



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

BML/JHS

20 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2025, Austria, Friday 14 February – Friday 21 February 2025

We are delighted to inform you that in February half-term 2025, we will be running a school ski trip to Salzburger Sportwelt in Austria. This is open to students who are currently in Year 7 and Year 8, 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 PGL, a very experienced travel company with whom we have booked and skied with before. We will be travelling by coach to Austria on **Friday 14 February 2025** and returning to the school on **Friday 21 February 2025**. More detailed timings and route information will be provided in future correspondence.

The cost of this trip is **£1,559.00** and includes the following:

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

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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. This can of course be purchased externally, however, we will endeavour to have a clothing company available at an information evening from whom clothing can be rented.

We will send further correspondence regarding a kit list for the trip but for an initial idea you can see the following link: [PGL Kit List](#)

We will also expect all students with no skiing experience to join us for an evening on the dry slopes at Alpine Snowsports Centre, Southampton. 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.

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:

<i>Initial deposit</i>	Due by Friday 7 July 2023	£150.00
<i>Interim deposit</i>	Due by Thursday 31 August 2023	£150.00
3 rd payment	Due by Friday 29 September 2023	£115.00
4 th payment	Due by Tuesday 31 October 2023	£115.00
5 th payment	Due by Thursday 30 November 2023	£115.00
6 th payment	Due by Thursday 29 February 2024	£115.00
7 th payment	Due by Friday 29 March 2024	£115.00
8 th payment	Due by Tuesday 30 April 2024	£115.00
9 th payment	Due by Friday 31 May 2024	£115.00
10 th payment	Due by Friday 28 June 2024	£115.00
11 th payment	Due by Wednesday 31 July 2024	£115.00
12 th payment	Due by Friday 30 August 2024	£115.00
13 th payment	Due by Monday 30 September 2024	£109.00
TOTAL PAYMENT		£1,559.00

You can apply for a place by completing the registration form below and paying the **£150.00 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 7 July 2023**. If your child is successful in gaining a place on this residential visit, we will inform you by email.

Click here: [Ski Trip February 2025 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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