



10 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by wishing you and your families a healthy and happy New Year, one where hopefully we will see more 'pre-pandemic norms' return to our lives.

Unfortunately, the reason for my communication is to notify you of my decision to cancel the upcoming ski trip due to depart next month. Please know that I have waited as long as possible to allow the landscape to settle and, whilst this was the decision I did not want to make, the current restrictions on entering France coupled with the current restrictions in Austria around the vaccination status of adults and children have made the trip unfeasible.

I have spoken with the travel company 'Visions in Education' who have, as always, been brilliant. We looked at moving the trip to Easter, but with Easter being so late in the season, in my opinion the snow conditions would not be good enough to make the most of the week. We are planning to run an identical trip to Axamer Lixum in 2023 (departing Friday 17 February and returning Friday 24 February), therefore we have agreed the following options for you to choose from:

1. A full refund of £890. This will be reimbursed on ParentPay by 31 January 2022.
2. Roll over the money paid into next year's trip.  
Generally speaking, the price of travel for these trips increases by 5-10% each year. Visions have agreed that if you choose this option they will guarantee a 'price lock' so that whatever the revised price advertised to new students is, you will be entitled to the full trip at the price you have already paid.

In order to let us know your preference, please complete the short form below no later than 3pm on Friday 14 January 2022.

<https://forms.gle/cxmfc0UZDDkKK1Qs6>

Anyone who has not completed the form by the deadline will automatically default to option 1 and will be given a full refund.

Please note students in current Year 13 do not need to complete the form as they will be unable to travel in 2023 and will therefore automatically be given a full refund. Students in Year 11 will need to attend HGSA Sixth Form in order to opt for option 2 and travel with us in 2023.

I am really proud of the students' attitude towards the trip and the progress everyone made on the Tamworth trips. With the Winter Olympics coming up on February 4 2022, I encourage everyone to maintain their interests in snow sports. Whilst another season away from the mountains is extremely frustrating, when we eventually get back out there it will make the experience even more satisfying. Hopefully many of you will join us out in Axamer in 2023 for what I hope will be our best trip yet.

Thanks for your support, and if you have any questions please get in touch with the school reception.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Jones**  
**Senior Vice Principal & Trip Lead**