



AUSTRIA SKI TRIP

2nd February 2017

Dear Students and Parent/Carers,

As I write this letter it is now only seven days before our departure to Austria. I am really looking forward to a great experience and know that the youngsters are also. The ski conditions are reported to be good. Keep your fingers crossed for loads of snow this week and blue skies for our arrival.

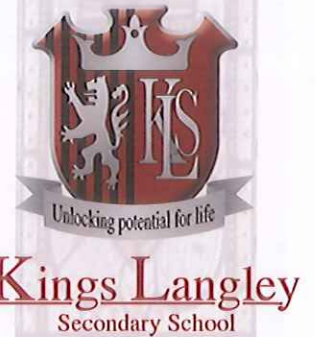
I am now in a position to give you the details that you require in respect of the arrangements for departure, travel, accommodation and return journey

Arrangements for Friday the 10th of February

Friday the 10th of February will be a normal school day for the students and teachers on this trip. However, school uniform will not be required. Our coach is due to depart from school at 1600 hrs and therefore we will be loading immediately after school. Where students are bringing luggage in to school in the morning we have a room allocated on the ground floor as a secure area for the day [Room G104]. We are encouraging that, where possible, luggage is brought to the school at the end of the school day **after the service coaches have left. This will be at or after 15.30hrs.** Those whose luggage is in school all day are advised to bring their belongings to G104 by 09.00hrs where it will be secured. This can then be collected at or after 15.15hrs.

Luggage

All of those travelling to Austria are advised that the coach is full and that the hold of the coach will not have the capacity for fifty large cases! We are away for seven days not two months and therefore medium sized, preferably soft cases are advised. Travellers will also wish to have hand luggage on the coach, probably using a ski rucksack is the best option here. Students and parents have a kit list and this should be handy during your packing. Ultimately, however, it is the responsibility of the youngsters to double check that everything required is packed. **Please do not pack the passport in the main case for the hold of the coach as this will cause mayhem at border control.**



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Travel

Our coach journey to central Austria is about twenty two hours! This includes the channel crossing and a number of comfort stops as we head south through France and Germany. It is important to wear clothes that are comfortable and be prepared for either warm or cool conditions on the coach because the temperature will vary through the night and will also vary through the length of the vehicle. Track suits or equivalent are ideal for the journey. Students are advised that they will need some Euros at their disposal should they wish to buy food and drink when we stop. Coins are particularly useful with the services in mind!

Naturally food and drink for the journey can be brought with you and it is important to have bottled water and/or other drinks for the journey. Naturally we are all expected to look after the coach by taking care of our litter. There will be no chewing gum.

Personal Belongings

As with all trips, regardless of destination, or travel mode, we must take care of our personal belongings at all times. Youngsters are advised to bring about one hundred Euros in spending money but this will vary with the number of presents they wish to lavish on the family on their return. We have breakfast, packed lunch and an evening meal at our accommodation but we usually find that a morning on the ski slopes requires hot food to supplement the lunch provided.

Personal possessions such as mobile phones rarely go missing in ski resorts but we all have to be vigilant in the matter of securing our belongings. Passports will be collected by the teachers on our arrival in the resort and kept securely ready for re-issue on the day of departure. **Any students who are carrying medication must make sure that it is available to them on route and not packed away deep in their case.**

Respect for All

As with all trips the highest of standards are expected in terms of respect for others. This clearly includes attitudes towards all members of the party, our providers and those we meet during the week. I know that we will be well looked after and have every confidence that we will all respond accordingly. All of the students on this trip are old enough to know what is right and what is wrong.

Accommodation

Yugendgasthaus Dietsteinhof
Srasse 7
Pass Thurn
5730 Mittersill
Austria

Late cancellations

If, for any reason, a member of the party is unable to travel to Austria we must have evidence of the reasons for withdrawal if an insurance claim is likely. Should such a sad occurrence arise phone the school for the attention of either myself or Miss Donovan.

Finally

We are anticipating a great time in Austria and trust that those left at home also have an enjoyable week

Our estimated time of arrival back at the school on Saturday the 18th of February is 1300hrs. See you then!

Kindest regards

Mr Geoff Shephard