

# Ballakermeen High School



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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to offer the opportunity for our students to experience skiing in Austria at the Flirsch Resort during February Half Term 2027.

The trip is open to students in current Years 7, 8 and 9. Due to the proximity to exams, we do not anticipate opening the trip to Years 10, 11, 12 or 13. Provision is made for those who have no previous experience through to those who are expert skiers. We have chosen Austria (St. Anton) for this year's trip through Ski Team 4 Group Specialists. This offers us a good resort for a better quality of slopes and snow, a great location, just a few minutes from the hotel to the slopes, good quality accommodation and a range of evening activities.

We estimate the cost of the trip to be approximately £1800.00 – Please note that, due to the current global conditions affecting fuel prices, this amount could increase.

Included in this price is:

- Return boat and coach from the Isle of Man
- Resort taxes
- Full winter sport insurance
- Full board accommodation including packed lunches in resort
- 5 days tuition, 5 hours per day with qualified ski instructors
- Full equipment hire (skis, boots, poles, helmets)
- Evening activities
- Souvenir 'Hoodie

Not included in the price and therefore the responsibility of the parents/carers:

- Ski clothing (jacket, salopettes, gloves)
- Personal spending money
- Snowboarding – Extra – Price to be confirmed per person minimum/8 people to be viable
- Eitas, ETA and Schengen Visa Application Fee (if applicable)

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting trip, please complete and return:

- The Parent/Carer Consent for an Educational Visit via this link: [Parent / Carer Consent for an Educational Visit \(Form C\) Ski Trip 2027 – Fill in form](#)
- A valid copy of your child's passport – copy sent to [bhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:bhsenquiries@sch.im) or alternatively a copy can be made at the school foyer
- Deposit paid via ParentPay by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Applications will not be accepted without all the above information being provided.

Payments will be due on or before the following dates:

First Deposit to ParentPay by Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	£200.00
Second Deposit - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 - ParentPay	£200.00

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 - ParentPay	£200.00
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026 - ParentPay	£200.00
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026 - ParentPay	£200.00
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 – ParentPay	£200.00
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 – ParentPay	£200.00
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 - ParentPay	£200.00
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2026 – ParentPay	£200.00

Places are limited so please ensure your full application is completed on time to avoid disappointment. There will not be any extensions to the deadline on payments. **The deposits are non-refundable once this payment has been paid to our travel provider.**

Payments can be made via ParentPay (Ski Trip 2027). Please email [bhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:bhsenquiries@sch.im) if you require access to ParentPay.

If the trip fails to attract sufficient numbers your deposit will be returned. When the numbers have been confirmed to ensure the trip will go ahead, your deposit will be non-refundable as it is used to secure the booking.

Please note that a place will not be confirmed until the deposit and Parent/Carer consent from has been received.

All places will be confirmed via email, please ensure your correct email address has been provided.

Staged payments are required by the tour operators once the trip has been booked and additional charges may be incurred if you withdraw your child from the trip at a later date. Every attempt will be made to find a replacement to offset the cost, but this cannot be guaranteed.

**Please also note: Valid individual passports are a pre-requisite and the sole responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure all travel requirements are fully met. For Austria, passports should be valid and in date for up to three months on the return travel date. Please note you may also be required to apply for an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation). Please refer to the guidance link attached: <https://www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/immigration/>**

**If your child's passport has been issued outside of the Schengen Area you will be required to apply for a Schengen Visa, this must be applied for six months before travel. Failure to secure the required documentation will prevent your child being able to travel and additional costs may be incurred. Please see the link attached relating to Schengen Visas and the Austrian Consulate for further information.**

**Austrian Consulate UK : <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/austrian-embassy-london/travelling-to-austria/entry-requirements-visa-and-immigration>**

**European Commission: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy/applying-schengen-visa\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy/applying-schengen-visa_en)**

**UK Government Foreign Travel Advice: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/austria/entry-requirements>**

**Please note: Any losses arising from visa-related issues will be borne by the parent. The school is unable to offer guidance on visa matters.**

The EITAS system is due to launch in late 2026. From that point all students must apply for an EITAS to be able to travel to Europe. When we have further information, we will advise accordingly with requirements.

Passports will be collected from students nearer the time of the trip. In the meantime, **please supply a copy of the passport for our records**. A copy can be sent to [bhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:bhsenquiries@sch.im) or alternatively we can photocopy the passport at the foyer if required.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the trip leader, Miss Dale via [bhsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:bhsenquiries@sch.im) or 648700.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Di Dale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Miss Di Dale  
Ski Trip Leader