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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ski Course 2020 – Alpendorf– Austria

We are pleased to offer a Ski and Snowboard course to **Alpendorf**, Austria in February 2020 (half term week Friday 14th February – Saturday 22nd February 2020). We will be travelling with Snowslippers by coach to the resort which is approx 14 -16 hours from Calais.

Alpendorf lies near to Sankt Johann im Pongau, not far from Salzburg and accesses the Amade Ski Alliance, Europe's largest skiing and snowboarding network, including 28 resorts. The scenery in this area is beautiful yet the lifts are fast and modern, comprising mainly of four to eight man chairlifts or cable cars. The lifts in Alpendorf alone are able to move over 56,000 people an hour ensuring, even during the busiest of periods, queues are kept to a minimum and are constantly moving. The slopes on offer vary from gentle beginner terrain to challenging descents for more experienced skiers. There are many traditional mountain huts accessible to all abilities, where students will be able to have lunch.

'Snowslippers' is a small independent, ABTA bonded, tour company, operating only in this region and works closely with the local 'Red White Red' Austrian Ski School, which provides excellent tuition to all abilities and prides itself on the quality of instructors. During the ski season, the director of the company lives in the resort and is able to deal personally with any queries or demands from the group.

The accommodation for students will be in a traditional family run guest house, a few kilometres from the slopes. Rooms will be for 4-6 pupils, have en-suite facilities, will be cleaned daily and have towels provided. Breakfast will be continental style, with plenty of variety and three course evening meal. Students will be able to buy soft drinks in the hotel and be given access to local shops for any extra provisions needed.

What is included in your tour cost:

- 6 days skiing in resort including the hire of skis & boots
- 6 day lift pass
- 6 days of ski instruction – 4hours per day
- 6 nights full board accommodation, which will include a hot meal on the slopes at lunchtime, this will be fully supervised
- Accommodation in 4-6 bedded rooms with en suite facilities
- Services of a Snowslippers representative for the group
- Full après ski entertainment package, which may include, bowling, karaoke, disco, quiz night, swimming, tobogganing, shopping.
- Full comprehensive travel and medical insurance

A vibrant Christian learning community

- Snow guarantee
- Executive coach travel with tunnel or ferry crossing
- Helmet hire is included. These are compulsory for students and will be worn by all whilst on the slopes.

What is not included

- Each student will need their own Passport and European Health Insurance Card, EHIC is available free and can be ordered online.
- Food etc en route to resort and en route on return
- Ski clothing
- Pocket money – for drinks on slopes or in resort

The cost will be **£950** for skiers and **£980** for snowboarders.

There will be an information evening for parents/carers in November 2019.

We hope that students will be interested in this unique educational and sporting experience.

If you wish to secure a place on the course, a non-refundable deposit of £150 for the course needs to be paid in full by the 30th November 2018.

This is required by Snowslippers. An easy payment scheme will be organised to help spread the cost at your convenience

Please return the reply slip with your deposit in a sealed envelope, marked for the attention of Mrs. H Griffith-Walker to the post box in the foyer. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School'. Should the course be over-subscribed then places will be offered after a draw has taken place. We have a provisional booking for 40 student places.

Yours sincerely

Nick Vaughan (Mr)
Trip Leader

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Please reserve a place for my son/daughter on the above trip; I enclose a **non-refundable deposit of £150.00.**

Student Name.....

Form.....

Parent/Carer Signature.....

Date.....

Skier/Snowboarder (please circle preference)