

May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski Trip – February half term, 2018, Obertauern, Austria

We shall be departing from the Academy on Friday 9 February 2018 and travelling by coach to the resort of Obertauern, Austria for a total of eight nights and travelling home on Friday 16 February 2018, to arrive back in Carlton, Barnsley, on Saturday 17 February at 6pm approximately. We will be staying in the Felseralm hotel, Obertauern.

This week is the February half-term holiday from the Academy. The cost of this trip will be **£879.00** and will include the following:-

- **6 nights (+ 2 overnight on coach)**
- **Full board (breakfast, self-made packed lunch & dinner) + additional dinner on departure day.**
- **Travel / Transfers: Executive coach transportation from door to door.**
- **Return channel crossings**
- **Daily roundtrip transfers to the slopes**
- **Après-ski transfers**
- **Ski Arrangements: 6 days ski pass**
- **6 days ski equipment hire (skis, boots & helmets)**
- **6 days ski lessons x 4 hours per day (max 12 persons per instructor group unless otherwise agreed).**
- **Winter sports travel insurance**
- **Absolute Skiwise representative**
- **In-house après-ski programme**
- **Local tourist tax (if applicable)**

For beginners there will also be a supplement of **£20** which will pay for their first lesson at Xscape and the transport to and from Xscape. This is compulsory as it gives students an experience of wearing their equipment and what will be expected of them on the slopes.

For a child to reserve a place on this trip they must have an excellent record of discipline and attendance within the Academy and be able to demonstrate a mature and responsible manner both in and outside of the Academy. Skiing is a very physically demanding sport and, therefore, students wishing to participate in this visit must take an active part in all Physical Education Lessons. Should your son/daughter's behaviour deteriorate over the next eleven months this may result in your child losing his/her place and any money paid up to that point.

If you withdraw your son/daughter from this trip all monies paid will be lost up to the point of withdrawal and can only be claimed back through the travel insurance company, providing there is a valid medical reason supported by a doctor's certificate, and even then you will still not be able to claim the full amount back as there is always a levy paid on an insurance claim. Late payment may result in your son/daughter losing his/her place and all monies paid up to that point.

Should you wish your son/daughter to reserve a place on this trip please complete the form overleaf and return it with an **£150** initial deposit. The deadline for the initial deposit is 19 May 2017.

Payment schedule -

Initial deposit	Friday 19 May 2017	£150
Second payment	Friday 16 June 2017	£150
Third payment	Friday 7 July 2017	£150
Fourth payment	Friday 15 September 2017	£150
Fifth payment	Friday 20 October 2017	£150
Final payment	Friday 24 November 2017	£129

Snowboard supplements of **£35** per person are in addition to any of the above instalments. There will be no refunds should you change your mind. Please make payment, either cash or cheques (made payable to Outwood Academy Carlton) for all payments. You may, of course, pay at any time up to and before these deadlines, but should the final payment be late your child may lose their place and any money that has been paid so far.

The cost of the trip does not include the hire of ski-clothing and this will have to be bought or hired separately. Miss Ellis will give a presentation around October 2017 to give an idea of what will be required and the cost.

Snowboarding is allocated in groups of 8 only. If a student wants to take part in snowboarding the places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, however, there is an extra cost for this of £35 as mentioned above. For example, if 12 students register an interest in doing snowboarding the first 8 will make up one group and the remaining 4 will go on a reserve list. If 4 more students were to register for snowboarding at a later date then this would create another group of 8 using the 4 on the reserve list and the 4 new ones. This also applies to skiing, however the groups for skiing are made up of 12.

There will be no collective passports for this trip and your child **must** possess a valid passport at the time of travelling, should they not hold one they will not be allowed to travel and you would lose all money paid for the trip. Students will also need a European Health Insurance Card.

Please note that in order for this trip to take place there is a **minimum** number of pupils required, if for any reason there is not sufficient interest in the trip the initial £150 deposit will be refunded.

Please complete and return the reply slip overleaf at your earliest possible convenience

Yours sincerely

Miss K Ellis (Trip Organiser)

Vice Principal

OUTWOOD ACADEMY CARLTON – Please return to Finance (Mrs Haworth/Mrs Holland)

Student Name VMG

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Austria from Friday 9 February 2018 to Saturday 17 February 2018
- I take full responsibility for the good behaviour of my child and have noted and agree with the travelling arrangements and terms/conditions contained within this letter.
- I enclose the first non-returnable deposit (either via cash or cheques – made payable to Outwood Academy Carlton please) of £150 with this reply slip. **Please tick the appropriate boxes below.**
- My child would like to a) Ski b) Snowboard
(for snowboarding there is a £35 supplement and a minimum of 8 students required)
- My child is a beginner (there is a £20 supplement for their first lesson at Xscape).
- My child would like to join the visit to Xscape with a recreational pass (supplement of £20)
- My child can ski / snowboard and will not be taking part in the Xscape visit

Signed Parent/Carer Date