

To: All Parents/Carers of Current Year 8 Students

Our Ref: 87788377

17 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Year 9 School Ski Residential to Pass Thurn, Austria – Easter Holidays 2026**

We are delighted to offer a Year 9 Ski Residential to Austria in 2026 to students currently in Year 8. The residential visit will take place during Easter holidays 2026. We will leave on Saturday 28 March 2026 and will return a week later, on Sunday 5 April 2026. The residential will be to a ski resort in Austria which has previously been visited and approved by members of staff.

The cost of the residential is £1460; we recognise this is a large sum of money and so we have broken the amount down into more manageable instalments and this is a reason for launching the visit as early possible. Please see the payment plan at the bottom of this letter.

**How do I register my child for a place on the visit?**

Please complete the following form to register your child's interest in the visit

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FQwRfuQAF0eCEfeLYA6iFJECbob4oPJImoJYLrDJYN1UMEQ0NE5JR1YwVTFSWEc5S1ZJNTFIMDdPTy4u> You will need to clearly state your child's name and tutor group. The deadline for completing this form is 9am on **Friday 20 September 2024**.

The visit will be available for up to 50 students. If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be selected at random. However, if the visit does not reach the 50 students required, the visit may not be viable to go ahead or there might be an increase in the price. This would be communicated to parents/carers if it were the case.

Our ski visits are usually oversubscribed, and we do reserve the right to refuse a place on the visit based on any student's school behaviour record.

You will be notified after the deadline if your child is successful or unsuccessful in gaining a place on the visit. If your child is successful, an initial deposit of £150 will be required by **Friday 27 September** to secure a place.

You can make your contribution payment by using our secure internet payment site [South Hunsley School \(arbor.sc\)](https://www.southhunsley.org.uk/southhunsley-school-arbor-sc) or by using the Arbor app. If you require any assistance in using this site or if you need your login details, please e-mail [arbor@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:arbor@southhunsley.org.uk) If you do not have access to the internet then please contact the Finance department via telephone on 01482 631 208 to arrange an alternative method of payment.

If your child's name is entered on the form above, but no deposit is received by Friday 27 September 2024, then we may allocate the place to another student.

Unless the visit is cancelled, all payments are non-refundable for any student who drops out, unless the school is able to gain a suitable replacement. We would like to assure parents and carers that in the event that the visit needs to be cancelled the school is insured and so any deposits taken are covered for your protection.

The tour has been organised by Ski Bound/HTS, a specialist school tour operator. Ski Bound/HTS is well established and has many years of experience in the school travel industry. They are fully licenced by both ABTA and ATOL. South Hunsley is obliged to complete and submit a risk assessment for every visit in conjunction with the local authority; we can assure you that this residential will be risk assessed by myself and the rest of the South Hunsley ski visit staff.

The 2026 ski residential price includes:

- Return, executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossings
- Six nights full board accommodation
- Hot food at lunch on the slopes
- Experienced and knowledgeable resort representative
- Experienced South Hunsley Staff
- Six-day resort full ski lift pass
- Ski lessons: 4 hours of expert ski tuition per day (24hrs total)
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets for six days
- Fully comprehensive winter travel insurance through the school

The offer of après ski and evening entertainment activities is also available to students. This may include swimming, bowling, pizza evening, visiting an ice hockey event and more.

Skiing is a great opportunity for students to gain several new and exciting skills. Even the shyest of students may come back from the residential with newfound confidence, and new friends. There will be a range of students travelling, of all abilities, so please do not be apprehensive in this respect. As well as the social benefits of the trip, students will have the chance to experience different cuisines and to try a sport that, in this current economic climate, is not readily available to everyone. We endeavour to account for every possible cost through our school trip, aside from student clothing and a small amount of spending money (no more than 10 Euros a day will be needed).

### Payment Instalment Information:

Friday 27 September 2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> Deposit)	£150.00
Friday 29 November 2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment)	£150.00
Friday 21 February 2025 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment)	£200.00
Friday 25 April 2025 (4 <sup>th</sup> Payment)	£200.00
Friday 6 June 2025 (5 <sup>th</sup> Payment)	£200.00
Friday 18 July 2025 (6 <sup>th</sup> Payment)	£200.00
Friday 29 September 2025 (7 <sup>th</sup> Payment)	£200.00
Friday 21 November 2025 (Final Payment)	£160.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>	<b>£1460.00</b>

\*Payments can be made at any time.

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school via email [luke.duerden@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:luke.duerden@southhunsley.org.uk).

Yours faithfully



Luke Duerden  
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