

Our Ref: CWR/LTW

Monday 14th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Baysgarth Ski Trip to Katschberg, Austria
Friday 14th February to Saturday 22nd February 2020

In February 2020, we are delighted to offer your child the chance to attend our annual Ski Trip. This time, we will be heading to Austria, to visit the resort of Katschberg.

This trip will run from Friday 14th February 2020 to Saturday 22nd February 2020, with the total cost of the trip being **£1015**. Although this is expensive, we have once again worked hard to find an offer that keeps the cost of the trip as low as possible whilst still getting a high quality trip at a very busy time of year, and we are confident that we have found a great deal for 2020 in a fantastic hotel and resort.

This year, we have released the trip details three months earlier than normal to give parents more time to pay, and hopefully allow more students the opportunity to participate. This year we are particularly pleased with the hotel, which is brand new and you can view at <http://www.basekamp-hotel.at/> and which is only 300 metres from the ski school!

The 2020 Ski Trip price includes:

- ✓ Return, executive coach travel
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ Six nights, full board accommodation at the Hotel Basekamp in Katschberg (*including hot lunches on the slope*)
- ✓ Evening entertainment and après ski activities
- ✓ Experienced and knowledgeable resort representative
- ✓ Supervision from experienced Ski Trip staff
- ✓ Six day resort full ski lift pass
- ✓ Ski lessons: 4 hours of expert ski tuition per day (*24hrs total*)
- ✓ Hire of skis / snowboard, boots and poles for all six days
- ✓ Fully comprehensive winter travel insurance through the Local Authority
- ✓ All local taxis
- ✓ Helmet hire for all six days



24hrs of ski lessons at Xscape in Castleford cost around £720 on their own, which helps to demonstrate the value for money this trip provides.

The ski trip is open to all students currently in Y7 – Y10, and we have 65 places available. Upon receipt of this letter, you have until **11.30am on Monday 21st January 2019** to complete a brief online form via: goo.gl/S2fHXZ to apply for your child to take part in the trip. If we have more than 65 applications, places will be allocated through a ballot. If the latter should happen, as soon as we have completed the ballot we will inform parents of successful or unsuccessful acceptance onto the trip. Anyone who has been unsuccessful will be placed onto the waiting list.

Please note, students who have been the subject of a fixed term exclusion will not be allowed to attend the trip. We also reserve the right to remove a student from the trip on behaviour grounds if necessary.

We are also one of the few schools in the area to offer Snowboarding groups on our trips. This year we have two snowboarding groups, and we are able to take a total of 16 snowboarders. Again,

allocation will be completed through a ballot if we have more than 16 students wishing to take up snowboarding places. There is a supplement of £40 for snowboarders.

If your child is successful in obtaining a place on the trip, the initial deposit of £150 will be required by **2.30pm on Friday 1st February 2019** – the payment schedule for further payments will be issued with the acceptance letter.

This year the tour has been organised by AbsoluteSki, a specialist school tour operator, who we have used in the past. AbsoluteSki is well established, and is fully licensed by both ABTA and ATOL. **Baysgarth School is obliged to complete and submit a risk assessment for every trip in conjunction with the local authority. We can assure you that this trip will be risk assessed by myself and the rest of the Ski Trip staff.**

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C Wright
Director of Sport