10th January 2019

**Ski Trip Austria 2020**

Dear Parent/Guardian

Castle Rushen High School has enjoyed some superb ski trips over the past years and we are looking to run another one in the 2020 Ski season when we venture to a new resort; the beautiful resort of Maria Alm in Austria. We have chosen this resort because of its 112 runs including 52 blue runs, 41 red runs and 19 black runs – plenty for all abilities of skier. This ski area is part of the famous Ski Amade covering over 700km of pistes, - the second largest ski area in Europe. Organised in conjunction with Topflight, the trip will take place during the February half term for one week, from 15th February to 22nd February 2020, although these dates are not confirmed. Mr Caldwell and I have run successful ski trips in the past, including two to Folgaria and one to Pila in Italy, so we have plenty of experience of how to run a fantastic school ski trip!

The price for the trip will be approximately £1,220, which will be finalised once we know the number of students wishing to take part in the trip. We are looking to take 40 pupils in total. A monthly payment scheme will be set up to allow parents to pay throughout the year if they wish.

The price will include:

* Return flights from IOM (probably via England or Ireland)
* Return transfers to/from airport to hotel
* 7 nights Half Board accommodation – breakfast and dinner
* 6 day lift pass for designated area
* 6 day x 4 hrs ski lessons
* 6 day ski and boot hire
* 6 day helmet hire
* All UK & airport taxes
* Bag carriage
* Resort representation
* Insurance
* An in house entertainment programme

Optional extras:

* Snowboard (min 10 pax): Around £30

Students will only need money for lunches, snacks and any shopping they wish to do in the resort.

If your child is interested in going on this trip, please return the attached form to the school office with a cheque for £150 as a deposit before 25th January. A second deposit of £150 is required by 3rd May, with the remaining balance due 12 weeks prior to departure. Please note that returning the form does not guarantee a place on the trip. All first deposits will be returned if your child is not successful in gaining a place. For those pupils given a place on the trip, deposits will only be refunded if a replacement is found, should you wish to withdraw your child/ward from the trip.

In signing up for this trip you agree that your son/daughter’s name, date of birth, passport number and details of relevant medical conditions and allergies will be shared with Topflight solely for the purposes of organising and running the trip.

There is an expectation that those students going are meeting our behaviour expectations in school, we reserve the right to select students on the basis of their being able to follow reasonable instructions.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Poole

Subject Team Leader for History

**SKI TRIP 2020**

**Name of student (on passport)**…………………………………………………………………………………………………..

**Tutor Group**………….….

**Age on date of trip**……......... **Previous** **Ski** **Experience**………………………………………………................................

**Medical** **Conditions**……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….............

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**Emergency** **Contact** **Name**…………………………………………………………………………………..**Tel**……………………………..

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**Please remember to enclose a cheque for £150, payable to CRHS.**

**Details available now from Ms Poole and Mr Caldwell.**