



March 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

Ski trip to Austria, February 2025

We are pleased to announce that we plan to return to Austria during **February half-term 2025** (Friday 21st February - Friday 28th February). We will be staying in the town of Altenmarkt and have the option of skiing the resorts in Salzburger Sportwelt region - details of the area can be found at www.skiamade.com. The tour company we will be using is IBT Travel.

The cost of the trip is **£1165** and includes:

- Travel by coach from school to Austria;
- Full board accommodation in the hotel;
- Full medical insurance (for the duration of the trip);
- 5 hours of lessons per day for 5 days (25 hours total) ;
- Lift pass for five days;
- Hire of boots, skis, poles and helmet.

The only costs not included are spending money for drinks, snacks, presents etc. and the purchase of ski clothing (jacket, ski trousers etc.).

If you wish to apply for a place for your child on the trip, you will need to complete this [Google form](#), full link provided overleaf, (you may need to be logged in to and/or use a St Thomas More account to access it). You will also need to pay a **non-refundable £200** deposit via your child's parentpay account no later than **Friday 19th April 2024**. The payment will be listed as Ski Trip 2025. If you are not able to access parentpay or have any other issues regarding the deposit payment then please contact Mr Sorrell or Miss Eden via skitrip@stthomasmore.org.uk

Traditionally the demand for places on this trip is high and this normally exceeds the number of places available so if we are oversubscribed then we will use the friendship groups specified and draw groups out of a hat. Those who are unlucky will have their deposit returned and be placed on the reserve list and offered places if they become available. We will notify you in due course if your application has been successful.

Successful applicants will require a passport valid until at least six months after return (valid until at least 29/08/2025). Applicants will also require a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which replaces the EHIC. Details of how to apply for a GHIC can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/>, full link provided overleaf

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact either Mr Sorrell or Miss Eden via skitrip@stthomasmore.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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Key Information at this time.

Full link for Google form - <https://forms.gle/unBQxXY747QaUUXu7>

Full link for GHIC application (the GHIC application process can be lengthy, it is therefore advised not to leave until last minute) -

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

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