



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Matrei Kals Ski trip – February 2021

I hope you are keeping well in these difficult times that we are facing. I appreciate that a ski trip which is a year away may not be a priority for you at the moment, but I wanted to keep you informed as to the current situation.

I have been in touch with HTS Total Ski regarding our planned trip to Austria during February half term 2021 and they have informed me that they are planning to run all ski trips next season and that they currently expect all bookings for 2021 to travel as normal. Should the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advise against all but essential travel to Austria due to the Covid-19 pandemic or any other reason as stated in their booking terms and conditions, then at a given time before travel they would contact me to apply the following:

- Consider the possibility of deferring the trip until a later date
- Consider any other alternative and suitable destinations for the trip and propose available options
- If the school does not take up these options, and the tour company is obliged to cancel the trip due to FCO advice then a full refund will be offered.

Given that the trip is still planned, the tour company will require full payment to be made at least 12 weeks prior to our departure date. Please could you ensure that any remaining balances are paid in full by **1st November 2020**. Payments can be made via ParentPay. Please contact Mrs Wood in the school Business Office or myself if you have any queries about payments. Thank you for the payments that have been made so far.

Xscape ski lessons

I will book the beginners lessons at Xscape as soon as it is deemed safe and the authorities will allow. The two-hour lesson is included in the cost of the trip.

Information evening

I was planning this event for early in the Autumn term and will communicate with you again as soon as I am able to book a date. We still hope to offer a hire service of ski clothing from BAC Leisure.

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Passports

With little information available relating to the impact of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, there may be a requirement for British passports to be valid for 6 months after our return date. Please check your child's passport and apply for a new one if required as soon as possible. I will need to send passport information to the airline 12 weeks prior to our departure. If this information is late or must be amended, the airline will charge fees.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the visit, then please do not hesitate to contact me via my school email dwalker@heckgrammar.co.uk. I will inform you of any updated information as soon as I receive it. Please follow our Twitter page [@pe_hgs](#) and our Instagram page [hgs_pe](#), as I will post key dates and information on these sites.

Best wishes,



Mr Walker
Head of Physical Education.