

X THE 2024 SKI TRIP X

Dear families,

I am writing to inform you that I am now taking applications for the 2024 ski trip.

We will be returning to Austria, travelling by coach, during the February holiday. Our destination is Skiwelt, which is a huge ski area boasting an incredible 284km of marked piste. It has very modern lift systems and there is a great choice of slopes for all levels of ability.

We will depart on the Friday 9th February 2024, and return on the following Saturday. The package includes; 6 days skiing with 5 hours of lessons each day with a qualified instructor (most schools only offer 4 hours), ski / boot / pole and helmet hire, ski insurance (which fully covers Covid-19), ski pass, full board accommodation – not to mention the experience of a lifetime! As part of the trip I always include traditional evening entertainment such as an alpine rollercoaster, curling and of course traditional Austrian dancing!

The trip is open to years 7-12. However, any current year 11 students wishing to travel must remain in our 6th form.

The cost of the trip is £1199. Unfortunately prices have risen steadily over the last 3 years and I appreciate that this is a lot of money but I promise it will be an experience that your son / daughter will never forget. If you would like to be considered for a place, please complete the Google link below by 2nd December. However, please ONLY complete this form if you are committed to accepting a place.

<https://forms.gle/rh8VC6m8VUezbv4a8>

Unfortunately, as we are travelling by coach I can only take a maximum of 46 pupils. Therefore, if I have more than 46 pupils apply for the trip, names will be pulled out of a hat. I will complete the draw during the week of 5th December and you will be informed by email if your child has received a place or not. If you are successful in gaining a place I will require a deposit of £95 to be paid by Monday 12th December. I will then ask for a standing order to be set up, spreading the cost of the trip over the next year. The monthly payments, which will begin in January and run until the following December, will be for £92.00.

I must inform you that due to the very nature of the trip, I will only consider pupils to enter the draw, who have an excellent record of behaviour at St.Bede's. Equally on gaining a place, if your child's behaviour deteriorates throughout the year they will run the risk of being withdrawn. If this happens, then all money paid to the ski company would be lost. **Your first four payments will make up the ski companies deposit, which is also non-refundable.**

If you would like any other information regarding the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me at college on d.johnson@stbcc.org.

Yours faithfully,

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