



ASH MANOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Austria Ski Trip – December 2025

I am pleased to communicate that we have planned our next ski trip to St Johann-Alpendorf, Austria, from **Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd December 2025**. We are launching the trip now so that families will have the most time possible to spread the cost of the payments, hopefully making the trip as accessible and affordable as we can.

Ski Area

The 'Falchau, Wagrain & St.Johann/Alpendorf' ski area is part of the 'Salzburger Sportwelt' region in the vast 'Ski Amade'. It contains 120km of runs and is snow sure due to the near 100% snow canon coverage which complements the natural snow fall. We will access the slopes at the main gondola station in Alpendorf which will be only a short distance from our Austrian guesthouse by coach or ski-bus.

Trip Provider

Our provider is Snowslippers and their Director will be in the resort, and on hand, to offer his presence and full support in whatever way is necessary. Snowslippers are a Welsh based company who only work out of Alpendorf and have done for 31 years. I have entrusted them with multiple ski trips at three of my previous schools over the last 16 years. In resort we will be looked after by a dedicated Rep and one of the Directors, Danijel Jurkovic. Danijel is an Olympic Skier and one of the technical coaches of the Croatian Ski Team.

Students & Costs

The trip is open to current Y7, 8 & 9 students. If spaces are still available in September 2024, new Y7 students can also sign up for the trip. We require a minimum of 40 students to run the trip at a cost of £1,250 per person.

The cost of the trip includes:

- Return executive coach travel with full use in Austria - for local commuting to and from the slopes and activities
- Half board accommodation in a traditional Austrian family run guesthouse – to be confirmed 12 months in advance of departure
- 5-day lift pass for the whole of Ski Amade
- 5-day ski set hire (skis, boots, poles, helmets)
- 24 hours of ski lessons, in total, along with daily supervised lunch breaks with English speaking ski instructors from the 'Rot Weiss Rot Skischule'
- Après ski activities, including sledging, Austrian bowling, swimming at the Bad Hofgastein Alpentherme and school presentation with race achievements
- Snowslippers dedicated representative, looking after our group throughout our stay
- Travel Insurance – provided by Surrey County Council
- Personalised midlayer for travel, small bag and water bottle

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Cash

Students will be required to take a modest amount of cash to pay for lunches on the mountain (*no more than 20€ a day for 5 days*), snacks they wish to buy at bowling, food or drink for the return journey and a souvenir if desired.

Ash Manor Ski Trip Philosophy

All students are welcome, whatever their level of skiing ability. We are really excited to enable non-skiers to have their first experience and would especially welcome families where parents perhaps do not already ski, to consider this trip as a great opportunity for your child to access the sport. We will be organising an opportunity for beginners to have an experience at an indoor ski centre prior to the trip.

Reservations & Payments

To enable the older students, who have less time remaining at Ash Manor School, the opportunity to participate in a ski trip, we will be staggering the deposit payment window by year group.

To book a place for your child, please make the non-refundable deposit payment of £146 in line with the dates below, with respect to the current year group of your child:

- Y9 students – from receipt of this letter
- Y8 students – from Thursday 20th June
- Y7 students – from Friday 21st June

Spaces are limited and, therefore, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The deposit deadline for all year groups is **Monday 1st July 2024**.

If you wish to pay the trip in one payment you are welcome to, otherwise subsequent payments will be due as outlined below:

•	Deposit	£146
•	01/08/24	£92
•	01/09/24	£92
•	01/10/24	£92
•	01/11/24	£92
•	01/02/25	£92
•	01/03/25	£92
•	01/04/25	£92
•	01/05/25	£92
•	01/06/25	£92
•	01/07/25	£92
•	01/08/25	£92
•	01/09/25	£92 (<i>final payment</i>)

Please note that any further instalments we have made to the travel company on your child's behalf are also non-refundable should you withdraw your child from the trip.

Medical

Nearer the time, we will ask you to complete a medical consent form via your Wisepay account.

Behaviour

I am sure you would agree that the success of such a trip depends on the good behaviour and self-discipline of the students. The school, therefore, reserves the right to refuse a place to any student whose school record is unsatisfactory.

And finally...

We are sure that this trip will be an excellent experience for all involved and thank you in advance for your interest. If you have any specific questions relating to the experience, logistics or itinerary, please do email me directly via ecarradine@ashmanorschool.com.

Kind regards,



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