

28 November 2024

**Year 9 Ski Trip 12th - 19th February 2026 – Zell am See, Austria**  
**Price: Circa £1590 fully inclusive**

Dear Parents & Carers

I am delighted to announce the February 2026 Junior Ski Trip to Zell am See, Austria, for students currently in Year 8 (who will be in Year 9 when the trip takes place). This exciting adventure promises to be a memorable experience, offering students the chance to ski in a stunning setting while also developing their skiing skills and building character.

**Accommodation**

We will be staying at the charming Gasthof Kirchenwirt in St. Georgen, just a 15-minute drive from the slopes. The hotel is within walking distance of many après-ski activities, adding to the overall experience. All rooms are shared between 2-6 boys and come with private facilities (no baths), and some rooms even have balconies with lovely views. We're fortunate to have the hotel exclusively for our group, allowing for a more personalised and focused experience.

**The cost of the trip includes:**

- **Travel:** Coach transportation from RGS to Austria, including ferry crossing from Dover.
- **Accommodation:** 5 nights full-board at the hotel, including breakfast and evening meals.
- **Hot Lunches:** Provided at the hotel restaurants between ski sessions.
- **Lift Pass:** A 5-day lift pass.
- **Tuition:** 5 days of skiing lessons, 5 hours per day, with fully qualified English-speaking instructors. Student-to-instructor ratio of approximately 1:13.
- **Equipment:** Skis, boots, helmet, and pole hire.
- **Après-Ski Activities:** Bowling, a pizza night, a local ice hockey match, and other activities to be confirmed.
- **Insurance:** Comprehensive winter sports and travel insurance.
- **In-Resort Representative:** A dedicated staff member will accompany our group to ensure smooth operations throughout the week.

**Registration Process**

The trip typically accommodates 40 students and is extremely popular. To request a place for your child, please pay a £100 deposit via ParentPay. This deposit does not guarantee a place; once we have gauged interest, we will finalise the number of places and explain the selection process.

- **ParentPay Deposit Window:** Opens on **Monday, 9th December 2024**, and closes at **8am on Monday, 6th January 2025**. There will be no priority given to the order in which deposits are paid during this period. However, any requests made after this period will be added to the bottom of the waiting list.

- **Further Payments:** For students who secure a place, the cost will be split into seven additional payments, with six payments of £220.00 and a final payment of £170.00. Please note that if the trip is cancelled for any reason, all funds paid up until that date will be non-refundable.

### **Financial Assistance**

We would not want any student to miss this opportunity due to financial hardship. Please do contact Dominic Clatworthy, our Director of Co-curricular, in strictest confidence if you have any questions about funding this trip on [dec@rgshw.com](mailto:dec@rgshw.com).

### **Parent and Student Presentation**

Later in the academic year, we will host a presentation for parents and students to share important information, provide the final itinerary, and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We are looking forward to what promises to be an unforgettable trip filled with adventure, learning, and friendship. Thank you for your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,

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