



October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. A gentle reminder that the **final payment** of £185 is due week commencing 1 November 2021. Thank you to those who have kept up to date with payments.

Another timely reminder that we will be holding a **parents' information evening on Thursday 11 November, 6pm-7pm** in the main school hall. At this event I will hopefully be able to share more details of the itinerary and have some clarity around travel restrictions.

As promised, we have worked hard to source a **UK based provision** for students in advance of our trip to Austria in February 2022. Due to some logistical issues (high student numbers, a lack of mini buses and reduced mini bus driver capacity) we have had to find and negotiate different deals with providers which has delayed the process.

I am pleased to announce that we will be able to offer 4 separate two hour sessions at **Tamworth Snow Dome** where your child can engage in a group lesson to master the basics. The sessions are completely optional but are well advised for those who are new to skiing, as they will help provide a solid platform and accelerate their progress once upon the mountain. Students who have skied previously are welcome to attend in order to refine their skills, but in order to ski recreationally students must have skied previously and be proficient at parallel turns and stopping.

Due to our lack of mini buses or drivers we will have to use an external coach company to transport students to and from the venue and this is part of the reason why we have opted for two hour sessions, rather than previously when we have just visited for one hour.

Each two hour session will cost £40 per student, which includes transport, ski hire, ski pass and small group tuition from a qualified instructor (for those selecting a lesson). We have reserved the dates below and each session will run from 7pm-9pm and the coach will depart from school at 5.15pm on each occasion. The ETA back at school will be 10.30pm. Whilst I appreciate that this is rather late, it is the only time that the Snow Dome can accommodate us.

- Monday 8/11/21
- Thursday 18/11/21
- Monday 22/11/21
- Wednesday 01/12/21

Each date will have a maximum of 44 spaces available, but will be subject to a minimum of 35 students attending to ensure the cost of transport is viable.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend one or more of the sessions, please complete the google form below. The closing date is 4pm on Friday 22 October.

Google form: <https://forms.gle/Lovbgbb2FTz2UE8c7>

We will collate responses week commencing 1 November and communicate the allocation of places during the first week back. Once you receive your allocation of places, you will need to pay for the trip in advance of the date via ParentPay.

If you have any question please email myself, Miss Oliver or Mr Chambers at skileads2022@heanorgatespencer.com

Yours sincerely

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