



# Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

September 2018

Dear Parents

## **Snowsports Visit – Marmot Basin, Canada – Easter 2020**

I am writing to inform you that there are still some places available on this visit. As you may be aware, for the past eight years students in Year 10 have been given an opportunity to go skiing and snowboarding in the United States of America or Canada. Due to the late Easter dates in 2020, to ensure plenty of snow, it is my intention to organise a school visit, skiing/snowboarding in Marmot Basin in Canada travelling with Acorn Ski; a full member of the School Travel Forum. 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 £1499.00 (based on 40 students) and I can confirm the package as follows:

Departure date:           Between Saturday 4 April and Tuesday 7 April 2020 (subject to flight availability)  
Return date:               Between Saturday 11 April and Tuesday 14 April 2020 (subject to flight availability)

- Return coach travel from school to UK airport
- Return transatlantic flights to Canada with scheduled airline
- Return coach transfer from Canadian airport to hotel
- Daily transfer from the hotel to the ski area
- Full medical and travel insurance cover
- 6 nights' half board accommodation – 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, pizza night)

I intend to take a minimum of 40 students, all of those from the present Year 9 intake and wholeheartedly recommend this package to parents, as this has been individually tailored to meet our school's requirements.

Located in the breath taking, vast and ruggedly mountainous landscape of Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Marmot Basin is a ski area that inspires lasting memories. Only 20 minutes from the authentic mountain town of Jasper, Marmot Basin offers 3,000 vertical feet of superb skiing and snowboarding spread out over 1,675 acres of diverse terrain suitable for all abilities. Here you will find everything from long, winding perfectly groomed novice trails to high alpine bowls and steep chutes filled with dry, Canadian Rocky Mountain powder snow. There is no waiting in lift lines at Marmot Basin as it is one of the least crowded ski areas of its kind in North America. Crowd-free, wide open slopes are just one of the reason skiers and boarders return to Marmot Basin year after year. For an unforgettable ski experience in a remarkably beautiful rocky mountain setting, Marmot Basin and Jasper have no equal. Facilities and services include seven lifts, including the Canadian Rockies Express high speed quad chair, the longest in the Canadian Rockies, three on-mountain day lodges, a full-service Rental Shop, Snow Sports School, eateries, a nursery and retail shop. This unspoiled, pristine destination in the middle of the Canadian Rockies offers a

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unique skiing and snowboarding destination, all within Canada's largest Rocky Mountain National Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The group will stay at Lobstick Lodge. It is in a perfect location just 20 minutes away from the slopes and a 10 minute walk past some beautiful scenery to the town of Jasper. This is a very comfortable hotel with well-appointed rooms with en-suite and cable TV. The hotel offers excellent facilities for school groups with a large restaurant, meeting rooms, TV room, disco facilities, gym, indoor pool, steam room and Jacuzzi.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the above, please go to Parent Pay and make the £200.00 deposit by **Monday 17 September 2018**. Further instalments are 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](mailto:r.solk@tgsch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mr R Solk  
Faculty Leader: Physical Education

Payment 2	£200.00	1 December 2018
Payment 3	£250.00	1 March 2019
Payment 4	£250.00	1 June 2019
Payment 5	£300.00	10 September 2019
Payment 6	£299.00	1 December 2019