



March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

LVC SKI 2023

It is the aim of the school not only to encourage your child in their academic studies but also to develop their social skills and physical fitness as well as to enable them to experience environments outside their normal day-to-day lives. We are proposing to organise a school ski trip to the Sportwelt Amada Region of Austria.

Following previously successful trips to this venue, we have decided to go back to the same resort again for next year's trip. The trip is open to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Due to the date of the trip we will not be inviting year 10 students, due to the close proximity of the trip to their GCSE exams.

Dates: Easter Saturday 1 – 8 April 2023

Resort: In the Sportwelt Amada, Austria

Cost: £1075.00 (based on 40 students)

Deposit: Non-refundable £150.00 due on 25th April 2022.

2nd Deposit compulsory of £250.00 due by 10 June 2022.

3rd Deposit compulsory of £200 due on 31st August 2022

Final payment of £475.00 by 31st October 2022

Costs include:

- Return travel from school by executive coach with toilet/washroom and lap seat belts
- Half-board hotel accommodation mainly in 2, 3 or 4 bedded rooms all with private facilities – including full evening meal on day of departure from resort
- Hot snack lunch each ski day at a mountain restaurant
- Ski instruction – five hours per day for 5 days with a one-hour lunch supervised by qualified ski school instructors
- 5 days hire of top-quality carving skis and boots, helmet
- Full après ski programme, entrances and ski tests
- Cross-channel Eurotunnel crossing and all road tolls
- Full area ski lift pass
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- Total financial protection (ABTA member) and ATOL holder
- Named hoodie

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Not included:

- Additional drinks e.g. hot chocolate from mountain restaurants. (Water will be provided with meals in the hotel.)
- Meals on the coach journey in both directions
- Pocket money
- Specialist clothing, ski wear (although clothing can be rented, more info at the presentation evening in December).

Securing a place and Payments Schedule:

To secure a place on the trip, please read the code of conduct and make a deposit payment of **£150.00** via the online sQuid system by **25th April 2022**. A second deposit payment is then due by **10 June 2022**. Please be aware that by making the deposit payments, this will become a commitment to further payments for the trip. The only viable reason for cancellation would be a medical condition that was not evident at the time of signing up for the trip. During the checkout process on sQuid you will be asked to confirm that you agree to the discipline code of conduct and confirm if there are any pre-existing conditions. Please contact Mrs Fenn by email to advise in more detail if your child has any pre-existing health issues by **25th April 2022**, please be aware that in previous years the trip has been oversubscribed if this is the case “names will be pulled from the hat”

All students will require the following

A valid Passport

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the ‘date of issue’)
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the ‘expiry date’)

If your child is a non-EU citizen, it is your responsibility to ensure your child has the correct documentation to travel.

A valid EHIC or GHIC card

Please go to the GHIC dedicated website (there is no charge for this card) <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/> for more information and to apply if your child does not have one, we do have insurance that will cover medical emergencies, but in the first instance students will need to be able to access medical treatment in Austria by using a EHIC or GHIC card.

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Current Covid-19 guidelines for entering Austria (March 2022) – subject to change.

All travellers must show either proof of full vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 in the past 180 days or a negative test to enter Austria. PCR test results are valid for 72 hours from the time of sampling; Antigen test results are valid for 24 hours. Lateral flow self-tests are not accepted.

Without a negative test result or proof of vaccination/recovery at the time of entry, you must fill in a pre-travel clearance form and enter 10-day quarantine. You can leave quarantine early with a negative PCR test result.

If you're fully vaccinated

If you're fully vaccinated you must show proof of this to enter Austria.

Without proof of vaccination at the time of entry, you must fill in a pre-travel clearance form and enter 10-day quarantine. You can leave quarantine early with a negative PCR test result.

Proof of vaccination status

For two-shot vaccines (e.g. AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna), you must show that you received the second injection or a booster no more than 270 days before arrival.

For the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you must show that you received a booster no more than 270 days before arrival.

Different vaccine validity rules apply once in Austria: two-dose vaccinations are only valid for 180 days (210 days for under 18 year olds). A booster is still valid for 270 days.

Austria will accept the UK's proof of COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record and proof of COVID-19 vaccination issued in the Crown Dependencies.

Austrian immigration officials will insist on QR codes, as provided by the UK COVID Pass, as proof of vaccinations and boosters, and have denied entry to those without this evidence. Your NHS appointment card from vaccination centres is not designed to be used as proof of full vaccination.

We understand that circumstances may arise that can result in you needing to cancel your child's place. As we incur cost from the time that you confirm your child's place, the cancellation charges shown below will be applied, unless there is a medical reason and a doctor's certificate which will confirm this. All cancellations must be notified to us in writing and charges will apply from the date this notification is received.

Period before departure which written cancellation is received	Amount of cancellation charged as a percentage of trip price
1 st & 2 nd deposit if before 30 July	1 st & 2 nd Deposits only
1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Deposits if before 31 st August	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd deposits
Any cancellation after 31 st October	100%

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There are other educational visits running as part of Enrichment Week in 2023. Year 9 students will be offered residential trips.

Please contact Mrs Fenn at helen.fenn@lvc.org or visit the enrichment pages of the school website if you would like to hear more about these trips before you commit to payment.

A presentation for parents and students will be organised before the trip to give you more details. However, if you require more information please do not hesitate to contact me by email at the school.

Yours faithfully

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DISCIPLINE CODE OF CONDUCT – VISITS

Whilst on a trip or activity off the College premises your child is expected to set a good example and be an ambassador for Linton Village College. Itemised below is the code of conduct that your child is expected to follow.

Where there are concerns around a student's behaviour leading up to the trip or visit, a behaviour support plan will be implemented by heads of house in advance of the trip's departure. Students who do not meet the agreed targets about their behaviour will not, for their own safety or safety of others, be included on the visit.

- Instructions of staff must be obeyed without delay at all times.
- Hotel bedrooms are out-of-bounds to the opposite sex at all times.
- Rooms are to be kept clean and tidy. Any damage has to be paid for by the individual or the costs shared if there is collective responsibility.
- No inappropriate use of the internet eg websites or cyber-bullying.
- No photographs or videos of people without their permission.
- Students are not allowed to smoke.
- Alcoholic drinks are not allowed to be purchased or consumed.
- Drugs (legal and illegal) are not allowed to be carried, purchased or used.
- Punctuality is essential. Students must be ready for all programmed activities.
- Bed times will be strictly adhered to.
- Students are expected to be polite and well-mannered at all times.

Any serious breach of this discipline code could lead to the following: -

- no evening activities for the offender(s)
- parents to be contacted and exclusion from daytime activities
- in the most extreme cases if the group leader determines it necessary, your child may be sent home at the parent's expense. This may involve you collecting your child from the venue. The Principal of the College will be consulted before any action is taken.

While travelling by coach or Minibus students should:

- sit on a seat facing the front
- Wear a face covering for the entire journey
- wear their seat belts properly
- not chew gum
- not use the ashtrays
- put any rubbish in the bags provided
- only get out of their seats in an emergency (ie feeling ill)
- only use personal devices to listen to music

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