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Year 8/9 Residential Visit to AUSTRIA



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to invite your child to join King Edward VII School's Residential Study Visit to Austria. The trip will be led by Mrs Lamb, who has organised this visit many times in the past and is delighted to be able to introduce KES pupils to her native country. This visit was enjoyed tremendously by all who took part in previous years.

Destination:	St Gilgen, a picturesque alpine village on the shores of Lake St Wolfgang in the beautiful lake district of Upper Austria
Dates / Duration:	Monday 1 July – 5 Friday July 2019
Accommodation:	Youth Hostel "Jugendgästehaus Schafbergblick", one of the best hostels in Europe; accommodation in 4-bedded rooms with en-suite facilities
Travel:	by plane from Manchester to Munich, Germany Coach transfer to and from Manchester airport and to and from hostel
Cost:	£ 595 per participating pupil ¹ This includes flight and local transport, accommodation, full board, insurance, entrance fees and a full programme of activities and excursions (please see over for details). (Non-returnable) deposit of £100 payable on enrolment, the rest to be paid in instalments via Parent Pay, with the final payment to be made by the end of May 2019.

The visit will be educational, giving pupils an insight into the geography, history and culture of this interesting European country, as well as immensely enjoyable, offering the children the opportunity to participate in a range of entertaining and fun activities. For details of the proposed programme please see over.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting educational visit please **fill in the reply slip** overleaf and return it **by Friday, 9th November 2018** at the latest, in a sealed envelope marked **"Y8/9 Austria Visit"**. The envelopes should be handed in at the Lower School Office – not to a teacher.

Please pay the non-returnable deposit of **£100**, this will be used to secure the flights. The deposit and further instalments for the visit should be made by **Parent Pay**. Those parents without online access will need to request a bar code to pay via a Pay Point. In this case, please can you contact the Languages Office and the school will **provide you** with one. Those parents having difficulty setting up Parent Pay, should contact the Upper School Office.

¹ Should you not be able to meet the costs of this visit, e.g. because your child is on free school meals or your family receives income support, please let us know. We will do our utmost to make it possible for your child to participate.



Provisional Programme

<p>Lakes: St Wolfgang / Mondsee / Fuschl / Hallstatt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - swimming - boat trip 	<p>The Youth Hostel is situated on the shores of lake St Wolfgang, opposite the lake's open air public swimming baths. The boat trip will take us across the lake to the picturesque village of St Wolfgang with its famous "White Horse Inn". During our excursions we will be enjoying breathtaking views of several other lakes in the region of Salzkammergut, Austria's Lake District, renowned for its natural beauty and healthy mountain air.</p>
<p>Exploring Mountain villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St Gilgen - St Wolfgang - Mondsee - Hallstatt 	<p>St Gilgen is the birthplace of Mozart's mother and houses a well-known museum of musical instruments. St Wolfgang is the location of the famous <i>operetta</i> "The White Horse Inn". The parish church of Mondsee was the venue for the wedding scene of "The Sound of Music". Hallstatt is probably the most beautiful village in Austria, nestling against a steep mountain on the shores of Lake Hallstatt. A gruesome surprise awaits in the churchyard!</p>
<p>Day Visit to Salzburg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Old Town - Cathedral - Mozart's birthplace - Fortress - Mirabell Gardens - Hellbrunn Palace 	<p>Salzburg is world-famous not only as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, but also for its beautiful old town with winding streets and narrow alleys and its romantic baroque and renaissance buildings. The cathedral square is the site of an annual music festival and also featured in the film of "The Sound of Music", together with the convent of Nonntal, the palaces of Freisaal and Leopoldskron, the Mirabell Gardens and the Fortress, which towers high above the city. The palace of Hellbrunn was the summer residence of the prince bishops, who ruled Salzburg as an independent principality for many centuries. Children will delight in its many (wet) surprises!</p>
<p>The Hallstatt Salt Mines</p>	<p>A funicular railway will take us up a steep slope to the entrance of the salt mines of Hallstatt, where Austrians have mined for the "white gold" since the Bronze Age. We will dress in miners' uniforms and hats and be whisked via the original miners' railway deep inside the mountain, where we will be introduced to the way the salt is extracted from the rocks. Highlight is the ride down the 100 meter long shoot, which transports the miners at great speed down the inside of the mountain to the underground salt lake.</p>
<p>Leisure activities in the mountains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tobogganing - mini-golf - lake swimming - shopping - bowling (skittles) - eating out 	<p>Summer tobogganing is a popular family activity in Austria. We shall be visiting a toboggan run on the grass slopes of a mountain nearby. The mini-golf area and open air swimming baths are just opposite our hostel. All the mountain villages we shall be visiting offer ample opportunities for the exploration of local crafts and souvenirs – including the world-famous (and pricey!) Austrian crystal. Austria's style of bowling is quite different from what English children will be used to; it will not only challenge their physical but also their mathematical skills! No visit to Austria could be complete without an evening of Austrian music, dance and folklore. We shall be visiting a mountain cottage and join in with the fun – including attempts at yodelling!</p>

We hope you agree with us that this visit promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for your child and hope that s/he will be able to join us.

With best regards
Eva Lamb

The 'NO LIMITS' fund.

Many families find it very difficult to pay for the sort of foreign language visits and exchanges we at KES offer to our students. We do our very best to support them, but in some cases children are unable to take part at all.

We have established the '**NO LIMITS**' fund as an additional resource intended to enable these children to experience the benefits enjoyed by their classmates. We are raising funds in a variety of ways. One of these is to invite families to make a contribution to the fund at times when we are offering a particular visit or exchange. Please be reassured that any contribution to the 'NO LIMITS' fund is entirely voluntary. If you do feel able and happy to contribute, please contribute via Parent Pay option **Voluntary Gift Aid Donation to No Limits Fund**.

We thank you on behalf of the young people who will benefit.



Y8/9 Austria, 2019

- I give permission for my child to take part in the residential visit to Austria.
- I am sending via Parent Pay the required (non-returnable) deposit of £ 100
- My child holds a British passport. Passport number _____
- My child holds a _____ passport (please state if your child does **not** hold a passport, but does hold a different type of travel document) _____
Passport / travel document number: _____
- I am sending via Parent Pay the following contribution to the "No Limits Fund" £ _____
- I am having difficulties in meeting the full cost of the visit. Please contact me:
Tel _____

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS FOR THIS SECTION

Surname of child (as on passport) _____

Forename/s of child (as on passport) _____

Child's form _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____