

28th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

All abilities Ski Trip - Mont St Anne, Canada

At the Arthur Terry School we have a strong history of exciting school ski trips; indeed, hundreds of students have benefited from it over many years. Skiing is a wonderful experience for students, with around 40,000 UK children partaking on school Ski Trips annually.

Following our very successful ski trips in February 2019 and 2023. We are now pleased to announce that we are launching another trip for February half term 2025, to Mont St Anne in Canada. This trip will be open to students who are currently in school years 8, 9 and 10.

Mont St Anne is located close to Montreal and Quebec and as a resort is excellent for both beginner and experienced skiers. With accommodation right beside the ski slope, students can effectively ski out of the hotel. The long Green slopes allow beginners to grasp the fundamentals of learning how to ski with the Blue slopes providing a challenge to those who already have skiing experience. Planned visits to Toronto and Niagara Falls will hopefully make this a once in a lifetime trip for the students that attend.

We have created an information video about this trip. Please click here to watch:

<https://youtu.be/ORGZdG8fhsE>

It is important to note that there are only 80 places available and if the trip is oversubscribed then a random ballot will be undertaken by a member of the Leadership Group and a waiting list will be created. We cannot guarantee anyone a place at this time.

As you are no doubt aware, air travel and foreign exchange rates can fluctuate, and these variables will determine the actual final cost. As a guide, we are expecting it to be approximately £2600. This cost includes travel, accommodation and equipment hire, but as accommodation is on a half board basis, some spending money will also be required to purchase lunch. To make the payment more accessible, we have a suggested plan to spread the cost between now and the autumn of 2024.

To obtain a place on the trip we require a deposit of £400 to be paid via parent pay by **October 16th 2023**. This is non-refundable deposit should you secure a seat on the trip. Obviously, if we are oversubscribed and you are not successful in the random ballot this will be refunded to you. Unsuccessful students will go onto a waiting list should any spaces become available.

Following the deposit payment and a place being obtained, the following is our suggested payment plan to spread payments across the year:

Oct 16th £400 deposit paid Non refundable upon selection to the trip.	Nov 2023 – Sep 2024 Monthly payments of £200 to be paid by the end of each month.	<u>Final balance</u> paid by the end of Oct 2024
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We look forward to receiving your interest in this trip and wish you every success in gaining a place.

If you have any questions, please email canadaskitrip@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Miss C Wilson and Mr O Bradley

(Trip leads)