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19th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that your child has been selected to participate in the ski trip to Austria, during the Easter break of 2026. Payments will need to be made as soon as possible on ParentPay to secure your child's place on the trip.

We have created a waiting list for the remaining students based upon the same random selection process, to be allocated a place if any student no longer wishes to go.

**Purpose:**

- **Physical Fitness:** Skiing promotes fitness, coordination, and a healthy lifestyle through outdoor sports.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Experiencing a different culture enhances students' global understanding and appreciation of diversity.
- **Resilience and Problem-solving:** Skiing builds perseverance, adaptability, and real-time decision-making skills.
- **Teamwork and Social Skills:** Students develop cooperation and strengthen relationships through shared experiences on the slopes.
- **Cross-curricular Learning:** The trip supports Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, and physical education, linking classroom learning with real-world experiences.

**Dates of the visit:** Saturday 28th March 2026 – Saturday 4th April 2026 (8 days with 5 nights in the resort and 5 days skiing)

**Participants:** 40 Kelvin Hall School students (from Years 7 to 9 as of the academic year 2024/2025)

**Cost:** £1,350 per student

The cost includes the following:

- **Transport** (49-seat touring coach, return short sea crossing)
- **Accommodation** (multi-bedded rooms, private facilities)
- **Meals** (5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast in the hotel, evening meal before departure on last day, 5 days hot lunch vouchers for use on the mountain)
- **Activities:**
  - 5 days hire of ski equipment, including helmet hire
  - 5-day ski pass including key card deposit
  - 5 days x 5 hours of ski instruction (ski instructor ratio 1:10)
  - Après-ski programme planning, with 3 included activities
  - Ski test, certificate, presentation ceremony
  - 24-hour tour support

#### Payment plan and additional considerations:

Payment by	Payment
4th October 2024	£150 through ParentPay
15th November 2024	£200 through ParentPay
1st February 2025	£250 through ParentPay
1st April 2025	£250 through ParentPay
1st June 2025	£250 through ParentPay
1st October 2025	£250 through ParentPay
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£1,350</b>

(This payment plan accounts for the additional £50 possible fluctuation in cost).

All payments must be made via our ParentPay system. If you require an activation letter for ParentPay, please contact the Finance Office. Payments are non-refundable once paid over to the travel company. In the case of a pupil who no longer wishes to participate in the trip, every attempt will be made to fill the place. However, any deposit and payment made to the travel company, unless recoverable, will be forfeited.

If payments are not made at the specified time, then you must contact the school to discuss the situation and every effort will be made to support you. Failure to do this will result in any deposit and payment made to the travel company, unless recoverable, being forfeited.

The school reserves the right to refuse students a place on the trip where their school attendance does not meet the school's standards and expectations, and/or their current conduct record shows a regular failure to follow the rules and instructions and attendance on the visit may compromise the safety of the students and others on the visit. The Headteacher would make this decision and this will result in any deposit and payment made to the travel company, unless recoverable, being forfeited.

Safety must be paramount during the journey and in Austria. Risks include:

- **Behaviour in public, open areas** - abiding by rules, security, and sticking in groups with staff;
- **Exposure to the weather** – the Austrian Alps are very cold in March, average temperatures are around -5°C but can drop lower, especially on an evening or when out on excursions in the open. Therefore, layers, gloves and a good winter coat with a hood and footwear are imperative;
- **Behaviour on excursions** - Acting cautiously and responsibly due to the dynamic and physical environment;
- **Not sticking to designated safe areas** - These will be identified and confirmed on arrival to ensure that students are safe in the physical environment and in public spaces.

Insisting on the highest standards of conduct and compliance with staff instructions is the most important way to ensure students' safety.

This is intended as a great opportunity for students to gain experience in a very different environment from school and to face challenges that improve their resilience, confidence, self-esteem, and physical health. There will be a range of students travelling, of all abilities, so please do not be apprehensive in this respect. As well as the social benefits of the trip, students will have the chance to experience different cuisines and activities not readily available to everyone. We will endeavour to account for every possible cost through the residential, aside from student clothing and a small amount of spending money for snacks and souvenirs (no more than £100 in the local currency - Euros)

To confirm that you would like your child to attend the trip, please ensure you pay the £150 deposit on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me here at Kelvin via [clarkj@thrivetrust.uk](mailto:clarkj@thrivetrust.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Clark**  
**Progress Leader for P.E.**  
**Kelvin Hall School**