



June 2017

Re: Jay Peak Ski Trip: Sunday 7th April to Sunday 14th April, 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

Following our 4th recent hugely successful ski trip to Jay Peak in North America, I have great pleasure in announcing that we have again been successful in securing our booking to enable us to return to Jay Peak for our next ski trip from **Sunday 7th April to Sunday 14th April, 2019**. This will be the first week of the Easter holidays. We have built up excellent working relationships both with Jay Peak Resort and our tour company which has meant we have had the opportunity to fine-tune our trip to provide a first class experience that has been individually personalised for us.

Exclusive to Visions in Education, this uniquely re-modelled resort of Jay Peak is the premier East Coast mountain getaway. Tucked away in Northern Vermont and five miles from the Canadian border, Jay Peak receives over 350 inches of snow – twice as much as many other east coast ski resorts. Because of the mountain's location and geographical features, Jay's abundant natural snowfall and unique terrain combine to make some of the most exciting glade skiing in North America. Jay Peak is all about the snow and it's unrivalled off-mountain activities.

<http://visionsineducation.co.uk/ski-board-tours/north-american-ski-destinations/jay-peak-vermont/>

We are again using the tour company 'Visions in Education' for this trip. We have run many ski trips using Visions and each time they provided us with incredibly professional, efficient service. We have just had another wonderful trip to Jay Peak this Easter and have had to work hard to secure our booking in 2019 such is the demand for the resort. I am excited to say that we will be staying in the resort's brand new 'Stateside Hotel' at the foot of the slopes which is adjacent to the stunning indoor aqua park as well as the currently under construction state of the art brand new indoor Recreation Centre which will house amongst other things, numerous climbing walls, a huge high ropes course and a cinema! This new hotel provides true doorstep skiing.

The total cost of this trip is £1,600. If your child will be over 16 at the time of travel, there will be an additional £78 APD tax (Air Passenger Duty) added to the trip price. This is nothing to do with Barnwell but is a Government tax added to all air passengers over 16 years old. The exchange rate of the pound against the dollar has fallen since that last trip which has unfortunately meant a slightly higher trip price. Even with the poor exchange rate this price is stunning value for such an incredible experience in one of the premier ski resorts in Northern USA. The cost includes all flights, coach travel to and from the airports, half board accommodation, ski school and all après-ski activities, including 2 nights in the water park and a night in the brand new Recreation Centre which are both adjacent to our hotel, as well as ski and boot hire and ski pass. Students will have 5 full days skiing with 5 hours/day of top quality ski instruction. The trip will end with a night in Boston followed a day shopping at a huge outlet mall before heading back to the airport. I am fully expecting the demand for this trip will be high so places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

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Places will only be reserved on receipt of a £300 non-returnable deposit, along with the completed parental consent form no later than 6th October 2017. Our preferred method of payment is through SchoolComms via the School Gateway. Please use the following link to access the School Gateway, <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> Payments can also be made by cheque, which can be handed directly to the school reception on either campus, addressed to 'Finance – Ski Trip 2019'. Please make cheques payable to Barnwell School.

By signing the consent form you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions set out at the foot of this letter.

Payment Schedule:

The payment schedule is vital as we are contracted to make interim payments to the ski company, including the final payment, well before the trip date.

- **£300 deposit no later than 6th October 2017**
- £350 by 1st December 2017
- £350 by 23rd March 2018
- £300 by 13th July 2018
- *£300 final payment by 23rd November 2018 (**£378 if your child will be over 16 at the time of travel*)

At various stages in the lead up to the trip we will be holding fundraising events to raise money for the ski trip fund. Depending on the success of these events, we may be in a position to refund some of the trip cost. Your child would be expected to take a full part in these events.

More details of Jay Peak resort and Visions in Education can be found viewing the following links:

www.jaypeakresort.com
www.visionsineducation.co.uk

Further details of this amazing trip will be forwarded once deposits have been received.

If you have any questions related to this ski trip, or would like to see photos or DVDs of previous trips, please feel free to contact myself or Mrs Cozens on the school number or alternately by e-mail.

Yours faithfully

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- *The trip price has been agreed for 40 students but if we don't fill all the places then the price may increase slightly. If this is the case, the final balance required in November 2018 will be adjusted accordingly and parents and carers will have been made fully aware of any change in price. I don't foresee this happening as in the past we have taken over 40 students on all four of our trips to Jay Peak but it is something to be aware of. If this is the case, the final payment due in November 2018 will be adjusted.*
- *By paying the deposit, parents / carers are agreeing to pay the full trip price in line with the payment schedule laid out in the trip letter.*
- *If you subsequently decide to withdraw your son / daughter from the trip, please notify me in writing no later than 2 weeks of paying your deposit. Parents who have not notified me of withdrawal by this date will be liable for the full cost of the trip.*
- *If students pull out of the trip at any stage following this initial 2-week period, you will still be required to pay the full trip amount as lower student numbers may affect the trip price for other students.*
- *The only exception to this is if the student has to pull out of the trip at any stage due to injury or ill health, then as long as medical evidence can be provided, this is covered in our insurance policy and you will receive a full refund.*
- *It is imperative that all payment deadlines are followed as we are contracted to keep to a strict payment schedule by the tour company and we must ensure that we have received the money prior to each payment to the company.*
- *Students on the trip will be expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour both in and out of school. Failure to do so will put their place in jeopardy.*
- *The Trip Leader reserves the right to remove any student prior to the trip due to any reason that may impact on the health and safety and enjoyment of those on the trip, such as behaviour both inside and outside of school, or if there has been occasion to exclude a student on previous trips.*
- *The final decision regarding students travelling on the trip will be made by the Head Teacher or a designated member of his Senior Leadership Team. A number of clear warnings to the student and their parents will be given if such circumstances arise. If a student is removed from the trip by the Trip Leader at any stage, full trip payment will still need to be made.*
- *If a student needs to be removed from the trip whilst abroad for serious poor behaviour, the parents will be required to fly out to Boston airport as soon as possible to collect their child. Where this is not possible the Trip Leader will book flights and a member of staff will accompany the child home. In both events, the parents will be liable for all related travel costs.*
- *By signing the consent form, parents agree to the necessity for their son / daughter to behave responsibly.*
- *If the snow conditions at Jay Peak are not good enough to adequately ski, the tour company will offer an alternative resort. The trip Leader will update parents at every stage if this is a possibility.*
- *The exchange rate, when our most recent trip was first confirmed, was at £1 to \$1.6 but unfortunately the pound has lost value since then and as I write this, the rate has fallen to approximately £1 to \$1.25. This has unfortunately had a negative impact on this year's trip price.*

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Jay Peak Ski Trip
Parental Consent
2019



- I would like my child to go on the Barnwell School Ski Trip to Jay Peak.
(7th - 14th April 2019)
- As well as completing this form I have paid the non-refundable deposit via SchoolComms or enclose cash or a cheque, made payable to Barnwell School, to the value of £300.
- I confirm that I agree to the terms and conditions of this trip.
(Please tick the box to confirm you agree to the terms and conditions)

Student's Name:		Form:	
		College:	
		Current Year:	

Name of Parent/Carer:			
Signature of Parent/Carer:			
	Date:		

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