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Dear Families,

Ski Trip **Marmot Basin, Jasper, Canada – February Half Term 2025 (Current Years 7 – 12)**

Having done extensive research in order to gain the best trip possible for our students, I am pleased to announce the ski trip for February half term 2025 will be taking us to Alberta, Canada, with a stopover experience in Calgary.

We have selected the amazing and expansive resort of Marmot Basin, Jasper. Jasper has plenty of skiing to keep skiers of all abilities entertained. Details of the resort can be found here <https://www.skimarmot.com>

We will stay in the recently refurbished Forest Park Hotel, which is located a short shuttle ride from the slopes, located in downtown Jasper and within walking distance to the town centre with lots of activities and entertainment.

<https://www.banffjaspercollection.com/hotels/forest-park-hotel>

If the trip is oversubscribed as it often is, we reserve the right to prioritise the older year groups in the school.

The price for the trip includes:

- All transfers to and from airports
- International flights
- 7 nights full board accommodation
- 5 days lift pass
- 5 days hire of ski equipment
- 5 days of ski tuition (5 hours a day)
- A range of evening activities including swimming, the Maligne Canyon Ice Walk and a hockey game in Calgary (tbc).
- Full snow sports insurance
- A personalised hoody

Not included – ski clothing (can be bought at a meeting held in the autumn term 2024) and lunches.

The price for the trip is estimated to be **between £1900-£1960** depending on student numbers (plus an additional charge of £88 APD for those students who are above the age of 16 at the time of travel). Please rest assured that we have shopped around to get the best experience and the best price for the students of the school, which has included considering a trip in Europe where it has become very expensive to ski as a school group.



The payment schedule is as follows:

£150 – non-refundable deposit by 7th December 2023

£450 – 22nd March 2024

£450 – 1st July 2024

£450 – 8th September 2024

£460 (tbc) – 8th November 2024

If your child is currently in Years 7 to 12 and is interested in participating in this trip, please make your payment **of a non-refundable deposit of £150** via ParentPay no later than 7th December 2023. If your child is not successful in gaining a place, your deposit will be refunded. Should you have any queries, please email trips@sandringham.aat.school

Please note, if your child is not travelling on a British passport it will be the responsibility of parent/carers to apply for visas and ensure all travel documents are present at the time of travel.

It is imperative that payment deadlines for this trip are strictly adhered to so that we can make the necessary payments to the tour operator and ensure that adequate numbers are secured. If payments are not received by the instalment dates, we would have no choice but to remove your child from the trip.

Please note, that by accepting your child's place on this trip, you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note, that SkiBound do not differ from other tour companies with regard to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply.

Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour, attendance or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded.

The school will follow all advice given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education and our tour operators when it comes to overseas travel for school trips. The tour operators we use provide both ABTA and ATOL protection as part of our tour packages. In the event that the FCO advises "against all travel" to an area or region, then these policies provide protection to prevent any loss in case of necessary cancellation. The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance does not cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft. Should you decide to remove your child from any trip where travel is still advised then this will not be covered by insurance, ABTA or ATOL.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Kemp
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