

15th October 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Joint ski trip 2026

I am delighted to inform you that we have negotiated a ski opportunity for pupils from Central Lancaster High School and Morecambe Bay Academy, a close partner within our Bay Learning Trust federation of schools, to Zell am See, Austria. The trip will be jointly staffed by staff from both schools. This trip is open for current pupils in Year 7–10 to attend. No previous ski or snowboarding experience is necessary for this trip.

Overseas trips need arranging well in advance as the accommodation gets booked up quickly. We are planning the 2026 trip to Zell am See for pupils with the travel firm TGM Travel Group, who have been used by both schools for Ski trips in the past. They are TTA and Lancashire registered snow sports and activity provider.

The proposed trip will run from Friday 27th March 2026 (there is a possibility we may depart on Thursday 26th March depending upon availability) to Saturday 4th April or Friday 3rd April. This maximises the time available and ensures the best value for money for families.

The purposed trip includes:

- Private executive coach from school to resort and use in resort
- Channel ferry crossing
- Five or six nights full board accommodation, depending upon availability
- Private dining and function room for the school groups
- Full buffet breakfast
- Packed lunch with sandwiches of choice, drinks, fruit and biscuits
- Four course hot dinner with salad bar
- High quality equipment hire of skis/board, boots, poles (for skiing), helmet
- Full area lift pass
- Evening entertainments / activities
- Dedicated rep in resort and full support from TGM team
- TGM holiday app for all pre-holiday information
- Insurance covering winter sports

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Not included:

- Ski clothing (Jacket, trousers, gloves, thermals)
- Passport and EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
- Spending money for the trip, including meals on route, snacks

Currently, no firm booking has been made with the travel company as we need to gauge interest. The cost of the trip is expected to be £1550 to £1600. This price could reduce depending on pupil uptake, the possibility of tweaking the departure date and actual number of nights in the hotel.

If you would like your child to participate in this enrichment trip, please complete and return the initial expression of interest slip below and return to Mrs Spence by Friday 8th November. No deposit is required with the expression of interest.

You will be informed of whether the trip is running by Friday 22nd November at which point you will be asked to pay the first deposit of £150; this deposit secures your child's place on the trip. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, and then a waiting list will be established to allow for pupils to join the trip if more places become available.

We will look at running a taster session to Kendal ski slope before the trip for pupils who have not skied before and for those who wish to refine their skills, if there is enough interest. This will be at the additional cost of approximately £30 per session.

The trip must then be paid for on the following schedule:

Deposit	£150	6 th December 2024
Payment 1	£350	1st March 2025
Payment 2	£350	1st July 2025
Payment 3	£350	1st October 2025
Payment 4	£TBC	1st February 2026 (remaining balance based on the final cost)

Without sufficient pupil interest, this trip will not go ahead.

We reserve the right to decline applications in cases where pupils' behaviour has been or is unsatisfactory prior to the trip. Normal school expectations regarding behaviour will apply throughout the trip.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their child has a valid passport for the trip dates and the passport must be:

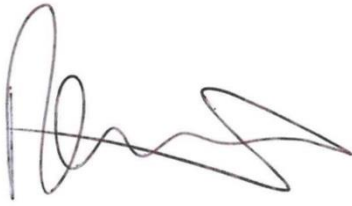
- Issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue')
- Valid for at least 6 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

Refunds will not be made for invalid / late passports.

If for any reason a pupil cannot attend a trip, in order for our insurers to accept a claim, medical evidence which matches the trip dates is needed. The records need to ensure illness dates are confirmed by the appropriate electronic documentary evidence. Parents must be aware that, if at any point prior to the trip your child needs to withdraw, every effort would be made to make a refund, however this may not always be possible.

If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the following email address rspence@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Spence
Head of Music / ELT

Reply slip for joint ski trip 2026

I am interested in my child..... (Name) in.....(form) taking part in the ski trip in March 2026.

I understand that I will be required to pay a deposit of £150 to secure their place **once the trip price has been confirmed**. I have read and understood all of the conditions of the trip letter including payment plan, passport requirements and withdrawals.

Name of Parent/Carer.....

Signed.....(parental signature required)

Dated.....