## Langley Park School for Girls

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## **SHARED WITH YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 FAMILIES**

28 March 2025

Dear Families,

## LPGS Easter 2026 Ski trip- Marmot Basin, Jasper, Canada, Wednesday 1 – Wednesday 8 April 2026

Your child has expressed an interest in the 2026 ski trip to the Marmot Basin, Jasper Canada. This is an exciting opportunity and is available to students currently in Years 7, 8, and 9 and would therefore be in Years 8, 9 and 10 in April 2026.

We have chosen to travel with Skibound, who have over 30 years' experience in organising and offering ski trips across the world for schools. Skibound are ABTA and ATOL protected, meaning in the event of any unlikely unexpected occurrence your money is protected. They are also recognised by the Schools Travel Forum and have a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge.

The Marmot Basin in Jasper is a well-known ski resort in Canada, located in the Rocky Mountains and the Jasper National Park. The town itself is a true mountain town with a world-class winter resort. 25% of the slopes are beginner and intermediate whilst 40% are expert slopes. It has breathtaking, vast and rugged mountainous landscapes with 91 marked trails with 7 lifts and is open all year round. We will be particularly fortunate on one day to go to the Maligne Canyon Ice Walk, which is the deepest accessible canyon in Jasper where we will explore waterfalls, ice caves and incredible ice formations.

The cost of the trip is £2100 per student and details of the payment plan are set out in this letter. This includes the following:

- Return flights to Canada from a London airport
- All transfers from school to airport and airport to resort
- 6 nights' accommodation at Chateau Jasper Hotel.
  NB: Please note that to minimise costs, students will be sharing queen sized beds. This is common practice on Canadian ski trips. We therefore cannot guarantee rooming arrangements until nearer the time and we are not able to offer any other arrangement. Please have a conversation with your child about this arrangement.
- Full board- breakfast and dinner at the hotel and hot lunch upon the mountain
- Full area 5 day ski pass to the Marmot Basin
- Ski lessons: 25 hours of ski tuition (5 hours per day), with fully qualified instructors
- Ski equipment hire for 5 days (skis, boots, poles and helmets)
- In resort representation and 24 hour emergency service
- Winter sports specific fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Après ski activities possibly to include: Maligne Canyon Ice Walk, Swimming, Pizza, Quiz and even a Local League Ice Hockey Game (subject to availability)
- Personalised hoodie

Whilst we have tried to cover all costs within the advertised amount the following are not included and will be additional costs to consider:

- Spending money: we will be stopping twice en route to and from the resort so students will need money for a meal
- Personal ski clothing
- Dry slope lessons prior to departure for beginners, the school will organise these but they will be optional.
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Students will also need an EtA to enter Canada. The cost is approximately CAN\$7 and families are responsible for arranging this independently nearer the time. If you are also travelling on a non-UK passport, you will need to check visa restrictions and requirements for your child to travel on the trip.

In order to spread the cost, we are setting the following payment schedule for parents to follow. Payment will be made via the MCAS app. Payments will only need to be made once your child's place on the trip has been confirmed. There is a small fund available to help students in need, please see our <u>website</u> for more information (scroll down the page and click on "Other Information").

We are setting the following payment schedule for parents to follow:

1st instalment = £300, due 25 April 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> instalment = £450, due 23 June 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> instalment = £450 due 25 August 2025

4<sup>th</sup> instalment = £450 due 20 October 2025

5<sup>th</sup> instalment = £450 due 1 December 2025

N.B — all payments are non-refundable once your child's place has been confirmed, unless circumstances are covered by the insurance policy

N.B — passengers must be students at LPGS at the time of trip departure. Any monies paid prior to a decision to leave LPGS will not be returned.

Following the success of previous ski trips, it is anticipated that there will be a large amount of interest and we only have 50 spaces available. We will therefore operate a selection process based on the following factors in priority order:

- Net behaviour points based on P & C points across the curriculum in 2024-2025
- Average C2L in 2024-2025

To ensure fairness, we will rank each year group separately. Any students who have previously participated in the trip and who are in their respective year group's Top 5 for C2L/P Points will be given a place on the trip. The other places will then be allocated based on C2L/P Points rank, excluding students who have previously attended a ski trip. The reserve list will not have this restriction.

Please stress to your child that as per all trips, we reserve the right to withdraw a student should there be a cause for concern about their ability to be behave in a way that is not only safe, but fitting with being an ambassador of LPGS. Therefore, following selection your child's continued positive behaviour and conduct is essential.

If you would like to put your child's name forward to be considered for selection for the Canada Ski Trip 2026, please complete the online form via the following link below:

https://lpgs.fireflycloud.net/physical-education/ski-trips/ski-trip-2026-interest-copy by **Friday 4 April.** We will then inform students whether they have been successful in gaining a place on **Tuesday 22 April** with the first payment due on **Friday 25 April.** 

If you have any further questions or queries please feel free to contact me: ja@lpqs.bromley.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

## **Mr J Acomb**

Ski Trip Leader Geography teacher and Head of Year 8