



CATERHAM SCHOOL

27 January 2012

To Parents and Guardians of pupils in the First Year to Lower Sixth

Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Ski Trip - December 2012**

In December, a party of 71 enjoyed a spectacular week of skiing in the Salzburg region of Austria. The snow was superb and this, added to excellent accommodation, and an energetic après ski programme all made for a most enjoyable holiday.

It is, therefore, not surprising that we intend to repeat the holiday in December 2012

For those not familiar with the region the following may be of interest. Situated in the heart of the Austrian Salzburgerland, lies the three valleys of St. Johann, Wagrain and Flachau, which combine to form the enormous Sportwelt Amade ski region. Located 55km south of Salzburg, with fabulous motorway links, the Sportwelt Amade offers some tremendous winter sports terrain suitable for all abilities.

Fantastic nursery areas for the first time skier, confidence building blue runs, long open red runs for intermediates as well as some of the worlds' most demanding 'World Cup' pistes for all the experts in the group. The Sportwelt Amade is a fabulously linked ski area and it is possible to ski from one end to the other with only a few short rests on the efficient modern lift system and free ski bus service.

The area has one of Europe's best snow records. Its central Alpine position ensures that whenever a snowstorm arrives in the Alps from either the south or the north, it is going to fall on the slopes of the Amade. The season starts in early December and runs through to late April. Added to this there is the reassurance of the close proximity of the glaciers at Kaprun, Dachstein and Sport Gastein. This means that skiing is guaranteed.

The villages that surround the ski areas are typically Austrian, and offer a traditionally warm alpine welcome. Students will have every opportunity to practice their German!

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Of the other significant benefits of visiting Austria is the quality of the ski instruction and the excellent spoken English of the instructors and the fact that they are extremely flexible. For example, we can stipulate which area we wish the groups to ski and the instructors will meet us there. This means that the more advanced skiers can take advantage of the 350kms the Sportweld Amade has to offer.

IBT offer a truly all-inclusive package.

- Luxury coach travel – approx 14 hours from Calais
- Cross Channel ferry
- 6 nights (at a hotel yet to be confirmed)
- Buffet style breakfast and 3 course evening meal
- Lunches on the mountain
- A minimum of 4 hours of instruction per day
- Lunchtime supervision
- Full evening entertainment programme – the potential to include - bowling, ice-skating, swimming, quiz, pool, visit to Salzburg's Christmas Market etc
- Fully comprehensive winter sports insurance
- Certificates and badges
- Hire of boots, skis, poles + helmets (compulsory)
- Full time IBT representative

**Dates: Friday 14 – Saturday 22 December 2012**

**Cost £785. There is the possibility of a snowboard option but this depends on the level of interest (there must be 10 of a similar standard) and would incur an extra cost.**

There has been a modest rise in the cost of the holiday but I have continued to monitor the other holiday providers and still find IBT the best value for money at this time.

The ski trip hoodie is something of an institution but I find that wardrobes must be full of said items thus I am investigating the design and purchase of a Caterham specific cold weather garment – details of which will be circulated in due course. Should individuals wish me to order such an item this can be done on an individual basis.

Should you wish your son or daughter to participate I would require **three cheques** to be returned along with the usual acceptance form.

Two must be made out for £100 –

The first dated 15 Feb 2012

The second dated 15 March 2012

This is to represent a **non-refundable** deposit

One further cheque for -

£585, dated 1 October 2012

All cheques to be made out to **Caterham School**

Of course, if you wish to pay the full amount immediately this would be perfectly acceptable.

The size of the party will be limited to 70 pupils and therefore an early return of the acceptance form would be advised. In order to confirm our interest I must have numbers by 15 February. There will be a reserve list of pupils should the holiday be over subscribed.

If for any reason a pupil leaves Caterham School then they will not be able to be a member of the party. In this instance the deposit would be refunded.

The students will be accompanied by a minimum of seven members of staff all of whom have had considerable experience in such ventures.

If you have any questions or concerns about this holiday please do not hesitate to contact me at School or on 01883 343028 extension 207 or [richard.smith@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:richard.smith@caterhamschool.co.uk)

In order that I can communicate with parents directly and not rely on letters being delivered home could you please enter an e-mail address on the attached form.

Yours sincerely,

**R I Smith**

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## Ski Trip

14 – 22 December 2012

**Please return this form by Wednesday 15 February (half way through Half Term) to Mr Richard Smith**

I would like to reserve a place on the December 12 ski trip (**14 – 22 December**) for my son / daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

and enclose **3 cheques**

- 2 x £100 **non-refundable** deposit dated **15 Feb & 15 March**
- Final payment £585 dated **1 October**

Cheques should be made payable to **Caterham School**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address : \_\_\_\_\_

(please print clearly)