

To Parents/Carers

30th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski Trip - Final Arrangements

As we approach the departure date for the ski trip, please find the final arrangements below.

GHIC Cards - pupils should have the new GHIC cards to supplement our insurance for the trip. These take 3 days to arrive and the form takes two minutes to complete. You should use the following link to access the application page.

<https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>

Please do this as a matter of urgency. Please bring them to Reception as soon as they arrive.

Attached, you will find a full packing list. Please remember that you will need to provide all equipment for your child except for helmet, skis or board, boots and poles. These are provided by the ski school. Pupils will collect their equipment on Saturday 10th February.

Hotel details

We are staying at the Heiligenblut JGH in the resort of Heiligenblut am Grosglockner. The address is 9844 Heiligenblut and the telephone number is 0043 4824 2259.

Travel details

Outbound:

We are departing school at 9.50am on Friday 9th February - **Pupils need to be in school at 8.50am and head to the Refectory.**

We are booked on Irish Ferries crossing at 2.25pm.

We will arrive in the resort at around 9am on Saturday 10th February.

The pupils' first provided meal will be lunch on the Saturday 10th February. They will need to bring food or money for the meals on route to the resort.

Return

These details have been changed by the travel company. Please note the change.

We will now depart the resort on Friday 16th February at 2pm and arrive in Calais for the 8.20am crossing. We will return to school around 11.30am on Saturday 17th February.

This is still subject to change but is the plan at the time of writing.

Skiing days

Pupils will be woken at 7am and expected to be ready for the day by breakfast at 8am. We will leave the hotel at 8.40am and arrive for lessons at 9am.

Pupils will have ski/board lessons from 9am - 12pm, before meeting at the mountain restaurant for lunch until 1.30pm. This is a hot meal and provided as part of the package.
Lessons will resume at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Pupils will receive 25 hours of tuition spread over 5 days of skiing. We will arrive back at the hotel at 4pm. Pupils will have until 5pm to rest and shower.
Dinner will be taken between 5pm and 6pm, before pupils head off on evening activities.
Bedtime will be between 9pm and 10pm as directed by staff.

Rooming

Roomings have been decided based on friendship groups as much as possible.

Emergencies

The emergency telephone number is 07864 652 235 - please only use this in an emergency.

All pupils will be given a laminated 'credit card' with this number, hotel address and my details to keep with them at all times.

Please read the packing list and PowerPoint attached - there are notes attached to the PowerPoint with further information. Please pay particular attention to the details on medication, valuables and behaviour.

If you have any further questions, please email me abishop@saintcecilias.london.

Yours sincerely,

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