

2nd October 2026

Dear parent or carer,

Ski Trip: 12th / 13th December – 20th / 21st December 2027 (final dates tbc)

I am pleased to announce that we will be running a ski trip to the Ziller Valley ski region of Austria. You may have noticed from the dates of the trip that we are aiming to take advantage of the early season prices to make the trip as affordable as possible. This also avoids overcrowded slopes and busy ski lessons. The resort is renowned for its excellent snow records early in the season, so it promises to be an excellent skiing experience with plenty of runs for all skiers from beginners to those with more experience.

We will be staying in the Schmiedhof Hotel which is located just outside the village of Stumm, one of the most picturesque villages in the Austrian Tirol. The Hochfügen-Hochzillertal ski region of the Ziller Valley offers over 180km of well-groomed pistes to suit skiers of all abilities and offer some of the best early season skiing in Europe. Due to staffing the trip, the number of students we can take on the trip will be limited.

We have made every effort to find the most affordable yet comprehensive ski trip possible and have found what we believe to be an excellent deal for £1149 per person. The cost includes coach transport from school to the resort, 6 nights full-board accommodation with breakfast and 3 course evening meals in the hotel, and a hot lunch (which will be included on the slopes each day). The cost also includes 5 hours of ski lessons each day for 5 days, ski equipment hire (including helmet hire), a 5-day lift pass for the whole ski area, fully comprehensive insurance, and all of the evening entertainment – including a couple of swimming trips to ease the aching muscles!

Purely for your information at this stage, should your child be accepted for a place on the trip, the payment schedule would be: -

- Deposit of £200 will need to be paid by Tuesday 3rd November for those who are offered a place
- 4 x further payments of £200 each
- Final payment of £149, which would need to be made by the end of September 2027.

If a student is successful at gaining a place on the trip and pulls out at a later stage, please be aware that the deposit is non-refundable. I will send the details of further payments with a letter once your child has been accepted on the trip. I must also point out that, in the event of a student needing to be sent home from the trip as a result of poor behaviour, parents are responsible for the costs – although I am pleased to say that, in the 30 years I have been involved in the running of John Cabot ski trips, this has never yet happened.

Please note that due to the popular nature of this trip and the limited number of places available, some students may not be successful in gaining a place. If the trip is oversubscribed, the year group of the student, (priority will be given to students for whom this may be their last opportunity to attend a Cabot ski trip), and their behaviour and attitude within the Academy will be taken into account, although I hope to be able to take everyone who is keen to go.



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Financial support may be available for students facing hardship, including those eligible for Targeted Free School Meals. Where funding is limited, support will be prioritised based on level of need.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, **please complete and return the attached 'expression of interest' form no later than Friday 16th October.**

Yours sincerely

Steven Church

Ski Trip Coordinator

John Cabot Academy

Enc: Expression of Interest form



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John Cabot Academy Ski Trip December 2027 to Stumm, Austria

'Expression of Interest' form

Please complete and return this form to Steven Church, Ski Trip Co-ordinator by no later than

Friday 16th October 2026

Student's Name:

Tutor Group:

I would like my son/daughter to be considered for a place on John Cabot Academy's Ski Trip to Stumm, Austria from 12 (or 13) – 20 (or 21) December 2027 (dates tbc).

Signed: **Dated:**

Print Name:

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