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8 May 2025

Dear Family,

Thorns Collegiate Academy Ski Trip, Stubai Glacier, Austria Friday 13 February – Saturday 21 February 2026

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a ski trip to the Austrian Alps, and skiing in the beautiful resort of Stubai. This trip is an exciting chance for your child to learn or develop their skiing skills. It will also allow them to experience new culture, nurture their independence and have a great time with their friends.

The accommodation offers an exceptional location in the heart of a world-class alpine ski resort. With over 760km of ski slopes, this region caters for beginners right through intermediate and more experienced skiers.

Skiing tuition will be provided by the highly rated Austrian Ski School. All instructors are fully qualified and speak fluent English. Students who attended in previous years made fantastic progress over the course of the week as well as showing increased confidence and independence generally upon their return. Photos and videos of our previous trips can be found on our academy social media pages. Further details of the resorts can be found here <u>https://www.stubaier-gletscher.com/en/</u>.

Dates:

| Depart from the Academy: | Friday, 13th February 2026 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Return to the Academy: | Saturday 21st February 2026 |

Resort: Stubai, Austria

Cost: £1,649 which includes:

5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast in the hotel, 5 days hot lunch vouchers of value €10 per person, evening meal before departure on last day, 5 days hire of ski equipment including helmet hire, 5-day ski pass including key card deposit, 5 days x 5 hours of ski instruction (with Ski instructor ratio 1:10; maximum 1:12), 5 days x 1hr lunchtime supervision, Ski test, certificate, and presentation ceremony.

Additional costs: Pocket money, après ski activities, hire/purchase of ski clothing if necessary, money for snacks whilst traveling, passport - this is essential.

Please complete the expression of interest form by clicking on the <u>Expression of Interest Form</u> by Wednesday 14 May 2025. If your child secures a place on the trip, then a deposit of £149 will need to be paid via Arbor by **Friday 30th May 2025**. **Please note the deposit is non-refundable.**

In the likely event that the trip is oversubscribed, students will be selected via a ballot.

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When offering places for the trip, we will consider students' behaviour, attendance, punctuality, uniform and attitude to learning. We will also look at students' Strive for 5 score. If your child is offered a place but their behaviour, attendance or attitude to learning deteriorates, the offer of the place may be withdrawn. If the place cannot be filled by another student, any money paid will not be refunded.

If you would like further information regarding the ski trip, please contact Mr Healy via telephone (01384 987973) or alternatively you can e-mail on shealy@tca.shirelandcat.net

Payment schedule: This schedule **must** be adhered to, to help the administration process going forward. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter. **Total starting amount is £1,649**

| Date | Amount | Remaining balance due |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial cost | | £1,649 |
| 30 th May 2025 | £149 non-refundable deposit | £1,500 |
| 30 th June 2025 | £250 non-refundable | £1,250 |
| 30 th July 2025 | £250 | £1000 |
| 30 th August 2025 | £250 | £750 |
| 30 th September 2025 | £250 | £500 |
| 30 th October 2025 | £250 | £250 |
| 30 th November 2025 | £250 | £0 |

Please retain this letter for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr S Healy Head of PE

Miss N Jones Principal

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