

Our Ref: 87438955

15 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Ski Trip USA and New York City**

As planning progresses for the Sixth form ski visit to America I can confirm some further details. The initial deposit has now been paid to the ski company. Planning for the 2024 USA visit is well underway, and we are now working hard with Select Ski to provide an outstanding experience for our students.

The final payment needs to be made 13 weeks before departure. This gives us a final **deadline of Friday 3 November 2023**. This is a slight change to the deadline noted in the initial letter. Please see below the payment plan details

<i>Payment Plan Details</i>	
<b>Deposit – March 2023</b>	<b>£300 (Paid and non-refundable)</b>
April	£238.75
May	£238.75
June	£238.75
July	£238.75
August	£238.75
September	£238.75
October	£238.75
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	<b>£238.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2210</b>

Please be aware, as students will be over the age of 16, the school is unable to apply for the ESTA (electronic visa waiver) on behalf of students. The Customs and Border Protection have advised us that this will need to be done as individual applications. This will need to be done before travel on the U.S. Customs

and Border Protection website (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>). Although it was mentioned in 'The Sixth Form ski price includes' section, this was taken out of the final price that was payable due to lower numbers of students attending. This costs around £20.

Please find an updated list of the features of this visit:

- ~\ Return coach travel from school to UK airport (likely to be Heathrow)
- ~\ Return transatlantic flights, including all airline and airport taxes and **APD tax for all passengers**
- ~\ Overseas coach transfers and in-resort mountain shuttles
- ~\ 6 nights half board accommodation at **Black Bear Lodge, Waterville Valley** (an upgraded hotel)
- ~\ Hot lunches on the mountain
- ~\ A stopover in New York, including accommodation in Manhattan, breakfast and dinner at the Hard Rock Café
- ~\ A 5 day lift pass
- ~\ 5 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- ~\ 25 hours of ski tuition – 5 hours per day
- ~\ Fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance
- ~\ Dedicated resort representative
- ~\ 24 hour emergency contact number and medical assistance service
- ~\ In-house evening entertainment (apres-ski)

Please be aware that some cash may be needed for tips – please note it is customary to tip in the USA. Students will need a limited amount of spending money, as the majority of food and other expenses is included in the final price. However students may wish to bring some money for spending when in New York.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I hope your child is looking forward to the experience.

Yours faithfully



Paul White

**Director of Sixth Form**