

16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8&9,

Downlands Ski Trip 2027

The school ski trip in 2027 will take place from **Friday 12th February to Saturday 20th February 2027** and is open to Year 9&10 (current Year 8&9). We will be staying at the Guesthouse Felseralm in Obertauern, Austria, which is a bespoke young person's establishment. www.obertauern.com www.felseralm.at

We do accept **Snowboarders** on the ski trip, however in order for us to be able to do so, the group must have a minimum number with the same ability. If we can form a group of boarders, there is an additional premium due to the increased risk of injury, this is usually £50.

The cost of the Ski trip is £1,800 (£1850 if Snowboarding). This includes coach travel from and back to Downlands, full board accommodation, boot, ski and helmet hire, lift passes, 6 full days skiing, 5 - hour ski lessons daily and comprehensive travel insurance. An evening entertainment programme will be organised which is also included in the price.

Due to the potentially hazardous nature of this trip, should a pupil's conduct become an issue between acceptance of a place and departure, the school reserves the right to withdraw a pupil from the trip. In this case, payments received in line with the payment schedule will **NOT BE REFUNDED** unless the school finds a suitable child to take their place.

DATES: Friday 12th February - Saturday 20th February 2027
COMPANY: Skibound
INSURANCE: Fully comprehensive travel insurance, including medical for outside the UK.
TRAVEL: Coach from Downlands and return. Ferry crossing.
SKIING: Lift pass covers large skiing area - suitable for beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers.

PASSPORT: All pupils are required to hold their own passport, which must be valid for 3 months after our return date. If a student holds a non UK passport it is the parent/carer responsibility to check any visa requirements.

FITNESS: If accepted on the trip, pupils should be prepared to achieve a reasonable degree of fitness.
HELMETS: All pupils must wear helmets whilst skiing - this is the law. Helmets are provided at resort.

PAYMENT: A £200 non-refundable (in any instance) deposit once accepted on this trip, payable via SCOPAY.

We understand that should the level of interest be high there may be some disappointment. We have created a fair and equitable selection process, then the drawing of names from a hat until an equal number of boys and girls are randomly selected. If we are over subscribed then we will run a reserve list which will run until the departure date!

Should your child be accepted on the trip, we will require a £200 deposit, which is non-refundable. This will be due for payment via SCOPAY by **9am 14th November**. To confirm your child's place we will use your deposit to make payment to the travel company. Regular payments are required of us, therefore we expect parents to keep up to date with our payment schedule (to be advised in confirmation letter).

To apply for a place, please complete form below by **3rd November at 9am**. Successful applicants will be informed around the 7th November by email.

[Ski 2027- Application Form](#)



The ski trip is one of the greatest school trips, so we look forward to enjoying this week with your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Calvert

Ski Trip Leader and Head of Year 10

Please note

The tour company reserve the right to re-cost our tour should the regulatory advice from the local or UK Government change, specifically in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic, which subsequently means a potential change to their expected operating practices either at our destination or on our journey. Any proposed amendment to our tour price as a result would be advised to you in advance.

The tour price is based on a minimum of 60 full paying passengers. If numbers should fall below these numbers the tour company reserve the right to re-cost the tour, this means that all deposits/payments are non-refundable to go towards this costing, if however there is excess then this amount will be refunded to you. To cover this repricing so not to effect other parents (i.e. the price will not increase), the payment and cancellation schedule will be advised in confirmation of a place on the trip. Cancellation of a child's place for all reasons other than medical (excluding Covid-19) is treated as disinclination to travel. Should a child be removed from the trip by the school or parents for any reason, including but not limited to, behaviour, exclusion, changing school, the cost of the trip remains parental responsibility.