

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## SKI TRIP 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following another hugely successful trip to Folgarida in the Easter break just gone, I am pleased to announce another ski trip to Westendorf, Austria. This will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy adventurous outdoor winter sports. We will leave the school site on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and return to the school site on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. This trip is open to students currently in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Students must be enrolled at the school upon the departure date to attend this trip. We have a capacity of 55 students for this trip and therefore if demand exceeds capacity, then a random draw of names will be used to determine places. Behaviour and school attendance will also be used to determine suitability for this trip.

Westendorf ski resort is situated on an open plateau in the wide Brixen valley. This small, pretty Tyrolean village is perfect for a school group. Westendorf is a part of the SkiWelt region, and this is one of the largest ski areas in the world. The SkiWelt region is made up by 9 separate interlinked ski villages with the main resorts being Ellmau, Söll and Westendorf. Together they offer 284km of pistes, 90 modern ski lifts, 77 mountain restaurants, 4 fun parks and 3 floodlit toboggan runs. The world-class lift system and brilliant snowmaking coverage make conditions far more reliable throughout the ski season.

We will be staying in the Funpark Westendorf hotel which has a small indoor activity centre including an indoor football pitch, climbing wall and multiple social areas. The accommodation comprises of a number of 4, 5 and 6 bed rooms. The hotel is only a few minutes away from the main ski area by bus and only a few minutes from the village centre. We will have exclusive use of this hotel for the entirety of our stay.

Included in the trip cost are:

- Executive coach travel – we will have sole use of the coach for the entire week which allows us to experience more than we would be able to if we fly.
- Full board accommodation from evening meal on day 2 to an evening meal on day 7. Students will not receive a meal until we reach the resort and the last meal will be provided at the hotel before our departure. Therefore, food and/or money will be needed for these travel days. For this trip we will be taking advantage of having a packed lunch provided to us each day so that more of the ski area can be accessed.
- Evening entertainment consisting of use of the in-house sports activities, a nighttime toboggan experience down the mountain on a gentle, specially designed floodlit run, a visit into the historic town of Kitzbühel and either a pizzeria night/bowling/ice skating (TBC).

- Ski tuition, 5 hours each day for 6 days.
- Skiing equipment and helmet hire for 6 days.
- Ski lift pass for 6 days for the entire SkiWelt area.
- Local tourist tax.
- School payment transaction charges.
- Fully comprehensive insurance.

The cost of the trip is £1620.00. We are aware that this is not an inexpensive trip, however, skiing during a 'peak' week of the season is always costly and this really is an all-inclusive trip. We will be able to take advantage of being able to ski for 6 days instead of the usual 5 on a coach travel trip. This unfortunate price increase from the 2025 trip is due to inflation at home and abroad. We are organising this trip with a reputable school ski trip provider, 321-Ski. This company is made up of former teachers and they specialise in offering trips that cater solely for schools. The company are ATOL and ABTA registered and therefore this trip is protected to the same level as any other holiday.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium, a small proportion of the cost can be covered by the school. Please email me in confidence at the email address below for more information.

The payment structure for the trip is outlined below:

Payment	Due Date	Amount
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment (Deposit)	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	£200
1st Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	£220
2nd Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	£220
3rd Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025	£220
4th Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	£220
5th Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	£220
6th Instalment	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	£225
7th Instalment	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	£95
		<b>Total - £1620</b>

Please be aware that £200 of the £250 deposit is **non-refundable** when your child's place is confirmed. If, for any reason, your child can no longer attend the trip after confirmation, you will receive a refund of all money paid minus this non-refundable deposit if their place can be re-allocated. If, for any reason, your child's place needs to be cancelled as it is not possible to be reallocated, the deposit is non-refundable if this is done more than 84 days before departure date. Any cancellations closer to departure dates will incur additional charges. Please see the ski company's full T&C's here: [www.321ski.co.uk/downloads/termsandconditions321ski2.pdf](http://www.321ski.co.uk/downloads/termsandconditions321ski2.pdf) (Section 6)

The cost of the trip does not include ski clothing and food for the travel days. Your child will need a ski jacket/warm coat, salopettes, thermal clothing for under their ski clothes, ski socks, ski goggles/glasses and ski gloves. They will also need suitable casual clothing whilst in the hotel, toiletries and roughly 10 euros per day spending money. This spending money is an optional extra. As mentioned above, there will be multiple opportunities for students to spend money on and off the mountain at the various places we will visit. However, no additional spending is needed.

We will be offering all complete beginners the opportunity of a brief lesson at either Milton Keynes Snozone or Tamworth Snowdome. The purpose of this is to get familiarised with skis and boots prior to the trip. This brief lesson will consist of an equipment fit and basic introduction to skiing. This will hopefully maximise the time we have out there as students will have at least some understanding already. The optional additional cost of this is roughly £50 (TBC) and this will take place in December 2025 or January 2026. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Please be aware that skiing is an outdoor adventurous activity and there are associated risks that come with it. These risks are mitigated through following the rules and regulations of the ski highway code. Students will remain with a qualified local skiing instructor throughout the week and therefore their expertise, knowledge of the area and specific instruction will allow students to remain safe throughout the entirety of the trip. Skiing is also an extremely demanding



sport, and a high level of physical fitness is needed to ski for 30 hours in a week. This would be the equivalent of an entire school week of back-to-back high intensity PE lessons. Please ensure that your child is aware of the physically demanding nature of skiing.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity, please can you complete the Microsoft form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/pukyynBpNS> to register your interest by Friday 9th May 2025. Contact will then be made on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May with regards to the deposit. This will then need to be paid by the 31st May. I understand that this is a relatively short space of time but to secure this trip and to maximise the length of the instalment plan it is essential that deposits are gathered promptly. There will be a parent and student information evening later in the calendar year where further details will be given and there will be an opportunity to answer any more questions you may have. I will also be offering students the chance to collect a letter from myself in the P.E. office with an attached interest form should any parents prefer this method to make their initial contact. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rlevett@montsaye.org](mailto:rlevett@montsaye.org)

Yours faithfully,  
Mr R Levett  
Ski Trip Organiser

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If you cannot access the online Microsoft Forms link, or you would prefer to fill out this paper form, please complete the form below and ask your child to return it to Mr Levett in the PE Office.

Childs Full Name

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Childs Current Year Group

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Your preferred contact email address – please add [rlevett@montsaye.org](mailto:rlevett@montsaye.org) to your safe sender list to prevent future emails being accidentally diverted to junk/spam.

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Previous Skiing experience (in weeks at a resort abroad) – do not include UK dry ski slope or indoor snowdome experience

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Do you agree to the deposit and instalment dates. Unfortunately, we do not have any flexibility with these dates.

Yes / No

