



November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

With Christmas and the New Year celebrations only five weeks away, our trip to Axamer Lizum, Austria in February is fast approaching and we couldn't be more excited!

With the wintry weather and dreams of festive snow, skiing is never far from our minds and, as such, we have been regularly watching the live stream webcams for Axamer Lizum. Please click on this link to view:-

<https://www.axamer-lizum.at/de/webcams-axamer-lizum.html>

We're sure you'll agree that the resort is looking amazing!

We are now in the process of ordering hoodies for the trip. These are compulsory as they are part of our risk assessment. The hoodies will have the school logo and resort name embroidered on the front and the student's nickname (which must be appropriate) will be printed on the back. They will cost £22. Please pay via ParentPay. Whilst the hoodies are essential for the trip, they will also serve as a keepsake for years to come that will evoke many happy memories. In order for your child to receive the correct size and the printed nickname of their choice, please ensure that you fill out the following form by **Friday 1 December 2023:-**

<https://forms.gle/LEmuPmJvG2i9cHyAA>

Furthermore, as previously mentioned, we will be visiting a local leisure centre whilst in Austria which has a swimming pool and jacuzzi. Consent must be given by each parent/carers regarding the use of these facilities. If consent is not given, students will not be able to participate. To provide consent and to make us aware of any issues, please complete the following form by **Friday 1 December 2023:-**

<https://forms.gle/GL5Zvuy2Tjq19hBF6>

After Christmas, we will be collecting passports and GHIC cards. As the holiday season is extremely busy, we recommend that you renew or apply for a passport now in order to avoid delays and apply for a GHIC card if your child does not already have one or it has expired. This will hopefully allow things to run as smoothly as possible. The deadline for handing in your passports and GHIC cards will be **Monday 22 January 2024**. Students will need to bring their passport and GHIC to reception to be put in the school's safe.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at skileads2024@heanorgatespencer.com

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Miss Stout

Mr Allen

Trip Leaders