

Dear Parents,

## **2009 Skiing Trip to Kaprun, (14 - 21 February)**

**We have just returned from a highly successful trip to Kaprun in the Austrian "Europasportregion", which included skiing on the glacier region of the Kitzsteinhorn, and we are already planning for next year's trip.**

**We are in the process of booking flights for the above dates. However, as the journeys were rather long with the indirect flights via Frankfurt, we will try every avenue for obtaining direct flights next year. Accommodation and Ski School are already booked.**

**Snow-boarding** is again offered as an activity at an additional cost, to cover the increased cost of equipment hire and instruction. Please indicate on the tear-off slip if you are interested in snow-boarding.

We will do our best to maintain prices near this year's levels, but we will need to watch exchange rates between the Pound and the Euro before we a final price can be fixed.

## **Ski trip for older students**

Like this year, we are also planning a separate trip for Sixth Form pupils. **This second trip is projected to take place in the first week of the Easter holidays of 2009 and will be for members of the Sixth Form.** Places may also be available for members of next year's Year 11, if they have been on previous School skiing trips and are of intermediate or advanced standard. In the meantime we advise applying for the Kaprun trip, though.

Details of the projected Easter trip will be communicated in May.

**We are therefore asking for applications from members of the present Years 6 to 10. In order to facilitate the planning for both trips, applications for the Kaprun trip, together with a deposit of £150, need to be received by the beginning of the Summer Term.**

***This letter and the application form can also be downloaded from the Downloads page at [www.stchris.co.uk](http://www.stchris.co.uk), under "S".***

## **Allocation of places and behaviour of students**

We will make an initial allocation of places in the first half of the Summer Term, but we are not reserving places before that point. **It is important to emphasise that behaviour in School and on other School trips, plus medical history, fitness levels and participation in PE, as well as general attitude will be taken into consideration when assigning places.**

Allocated places may also be lost (with the resulting loss of deposit) if any student is found to be in breach of the School rules at any point. You will appreciate that we must be sure that our students will uphold the highest standards of behaviour and personal responsibility on School trips.

## **The price of the trip will include**

- Flights plus coach transfer to the resort
- Half board accommodation for 7 nights
- Full 7 day ski pass
- Comprehensive equipment insurance (you may wish to take out personal insurance in case of an accident, as the School insurance does not cover any expenses after return to this country (e.g. physiotherapy))
- Hire of boots and skis / snowboards
- Skiing / snowboarding lessons - morning and afternoon
- Trophies and certificates for the races at the end of the week
- Digital record of the group skiing

Extras: Lunches (allow approx £50), evening activities (up to a maximum of £ 35) and pocket money.

We will again stay at the Youth Guest House in Kaprun, where we have stayed on 25 occasions in recent years and are looking forward again to the hospitality we have always received there. Herbert Thayer, head of the highly respected ski-school "Kitzsteinhorn" is also looking forward to our return next February.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact us at School,

Yours sincerely

Edwin Gruber

St Christopher School, Letchworth

Please return this slip to Edwin Gruber

I would like to reserve a place on the skiing trip to Austria from 14 - 21 February 2009 for:

Name(s) .....

I am interested in snowboarding .....

I enclose £ 150 per person.

This deposit is **non-refundable**, once your place has been confirmed.  
Please make cheques payable to St Christopher School

Initial confirmation letters will be sent in the first half of the Summer Term.

Regular participation in the School's PE programme and a reasonable degree of fitness are pre-requisites for participation.

Signed (parent or guardian).....

Date .....