

Our Ref: SBS/AG/Offsite/Ski Letter 2013

2 November 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians

Crofton Ski-trip 2013 to Wagrain in the Austrian Alps

The time has come to organise another Crofton ski trip and next academic year we are planning to return to our favourite resort of Wagrain in the Austrian Alps; this will be our fifth visit to the region. Wagrain is part of the Amade ski region which has an extensive ski network of 276 lifts serving 865 km of piste. There is an excellent choice of slopes for beginners and plenty to challenge the more advanced skiers.

We are again intending to stay in the 3 star Jugendhotel Markushof ([www.markushof.com](http://www.markushof.com)), which contains its own in-house sports hall and games room. The hotel is situated a mere 100m from the bottom of the nursery slopes where beginners will spend their first day or so, before joining the more competent skiers on the higher slopes. Everyone will have at least 4 hours of ski tuition/guiding per day followed by an organised evening entertainment for everyone.

We will travel down by coach, departing from Crofton on Friday 15 February and returning to school on Saturday 23 February 2013 (February half-term 2013).

The price for the ski-trip is £939, which includes the following:

- Return transport in executive coach from school
- 6 days skiing
- Full lift pass
- 4 hours of lessons per day
- Hire of skis, boots and poles
- Full board and accommodation
- All duties for ferry/tunnel/motorways
- An evening entertainment programme (except night skiing)

- Travel/medical insurance
- Snow guarantee insurance

In addition students will need a **full passport, Medical EHIC Card** and require specialist ski clothing, some of which can be hired (skiwear4schools.co.uk). All students and staff will wear ski helmets.

If you wish your son/daughter to be considered for a place, please return the enclosed slip with a cheque for £50 made **payable to Crofton School**. We can take a maximum of 41 students. Should we not attract sufficient numbers of students able to go skiing, the trip may be cancelled and any monies paid will be refunded.

A **second deposit of £89** will be required **by February 2012**. Deposits are non-refundable unless an acceptable replacement is found or you are unable to go skiing due to medical reasons whereupon the monies can be claimed back on the insurance. We would ask that further payments are made as follows:

March 2012	£200
June 2012	£200
September 2012	£200

The final balance of £200 must be paid by the end of October or a surcharge will be incurred. Should you wish to pay the full outstanding amount at any time between November 2011 and October 2012 then you are of course welcome to do so.

There will be a parents' ski information evening in the first week of November 2012. Students who have never skied on snow before will be required to undertake some after school dry ski slope lessons at an approximate additional cost of £30. These usually take place November/December (2012) time.

Please contact me if you have any questions

Yours faithfully

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Ski Party Leader

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**REPLY SLIP**

I wish my son/daughter to be considered for a place on the Crofton 2013 Ski Trip to Wagrain in Austria.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a deposit of £50 (Cheque to be made payable to **Crofton School**) or via "wisePAY". If paying by cheque please write the students' name, tutor group and the name of the trip on the back of the cheque.

**Please hand all reply slips and cheques into the Finance Office.**