

5th March 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Austrian Ski Trip 2015

I am writing to offer your son / daughter the opportunity to take part in a nine day trip to Mauterhorn, Austria which will take place during the Easter holidays from Friday 3 April – Saturday 11 April 2015. This trip will be an invaluable experience for your son / daughter to learn to ski or to improve their skiing skills.

The total cost of the trip will range between **£830 and £850** depending on uptake.

This includes return coach travel, return ferry crossing from Dover to Calais, 6 nights full board accommodation including packed lunches, 6 day hire of skis, boots and poles, 6 x 4 hours ski tuition, 6 day lift pass plus fully comprehensive Travel Insurance inclusive of medical cover, as well as the cost of Après-Ski entertainment. We will be staying at the Hotel Alpenparks, which is in walking distance of the lifts and resort centre. The rooms have multi-person occupancy with en-suite facilities. Please note that the cost of ski wear is not included. **Helmet use is compulsory for all students; rental of helmets is included in the price.** We may also be able to give an option to hire ski-wear such as salopettes etc at a later date. There will be a **supplementary cost of approximately £15 for all students aged 18 and over for the lift pass.**

A trip to Hemel Hempstead ski centre will be provided for students who have not skied before or would rate their level as beginner. Students will receive 2 hours worth of tuition at a supplementary cost of approximately £30.00. Although this is not compulsory, I would recommend that students use this opportunity to pick up the basics in order to make the most of their experience in Austria.

If you would like your son / daughter to take part in this trip, please complete the reply slip (making sure that you use your child's full name as it appears on their passport) together with a non-refundable deposit of £150 and return it to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office by **Friday 21st March 2014**. Please make all cheques payable to Beaumont School and ensure that your child's name and form are written clearly on the reverse. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet using our online payment system (NB: You must still return the attached reply slip to school). Once we have confirmed the trip, we will issue a payment schedule.

This trip is classified as an optional extra, and the school is therefore entitled to charge for it.

The dates for further payments are as follows:

Friday 25 th April 2014	£250
Friday 28 th November 2014	balance

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for parents who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss.

Pupils will need their own passports and EHIC cards. Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport. In the event of a cancellation please be aware that we may not be able to refund any monies which have already been paid over by the school. I would also like to draw your attention to the schools Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour.

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In the event of over subscription, places will be allocated by lottery. It may also be necessary to select by skiing ability to provide viable skiing groups of differing abilities. We would also want to ensure that the groups are able to cater for all abilities from beginner to advanced. In the event of your child not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed.

I believe that this trip will be an enriching experience for your son / daughter and that it will help to develop their confidence in their ability to ski. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Pellington, the Trips and Visits Co-ordinator at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Moody
Trip Organiser

Ski Trip – 3 April-11 April 2015

Return to the box marked 'Austria Ski Trip' outside the Finance Office by Friday 21st March 2014

Pupil's Surname: (**as on passport**).....

Pupil's Forenames: (**as on passport**).....

Form

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

I do wish my son/daughter to participate in the ski trip to Austria 3 April-11 April 2015

- I enclose £150 as an initial non-refundable deposit.
- I have made payment online (NB: You must also return this form to school)

I undertake to make full payment by the appropriate deadlines.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are for this visit only permanent.

Skiing Ability

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate any previous skiing experience. This information may be used in the event of over-subscription for the trip to determine appropriate ski groups.

Previous Experience	
A: Total Beginner (0 weeks)	
B: Able to complete controlled snow plough turn (1 week)	
C: Can ski intermediate slopes (2-4 weeks)	
D: Able to complete controlled parallel turns (5-8 weeks)	
E: An experienced parallel skier (9 weeks+)	

Signed..... Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Date