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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following many successful Farmor's School snow sports trips we are delighted to be able to offer a snow sports trip for current students in years 7 to 12. After a very successful visit in 2022 the destination for 2023 is again Wagrain, Austria. The trip will be run during the February half term holiday of 2023 (Sat 18th - Fri 24th February 2023).

Wagrain is part of the '<u>Snow Space Salzburg</u>' resort and has a consistently good snow record. It is a very good area for beginners and intermediate skiers, with suitably challenging higher altitude pistes and parks for the more advanced.

The **estimated price of the trip is £1,100 – 1,200**\* (exact price is dependent on student numbers, flight prices etc.), which includes:

- Return travel by air, with coach transfers at either end included
- 6 nights full board, en-suite accommodation at Hotel Oberwimm
- Lift pass, Ski/Board, Boot & Helmet hire
- 25 hours of ski/snowboard tuition from an Austrian Ski School (5 days x 5 hours)
- A variety of après ski activities (e.g. bowling, swimming, tobogganing, quiz/games night etc...)
- Full Snowsports medical and travel insurance

## \* Students wishing to snowboard rather than ski are required to pay a £50 supplement. Furthermore, our ability to offer snowboarding as an activity is subject to there being a sufficient number of students interested that are of a similar ability.

Students going on this trip will need suitable ski wear (jacket and trousers), thermals, ski goggles and ski gloves. Therefore, for those that are interested, we organise for <u>Ski & Sport Ltd</u> (the tour operator) to come into school to display products that they have available for hire or purchase.

It is also very useful to have a few dry slope sessions if you have never skied / boarded before. Although this does add an additional cost (*approx. \pounds50*) to the trip it definitely helps beginners make the most of their time on the snow when in resort. We usually arrange these lessons for the beginning of the spring term prior to the trip. Additionally, it is important to understand that skiing/snowboarding is a physically demanding activity, and as such it is really important prior to departure that all students ensure they are 'fit enough to ski/board' rather than hoping the 'skiing/boarding will get them fit'!

Although the trip is open to all students in years 7-12, we reserve the right to remove students from the trip should we have any concerns about their behaviour and ability to accept the authority of the School.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this trip please complete this form (<u>Click here</u>) by no later than 8pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. After gauging numbers etc... we will be able to confirm the trip details and allocate places on the trip. A £300 non-refundable deposit will then be requested. This must be paid, through parent pay, in two instalments (Instalment I at the beginning of June and instalment 2 at the beginning of July). The remaining balance must then be paid at the beginning of November 2022.

Should more people want to go on the trip than there are places then places will be allocated via a blind draw, with any students that were unsuccessful in gaining a place on the 2022 trip being given priority. Any student not obtaining a place in the blind draw will be placed on a reserve list and contacted if a place becomes available at a later date.

Yours sincerely, Mr R Simpson A selection of photographs from the 2022 trip to Wagrain, Austria





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