



22 November 2022

Dear Parents & Students,

We are delighted to launch the 2023/2024 Emmbrook Ski Trip for December 2023. The trip will be organised through Select School Travel. This trip will include coach and ferry crossings and we will be staying in the Austrian resort of Zell Am See. An information evening for parents and students will be held a couple of months before departure. The trip is open to **everyone in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 for the academic year 2023/2024.**

General Details

Dates: Friday 15 December 2023 – Friday 22 December 2023

Rational for the change of date to Christmas holiday: I thought I should explain the reasons for changing the trip dates from Easter to Christmas. The main drive was cost. The prices have gone up significantly, and by changing to pre-Christmas and reducing the duration of the trip by a day, we managed to bring the cost down to similar levels compared to our previous trips. We will ski 5 hours per day (rather than 4, which is the norm) to make up skiing time. Also, the weather conditions should allow us to ski at lower altitude with a greater variety of runs. And finally, there is a very nice festive atmosphere at the skiing resorts at that time of the year! Unfortunately, this opportunity only comes once every few years, since usually schools close too late for Christmas to allow us to be away for 9 days and be back for Christmas with our families.

Travel: The journey will take in the region of 20 hours from Calais and is by coach and ferry crossing.

Accommodation: Hotel Post Fusch. Our accommodation is of 3-star standard. All rooms are en-suite. We may share the hotel with other school groups and/or holidaymakers. <https://postfusch.at/en/>

Skiing: 5 days of skiing with 5 hours of ski instruction and supervision per day. Students will only ski under the supervision of an instructor, in groups according to their ability: beginner, intermediate or advanced. **There is no free skiing.**

Dry slope lessons: Dry slope lessons at Aldershot alpine Snowsports are highly recommended for all beginners on the trip. These will be organised and run after school, starting during the summer term. Details TBA at a later date. We also encourage parents and carers to organise ski lessons for the participants. Summer is a great time for skiing in UK as dry slope centres and real snow ones such as Milton Keynes Snozone have summer discounts.

Cost: £1180 (plus approximately £32 for beginner dry slope ski lessons).

Students will need their own passport for this trip, valid until at least 23 March 2024. During this trip the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance but they are not directly with the group.



THE SKI TRIP IS NOT A HOLIDAY - SKIING IS A PHYSICALLY DEMANDING ACTIVITY, CAN BE DANGEROUS AND ALSO FOR MANY STUDENTS THIS TRIP WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THEY SPEND SEVERAL DAYS AWAY FROM THEIR PARENTS/CARERS. DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR CHILD BEFORE SIGNING UP.

Allocation of places

Skiing trips are always popular. There are up to 80 student places available and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **The deadline for applications is 3pm on Tuesday 29 November 2022** and in the event of oversubscription, a place on the ski trip will be allocated on the basis of a) meeting the deadline, b) behaviour record, c) attitude to learning and attendance. If these criteria do not discriminate, names will be drawn at random.

Breakdown of Cost

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return executive coach transfer from school to resort • Return channel crossing via channel tunnel • 5 nights full board accommodation including packed lunches • A 5 day lift pass • Ski lessons: 25 hours of ski tuition (5 hours per day) • Ski equipment hire for 5 days (skis, boots, poles and helmets) • Fully comprehensive travel insurance • Ski hoodie 	£1125
Incidental expenses, e.g. evening activities, emergency costs, drinks and snacks for the skiing, administration costs, ski awards, photographs.	£55
Total	£1180

Additional Costs

Dry slope ski lessons at Aldershot Alpine Snowsports. This is highly recommended for all beginners on the trip to familiarise with skiing equipment, using beginner lifts and introduction to skiing. £32 approximately per session

Payment scheme

*****Payments will be requested only once your child has been allocated a place on the trip. We will confirm your place just after the application deadline *****

An initial **non-refundable deposit of £325 by 7 December 2022** and then £855 paid in three instalments of £285 on or before 5 March, 5 May and 5 July 2023. Payments by SCOPAY only. Payment for dry slope lessons will be requested separately.

Please complete the attached form, ensuring that it is signed and dated and return it for the attention of Mr Kalatzis via reception by 3pm on Tuesday 29 November 2022.

If you have any enquiries about the proposed trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email ekalatzis@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk



Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Yours Sincerely,

E Kalatzis

Ski Trip Organiser

Return to: E KALATZIS via reception by 3pm on 29 November 2022

Emmbrook Ski Trip December 2023 – Zell Am See, Austria

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Number of weeks your child has skied on snow: _____

- I would like my son/daughter to be a member of the December 2023 Emmbrook School ski trip, from Friday 15 December – Friday 22 December 2023.
- I accept that once a place has been allocated, payments are non-returnable unless a replacement can be found. Should it be necessary to withdraw my child at any stage, I undertake to inform the school in writing as early as possible.
- I understand that my son/daughter needs to have their own passport valid at least until 23 March 2024
- I understand that my son/daughter needs to be physically fit and emotionally resilient. I will declare any pre-existing medical conditions ahead of the trip.
- I am fully aware of the risks involved in skiing on dry slope and on snow.
- I understand that whilst the staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my child which occurs as a result of the ski trip.
- I understand and agree to my child being remotely supervised at times during this trip.
- I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the ski trip. I confirm that I am invested with the legal authority to do so. Any other person with parental rights or authority over my son/daughter has also been informed and agreed to his/her participation in this event. In the event of illness or accident, I consent to any necessary medical treatment, which might include anaesthetics.
- I agree to be responsible for transport from school to home after the trip.
- I accept that the school reserves the right to withdraw a place on the trip for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute. In this event, payments are non-returnable unless a replacement can be found.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____