

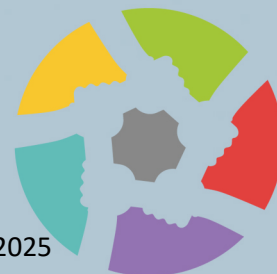


CHARLTON SCHOOL

Building Knowledge. Developing Character. Inspiring Futures.

Principal: Mr A McNaughton

June 2025



Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski trip to Schladming – Austria 2026

As you may be aware, we organise a ski trip for students on an annual basis. We have provisionally booked 40 places for a ski trip to Austria from **Friday 27th March 2026 to Friday 3rd April 2026 for 8 days (possibly departing on Thursday 26th March 2026 TBC)**. The trip will cost approximately £1350 (*this is based on 40 paying students; if we obtain fewer numbers then there may be a small supplement or even cancellation*). This includes 5 hours ski instruction a day in a small group environment, 5 full days of skiing, hire of skis and boots, lift pass for the entire duration of the trip, comprehensive travel insurance and full board in a three star hotel, which is located a short journey away from the slopes. We will travel by executive coach and the journey could take around 24 hours to reach the resort.

If your child would like to go on this trip, please return the slip below with a **non-refundable** deposit of **£150** which is required to secure their place, this must be returned to school no later than **Monday 21st October 2024**, in a secure envelope with your child's name on, or via ParentPay, this will be on a first come first served basis. *Should this trip not take place, this deposit is refundable.*

Following the initial deposit, we would then need to receive the following payments over the next year leading up to the trip:

- 1st December 2024 - £150
- 1st February 2025 - £100
- 1st March 2025 - £100
- 1st April 2025 - £100
- 1st May 2025 - £100
- 1st June 2025 - £100
- 1st July 2025 - £100
- 1st September 2025 - £100
- 1st October 2025 - £100
- 1st November 2025 - £100
- 1st January 2026 - £100 – changed to £150 1st December parents emailed 1st May
- 1st February 2026 - £50

In order to simplify matters and to ensure that we meet the payment deadlines, we would request that either cash, or cheque (made payable to Charlton School) are used or by using our online ParentPay payment system, whereby a payment schedule will be uploaded. If payments are not made on time, we are unable to make our prompt payments to the tour company. Failure to make payments on time could incur a surcharge and your child's place being forfeited. We have in previous years been charged an additional £1000. You can also choose to pay more each month if you wish please communicate this with Mrs K Hughes in Finance.

****If you would like to see what our ski trip entails, then please head over to Charlton School's Facebook page to see our video montage of footage from our recent trips.****

Recent court action against teachers acting in good faith as the 'responsible parent' on a school trip has necessitated a review of our policy on what is a sensible response to bad behaviour or disobedience.

The key points to follow are:

- If we feel your child's behaviour in school, prior to the trip, is not acceptable they will be put on a contract following a discussion with parents/carers and if they fail this contract they will be removed from the trip without a refund if we are unable to find a replacement.
- We will operate a zero tolerance on any act, which could result in danger to that person or to others.
- We operate a zero tolerance on behaviour deemed unacceptable.
- In either event the pupil concerned will be sent home at short notice entirely at the parents/carers expense.
- Parents/carers, trusted friend or a relative must be available at any time to collect the returned pupil. Contact numbers must be provided for that purpose.

Please note that this is an energetic holiday, and it would be advisable not to allow your child to participate if you feel their health would suffer or they would not be able to complete 5 hours of physical activities per day.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Perrott
Party Leader

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Please return this slip and deposit to Mrs K Hughes in the Finance Office by **Monday 21st October 2024**

Declaration: I have read and understand the content of the ski trip letter for the proposed trip to Austria.

Please Reserve (name) in Form a place on the
ski trip to**Schladming – Austria 2026**

I enclose a deposit of £150 which I understand is **non-refundable** but refundable should the holiday be cancelled through lack of numbers.

(Please tick as appropriate)

- ☐ I have paid £150 via ParentPay
- ☐ I enclose the payment £150 (if paying by cheque, please write your child's name clearly on the back and made payable to Charlton School)

Signed (parent/carer) Date

- *Once your deposit is paid, your place is secure, and your money will not be refunded unless we have found a fully paying replacement for your child.*
- *Should your child demonstrate unacceptable behaviour in school at any time we reserve the right to withdraw their participation in the trip without refund if we are unable to find a replacement.*