

SSH/1stSkiLet/LH

March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you of an exciting opportunity for February half term 2018. We are proposing to organise a skiing holiday to Austria from 9 February – 16 February 2018, the price of which would be £975 (based on a minimum of 40 students participating). This price would include all transport, full board accommodation, insurance, ski equipment hire, evening entertainment, lessons and guided skiing, lift pass and ski test awards. Expenses not covered in the price would be the optional hire of ski clothing and spending money – you may also wish to arrange for your child to have lessons at the dry ski slope nearer the time. Please see the attached sheet for confirmation of these details.

You may be aware that in recent years many students have travelled to Austria and enjoyed a wonderful experience so we hope that this venture will be well supported. The resort for this year's visit will be Fulpmes in the Stubaital ski area staying in a Youth Hostel. I do appreciate that this is a lot of money so I have included a breakdown of payments so that you are fully aware of the commitment:

£100 deposit	due by Wednesday 26 April 2017	£175	due by Monday 4 September 2017
£175	due by Friday 2 June 2017	£175	due by Monday 2 October 2017
£175	due by Monday 3 July 2017	£175	due by Friday 3 November 2017

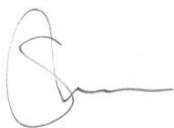
**ParentPay will open for payment from 9.00 am on Monday, 27 March.** We anticipate a large response to this exciting opportunity, if your child would like a place on this trip please pay £100.00 via ParentPay as soon as possible from this date. Please note that places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and once places have been filled the facility to pay will be withdrawn. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

If your application is successful, this deposit will be non-refundable. Please note that all monies paid in are sent to the tour operator and, therefore, will not be refundable except in the event that the circumstances of your cancellation are covered by insurance. Should your application be unsuccessful, this deposit will of course be refunded: you will only be notified should your son/daughter not gain a place. In order to participate in this trip, students are expected to have a good record of co-operative behaviour within the school as a whole and a positive attitude towards all PE lessons.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs E Simpson ([esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Simpson immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries regarding this proposed trip.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Hood  
Head of Boys' PE

### **Included in the tour price**

- All transport
- Accommodation (full board)
- Insurance
- Ski equipment hire
- Evening Entertainment
- Lessons and guided skiing
- Ski test
- Lift pass
- £2 contribution per student for ski instructor gift

### **NOT Included in the tour price**

- Hire of ski clothing
- Lessons at the dry ski slope
- Spending money

### **Terms and Conditions:**

1. By paying a deposit of £100 to reserve a place on this trip, you are indicating acceptance of your obligation to pay the remaining balance once the trip is confirmed.
2. Deposits, once paid to our travel operator, are non-refundable unless another student can be found to fill the vacated place.
3. Payment of deposits indicates an acceptance of your obligation to pay the outstanding balances in amounts and by dates which will be set by the Academy, between May and November 2017.