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Ski Trip 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are aware that you may have some queries about next year's Ski Trip to Austria. Whilst these will all be answered in our October meeting, please find below answers to some questions you may have at present:

Name of Ski Resort: Schneebärenland, Austria

Name of hotel: Jugendhotel Puttererschlossl

Accommodation arrangements: There are 80 beds in 15 rooms spread over two floors. Pupils are generally accommodated in spacious 4-10 bedded rooms. We will not make final room arrangements until much nearer to the time of travel.

Teacher/Pupil ratio: 1:8 ratio in line with Matrix Academy Education Visits policy. Ski instructors will also support the groups when on the slopes.

During the trip a member of PGL staff acts as resort liaison for the whole week to ensure smooth running of the trip. This is in addition to staff from Barr Beacon School.

Safeguarding protocols: whilst your child is travelling with us, the school produces risk assessments of all activities involved in the trip. DBS checks are completed, and assurances of appropriate accreditation and training is sought. Our staff will be allocated a small group of pupils that they will work closely with throughout the trip.

Itinerary: this is not released by the travel company until close to the dates of travel. This will be shared with families as soon as we have access to this. A sample is included here: https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/DocumentManagerDocuments/Ski/PGL-Sample-Ski-Trip-Itinerary.pdf



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Travel itinerary: direct arrangements will be clarified closer to the time including timings but will include a coach from Barr Beacon -> Dover -> Calais -> Calais to resort (approximately 14-hour total travel time from Calais to resort). This is likely to be: Barr Beacon -> Dover travel approximately 3 or 4 hours, Ferry crossing time - 1.5 hours to Calais -> location.

PGL will clarify departure and arrival times nearer to the time of the trip.

We hope that this allays any concerns you may have had. If you have any further questions, please contact via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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