



23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Ski Trip to Montafon, Austria – March 2016**

I am pleased to announce our plans for the Ski trip to take place during the Easter holidays next year from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 and would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. The Academy has enjoyed four extremely successful skiing holidays and the event is now a regular addition to the school calendar. It is also pleasing to note that students from all years are able to participate, from Year 7 to the Sixth Form.

We will be travelling to the wonderful Austrian resort of Montafon, a splendid natural plateau between imposing mountain ranges located in the west of Austria close to the Swiss border and we will be staying at Central Hotel Lowen. If you would like to see more about this then please visit the website below.

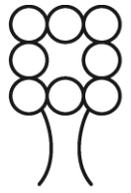
<http://www.htstotalski.com/destinations/austria/montafon-valley/central-hotel>

We have negotiated a fantastic deal as a school group as we are travelling during the Easter holidays, which allows for a more competitive package price. The cost for the week is £755.00 which includes the following:

- Return executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossing from Dover – Calais route
- Full medical and travel insurance cover
- 6 nights full board accommodation including cold lunches
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, helmet and poles
- 6 x 5 hours of ski tuition
- 6 day full lift pass
- In resort representation and 24 hour emergency service
- Approved safety management system
- Ski breakage insurance
- Piste Closure Insurance

I understand that this is a large sum of money to pay out in such a short period of time and I have therefore arranged for the Retail shop to administer a payment plan. If you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter/ward on the trip please return the reply slip along with a £100.00 non-refundable deposit to the **Retail Shop by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. Please be aware that payment deadlines must be made (further details will follow about this) as we are required to pay periodic non-refundable payments to the ski company.

I will write to all Parents/Carers of students involved in due course to inform you of who is taking part and the staff supervising. I will also include in that letter advice about clothing and preparation, documentary information and the information about the parents evening we will be holding in the New Year. At the parents evening I will be inviting a ski clothing company, who have many years experience in cost effective school ski weeks, to come along and give advice about clothing and other equipment that may be desirable for your son/daughter/ward.



There are many students already interested in this trip and for this reason I must point out that the places will be available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience breath-taking scenery and the cultural charm of an Austrian ski resort. Students will also be encouraged to develop their speaking language skills whilst there. There are further benefits to a residential outward bound trip such as coping with being away from parents for an extended duration, the cultural experience that a foreign country offers, and the obvious benefits for each child's social development.

The Academy reserve the right to withdraw a student's place if they deviate seriously from the positive structure our behaviour policy provides. In this case monies will be returned to Parents/Carers in line with the Travel Class deposit structure.

In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school (jamie.platts@folkestoneacademy.com) and I will hopefully be able to provide you with the answers.

**(Please note: Where the student has committed to a trip, and the Academy has entered into a financial agreement with an external supplier for such a trip, the Academy cannot refund monies which those suppliers will not refund, the Academy is acting as an agent in buying the trip for the students)**

Yours faithfully

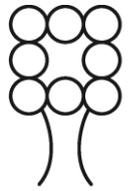
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## **Ski Trip to Montafon, Austria March 2016**

I agree to my child taking part in the Ski trip from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 to Montafon, Austria and enclose the deposit of £100.00

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/House: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that the price will be approximately £755.00 and I have read the comments regarding the Academy Behaviour Policy, refund structure and payment plan.

Please make cheques payable to 'The Folkestone Academy'. The deposit can also be made through Parentpay, our on-line payment system.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this slip with a £100 deposit due by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
TO THE ACADEMY SHOP**

Please remember to send this slip back even if you pay the deposit on-line through Parentpay