

The Gilbert School



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October 2025

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Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Ski trip to Obertauern, Austria – Village of Mautendorf

Departure for Austria: Friday, 26th March 2027

Arrival back into the UK: Friday, 2nd April 2027

We are delighted to offer your child the fantastic opportunity to enjoy a week's skiing in Austria. This trip is undeniably costly, hence the decision to launch over a year in advance to give Parents/Carers a longer time to pay. This promises to be the trip of a lifetime and a chance to gain new skills and experiences that should stay with them for many years to come.

Included in the price of £1590 is:

- Return executive coach travel from school to the resort
- Private usage of coach daily to and from the hotel to the slopes and evening entertainment
- Return channel crossings based on Dover/Calais
- Meals vouchers for breakfast or lunch on inbound ferry
- 5 nights **full** board accommodation (duration 8 days, 5 nights)
- Resort lift pass for 5 days
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets for 5 days
- Fully comprehensive medical insurance
- Evening entertainment – activities could include pizza night/Bingo night/karaoke (all to be confirmed closer to the date)

Not included in the price:

- Extra money for drinks & snacks on the mountain
- Money for shopping in resort, on the ferry or at rest stops along the route
- Student's own ski wear – eg. Salopettes/jackets/hats/gloves

We will hold a parental meeting once we have reached the number of 42 students, without this number the ski trip will not be able to take place. We will however hold a reserve list just in case, as there can be unforeseen circumstances that mean students can no longer attend, so please submit your forms as soon as possible.

In order to apply for a place on the trip in March 2027, please follow the link [here](#) to complete a response form by Friday 24th October 2025; in time for the first payment (deposit) to be made at the end of October. Please also forward a photocopy/photograph of your child's passport details to finance@gilberd.com as these will be needed to complete the ferry booking form. If you are in the process of updating your child's passport, please supply us with the current one and update with new details as soon as possible. All passports need to have a minimum of 3 months left after the return date from the trip i.e. it does not expire before July 2027. Please also be aware that your child will require a valid UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). If they do not currently hold one, please ensure you apply for this. This can be applied for via the NHS website [here](#). Please also forward a photocopy/photograph of this to finance@gilberd.com.

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If your child is successful in gaining a place, we will activate the trip on ParentPay and you will be able to pay a non-refundable deposit of £240.00, which is required by 31st October 2025. This must be followed by monthly instalments as per the payment schedule below.

If you do not have a ParentPay account, arrangements can be made to pay through PayPoint, details of which will be sent to you upon receipt of the response form.

Payment schedule:

Instalment	Date	Amount
1	31 st October 2025	£240
2	30 th November 2025	£150
3	31 st January 2026	£150
4	28 th February 2026	£150
5	31 st March 2026	£150
6	30 th April 2026	£150
7	31 st May 2026	£150
8	30 th June 2026	£150
9	31 st July 2026	£150
10	31 st August 2026	£150
Please note that full payment or payment ahead of schedule, can be made at any time.		

It is important that you make these payments by the due dates, however, if you anticipate any problems please contact Mrs Faulks in the Finance Department as soon as possible.

Once the deposit is received, if at any point your child wishes to withdraw from the trip or is no longer able to take up the place for any reason, then the full amount will remain payable. The alternative to this is if another child can be found to take up the place and payments will be refunded, less any costs incurred.

As stated, we need 42 students to ensure the trip can go ahead, so once we have received the sufficient number of applications, I will be in contact once again. The Gilbert School reserves the right to refuse placements on the trip on the grounds of behaviour and health and safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Quested by email, rli@gilberd.com or kqu@gilberd.com should you have any further questions regarding the trip. If you want to have a look at the ski region beforehand, here is an excellent link to give you a quick insight into where we would be travelling to: [Ski area \(obertauern.com\)](http://Ski_area(obertauern.com)).

Yours faithfully

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