



October 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

BGS Ski trip to Jay Peak, Vermont, USA
Saturday 27th March to Sunday 4th April 2021
www.JayPeakResort.com

I am pleased to propose a ski trip to the resort of Jay Peak in Vermont, USA. This is a repeat of the highly successful trip that the school enjoyed in Easter 2019. Jay Peak is situated close to the Canadian border and receives over 350 inches of snow per year – twice as much as many other east coast ski resorts. Jay Peak's abundant natural snowfall and unique terrain combine to make some of the most exciting glade skiing in North America. Jay Peak has 76 diverse trails covering all abilities from beginner to advanced skier.

The group will be staying at the Hotel Jay with the benefit of doorstep skiing and entry into the Aqua Park and the brand-new activity centre. This slope-side accommodation has a coffee shop and a selection of cafes and restaurants. The pupils sleep in executive rooms for four people in two double beds with cable TV and a private bathroom.

We fly from Manchester with overnight stays in Boston at the beginning of the trip and New York at the end of the trip. These stays will include an activity in New York City and time for shopping.

The cost of the trip is £1980. It consists of a non-refundable deposit of £300 and a further £1680 in 12 x £140 instalments. The trip includes:

- 5 x 5hr instruction by qualified instructors
- Ski and boot hire
- Lift pass
- Half-board accommodation
- Return flights from/to Manchester
- Transfer in the USA
- Comprehensive insurance (please check in case you need to purchase your own for pre-existing medical conditions)
- A day in New York on Day 8. In the past we have had guided coach tours, trips up the Rockefeller Building and games of baseball in Central Park. Depending on flight times, pupils will be allowed some free time in small groups to explore 5th Avenue.
- Evening entertainment programme

***Please note that all pupils are responsible for acquiring their own ETSA visa waiver for entry into the USA and, if your son/daughter is 16 or over on the departure date, they will have to pay the **additional Air Passenger Duty Tax** (£80 at present). These are both requirements of the US government over which the School has no control.

If your son/daughter is interested in taking part in this ski trip, a non-refundable deposit of £300 will be required via parent pay by **Friday, 18th October**. Application for places will be dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis. If you son or daughter takes up a place and later chooses not to participate,

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the School will do the utmost to find a replacement, but the return of any monies paid will be subject to the cancellation conditions set out by the tour operator.

If your son/daughter takes part in this trip I recommend that (s)he undertakes a course of lessons at a dry ski slope or the Chill Factor to enhance their enjoyment of the trip. However, if this is not possible, the instruction provided will cater for all abilities. Skiing is a demanding sport and pupils should be used to regular exercise before considering this trip.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me or Mrs Kershaw about any of the details in this letter should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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