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20 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Final Details for Ski Trips to Austria – 14th to 22nd February 2025

As we approach February, I write to outline important information regarding departure, accommodation and return journey details.

Travel Arrangements

The outline shown below will be **approximately** correct:

Outward Journey:

Depart School 14 February 2025	11:30 from Sports Hall car park
Depart Dover by ferry	22:00
Arrive Dunkirk	00:00 (local time)
Arrive Hochkrimml 15 February	16:00

Return Journey:

Depart Hochkrimml 21 February	17:00
Depart Dunkirk by ferry 22 February	10:00
Arrive Dover	12:00 (local time)
Arrive School	16:00

Hotel Details:	
Name:	Jugendgästehaus Gerlosplatte
Address:	Hochkrimml 244, 5743 Krimml, Austria
Telephone:	(+49) 2202 37457
Website:	https://www.skiteam4.com/hotel-detail/jugendgaestehaus-gerlosplatte/

Your contact in Austria, in the event of any emergency whilst we are away:

Mr T Winfield 07709 912760.

The emergency contact numbers in this country are **Mr M Kneeshaw** who can be reached on **07968 530221** and **Mr C Armstrong** who can be reached on **01604 258676**.

Please DO NOT, under any circumstances, use these numbers for travel information, or for non-emergency communication. These numbers are for use only in the event of a situation which absolutely necessitates you contacting the trip leader in Austria.

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Please read the attached information sheet carefully for further information concerning the trip.

Beyond this, if you have any queries or concerns regarding the trip, please email twinfield@nsbtrust.school or call me on 01604 230240.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Winfield
Ski Trip Leader

Day of Departure and Outbound Journey

- On the morning of Friday 14 February, the main stowed luggage bag and hand luggage bag need to be dropped off at the Sports Hall Car Park between 7:30 – 8:30am.
- Students will then be directed where to place their bags and these will be locked away safely at the swimming pool for the period 8:30am – 10:40am.
- Pupils will be expected to attend morning lessons as normal in their full school uniform. Students will then come down to the swimming pool at **10:40am**.
- They can leave their travel clothes with their luggage in the designated store area at the swimming pool and use that space to change.
- Because of the constraints on time, students are advised to either eat at break time or to bring a packed lunch for the bus journey to Dover. Students will not have time to eat at the school canteen during Friday lunch.
- Some parents in the past have chosen to drop their son's luggage at school prior to the departure time and wave the coach off. This is fine, but we would urge parents intending to do this to please bring the luggage to the Sports Hall car park no earlier than 10:15am and no later than 11:00am.
- If you intend to bring luggage at this time, please be aware that parking will **not** be available at the Sports Hall. For safety reasons, we respectfully request that you park off-site and walk down the access road to the Sports Hall.
- It would be impractical to have the students take their school bag and uniform to Austria with us. We need to ask parents to arrange to pick these items up from 11.35am. Some families do this in person, others ask friends or siblings to bring them home. If any student has a problem arranging this, we can provide safe storage at school for their belongings over the Half Term break. Please just let us know you want this to happen, and we can arrange that accordingly.

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- The target departure time is 11.30am, but if we are all settled and ready to go prior to that time, it is possible we could depart a little earlier.
- Parents are reminded that once in resort the trip is full board, but our first meal in resort is not until Saturday evening. For this reason, students will need some form of pack-up and / or some Euros to cover a mid-morning stop on the Saturday whilst transferring across Europe.
- We require all students to wear their NSB ski hoodie for the outbound and return journeys. This will aid group supervision at stops along the way. These will be distributed prior to departure.

Return to School

- We are due to arrive back at school at approximately 4:00pm on Saturday 22 February. It is normal practice for drop off to occur in the bus bay at the front of school. However, the coach will not be able to use that space if parents pull into the bus bay. For this reason, can we respectfully request that parents park either in the school crescent, in adjoining streets or perhaps at the Old Northamptonians car park.
- Please be aware that return times are approximate, from experience our scheduled Dunkirk departure time can change depending on when we get there (it is usually first come first served); if our transfer is affected by any unforeseen circumstances that will significantly alter our arrival time to school, we will ask the students to call home to inform you of this.
- Staff will take a register of their ski group ensuring they are picked up at school. Please do not allow your son to leave before this has taken place.

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- **VERY IMPORTANT** – Make sure that your son has his **passport** and **GHIC/EHIC** card with him, in a zipped pocket in his travel clothes, which they can reach easily in transit, do not pack in stowed luggage!
- Passports - please note that we will collect all passports, on the coach at the time of departure and hold these centrally for the duration of the trip. They will be returned to students once we have passed back through customs on the return journey.
- Global Health Insurance Card / European Health Insurance Card - the students must ensure they bring an up-to-date GHIC/EHIC with them on the trip. Students will be instructed to carry the card with them daily on the slopes in a secure jacket pocket.
- The Coach Company has asked that bags should be a **soft hold-all** type as space in the baggage compartment is limited. Large, rigid suitcases will be difficult to pack.
- If any families have outstanding finances on the balance of payments, could we request that these are cleared in full prior to the date of departure. If this is problematic, could we ask you to contact the trip leader at the school to discuss the matter.
- Please ensure that your child brings a towel.
- Bring a small cushion / pillow for the journey. Students may choose to wear their ski jacket to save space in their luggage. Sleeping bag or blanket for overnight transfers to and from resort is optional.

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- In your hand luggage, make sure you pack the following:
 - Food and water for the journey (**no chewing gum, fizzy drinks, or sweets please**).
 - **No student is to bring nut based/seafood/pineapple snacks on the buses**, given the fact there are students with allergies travelling with us.
 - Money (both Euro's and a small amount of sterling for outbound and return trip). For pocket money I advise around €10 a day as a rough guide, but this is entirely your choice and be assured that all meals are provided in resort.
 - Book/magazine/games or other entertainment, but please remember phones/iPads etc are taken at your own risk.
- **Medication - VERY IMPORTANT** – If you have a medical condition, and need regular medication please ensure that both your Trip Leader and Travel Group Leader (if they are different people) know the condition and the medication.

As a rule of thumb, if your medication involves anything beyond a salbutamol inhaler for asthma, your travel group leader will take responsibility for your medication. **Please hand this over at coach departure in an envelope clearly marked with name, medication and details of how to administer.**

- Students can ask their travel group leader to look after their money on the trip. Responsibility will not be accepted for any loss of money from students who decide to manage their own finances during the trip.

Please use the following as a guide for the ski kit:

Travel

Comfortable loose clothing, including NSB Ski Hoodie

Packed breakfast – **absolutely no fizzy drinks, sweets, chewing gum, nuts, seafood, pineapple**

Passport/EHIC or GHIC/Euro's/medication as necessary

Evenings

It will be cold in resort, but we will rarely go out after skiing

Warm, casual clothing to be worn around the hotel

Beanie or bobble hat (NSB ski bobble hat supplied)

2 pairs of footwear - 'clean' for the hotel
- 'dirty' for the boot room

Skiing

2 or 3 pairs of ski socks, and much underwear

A pair of skiing gloves (woollen gloves are no good, they stay wet and cold)

Base layer - thin long sleeve top or t-shirts. Thermal leggings if it is very cold. You could bring thermal top/under armour style base layer

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Light middle layer - long sleeve top / extra t-shirt

Top Layer - ski trousers/salopettes and ski jacket

Headwear - eyewear, either sunglasses or goggles (helmet provided)

Small rucksack for extra clothing, snacks and water

General

Towel

Wash bag and toiletries

Nightwear

Suncream and lip salve

Game/magazine/books etc. for rooms

You are advised to bring a bin liner to pack damp clothes on the day of return

Please bring a face mask

Austrian plug adapter – make sure it is the right one!

Reminder

We supply skis, poles, ski boots and helmet.

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