



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



11th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

PE Department Sports Residentials

Football Sports Tour (under 13s, years 7-8, 1x boys and 1x girls teams), Limburg, Holland on 08/04/24 - 12/04/24
For students currently in year 7+8

Skiing Residential, Nassfeld, Austria (years 8-10) on 14/02/25 - 22/02/25
For students currently in years 7, 8 and 9

The PE department are delighted to announce the launch of the sign up for the skiing and football residentials listed above. Please see the information below which was shared to year 8+9 parents at the end of last term, with the current year 7 parents informed during the transition evening now receiving the formal invitation and information.

The PE Department are offering students the opportunity to attend our newly launched sports residentials. The opportunities available both provide students with a fantastic way to participate in various sporting activities, either a unique European sports competition or a week skiing residential trip.

As detailed above, the sports tour is due to take place in the Easter holidays of the 23/24 academic year, followed by the skiing residential in the February half term of the 24/25 academic year. Students are not limited to attending only one of the trips, however, places are limited on the sports tour due to squad size requirements.

The benefits of an educational tour

Research has shown that not only do residential school trips help with academic achievement they also help improve relationships and encourage personal development. Research* shows, that following a residential tour:

- 61% of students achieved higher than their predicted grade
- 87% of students felt more confident trying new things
- 74% of parents said their children were more willing to try new things
- 71% said they are more motivated to learn

**Sourced from the School Travel Forum using findings from: The National 'out of school trips' research report 2008; Evaluation of Learning Away – the final report, Kendall & Rodger; Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto; Ofsted*

Travel Companies

The company we are travelling with for the skiing residential is called Equity.

<https://www.equity.co.uk/>

Ormiston Six Villages has chosen to travel with Equity as they are market leaders in school travel and have been in operation since 1933. They are completely financially protected by ABTA and ATOL, meaning in the event of any unlikely unexpected occurrence your money is protected. Equity are also accredited by 'Learning Outside the

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Classroom' and the School Travel Forum; both of which support excellence in the planning and delivery of highly successful educational trips.

The company we are travelling with for the football sports tour is call absolute travel
<https://www.absolutetravel.co.uk/>

Ormiston Six Villages has chosen to travel with Absolute Travel as they have a wealth of experience, running as a sports tour company since 1992. The company also has a priority of customer wellbeing and safety, supporting the school throughout the duration of the tour. They also have an excellent value for money to ensure your child gets the best experience at the most affordable price.

Costing:

The cost requirements are detailed below, however, please be aware that for the skiing residential, this is currently a quote estimate, therefore is subject to change.

Football Sports Tour (under 13's, years 7-8) Limburg, Holland on 08/04/24 - 12/04/24

Overall price = **£736**

Skiing Residential to Nassfeld, Austria (years 8-10) on 14/02/25 - 22/02/25

Overall price = **£1565 (current full quotation)**

What you need to do next

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the Parent Pay form online by 30th September. Deposits will be required for each trip which is included in the Parent Pay form, please see below for the cost of each deposit. As previously mentioned, spaces are limited in some instances, and we are expecting a high demand for the trip so encourage a prompt response to avoid disappointment. Please note that once deposits have been paid to the respective companies, these are non-refundable, and terms and conditions will apply.

Football Sports Tour payment schedule

£136.00 Deposit by 30th September 2023

5 further payments of £120.00 by the end of October, November, December 2023, January and February 2024

Skiing Residential payment schedule

£125.00 Deposit by 30th September 2023

12 further payments of £120 by the end of October, November, December 2023, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August and September 2024

Additional Support

If you are in receipt of income support or family credit, or feel unable to afford the trip in full, please contact Mr Dacombe (skiing residential) or Mr O'Connor (football sports tour) in confidence. Payments to be made by ParentPay.

All students must be in possession of their own passport and Global Health Insurance Card.

Cancellation

If the trip is cancelled for reasons outside our control a full refund will be given. For any other reason refunds are only processed in exceptional circumstances and at the academy's discretion. This means that if your child becomes ineligible for the trip as a result of negative behaviour at the academy, you will unfortunately not be entitled to any refund.

Yours faithfully,



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