



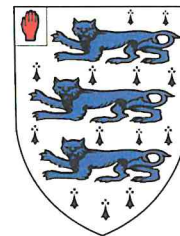
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THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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MARCH 2021

SKI TRIP 2022: Snow Space Salzburg/Obertauern, Salzburgerland, Austria (8th April – 15th April, 2022).

Dear Parent / Guardian

Your son / daughter has expressed an initial interest in being part of the **2022 Thomas Adams School Ski Trip**. The 2022 season trip will again be based in Salzburgerland, in the Austrian Alps, part of the Ski Amade region. This year, in addition to our usual ski area of Snow Space Salzburg we will have access to the high altitude Obertauern ski area and promises to be a fantastic experience. Places **are limited** and if the trip is over-subscribed names shall be drawn using electronically generated random numbers, with the possibility of a reserve list if necessary. For reference, the trip is only currently on offer to students in Year 7 (who will obviously be in Year 8 when we travel).

In previous years the trip has proved to be an incredible experience and students can be complete beginners, having never even touched a pair of skis, or have previous skiing experience. We travel overnight by executive coach, arriving in the Alps early afternoon the following day. For our 18th annual ski trip, we will be making our fourth visit to Austria with IBT-Travel who are members of ABTA (V0847) and are School Travel Forum (STF) accredited. IBT are a company with an excellent reputation and I have established good links with them over the last 6-7 years. I would also like to state for the record that IBT were fantastic in refunding **all** monies paid when our two planned trips were sadly cancelled due to Covid in April '20 and January '21.

The total price includes everything students need with the exception of ski clothing, meals on the journey and spending money. Further details of the itinerary and what is included are presented below:

Details of the proposed activity are as follows:

Dates: 8th – 15th April, 2022 (first week of Easter holidays)
Ski Resort: Snow Space Salzburg and Obertauern, Austria
Hotel: 3* Full Board Accommodation
Company: IBT Travel (ski.ibt-travel.com)
Cost: £1040 (£90 deposit on ParentPay then the balance via ParentPay in ten monthly instalments of £95 – 1st May 2021 to 1st February 2022 inclusive)

The cost includes:

- Return travel from school by executive coach (toilet/washroom, DVD, air conditioning and seat belts)
- Full board (lunch taken daily in mountain restaurant within the ski area) accommodation in 2 - 4 bedded rooms, all with private facilities
- Ski instruction – five hours instruction per day for five days with fully qualified ski instructors
- 5-day hire of quality skis, boots, poles & helmet (helmets are compulsory for **all** members of the group)
- Full après-ski programme (eg: bowling, ice cream parlour, karaoke, pizza night)
- Cross channel crossing and all road tolls
- Full area 5-day ski lift pass
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance and financial protection (ABTA member V0847)



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Not included within the cost:

- Spending money – sufficient for any additional drinks/snacks/small souvenirs.
- Meals on the outbound and inbound journeys (students take snacks and buy meals at service stations)
- Any specific specialist clothing and ski-wear – **I would encourage you to use existing items or borrow ski-wear from friends/family.** Alternatively, ski clothing can be rented through various companies online or purchased at a relatively low-cost from Dare2be, Sports Direct, Aldi, etc.

Payment schedule:

I certainly appreciate that the cost of the trip is considerable and therefore the following arrangements are in place to pay the cost of the trip over an eight-month period following the initial deposit payment.

Stage 1:

Initial deposit payment of £90 on ParentPay AND the return of the attached reply slip by 3.20pm on Wednesday 31st March. The deposit payment will be available to complete on ParentPay and should be paid by this date.

This deposit payment is non-refundable once your child's place is confirmed unless the place is filled by another student. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, this will obviously be returned immediately via ParentPay.

Then, Stage 2:

Once your child's place is confirmed, we will require ten monthly payments of £95 from 1st May to 1st February inclusive. This will be set up on ParentPay to be paid by the first day of each month.

Further details regarding these subsequent balance payments will be provided upon confirmation of your child's place. **At this time, I require the payment of the deposit of £90 via ParentPay and the completed reply slip only.** As mentioned above, should your son/daughter *not* be allocated a place, your deposit will be returned to you via ParentPay immediately.

PLEASE RETURN THE REPLY SLIP TO MRS HOWELLS AND MAKE THE DEPOSIT PAYMENT OF £90 ON PARENTPAY BY 3.20PM ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH.

One final thing I would like to mention is that we have the highest expectations of all students whilst on the trip – this is to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. In the unlikely event that we feel that we cannot trust your child on the trip, or his/her behaviour in school prior to departure proves unacceptable, we reserve the right to remove your child from the trip – any monies paid will be returned.

If you require further information please contact me at school (ltw@thomasadams.net) – I will be more than happy to discuss what I expect to be another fantastic, rewarding and exhilarating ski trip experience in 2022, and answer any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Lea Winter
Ski Trip Leader
Geography Department**



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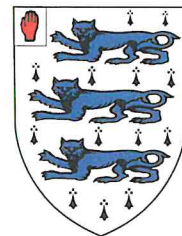
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SKI TRIP 2022 – FAO Mr Winter

REPLY SLIP:

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BY 3.20pm ON WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH**

**SKI TRIP 2022: Alpendorf/Obertauern, Salzburgerland,
Austria : 8th April – 15th April, 2020**

To: Mr Winter

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

☐ I would like my son / daughter to be included in the Ski Trip to Austria
(8th – 15th April, 2022)

☐ I have paid the deposit of £90 via ParentPay.

Closing date is WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH, 2021. Places will be allocated as described and students/parents/carers will be notified during the first week back after Easter (19th - 23rd April).

I understand that the first deposit of £90 is non-refundable if my child is successful in gaining a place on the trip (unless the place is filled by another child). I understand that the school makes a series of deposit payments to the travel company (IBT) and that once these are made to IBT they also become non-refundable unless the place is filled by another student. I am aware that comprehensive winter sports travel insurance is included in the price of the trip – a copy of which is available on request and will be provided before departure.

I agree to keep to the payments schedule and I understand that my child will require his/her own valid passport in order to travel on the trip.

I also understand that should the behaviour of my child in school fall below that expected before departure, then he/she will be removed from the trip and all monies returned.

Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____



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