopay account you will be able to activate alerts when payments are due. The payment plan will be as follows:

Payment	**Due by**	**Amount**
Deposit	Friday 12 December 2025	£125.00
2nd payment	Friday 30 January 2026	£175.00
3rd payment	Friday 27 February 2026	£165.00
4th payment	Friday 27 March 2026	£165.00
5th payment	Thursday 30 April 2026	£165.00
6th payment	Friday 29 May 2026	£165.00
7th payment	Tuesday 30 June 2026	£165.00
8th payment	Friday 31 July 2026	£165.00
9th payment	Monday 31 August 2026	£165.00
10th payment	Wednesday 30 September 2026	£165.00
11th payment	Friday 30 October 2026	£155.00
TOTAL PAYMENT		**£1,775.00**

You can apply for a place by completing the registration form below and paying the **£125.00 deposit** via Scopay (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the deposit will be refunded). The registration form and deposit must be completed **by Friday 12 December 2025**. If your child is successful in gaining a place on this residential visit, we will inform you by email.

Click here: **Ski Trip February 2027 Sign Up**

Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, the school will try to fill the place from any waiting list. If this is not possible, the deposit will be lost and further cancellation charges made by the travel company will be incurred. These will vary according to the notice given.

You may, of course, make a claim on the insurance purchased as part of the trip, if your cancellation comes within the terms of the policy.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry an enormous responsibility for the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem. As skiing is a hazardous activity, we will only accept students onto this trip who we are sure can be trusted to show the highest standards of behaviour.

If your child is successful in securing a place on the trip, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make the necessary visa arrangements for entry to the country(s) we are visiting and/or travelling through. The school and/or tour company may be able to signpost you to supporting documents when applying in advance for visas. Please be aware that the insurance policy does not cover any circumstance where the necessary visa has not been obtained in time for the trip departure. As such, your cooperation in organising the necessary documentation in a timely manner is appreciated. Please check the travel requirements on the Government website: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us via info@mountbatten.school.

Yours sincerely

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