



# Sandbach High School

and Sixth Form College

Our Academy, Our Future

December 2019

## **SKI TRIP 2021 – MARIA ALM, AUSTRIA**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As part of the school's extra curriculum programme we are pleased to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to enjoy a week long skiing holiday in the February half term holiday of 2021. The trip is open to pupils of all ages (Years 7,8,9,10,11, and 12), and it is suitable for all ability levels, from beginners through to advanced skiers. For those new to skiing the school organises a comprehensive course of lessons at the dry slope in Kidsgrove, prior to the trip. The school has been running successful ski trips for many years now and I have been party leader for 20 years. The information below gives an outline of the package that is available.

- **DATE** – February 2021, departing Friday 12 and returning Saturday 20 February.
- **DESTINATION** – The excellent modern and family friendly ski resort of Maria Alm in the Austrian Alps.
- **ACCOMMODATION** – We are staying in Hotel Eberlalm, a three star hotel, which is situated at the base of the ski runs adjacent to the lifts, and nursery slopes, offering true doorstep skiing, and a level of convenience that is hard to match. All rooms have their own en suite facilities, and TV, and Wi-fi is available in the hotel. Breakfast, a hot lunch, and evening meal are provided at the hotel. Visit <https://www.eberlalm.at/de/die-eberlalm.html> for more details.
- **TRANSPORT** – Travel will be by executive air conditioned coach, and crossing the Channel by Eurotunnel or ferry.
- **SKI TUITION** – Your son/daughter will receive four hours of tuition each day, and there will also be the opportunity to ski with the teachers after lessons. If your son/daughter is taking GCSE PE or A Level PE then we will carry out assessments to allow your son/daughter to gain credit for skiing as one of his/her chosen sports.
- **TRAVEL COMPANY** – SkiTeam4 are a well established operator whom we have used in the past and they offer a very comprehensive package. They are the market leaders for school ski trips in Austria, and you can find out more at <https://www.skiteam4.com/>
- **COST** – This year the cost will be **£1110** which is payable in instalments over the next year. In the unlikely scenario that the group size falls below 35 students it may be necessary to increase the cost as supplements are payable when we do not take a “full group”. This trip is not covered by the Pupil Premium scheme, and as such the Academy is unable to offer any financial assistance.

- **INCLUSIVE IN THE PRICE** – All travel, all meals in the resort, ski, boot and helmet hire, 6 day lift pass, 4 hours of ski lessons each day, hotel with full board accommodation including hot lunches, comprehensive insurance, snow guarantee, and the services of a Ski Rep. Also included is a “ski trip hoodie”, pizza restaurant night out, and bowling night out (including taxi fares down the mountain).
- **FURTHER INFORMATION** – You can find out all about the resort by visiting <https://www.skiteam4.com/skiarea/maria-alm-hochkoenig-amade/>. Copies of all letters and documentation, including insurance policies, related to this trip are available in the “Trips & Visits” section of the school web site, so should a letter be misplaced or lost you can easily access all of the information at the click of a mouse!
- **BOOKING A PLACE.** – If you would like to book a place for your son/daughter, on this trip, please complete and return the permission slip below together with a **non-returnable deposit of £150.** Please make this and all further trip payments using the Parent Pay system. ***All permission slips must be returned directly to the Finance Office.*** There is an initial deadline of Friday 20 December, for the return of reply slips and payment of deposits. Places will continue to be offered on a first come first served basis after that date.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY**  
***The £150 deposit is non-refundable. Any cancellation after February 1st 2020 will incur a charge of £300. Cancellations within 6 months of the departure date will be charged at 50 % of the total cost (£555). Any cancellation within 10 weeks of departure will be charged at full cost (£1110). This cancellation policy is non-negotiable.***

Please remember that a place on any school trip is subject to your son/daughter’s continued good behaviour. In exceptional circumstances a place on a trip may be withdrawn, in which case any monies paid will be refunded in full. If you have any further queries regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

**Mr. A.S. Leonard**  
**Sixth Form Life Choices Co-ordinator**

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I give permission for my son/daughter .....

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to take part in the above named trip, and I enclose a non-returnable deposit of £150. I have read, fully understand and agree to abide by the Cancellation Policy and Places Allocation Policy.

Signed.....Date .....

I have paid a non-returnable £150 deposit via Parent Pay

**To be returned to the Finance Office**



