



July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

SKI VISIT TO JAY PEAK, VERMONT, USA: SUNDAY 6 - SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

Following another very successful and enjoyable visit this past Easter, we are planning again to take a party of students to Jay Peak, Vermont, during the Easter break in 2025. We are inviting students who are currently in Years 6, 7, 8 and 10 to take part (in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 in 2025). Students who are currently in Year 10 would need to be likely to return to Waddesdon for Sixth Form to be considered for the trip. Students wishing to go on the trip will need to meet all entry requirements (valid passport, visa or ESTA as required, fully vaccinated against Covid, and any other requirements applicable at the time).

The cost of the trip will be approximately £2295, based on a minimum of 48 students, which will provisionally include:

5 nights half-board accommodation in Jay Peak	Equipment hire including helmet
1 night half-board accommodation in Boston	5-day ski-lift pass
Transfers to and from UK airport	Fully supervised skiing
Flights and local transfers	5 hours of ski school each day
Travel insurance (excesses may apply)	Evening entertainment programme
Commemorative hooded sweatshirt	(including Water Park and climbing wall)

Please note that the standard US hotel configuration is two queen/double beds per room to sleep four guests per room.

The cost of the following is **not included**:

Passport, visa/ESTA	Covid or other testing as required
Lunches and meals en route	Other entry requirements as mandated by UK and US authorities
Spending money and tips	Flight/fuel surcharges
Skiwear	Air Passenger Duty (for students aged 16+ on departure date)*

*APD will be charged separately at the rate applicable at the time, currently £87.

In addition, we may have time for an excursion or activity in Boston before our flight home. Once we know flight times, we will look at possible options and advise you of the activity and associated costs. We anticipate that this will be no more than £15-20.

It is important to emphasise that only those students who have proved themselves to be responsible and well behaved will be considered for a place on this visit. We will consult with our colleagues when considering the students who wish to take part and review behaviour in school and on previous educational visits. If the visit is oversubscribed, names will be drawn randomly from those deemed by staff to be responsible and well behaved.

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To be considered for a place, we require a deposit of £200 by Monday 17 July, by cheque/cash, together with the reply slip below. Places will be confirmed thereafter, then the balance will be due in monthly instalments of approximately £110 per month from 1 August 2023 to 1 February 2025 inclusive. These instalment payments should be made on ParentPay on or by the due dates. **It is imperative that payments are made on time in order to meet payment deadlines to the tour company.** Failure to meet payment deadlines will jeopardise your child's place on the trip.

Students who wish to go on this visit will have a booking made by the school on their behalf with a recognised ski tour operator. It is understood that all conditions of the booking are as laid down by the travel agents, eg, deposits are non-refundable after payment to the tour company and cancellation charges will apply, except for medical reasons confirmed by a doctor, or on compassionate grounds. **Therefore, acceptance of a place on the visit constitutes an obligation to make the remaining payments.** Where possible, we will endeavour to fill the place from a waiting list.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

J Maciejewski
Visit Organiser

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SKI VISIT TO USA, 6-13 APRIL 2025

Student's Name:..... Current Form:.....

I would like my son / daughter to be considered for a place on the school ski visit in 2025 as detailed above. I enclose a deposit of **£200.00** cash / cheque (payable to Waddesdon CE School).
I agree to meet all payment deadlines if my son / daughter is offered a place on the visit.

Signed:.....Parent/Guardian

Please return to Finance Office by Monday 17 July in a sealed envelope marked "Ski 2025" and your son/daughter's name and form (for current Year 6 students, please enter "New")