

5 June 2024

Dear parents/carers

IWEF Ski/Snowboarding Trip – Easter 2026

Following the huge success of the 2024 IWEF ski trip, we are now taking bookings for our next visit to the resort of Sportwelt Amade in Austria.

We will be leaving on Saturday 4 April 2026 for eight days, with five nights accommodation. Our ski provider is IBT Travel. Full details of the company and further information on the resort can be found at <http://winter.ibtski.com/>. All students will need to have a passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) / Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). (If they already have an EHIC which will be valid at the point of travel then this will be valid, if an EHIC is not currently in place then a GHIC will need to be applied for. [Apply for a free UK Global Health Insurance Card \(GHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk))

The provisional price is £1,230 for skiers and £1,275 for snowboarders, which includes ski pass, ski/board equipment, insurance, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, ski lessons, après ski activities, ferry travel to Portsmouth and a named ski trip hoodie. We will be travelling by luxury coach (TV, DVD) meeting us at Portsmouth. This cost for the trip is based on 40 students attending, if we have a smaller group, the price will increase. If there are not enough students for 2026, the trip will roll over into 2027. The £40 supplement for snowboarding covers the extra cost of instructors and hire of specialised equipment. A minimum of eight snowboarders will be required in order to run a snowboarding group.

A full programme of activities will be offered whilst abroad and some money will be required for spending money and lunch on the mountain. Allow about £10-15 per day. A kit list will be provided, which explains what clothing the students will need. All clothing can be acquired without spending a fortune. Information on where to find affordable clothing will be provided.

Due to the nature of the sports on offer, this trip will suit resilient students with a good level of fitness. The ability to listen and follow instructions is also essential for the overall safety of all the participants.

If you wish to secure a place for your child, please express your interest on the Arbor app by midnight Sunday 9 June 2024. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will draw a ballot overseen by the Executive Headteacher and form a waiting list. You will be notified if your child has got a place on the trip.

The first non-refundable payment will be collected shortly afterwards on Monday, 1 July using the School Arbor App. The final balance must be paid by January, 31 2026. Then you will need to make 19 equal payments, for snowboarders these will be £67.10 each and for skiers £64.75. After the first payment the payment dates will be the 1st of each month. You must keep up with payments so that we can meet the deadlines in the payment schedule specified by IBT Travel.

PLEASE BE AWARE - due to students dropping out of previous trips at the last minute, once you have started paying, if you wish to remove your child from the trip, you will be liable for the full cost of the trip unless a replacement can be found. Your deposit will remain non-refundable.

There will be a parent presentation and meeting, once we have confirmed our final numbers and have booked the trip. Current Year 10/11 students who are definitely going to be at our VI Form from September 2025, can sign up for the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, then please contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Caddick".

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