



11th September 2012

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hinchbrooke School Ski Trip 2013

Next year the school will be taking the ski trip (year 7 to 11) to Obertauern in Austria during February half term, leaving on Friday 8th February, returning on Saturday 16th February.

Obertauern, which is situated in the Austrian Alps, has 100km of piste to ski or snowboard. The resort is one of the country's highest ski resorts, and its outstanding snow record makes it a hugely popular choice for school ski trips to Austria.

Government legislation on charging for school activities, under the terms of the Education Act 1988, means that this visit, which is not predominantly in school time, has a charge incurred. The total cost will be **£890** and this will cover accommodation, full board, ski and boot hire, lift pass for 5 days, transport, ski tuition and fully comprehensive insurance. **There will be an additional cost of £10 for snowboarding.**

To secure a place, a deposit of £170 is required, followed by 4 further installments. Please be aware the deposit is non-returnable and other installments may be difficult to refund if your child chooses to withdraw from the trip at a later date. Other installments are required by the dates below.

Friday 21 st September 2012	£170 (deposit)
Wednesday 10 th October	£180
Wednesday 7 th November	£180
Wednesday 5 th December	£180
Wednesday 9 th January '13	£180 (plus any outstanding snowboarding monies)

For a pupil finding cost a barrier to participation, the school may be able to offer financial assistance. Parents may write to the Visit Leader in confidence, requesting financial support from the Educational Visits Fund. This fund is limited, but a request for assistance will receive due consideration by the Deputy Head Ethos on the joint recommendation of the Visit Leader and the Key Stage Manager. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the trip leader, Mr Jago on 01480 375700 ext 5785, or mj@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk.

If your son/daughter is interested they must bring the return slip to Mr Jago in the PE department and take their deposit cheque to the cashier in the OMD (Old Middle School Dining Room) at break time by Friday 21st September. Please make the cheque payable to Hinchbrooke School and ensure your child's name and the trip name are written on the back. The school also accepts credit/debit cards. Please call the Accounts Dept on 01480 420502 to make payment. Once the deposit has been paid and a place secured, following payments can also be made online using +Pay.

To use +Pay you need to go to: www.parentmail.co.uk > Parent Login > Login > Email address > Password > Login (check and confirm details) > Home Tab > Green Activation Box > Activate > Enter Activation Key (sent home previously) > Click Activate. If you need a password

reminder or need help to register, or to enter the +Pay Activation Code please contact: 01480 375700 Ext. 5718 or email communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk

Could you also provide a photocopy of your child's passport to assist with the booking and planning of the trip?

We have 45 places at present and we will try to accommodate everyone on this trip. However, if it is over subscribed then the students unable to attend will be placed on next year's ski trip.

If you have any further queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jago on 01480 375700 ext 5785 or mj@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk .

Yours faithfully

Mr M. Jago
Ski party leader

Students should note that the school's Code of Conduct applies to all educational visits. Parents should note that the staff supervising are acting *in loco parentis* and they should expect the standard of care given by a reasonably prudent parent/carer. The school will not be responsible for any personal loss or injury unless proved to be negligent.

For the attention of: Mr Jago, PE Dept.

I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the Hinchingsbrooke ski trip, February 2013

Name..... Form.....

I enclose a deposit of £170 made payable to Hinchingsbrooke School and I acknowledge that this is non-returnable and agree to meet the agreed payment dates. Alternatively I will make payment by credit/debit card to the Accounts Dept.

I enclose a photocopy of my child's passport.

Print Name Signature

Date

My emergency contact details are:

Telephone..... Mobile

Please outline any medical needs for your child below:

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Any other relevant information

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