

5 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Current Year 7 & 9 - Ski Trip Easter 2027

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 2027. 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. The ski area we know very well, Obertauern, having skied in this area for the past 5 ski trips. The trip is open to students in current years 7 and 9 (next year's 8 and 10).

Resort: Obertauern Country: Austria

Departure (finalised date TBC): Thursday 26 or Friday 27 March 2027 (via coach)

Return (finalised date TBC): Friday 2 or Saturday 3 April 2027

Duration: 9 days (6 nights in resort)

Projected cost per child: £1,745 (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/

<u>NOT</u> 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.

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 12 December. You will also need to pay the first deposit of £50 on parent pay to secure your child's place due by Friday 12 December 2025.

We will then review students' behaviour and send out confirmation of place letters by **Friday 19 December 2025.** If a situation occurs where the trip becomes oversubscribed, a lottery system will be used to select students fairly. If your child does not receive a place then we will issue a full refund at this stage.

A full payment schedule will be provided for the cost of the trip once your child's place is confirmed but please note we will require a second deposit payment of £50 early January and a third payment of £150 in February.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Espenia

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 12 December 2025.**

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 12 December will be placed upon a waiting list. There are hard copies of the letter and reply slip from the Finance Department if required.

Please return to $\underline{\text{the finance department office}}$ no later than Friday 12 December 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 £50 deposit (payable by 12 December 2025) I understand that I am responsible for making further payments as designated in the schedule.
Signed: (Parent/Carer)