



TWI/rmc

10 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## New departure information

Most of the following information is the same. There are major differences to the departure time, and timings to drop off bags/wave goodbye. Please also read the inbound journey information.

## 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 be directed at this time where to place their bags and these will be locked away safely at the swimming pool. They can leave their travel clothes with their luggage in the designated store area at the swimming pool and use that space to change later in the day.
- 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 **1:05pm (normal lunch time)**.
- 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.
- In the past, some parents have chosen to drop their son's luggage at school prior to the departure time and wave the coach off. This is fine; however we would urge parents intending to do this to please bring the luggage to the Sports Hall car park no earlier than 12:30pm and no later than 1:00pm.
- 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 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 plan to pick these items up from between 01:15pm - 01:45pm from the Sports Hall if possible. 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.

The target departure time is **02:00pm**, 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.

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## **Inbound journey**

- We are due to arrive back at NSB at 4:00pm on Saturday 22 February.
- We will keep you updated as we travel to give a more accurate time.
- The coach will pull into the bus bay outside of school. Students will remain on the bus until the luggage is placed inside the gates. Students will then gather with their Group Leader, collect their bags, and be registered as they leave. Students will only be allowed to leave when it is confirmed that they are being picked up.
- Please stand away from the bus bay so that we have space to sort out bags and groups when we return.

Not long to go!

Yours faithfully

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