

20 March 2017

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip February 2018

It is proposed to take a party from school on a skiing experience to the Marmot Basin in Jasper, Canada.

<https://www.skimarmot.com/>

The school has organised many of these trips in the past, as we feel that an outdoor activity of this type, involving specific training in a new sport, is extremely worthwhile.

This year we have selected Jasper, a resort in the Canadian Rockies. This is a new experience for Carre's Grammar School with regard to skiing and we are looking to expand from a ski trip to a lifelong learning experience.

The Marmot Basin ski resort is a UNESCO heritage site that is only accessible for the winter season, the only such resort available to school groups in the world. The resort is in the top three of the most beautiful resorts in the world.

We will stay in a comfortable hotel with a swimming pool and hot tubs. The accommodation comprises of two queen size beds per room sleeping four people.

Transfer each morning is 20 minutes in a dedicated shuttle up to Base Lodge.

Part of the trip will include lectures from National Park Guides during lunch conducted by National Park Staff at the unique Marmot Learning Centre offer talks on:

- Avalanche safety (with real live demo on the mountain)
- Species at risk
- Geo-caching
- Emergency situations

Evening activities will possibly include ice canyon walks, a trip on the Sky Tram or the Observatory.

On our return leg we will stop off en-route to the airport in Canada at West Edmonton Mall the largest indoor mall in North America:

- Over 900 shops
- Huge indoor pool
- Indoor funfair
- Seen to be believed!

The resort is a popular choice with schools, with an excellent range of nursery, intermediate and advanced slopes. The accommodation is situated just a 5 minute walk from Jasper town centre.

We have elected to move from our traditional visits to Europe due to the escalating cost and to expand on the experience and opportunity on offer. This year we were quoted £1400 for a comparable resort to where we would traditionally visit in France.

The cost of the trip is inclusive of all meals and activities. Students will only require pocket money to cover the cost of drinks and any shopping they may wish to undertake.

Your son/daughter will have to be provided with suitable clothing, including ski clothing and warm waterproof gloves, which can be purchased or hired from a local supplier.

The party will be led by me. It is, of course, understood that by accepting a place on the course, a student undertakes to conform to the discipline of the party at all times.

Please find enclosed:

- 1) Trip launch letter
- 2) Ski Contract

Yours faithfully



Mr Ian Scholefield
Trip Leader

Enclosures