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Dear Parent/Carer

Malet Lambert Ski Trip to Montafon, Austria – February Half Term 2021 OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

We Your child has shown an interest in attending our 2021 school ski trip to Austria and has therefore asked for a copy of this letter.

The trip will take place during February half-term, 2021. We will leave on Friday 12th February 2021 and will return a week later, on Saturday 20th February 2021.

The cost of the trip is £1021.00; we have broken this down into more manageable instalments, please see the payment plan at the bottom of this letter.

Due to the size of the required coaches and the way the ski deals work, we can only take **40 pupils**.

We get around ten quotes per year and most of these were a large increase on this time last year. We have managed to source a slightly cheaper price than last year, without having to compromise on the quality of the trip. Although there are still slightly cheaper deals on the market, we research thoroughly for months in order to get our pupils the best possible deal, staying in a good standard hotel with nice food, at a snow-sure resort with, arguably, one of the best school travel companies on the market. Cheaper deals are often not good value for money and, in some cases, have poorer facilities, transport or ski areas which could spoil the pupils' enjoyment. For a few pounds more per instalment, we are ensuring that this will not be the case. There are more expensive deals also. This deal sits somewhere in the middle.

Skiing is a great opportunity for pupils to gain a number of new and exciting skills. Even the most shy of pupils will come back from the trip with new found confidence, and new friends. There will be a range of pupils travelling, of all ages and abilities, so please do not be apprehensive in this respect.

As well as the social benefits of the trip, pupils 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 pupil clothing and minimal spending money.

The tour this year 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. Malet Lambert is obliged to complete and submit a risk assessment for every trip in conjunction with the local authority; we can assure you that this trip will be risk assessed by myself and the rest of the Malet Lambert ski trip staff. As an experienced ski trip leader, I will be attending the trip, and will be administering most of the organisation this year.

The 2021 ski trip price includes:

- Return, executive coach travel
- Return ferry crossings
- Six nights full board accommodation in the JUFA Montafon
(**including hot lunches** on the slope)
- Evening entertainment and après ski
- Experienced and knowledgeable resort representative
- Supervision from some of the Education Alliances most experienced staff
- Six day resort full ski lift pass
- Ski lessons: 4 hours of expert ski tuition per day (24hrs total) →
- Hire of skis, boots and poles for six days
- Fully comprehensive winter travel insurance through the school
- All local taxes
- Helmet hire for all six ski days
- Ski Hoodie

20hrs of ski lessons at Xscape in Castleford cost around £650 on their own, which helps to demonstrate the value for money this trip provides

'1st Come – First Served Basis'

The trip is likely to be extremely popular, as always, and spaces are strictly limited; therefore, please return the attached booking form **ASAP** to avoid disappointment! There will be **40** pupil places to be awarded on a first come, first served basis with year 10's being given priority as this will be their last chance to attend.

"How do I ensure I can guarantee my place"?

Booking forms returned to Pupil Services will be numbered on receipt, on a first come - first served basis, **from 8:30am on Friday 6th December 2019.**

We reserve the right to refuse entry to the trip if a pupil has a record of poor school behaviour.

Promptly returning your booking form is the only way to guarantee a place! **No payment is required at this initial stage; please just return the booking form.**

If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will write to you with further ParentPay details so that the £100 deposit can be paid. **Please note that the initial deposits are non-refundable unless, for any reason, the trip does not go ahead.**

If you have any questions or concerns about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@maletlambert.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming your child onto the trip.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Dick
Ski Trip Leader

PAYMENT BREAKDOWN	40
10th January 2020 - Compulsory 1st Deposit	£100
10th February 2020 - 2nd Deposit	£100
31st March 2020 - 3rd Payment	£164
31st May 2020 - 4th Payment	£164
31st July 2020 - 5rd Payment	£164
30th September 2020 - 6th Payment	£164
10th November 2020 - Final Payment	£165
TOTAL	£1,021