

12 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **School Ski Trip 2020**

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 Sir Thomas Rich's School Ski Trip will be returning to the beautiful resort of Nassfeld in Austria in February 2020. The visit is planned to take place from **Friday 14 to Saturday 22 February 2020** and falls entirely within the school half-term holiday.

Nassfeld is one of Austria's top ski resorts, offering impressive mountain panoramas as well as fun on more than 110 kilometres of pistes. All students, from **beginners to advanced**, will find both easy and challenging experiences on a great variety of slopes.

Students will receive ski tuition each day with first class instructors, amongst some of the most breath-taking scenery in Europe. Participation in this trip is a great opportunity for students to build on their relationships with staff and other students, develop lasting friendships and return with new found confidence.

In order for the trip to take place, it must be self-financing, and so we invite you to make a contribution of **£979 per pupil to cover the costs\***. If your son is in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant, the cost of this trip may be covered. This includes return travel by executive coach and ferry, six nights' full board and accommodation at the Jugendsporthotel Leitner hotel. Fully comprehensive travel insurance (including medical, travel delay, personal liability and 24-hour emergency service) is also included as is a six-day lift pass, five hours ski tuition a day and the hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets as well as a range of evening entertainments. The only extra cost will be for meals during the journey from Sir Thomas Rich's School to Austria and any pocket money you may wish your child to have.

Whilst we have tried to keep cost to an absolute minimum and have negotiated a discount, we are aware that this is an expensive trip and we have tried to give as much time as possible to make the payments. The instalment plan is set out below:

<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Instalment 1</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>19 September 2019</b>
	<b>Instalment 2</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>10 October 2019</b>
	<b>Instalment 3</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>15 November 2019</b>
	<b>Instalment 4</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>12 December 2019</b>
<b>Final payment</b>	<b>Instalment 5</b>	<b>£279</b>	<b>10 January 2020</b>

It is important that we adhere to this timetable as late payments to PGL may result in penalty charges. If there are any problems, then please contact us as soon as possible.

For an additional charge, the School organises a programme of tuition, based on ability, at Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre. These 90-minute sessions usually take place after School for four consecutive weeks from early November. More details will follow later this month.

Places are limited to 42 students. If you wish your son/daughter to be able to take a place on this visit, please return the attached expression of interest form to the Finance Office\*\* by 19 September with a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of £100. Please include cash or a cheque with the consent form, in an envelope marked with your son's name and form, and the name of the trip, **Ski trip 2020**.

Should more students wish to take part than there are places to offer, places will be allocated using a "first out of the hat" system providing the application was received by the deadline.

In the meantime, you can check out the resort and hotel for yourself via the PGL website:

- <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/course-types/skiing-and-snowboarding/hotels/jugendsporthotel-leitner>
- <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/course-types/skiing-and-snowboarding/resorts/nassfeld>

### **Passports and (currently) EHICs**

Advanced warning - Your daughter/son will also need a passport and (currently) an EHIC card both with six month's validity after the return date of 22 February 2020.

There will be regular ski trip updates and nearer the time and we will hold an information evening. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at School via e-mail on [jnp@strs.org.uk](mailto:jnp@strs.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



**Jamie Payne**  
**Joint Ski Trip Leader**



**Ian Birchall**  
**Joint Ski Trip Leader**

*\*Parents on low incomes and in receipt of certain benefits (see School's Charging and Remission Policy) may contact the School for support in meeting the cost. If parents are unable to make the contribution their child will not necessarily be excluded from the visit but it may be cancelled if there are insufficient voluntary contributions.*

*\*\* Open to students at break times and lunch time only.*

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<b>TRIP LEADER:</b>	<b>JNP</b>
<b>Return by:</b>	<b>THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019</b>



## Sir Thomas Rich's School: Expression of interest - Off-site Visits

Description and date of visit:

- School ski trip to Austria – 14-22 February 2020 inclusive

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish my child to be considered for a place on the **Ski Trip** and provide payment details for the £100 deposit below. You will shortly receive a confirmation letter as receipt for this payment. Please tick:
- Cheque (made payable to Sir Thomas Rich's School and **student's name and 'Ski Trip 2020'** written on the reverse)
- Cash
- SCO (Internet) Pay will be available once the trip has been confirmed and deposits have been paid to confirm your son/daughter's place on the trip
- I understand that the deposit is non-refundable, unless the trip does not go ahead as planned
- I agree to keep to the payment schedule that is offered
- I understand that the school has certain payments to make to the ski company (PGL) and that I have a responsibility to keep up to date with payments. If my son/daughter does not fulfil his/her place on the trip I also acknowledge that I may still be liable to pay the full amount for the trip (unless a replacement can be found or an insurance claim is possible)
- I understand that my son/daughter's behaviour in school should remain at a high standard. If behaviour exhibited in school is poor and staff members have concerns about taking the student overseas, he or she reserves the right to remove the student from the trip. This would result in a loss of any monies paid

**Places will be confirmed once we have the sufficient number of students subscribed to make the trip viable.**

Please indicate in which snow sport your son/daughter would like to participate:

Skiing

**Signature of Parent / Carer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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