



## CATERHAM SCHOOL

19 January 2011

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

Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Ski Trip for December 2011**

In December, a party of 61 enjoyed a spectacular week of skiing in the Salzburg region of Austria. The snow was superb and this, added to excellent accommodation, good food 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 2010.

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 Sportweld Amade ski region. Located 55km south of Salzburg, with fabulous motorway links, the Sportweld 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 Sportweld 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.

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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!

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 the Hotel Hutter \* ([www.hotel-hutter.at](http://www.hotel-hutter.at))
- 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
- Full time IBT representative

The hotel Hutter is 10 minutes by coach to Flachau, 15 minutes to Alpendorf. It has spacious and well appointed rooms all with private facilities for between 2 and 4 persons.

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There are games rooms and even a video/cinema room. It has its own ski storage and ample space for meetings and leisure time activities.

**Dates: Thursday 15 – Friday 23 December 2011**

**Cost £775. There is the possibility of a snowboard option but this depends on the level of interest and would incur an extra cost of £45**

There has been the inevitable 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.

As last year I am not contemplating the purchase of sweat shirts/hoodies as an integral part of the package. In the past I have factored in approx. £20 pp for them into the cost of the holiday. Should individuals wish me to order such an item this can be done on an individual basis (see form).

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 1 Feb 2011

The second dated 1 March 2011

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

One further cheque for -

£575, dated 1 October 2011

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



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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 72 pupils and therefore an early return of the acceptance form would be advised. There will be a reserve list of pupils.

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,

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**Sports Department**

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## Ski Trip

15 – 23 December 2011

I would like to reserve a place on the December 11 ski trip (**15 – 23 December**) for my son / daughter

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

and enclose **3 cheques**

- 2 x £100 **non-refundable** deposit dated **1 Feb & 1 March**
- Final payment £575 dated **1 October**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would / would not like to order a 'hoodie' for my son /daughter at an extra cost of approx £20. This will be added to the school bill on possession of said item.

**Please circle appropriately**