

May 2016

Dear Parents

Snowsports Visit – Killington, USA – Easter 2018

As you may be aware, for the past 6 years students in Year 10 have been given an opportunity to go skiing and snowboarding in the United States of America. Again, it is my intention to organise a similar school visit to Killington in Vermont travelling with Acorn Ski; a full member of the School Travel Forum. I am writing to you now as the visit costs over £1000 and this will then provide you with plenty of notice to budget for the visit. The travel package is excellent value for money despite the rising costs in flight prices, fuel etc.

The total cost of the visit will be £1389.00 (based on 32 students) and I can confirm the package as follows:

Departure date: Thursday 29 March 2018 (subject to flight availability)

Return date: Thursday 5 April 2018 (subject to flight availability)

- ☞ Return coach travel from school to UK airport
- ☞ Return transatlantic flights to Boston with scheduled airline
- ☞ Return coach transfer from Boston airport to hotel
- ☞ Daily transfer from the hotel to the ski area
- ☞ Full medical and travel insurance cover
- ☞ 6 nights' half board accommodation at the Days Inn, Rutland – breakfast and evening meal
- ☞ 5 days hire of skis, boots and poles
- ☞ Ski helmet hire
- ☞ 5 x 4 hours ski tuition
- ☞ 5 full day ski lift pass
- ☞ Resort representative service
- ☞ Some après-ski activities (e.g. swimming, movie night, bowling)

I intend to take a minimum of 32 students, all of those from the present Year 8 intake and wholeheartedly recommend this package to parents, as this has been individually tailored to meet our school's requirements.

Covering six mountains, Killington has earned its reputation as the "Beast of the East". With 71 miles of varied trails, an average annual snowfall of over 21 feet and major snow making facilities, you will experience great skiing. Boasting 191 trails all levels of skiers can enjoy their experience. First timers set off in the beginner zones with magic carpets; these areas are controlled Slow Zones consisting of wide, confidence boosting terrain, perfect for nervous novices. There are plenty of intermediate cruisers to really get some mileage under your skis including Juggernaut, at 6.6 miles the longest run on the east coast. True experts can be challenged by Outer Limits, the steepest & longest mogul slope in New England. The design of Killington Mountain means that there is a range of terrain from the top of each lift, so there is always an easy option to choose from, allowing every skier to explore in confidence.

The group will stay at the Days Inn in, close to the centre of Rutland. Killington Mountain is only 20 minutes by bus and it has a large indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, free wi-fi and meeting room. Breakfast is taken in one of the hotel function rooms and evening meals at a local restaurant.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the above, please go to Parent Pay and make the £50.00 deposit by **Monday 13 June 2016**. This small deposit allows you the opportunity to secure a place with further instalments due at a later date (an indication is given below). You will be notified when confirmation of a place is received. If you have any queries at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me on r.solk@tgsch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Solk
Faculty Leader: Physical Education

2nd deposit	£100.00	4 July 2016
Payment 3	£150.00	10 October 2016
Payment 5	£200.00	1 March 2017
Payment 6	£200.00	1 May 2017
Payment 7	£200.00	1 July 2017
Payment 9	£200.00	10 October 2017
Payment 10	£289.00	1 December 2017