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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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IMBERSKI 2020 Proposed Winter Sports Trip Friday 14th February – Saturday 22nd February 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Although it might seem very early to be writing about a 2020 trip, we are starting the process now in order to enable parents to spread the payments for the trip over a generous amount of time.

The trip is open to all our current students in Year 7 and 8 and as leadership experience for Year 11 and 12 students. We hope to be able to offer 40 student places.

This will be Imberhorne's 37th visit to Austria and we plan to go to the resort of Kitzbühel. We will be using the travel company Club Europe to coordinate our tour. This gives us the security of ABTA protection and STF insurance. Students need *no* prior experience of skiing; on previous trips, the majority of students have been beginners.

RESORT DETAILS

Situated on the outskirts of Oberndorf just 5kms from the popular town of St Johann in Tirol. The superbly located family run Niederstrasserhof is set in the heart of the Kitzbühel Mountains with an amazing view of the Wilder Kaiser. The comfortable and spacious student rooms are 4/6 bedded and all have private facilities. The house benefits from having excellent in-house facilities including a large games room with table tennis and a multi-purpose sports hall for Basketball, Volleyball, Football or Badminton and a TV / Cinema room with DVD facilities and big screen. Soft drinks are included during evening meals to save students valuable Euros. St Johann offers a huge range of Après Ski facilities including swimming, bowling, skating and sleigh rides.

STUDENT SAFETY

Skiing is a hazardous activity and we do all we can to minimise the risks to your son/daughter. Students will only be permitted to ski when under the instruction of the qualified Austrian Ski School instructors. The staff to student ratio for the trip will be a maximum of 10 students to 1 member of staff.

HELMETS

Helmets are legally required in the area of Austria that we travel to. West Sussex County Council stipulates that every participant in snow sports wear a helmet. The Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) also strongly recommends that all skiers and snowboarders, regardless of ability and age, use helmets. The AfPE (Association for Physical Education) has recently also advised its members that helmets should be worn. Therefore, the cost of the trip includes the hire of a helmet.

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We travel by luxury coach with facilities including a DVD player, TV, toilets and reclining seats. The drivers that accompany us, stay with us throughout the trip and we have the use of the coach for all our excursions and for journeys to and from the ski-slopes. En-route to Austria we pass through France, Belgium and West Germany. The journey takes roughly 24 hours depending on traffic and weather.

COST

The cost of the trip this year will be **£1048.00**. There will be no extra fuel costs, taxes, or currency charges. The final cost will only increase in the unlikely event of the imposition of an extra travel tax due to government intervention. The cost reflects the continued unfavourable exchange rate with the euro. We would like to assist with spreading the payments as much as possible, so the following payment plan is an available option.

A non-refundable deposit of £500.00 to secure your son/daughter's place is payable by 25th February 2019. This is followed by 6 payments of £80.00 commencing April 2019 and the final payment of £68.00.

April 2019	£80.00
May 2019	£80.00
June 2019	£80.00
July 2019	£80.00
August 2019	£80.00
September 2019	£80.00
October 2019	£68.00

Included in the cost of this trip:

- Return travel by coach and channel crossing (school to resort and back to school)
- Six nights' accommodation at the hotel with seven days in the resort
- Breakfast, packed lunch and 3 course evening meal for all the days in the hotel
- Six days of ski instruction by the Austrian ski school "Schischule Wilder Kaiser"; two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon
- Ski pass to cover all lifts in the area
- Hire of all necessary equipment; skis, poles, helmets and ski boots plus loss or breakage insurance
- Comprehensive travel insurance with AIG – which is West Sussex School Journey Insurance – details can be obtained from the school if required
- Imberhorne administration charges
- All prizes for competitions, both within the school group and the ski school prizes
- Imberski Hoodie (colour to be decided)

The following items will NOT be covered by this quoted cost:

- Passport and EHIC card administration. Every student will need their own passport – **which must be valid for six months after our return date** - and EHIC card to travel.
- Food en-route for the outward and return journey
- Pocket money during the trip. We recommend £70.00, depending on future exchange rate fluctuations
- Activities other than skiing, such as ice-skating, bowling or watching an ice-hockey match; we will deduct €10 from each student's pocket money to cover these activities
- Ski clothing. The school has a supply that can be borrowed, and we arrange discounts for hiring and buying with local companies nearer the time to bring this cost down as much as possible
- Pre-ski training at The Snow Centre, Hemel Hempstead. This is not compulsory but is invaluable for beginners and novices and costs to be confirmed



Deadline for all payments must be met; otherwise we may not be able to honour our price guarantee as the travel company is entitled to increase prices if we do not meet our deadlines.

Should a student have to cancel because of medical reasons, they will be reimbursed through the insurance cover. However, should a student withdraw from the trip due to other reasons the insurance would not be valid and payments would be forfeit unless we are able to fill the place.

If you are interested in going on this exciting experience, please email your son/daughter's name and form group to Mrs J Botting on jbottling@imberhome.co.uk **no later than 25th February 2019**. On receipt of this, student names will be added to the Parent Pay system so the initial deposit can be paid.

If you have any further questions we are happy to discuss these with you, you may contact us by phone via the school switchboard, or by email: ldunbar@imberhome.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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