



# DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## SCHOOL SKI TOUR SAALBACH, AUSTRIA EASTER (4<sup>th</sup> April- 11<sup>th</sup> April) 2025

It is our intention to take a party from Darrick Wood School (Years 9-13) on a skiing holiday during the Easter Holidays in 2025. A provisional booking has been made with Club Europe for a seven-day tour of Austria. We will be skiing in Flachau, known for its wide range of ski slopes and access for all abilities.

One major advantage of skiing with Club Europe is that the children will be under the expert supervision of the local ski-school for four hours ski tuition or ski guide per day. A programme of evening activities could include bowling, cabaret and ski presentation all included in the price.

The total cost of £1460 includes:

- Return transport by luxury coach with video & toilet (Premiere Travel)
- Full board accommodation
- Six day ski course
- 2 x 4 hour ski lessons or ski guide per day
- Hire of skis, boots and helmets
- Evening entertainments
- Price guarantee
- Snow guarantee
- Fully comprehensive insurance
- International Emergency Service
- ABTA bonding No Y2009
- All administrative charges

### Reserving a place:

If you are interested in your child attending this Ski Trip, then you should carefully complete the Microsoft Form (link included below). This link can also be found on Dr Airey's parent bulletin and the school website. This form will go live on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 8.30am**. Places will be allocated based on the time of completion on a **first come first served basis**. We have availability for 43 students and 10 reserves (reserves will only pay deposit that will be returned should a place not become available).

Please note that Head Teacher reserves the right to refuse any student onto this trip based on behaviour records via Bromcom. This will be considered on an individual basis.

Please also note that in the interest of fairness all students across the school were notified in advance via assemblies and tutor time that this letter was available and that the form would go live on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am.

Microsoft Form for signing up: <https://forms.office.com/e/ranVBVTYjw>

## Securing a place:

If you are successful in reserving a place on this trip, then you will receive a second letter with information on how to secure your child's place. In order to secure a place you will need to pay a 1<sup>st</sup> deposit via ParentPay. **\*Please note that if the initial deposit is not paid by Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 then your place will be offered to a reserve\***. The confirmation letter will also have a payment plan which should then be followed via ParentPay in the lead up to the trip in 2025. An example of this payment plan can be seen below:

## Payment plan:

### Important

A schedule of payment would have to conform to the following dates:

1. Initial non-returnable deposit of £150.00 by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024
2. Second Initial non-returnable deposit of £150.00 by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024
3. Third payment of £150.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024
4. Fourth payment of £150.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024
5. Fifth payment of £150.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024
6. Sixth payment of £150.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024
7. Seventh payment of £150.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024
8. Eighth payment of £150.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
9. Ninth payment of £150 by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024
10. Final payment of £110.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

(payments amount to £1460.00)

### **NB \* All returnable if pupils can be replaced.**

- A detailed prospectus will be available in November 2024 at the Ski Evening.

## PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

1. \*The initial deposits of £150.00 & £150.00 are **NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSITS**. Payment signifies commitment by the payer to membership of the party. It is used to secure firm bookings with the Company whose services are engaged for the trip. Please note you are entering into a contract with the travel company, not the school. The payment schedule must be adhered to. For security reasons, **NO CASH** is to be brought to school by pupils.
2. If a pupil is withdrawn at their parents' request, this deposit will not be returned except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required.
3. If replacements can be found for the trip then deposits will be returned. However, the later the withdrawal from the trip the more unlikely this will be.
4. In the event of a matter arising such as to put in question the suitability of a pupil for membership of the party, the Head Teacher reserves the right to determine whether a pupil shall participate. Where such matters arise from misconduct, a pupil is liable to suspension from the party and in the event of suspension, any non-returnable deposit paid in the name of such pupil to the Company for travel, equipment, fees or accommodation shall not be returned to the parents unless a suitable applicant can be found to fill the place and, thus, maintain the full complement of booking to which the organisers are committed.

## Travel:

Students must have their own passport, with a minimum of six months to the expiry date on the date of travel. This requirement is correct at the time of publication of this letter, but parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that they check travel requirements and documentation well in

advance of departure, as this is liable to change. Please see [Austria travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) for up-to-date entry requirements.

Your child must also have a valid GHIC card. The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get state provided emergency or “necessary healthcare” in the EU at a reduced cost or sometimes for free. The GHIC card is free to obtain and can be requested easily by applying online at [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). Alternatively, you can call 0845 606 2030. Holders of non-UK passports will be responsible for acquiring any necessary visas and health insurance needed.

**Other important information:**

On the trip there will be a staff member with an oversight of all medical, dietary and physical/mental health conditions. This information will gradually be collected by the trip leader and the member of staff responsible for this oversight identified at the parent information evening in November 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Simpson', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Simpson  
Head of PE