

9 May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Current Year 7 & 9 - Ski Trip 2026

I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for your child to take part in The Weald School Ski Trip which will take place at Easter in 2026. Following the highly successful 2025 ski trip we are pleased to be returning to Austria. In addition to this we are staying in the same hotel we have stayed in for several years (excluding 2024). The ski area we know very well, Obertauern, having skied in this area for the past 4 ski trips. The trip is open to students in current Years 7 and 9 (next year's 8 and 10).

Resort:	<b>Obertauern</b>
Country:	<b>Austria</b>
Departure:	<b>Friday 27 March 2026 (via coach)</b>
Return date:	<b>Saturday 4 April 2026</b>
Projected cost per child:	<b>£1,635</b> (The cost is projected and may change depending on the amount of pupils taking part).

**INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE COST:** Return travel by coach, 6 days' skiing in the resort (including lift pass, ski, boot, helmet and pole hire), full board accommodation, insurance, daily ski tuition (5 hours) in the ratio 1:12, evening entertainment, and a personalised ski trip hoodie.

**Hotel information:** <https://www.skibound.co.uk/destination/austria/obertauern/felseralm/>

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE COST:** Ski clothing (jacket, salopettes, ski socks etc), passport fees, meals en route, pocket money, dry slope practice in the U.K - this is advised for all new skiers.

There are enormous benefits to be had from outdoor education, residential courses and adventurous activity, and the experience of participating in a ski trip is highly recommended for many reasons including:

- The opportunity to enjoy a healthy, outdoor physical activity in a new environment
- The chance to succeed in a new challenge through learning a new skill
- Helping to build self-awareness, self-confidence and a sense of achievement
- Improving and forming relationships within the school group.

This trip is intended to be fully inclusive and it caters for all abilities from beginner to advanced. **If a situation occurs where the trip becomes oversubscribed, a lottery system will be used to select students fairly.**

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to engage with their classmates in an unfamiliar setting, discover new places and ideas and most importantly further develop their own skiing skills.

If you would like your child to take part, please **either** complete [the online form](#) or complete the attached application form, and return it to the finance department office (near main school reception), no later than the end of **Friday 16 May**. Students will be notified of a place on the trip by Friday 23 May with the first deposit of **£150** to secure your child's place due by **Friday 30 May 2025**. A full payment schedule will be provided for the cost of the trip once your child's place is confirmed.

If you would like further information about the ski trip, please see [these slides](#).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me via [esperring@theweald.org.uk](mailto:esperring@theweald.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



Miss E Sperring  
Geography teacher & Enrichment Coordinator - Ski Trip 2026 Leader

**APPLICATION FORM**

If you would like your child to take part in this adventure, please complete and return this form to the finance department office (near main school reception), by **Friday 16 May 2025**.

Students will be informed if they have a place on the trip on Friday 23 May and we will then require a deposit of £150 made payable via ParentPay by **Friday 30 May 2025**. A full payment schedule will be issued once your child's place is confirmed.

Any deposits paid are NON-REFUNDABLE unless covered by the insurance policy; for example, due to a medical issue. In such cases, evidence is required. Details of this cover are available on request. **DISINCLINATION TO TRAVEL IS NOT COVERED BY THE INSURANCE** and you will not be able to claim a refund.

In the unlikely event of the trip being cancelled due to other circumstances beyond the school's control that are not covered under our insurance policy, the school will make every effort to secure a return of funds from the trip provider. However, if none is forthcoming then the school will be unable to offer a refund.

Places are limited so please ensure your form is returned on time to avoid disappointment. Replies after Friday 16 May will be placed upon a waiting list. There are hard copies of the letter and reply slip at student reception if required.

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**Please return to the finance department office no later than Friday 16 May 2025, or complete the online google form.**

Student's Name .....

Year & Tutor Group: .....

I would like to reserve a place on the above Ski Trip for my child. Once I have secured a place with the £150 deposit (payable by 30 May 2025) I understand that I am responsible for making further payments as designated in the schedule.

Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer)