

24 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Ski Trip to Austria – Saturday 6 April - Saturday 13 April 2024



I am delighted to inform you that the College is organising a ski trip to the renowned resort of Salzburger in Austria with over 350km of snow slopes on the doorstep. The ski trip will offer our students a once in a lifetime opportunity to develop their skiing and explore other cultures. The trip will take place during the Easter Holiday in 2024, **departing on Saturday 6 April and returning on Saturday 13 April 2024.**

The cost for this trip will be **£1,100**, which is extremely competitive.

The price will include the following:

- Executive return coach travel to Austria from the College
- Hotel accommodation with en-suite facilities
- Full board meals including a hot lunch on the slopes
- 5 days lift passes and skiing in resort, including ski, boot, and helmet hire
- 25 hours of instruction (5 hours per day – more than the average ski trip)
- Comprehensive insurance
- Evening entertainment to be confirmed (Ice skating, bowling, pizza night, quizzes, town tour)
- Ski trip hoody with the students name on the back

Students will need to bring additional spending money if they wish to purchase souvenirs and gifts.

Parent Pay will open for deposit payments on Thursday 2 February 2023 at 12 noon. Places on the trip are limited and will be allocated on a **'first come, first served'** basis. As these trips are extremely popular, we regret that we are unable to guarantee a place for everyone. Furthermore, any student whose behaviour in college gives cause for concern during the school year may forfeit their place on the trip.

Please make **all** payments online through Parent Pay at www.parentpay.com. If you have not yet activated a Parent Pay account, please email enquiries@thespirescollege.com and you will be sent details on how to set up an account. Please ensure your account is set up before 2 February, if you wish to use it to pay the deposit. With regret, we are unable to accept cash payments.

The payment plan will be as follows:

Date	Amount
02/02/2023 (Deposit)	£300
28/04/2023	£200
30/06/2023	£200
29/09/2023	£200
05/01/2024	£200
Total	£1100

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please give your consent* and ensure that your **deposit of £300 is paid on Parent Pay.**

Please note that this trip is open to Year 7 to Year 10 students and any **Year 11 and Year 12 student who will be remaining at The Spires College for the academic year 2023-2024.**

The deposit will only be refunded if the trip does not go ahead or if a place cannot be allocated for your son/daughter.

*You will be required to give consent to your child taking part in this trip. Please read the consent statement below. You can give consent on Parent Pay when you pay the deposit, or you can sign and return the form attached to this letter.

Once student numbers are confirmed, we will hold an information evening in college to outline the full programme and itinerary and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip, please contact me on my college email address as follows: nmoore@thespirescollege.com

Yours sincerely

N Moore

Mr N Moore
Trip Organiser

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THE SPIRES COLLEGE

ACTIVITY: Ski Trip to Austria – Mr Moore (MRE)

DATE: 6 – 13 April 2024

Consent Statement

Having read the information provided, I agree to my son/daughter taking part in this trip and understand that he/she may not be always under direct supervision.

I give permission for the adult members of the party to act in loco parentis for the duration of the trip.

If my child behaves in such a way that is persistently unacceptable or endangers themselves or others, I will accept full responsibility and will fund the full cost of an early return home.

I understand that on any college trip where children are exposed to the sun for some time, it is the parent's responsibility to provide sun protection i.e., sun cream, hat, etc.

- ▲ I am willing to make the contribution of £1100 and I am willing to pay a non-refundable deposit of £300 to secure a place. In making this contribution, I understand that the sum is non-refundable, even in circumstances where my child cannot attend the activity because he/she is ill or receiving clinical treatment at the relevant time or has been prevented from joining the activity or been sent home before the conclusion of the activity on account of his/her conduct.

Name of Student:

Form:

Name of Parent:

Date:

Signature:

Please return to Mr Moore by Monday 27 February 2023