

March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

After another successful ski trip, it is time to start organising next year's visit. The trip will return to the resort of Zauchensee/Flachau in Austria and we will be travelling with Sport and Educational Travel from Lowestoft. The trip will run during February half term, 12 – 20 February 2016. The trip will be open to all years and we have a limit on numbers; because we are expecting a large response there will be a reserve list. Should you find yourself on this list, please do not despair as we generally have some people that drop out over the year. If on the reserve list, your return slip will be kept but your deposit returned.

The trip will cost £890 to be paid in instalments, and will include:

- All travel by fully executive coach
- 6 nights half board accommodation
- Ski and boot hire
- Après ski programme including swimming, and the Lucky Flitzer.
- Lift pass for 6 days
- 6 hours of ski instruction per day
- Fully inclusive winter sports insurance
- A school ski hooded top

Students will be accepted on good behaviour and their conduct in school and on previous school trips. Preference will not necessarily be given to those that have been before but students taking skiing as part of their GCSE course may be given priority. Year 10 and Year 11 students will have to ensure that all coursework/controlled assessments are complete and up-to-date.

As I am sure you can appreciate, taking students abroad on a potentially hazardous activity holiday is a big responsibility and we need to be confident that we can trust students to behave in a sensible and responsible manner. If we do not feel that this is the case then we reserve the right not to take your child.

As the hotel is half board, you will need to provide your child with money for lunch and drinks on the mountain. A guide of 10 Euros per day should be sufficient. Personal ski clothing and a ski helmet is not included, but these items can be purchased or hired locally prior to the trip. Details about this will follow nearer the time. Your child will need to have their own passport and up-to-date EHIC card.

If you wish to send your child on this trip, please complete the declaration below and return with a **non-refundable** deposit of £100 to Mrs Segura by Friday 24 April 2015. Please make cheques payable to Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. You may make subsequent payments by cheque, cash or via Parent Pay.

Below is the payment schedule for the trip. Please keep to the payment dates outlined as we need to make further payments to the company throughout the year.

Initial deposit	24 April 2015	£100
	1 June 2015	£158
	6 July 2015	£158
	7 September 2015	£158
	5 October 2015	£158
	2 November 2015	£158

Should you child withdraw from the trip we will try to find a replacement. If we manage to fill their place, all monies can be refunded, however, if a replacement cannot be found you will be liable for a percentage of the overall cost as with any other holiday booked through an agent.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Segura
Ski Trip Organiser

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Ski Trip 2016

To: Mrs Segura, Ski Trip Organiser

..... (Name) (Tutor Group)

I wish to apply for a place on the 2016 Ski Trip to Zauchensee/Flachau for my son/daughter

I understand and accept the conditions of booking and include a **non-refundable** £100 deposit.

Signed Parent/Carer (Date)