

June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

SKI TRIP 2020 – SPORTWELT AMADE, AUSTRIA

I am pleased to be able to provide details of an exclusive Year 10 Ski Trip (Current Year 9) to the Sportwelt Amade area of Austria during the second week of Easter (Saturday 11 April until Saturday 18 April) 2020. This will be the only opportunity to access this trip and not an option in Year 11. GCSE PE students that have skied may consider this trip as their skiing can be videoed for their final GCSE grades.



The school has been to this resort on three occasions and therefore I have a good knowledge of how the skiing operation works. The experience for **learner skiers is fantastic** and for **more able skiers the experience is equally brilliant**. With the most up to date lift systems in the Alps the resort can move thousands of skiers up to the top of the mountain which means skiing time is kept to a maximum and queuing time to a minimum. Since we last visited the resort there has been an additional 80 million euros invested in the infrastructure (there are more 8-10 person super-fast chairlifts - with canopy and heated seats - for example)

Resort facts

Total Ski Run Distance = 350km prepared piste

Blue Runs = 145

Red Runs = 181

Black Runs = 30

90% snowmaking ability (This means resort can function even if natural snow fall is low or poor)

We will be using the services of IBT Travel to tailor a fantastic experience for the students wishing to accompany the trip. The company IBT Travel are an established ski company with over almost 30 years' experience in running school trips and their service is always first class which is why I can confidently book with them again. IBT have up-scaled their resort support since our last visit in 2014 with an exclusive IBT Ski School fully English speaking, IBT Ski Hire with equipment updated every two years, and a Hot Lunch Voucher System meaning restaurant food at lunchtime amongst all of the other exceptional services they offer.

The cost of the trip is **£830**. For this price the students get: travel by luxury coach with toilet and DVD player, ferry crossing, **six hours in the mountains which includes five hours' skiing tuition each day (25 hours in total)** and 1 hour lunch break in a traditional mountain restaurant, all ski equipment hire

including helmets, a five day lift pass, holiday insurance and half board accommodation in a traditional luxury hotel. Also included in this price are all of the evening entertainments which will include things such as bowling, traditional pizza night, swimming pool with water slides and bum boarding under the floodlights. All pupils will be presented with Ski qualification certificates and badges at the end of their holiday. The final thing, and probably the most valuable thing, that students will get is a fantastic experience of skiing in a high mountain environment. Not included in the price is the cost incurred in buying the clothing required for skiing (kit list will be provided at a later date, along with advice about how to choose suitable equipment without spending more than you need to).

More extensive details of the trip will follow when a final list of interested pupils has been established. I will run a parents evening closer to the trip date. This will be an opportunity to talk through the finer details of the trip and an opportunity to ask any questions. (A valid Passport and European Health Insurance Card are required for this trip)

If you wish your child to be secured a place would you please complete the slip below and return it to Mr Boothman no later than Friday 6 July. I am hopeful that numbers will be sufficient to run the trip however, if numbers are not sufficient, the trip will not run. I also have a maximum number of students that I can take and if I surpass this number then places will be selected according to our policy on oversubscribed trips, a copy of which can be found on the school website. Confirmation of places will be sent via Schoolcomms. ParentPay will be set up with a payment schedule which will be as follows;

Initial deposit of £150:	Friday 12 th July
Payment 2 of £130:	Friday 6 th September
Payment 3 of £130:	Friday 8 th November
Payment 4 of £130:	Friday 10 th January
Payment 5 of £130:	Friday 7 th February
Payment 6 of £160:	Friday 6 th March

Please contact the school if you are having any difficulty accessing ParentPay. You may wish to pay more off the total at any point during the payment schedule.

Please note that once your child has been allocated a place on the trip you, as parents/carers, have entered into a contract with the ski company. As you can appreciate the ski company has a cancellation policy and therefore the following cancellation costs will be incurred and will be the responsibility of the paying student and their family. :

Non-refundable:	£150 deposit
More than 70 days' notice:	£300
35 -70 days' notice:	60% of the final cost
14-34 days' notice:	75% of the final cost
2-14 days' notice:	90% of the final cost
Less than 1 days' notice:	100%

(Travel insurance may cover some unforeseen medical issues which could result in a child pulling out of the trip)

Yours faithfully



M Boothman
Ski Trip Organiser

<https://www.ibt-travel.com/ski>

N.B If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school (m.boothman@millthorpeschool.co.uk)

Reply Slip -Ski trip in Easter 2020 (Sportwelt Amade)

Pupil Name: _____

Form: _____

Skiing Experience – A brief outline of any previous experience

Please place my son/daughter on the list of interested pupils for the Ski Trip 2020. If my child is allocated a place I understand that I will enter into a contract with the ski company and have read the cancellation information.

Signed:Parent/Carer

Date:

Name of Parent/Carer: