

7 October 2019

Dear Parents

Ski Trip 12-20 February 2021 – Jasper, Alberta, Canada
Price: £1945 (+£80APD for those boys over 16 at time of travel)

Building on the amazing success of the February 2019 Senior School Ski Trip, we would like to announce a trip back to Jasper, Alberta.

We are keen to return to this resort for many reasons. It is better than any other we have visited because of the outstanding coaching in groups of four or five, the powder snow, the cheaper lunch costs on mountain as well as the opportunity for truly challenging skiing for top skiers. Additionally, the resort has offered to run an extension class, looking at how to navigate the back country, and no other resort offers this level of investment. This offer has been made because the mountain staff were so impressed with RGS boys last year, and for this reason only they are offering to go that extra mile for our boys.

We will be staying in The Lobstick Lodge, Jasper, and the boys will have 6 days of lessons, 5 hours per day. We will visit the Jasper Planetarium where the boys will have a lesson in local astronomy linked to ancient folklore and have an opportunity to use high-power telescopes. We will also take the boys curling and go to watch a local ice hockey game in the evening (if available), but the emphasis will be on skiing hard and skiing well. The boys will be given some freedom in Jasper in the late afternoons.

All ski hire is covered, and snowboarding is also available, although this will be dependent on numbers. We have been promised direct flights.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and can be secured by paying a deposit of **£400** on ParentPay which will go live for this trip on **Wednesday 9 October**. We would not want any pupil to be unable to take advantage of this opportunity due to financial reasons. If you would like to discuss this, please contact Mr Fossey tmf@rgshw.com in the strictest confidence. Please note that where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to a trip provider, we will not be able to refund payments should your son be selected for the trip and subsequently withdraw. To assist you with budgeting, may I remind you that there is an overview of all trips available to your son during his time at RGS on the School website.

A presentation evening will be held in November 2020 to answer any questions regarding the trip, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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