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Dear Parents and Carers

## **USA 2027 6-DAY EASTER SKI TOUR CANNON AND WATERVILLE VALLEY 3 April 2027 – 11 April 2027**

We would like to offer the opportunity to students currently in Years 7 to 11 (they will therefore be in Years 9 to 13 on departure) to participate in a ski trip in Easter 2027. The proposed tour will be going to the USA resort of Cannon and Waterville Valley in New Hampshire, on the East Coast of the USA. The itinerary is still being developed as it is subject to availability and student numbers. We are proposing a 9 day, 8 night trip, with 6 full days of skiing.

Practice sessions for those who have not previously skied will also be available before the trip if these are required – we will look at interest nearer the time. This would be an additional cost to the trip and is not included in the quoted price.

### **Cannon & Waterville**

These are two resorts with breathtaking scenery within the Cannon and Waterville Valley Mountains, in the vast and scenic White Mountain National Forest. Cannon is set amid the natural beauty of Franconia Notch State and combines big mountain skiing with historic New England ambiance. With an elevation of 4,080ft, Cannon is the highest lift-access ski area in New Hampshire and with 72 trails covering 264 acres of skiable terrain; Cannon is ideal for both beginner and intermediate skiers. In addition, there is a learning area with a slow chair lift and some of the blue trails have been widened so that intermediate level skiers can ski the whole resort.

Waterville Valley is one of the best resorts in New Hampshire combining easy accessibility, great terrain, decent vertical and welcoming, friendly staff, priding itself on its award-winning ski area. Similarly, Waterville Valley boasts state-of-the-art snow-making facilities covering 97% of the terrain and is best suited to intermediate student skiers. However, there are still some confidence-boosting trails for the beginners too!

The package includes 3 days x 5 hours of skiing in Waterville Valley, and 3 days x 5 hours of skiing at Cannon Mountain.

We estimate the cost of the trip to be **no more than £2650**. Please note the final cost of the trip is dependent upon student numbers and flight costs. We will be able to confirm the final itinerary and costs once the tour is confirmed as viable. Spaces are limited on the trip, so places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **A payment plan is set out below, and parents and carers will be expected to adhere to these payment dates as they are in line with our invoice dates for payments to the travel company. For the initial booking, we will require a deposit of £100 by 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

The price includes:

- Airport transfers to and from a London airport
- Return flights from a London airport (subject to availability and airline routings) including all airline and airport taxes. Baggage allowances will be confirmed at the time of booking seats.
- Overseas airport transfers to and from your resort.
- 8 nights Half Board hotel accommodation (to be confirmed once booking is viable) in twin rooms – breakfast and dinner at local restaurants
- Travel Insurance
- Local Transport to Ski Slopes

**6 DAY SKI PACKAGE, to include:**

- 6 days x **5 hours tuition** per day led by fully qualified English-speaking instructors on a 1-12 ratio of instructors to students.
- 6 days equipment hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets.
- Daily in house evening activities in the hotel such as quiz night, bingo, Movie night etc

The price does not include:

- Lunches
- Application costs for ESTAs (Visa)
- Ski Carriage – if you wish to take own equipment
- Meals en route

To secure your child's place on this trip, an initial deposit payment of £100 is required by Monday 19th May 2025. Once we know that the trip is viable, your deposit will be used to secure your child's place.

Please also complete the online consent form at <https://forms.office.com/e/vLpWxayFHe>

A provisional payment plan is below (although the amounts may be subject to change once the trip is confirmed, the payment dates will not change). You will need to ensure that these payment dates are met otherwise this may jeopardise your child's place on the trip.

Payment	Due date	Amount	Balance
<b>1<sup>st</sup> (**deposit)*</b>	<b>19th May 2025</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£2550</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (**deposit)*</b>	<b>30th June</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£2450</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> (**deposit)*</b>	<b>31st July</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£2350</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> (**deposit)*</b>	<b>31 August</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>£2250</b>
Monthly payments	September 2025 – November 2026	£145 per month	£75
Final Payment	31 December 2026	£75	£0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2650*</b>	

**\* Non negotiable payment dates**

***\*\* Please note your 1<sup>st</sup> deposit becomes non-refundable once the trip is confirmed as viable. The tour operator's terms and conditions, including cancellation details, will be confirmed to you at this time. If you later decide to withdraw from the trip, we will need to adhere to the cancellation policy set out by the tour company, and you may not receive the full amounts you have paid.***

All payments can be made via your online Scopay account.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Gordon  
**Year 7 Learning Leader**

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