



## NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Headteacher:  
Chris Livesey BA (Hons)

Dear Parent / Carer

### **SKI TRIP 2017 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Nower Hill High School will be offering a week's ski trip to Austria for students in Years 7 to 12, to Wilderkaiser ski area, Austria. The purpose of this trip is for students to experience an adventurous activity and the culture of an alpine country. We will depart by coach from Nower Hill High School on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and return to school on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017. As with previous years, Astons, a reputable company with over 25 years of experience organising European ski tours, will be our tour operator. We travelled with them to Austria in 2008-2014, as well as this year and we have always been very impressed with the service they have provided.

Resort: **Worgl, Austria**  
Depart UK: **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
Return UK: **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
Mode of travel: **Luxury executive coach**  
Cost: **£930\***

Please note we currently estimate the total cost of the trip to be £930, although this will depend on the number of students interested along with other factors we may need to cost-in.

**\*If your child is 18 or over at the time of the trip they will have to pay an additional £30 as at this point they are classified as adults and their lift pass will be more expensive.**

To be included in the cost:

- Luxury executive coach travel throughout
- Full board accommodation (including lunch)
- 6 days of skiing in the resort including ski pass, skis, ski boots and pole hire
- 6 days of ski instruction; minimum 4 hours per day
- Winter sports travel insurance
- Evening entertainment package to include such things as a Tyrolean evening, swimming and a disco
- Certificate of attainment and a badge
- Helmet hire

Not included in the cost:

- Passport and visa, if required (please check with the Embassy if passport is non-UK passport)
- Ski wear
- Meals en-route
- Pocket money (we recommend £15 per day which should be changed into Euros before we depart).



In addition it is recommended that your child gains some experience of wearing ski boots and carrying ski poles etc., if he/she has never skied before. It is recommended that you book a series of dry ski slope lessons if your child is a complete beginner to maximise the experience he/she will have on the trip.

We will provide a full itinerary and check-list of equipment your child will need to take with him/her nearer the time of the trip.

If the trip is to take place, a total contribution of £930 (approx.) per student is necessary (£960 for age 18 and over). Unless sufficient contributions are forthcoming the trip will not be able to take place and any contributions made will be refunded in full. As per our Charging Policy a student's participation in such an activity will be a matter of parental choice and on the basis of a willingness to meet any charges applicable. Thus such an agreement is a prerequisite to a student's inclusion.

This year we plan to stay at the Schachtnerhof hotel which is ideally situated in the centre of the alpine town of Worgl at the head of the Ski Welt Wilderkaiser valley allowing easy access to all resorts. The tyrolean style Schachtner Hof offers all rooms with ensuite facilities. Other facilities include a dining room and ski storage. The nearest lift station is 8km giving a transfer time of approximately 10 minutes by coach. Please be advised that some of the rooms may have sofa beds for students where rooms are above 3 or 4 in size. This however is the reason that we have been given a very competitive rate on the hotel, which is only 10 minutes from the slopes and of a 3 star standard with very good food.

The Wilderkaiser ski region lies deep in the heart of the Tirol and comprises the resorts of Soll, Scheffau, Ellmau, Going and Itter to name but a few. The lift pass covers the entire valley offering over 250km of piste to cater from the beginner to the advanced skier. The piste map link is [www.skiwelt.at](http://www.skiwelt.at)

Please note that the trip is always extremely popular. AS THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS RESTRICTED FOR THIS TRIP to 45 and in the event that this trip is oversubscribed, the selection of students on the trip will be drawn from a hat and any ParentPay payments will be reimbursed for those who cannot attend. We do not operate a 'first come first served' selection as this can disadvantage a student who is off sick or absent for another reason.

The deadline for paying the deposit is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 3:15pm. It is important that we receive a £200 deposit as soon as possible in order to secure your child's place. If the deposit is not paid by the date above your child will not be eligible for the trip. You must also return the attached reply slips and the Aston's student profile form also attached by this date to Miss Reynolds in the girls PE office. Please note that it is essential that all of these reply slips are completed accurately.

Please note that a stipulation of the trip is that any participant must be a student at Nower Hill High School at the time of the ski trip to be eligible. If any GCSE or AS students are not successful in securing a place at the school for September 2016 then they will not be able to take part in the trip. Similarly, any parent who withdraws their child from the school by taking them off roll (such as relocating because of work) before the ski trip will not be able to take part. Please be aware that once a deposit has been paid it is **non-refundable** so if a student does not get the grades to return to the sixth form they will lose their place on the trip and their deposit. The same applies to students that have been taken off roll by their parent.

In addition, I must insist that you declare any pre-existing medical conditions that could affect your child whilst skiing. If there are any, a written medical approval has to come from your GP or our insurance is void in which case you would have to pay for any extraneous expenses that may be incurred. Please see the relevant section of the school insurance policy enclosed with this letter. During the trip we may need to give the students Paracetamol to alleviate aches, pains or fevers. Please indicate on the permission slips enclosed if you consent to staff on the trip to giving your son/daughter Paracetamol if necessary.

We would love to offer the trip to more students and due to the amount of enquiries we have received; we hope that this will be possible. Offering the trip to additional students is purely dependent on the number of deposits received and whether viable. If we are unable to include additional students and your child was initially put on a waiting list you will be refunded your deposit via ParentPay.

If your child successfully secures a place on the trip, the initial deposit will be followed by a further three instalments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017                    £265-Half Payment
- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017        £155
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017            £155
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017       £155

All payments are through Parent Pay ("Austria Ski Trip 2017") so you are able to submit payments at your discretion, as long as the above deadlines are met. Please logon to your ParentPay account in the usual manner to make your payments. If you have any problems or need a reminder of your user name or password, please email: [parentpay@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:parentpay@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk)

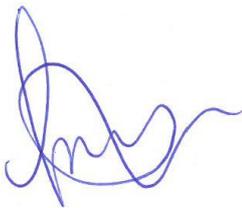
If your child is allocated a place, any deposit and further instalments paid are non-refundable unless covered by the insurance policy (e.g. medical). Details of this cover will be available on request. Disinclination to travel is not covered by the insurance and you will not be able to claim a refund.

**If a student misbehaves on a trip to the extent they need to be sent home**, the student will be accompanied home by a trip adult, or their parent / carer can collect them. Any additional costs that are incurred, both for the student and accompanying adult will be borne solely by the student's family or carers. I would like to also take this opportunity to inform you that no students on the trip will be allowed to smoke or consume alcohol at any time on the trip, even if they are at the legal age of consent.

In addition, if a student withdraws or is withdrawn from a trip any deposit or fees paid that a tour operator deducts for cancellation will not be refunded under any circumstances. This includes the instance where the school decides to withdraw a child because of behavioural issues that may have emerged after the trip was booked. We, as a school, reserve the right to withdraw a child because of behavioural issues with any period of notice.

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Yours faithfully



Mr I Parker  
**Head of Sports Studies Faculty**  
**Ski Party Leader**

## **Travelling Against Medical Advice – Guidance Notes**

In line with many Travel insurance policies, Zurich has exclusion in its Business Travel and School Journey policies referring to “travel against medical advice”, usually stating the following:

### Travelling Against Medical Advice

Excluding any expenses incurred if an Insured Person is travelling or intending to travel against the advice of a Medical Practitioner

We strongly recommend that if there is any doubt over a current or recent medical condition that the traveller visits their doctor to make sure they are fit to travel and are not invalidating their cover. This will help to avoid potential difficulties should the need to claim arise later for cancellation, or sickness happening during the trip.

“Fit to travel” implies that during the trip the medical condition is unlikely to create the need for medical attention or other additional costs (such as emergency evacuation or visit of a relative) that would ordinarily qualify as a claim under the policy.

The traveller should get a written statement from their GP or other medical practitioner at most 7 days before the trip starts stating that they are fit to travel having regard to (a) the condition itself and (b) the following features of the trip :

- destination
- activities
- duration
- methods of travel

The traveller should tell the medical professional that the required statement is for specific insurance purposes and that it may be relied upon to substantiate the validity of a Medical Expenses claim should it later need to be made.

Please note that for longer trips (usually beyond 6 months) different considerations will usually apply, so please contact us should such a trip be planned.

**Nower Hill Ski Trip 2017**

**Permission Slip for attendance / medication and evening enrichment activities**

**TO BE RETURNED TO MR CAHILL IN THE GIRLS PE OFFICE**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's name - please use block capitals),

Tutor group \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the ski trip to Austria from Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

I agree to pay a non-refundable £200 deposit into the ParentPay Account "Austria Ski Trip 2017" as soon as possible in order to secure my son/daughter's place.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I also hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to take part in the following evening entertainments. Please note these are proposed evening activities and the selected activities will be confirmed prior to the trips departure (please delete as appropriate):

- In-house Quiz/DVD Night/Wacky Races YES/NO
- Dry Tobogganing (monorail) - Helmets and protective ski gear to be worn YES/NO
- Snow Tubing - Helmets and protective ski gear to be worn YES/NO
- Swimming - Hochfugen leisure pool including slides and wave machine YES/NO
- Austrian Tyrolean Night YES/NO
- Watching an Ice Hockey Match YES/NO
- Last night disco party/presentation YES/NO
- Bowling YES/NO
- Snow Tobogganing (only if an activity above is cancelled) – Helmets, goggles and protective ski gear to be worn YES/NO

**Medical Permissions**

In the event of my son/daughter requiring urgent medical treatment or first aid whilst on the trip if, in the opinion of the first aider/medical authorities such treatment is necessary and in my child's best interest, I agree to this being carried out without prior consultation. In the event of such circumstances, every effort would be made to contact parent/carer.

..... Signed Relationship .....

During the trip it may be necessary for your child to be administered Paracetamol to alleviate aches, pains or fevers. Please indicate if you consent to the staff on the trip giving your son/daughter Paracetamol at the appropriate dose for his/her age if necessary.

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to be given Paracetamol by a staff member if deemed necessary during the trip. YES/NO

Signature..... (Parent/Carer)

**Emergency Contact Details**

Parent/Carer emergency contact number(s) including international dialling code if not UK:

Emergency Contact Number 1 – Name ..... Number .....

Emergency Contact Number 2 – Name ..... Number .....

**Tour Hoody Requests**

As part of the trip students are provided with a tour hoody. Can you please indicate the size of jumper your child would like and a nickname for the back.

Size ..... Nickname .....



# SKI ASTONS

School Ski Tour Specialists

## NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL Student Profile FEBRUARY 2017

Name on Passport: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:  Age on trip:  years Gender:

Nationality on Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Height (m):  Weight (Kg):  Shoe Size (EU):

Weeks skiing on snow:  Previous Snowlife level awarded:  Dry slope (hrs, days, clubs):