



27 January 2026

Dear Families

Ski Trip to Jasper, Canada – Friday 26 March 2027 to Saturday 03 April 2027

For many years, Sackville School has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2027, after three years of heading out to European ski destinations, we have decided to explore the exciting Canadian ski resort of Jasper, situated in the Rocky Mountains. The trip includes a return flight to Calgary, leaving East Grinstead on Friday 26 March 2027 and returning on Saturday 03 April 2027. This trip will be for skiers only and not snowboarders.

With 91km of piste, the range and variety of runs on [Marmot Basin](#) are particularly impressive. For beginners, there are over 25km of meandering gentle runs, whilst at the base area day lodge, there is a beginner's zone that also has lift-served progression routes to help newbies move on to the wide-open bowls and groomed runs. There are also treelined runs, moguls, chutes, and alpine bowls to ensure that the slopes never get boring. Due to the amount of snowfall Jasper has plenty of natural dry powder snow, and although it is a well-known and top-quality resort, the pistes are often uncrowded, especially when compared to other resorts, and you hardly ever see lift queues.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £2,495.00. This includes coach travel between school and the airport, return flights to Calgary, coach travel from Calgary to Jasper, six nights full board, insurance cover, hire of ski equipment (including helmet), lift pass and daily five hour ski lessons with a local ski-school instructor. Please note that ski clothing is not included in the total cost. This can be purchased, hired or borrowed from friends or relatives. The only other extras to be budgeted for are the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) costing Can\$7, and spending money for snacks, drinks and souvenirs in the resort.

As the trip is being planned in advance, we may have to increase or will be able to reduce the cost should the costs increase/reduce as a direct consequence of a change in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from the cost of fuel or the level of taxes or fees on the travel services included in the contract imposed by third parties not directly involved in the performance of the package including tourist taxes, embarkation or disembarkation fees at airports.

If your child has not skied before they are encouraged to attend dry slope ski sessions prior to departure (at a cost of approximately £40.00) as this will improve the progress of their skiing and make the most of their time on the slopes in Canada.

Students will require a passport for travel to Canada and it must be valid for the duration of our stay in Canada. As mentioned above, students would also need an [ETA](#) for entering Canada.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, please make a deposit payment of £350.00 by 9.00am on Monday 23 February 2026. Payment should be made via the MCAS App ([click here to access a guide on how to find a trip on the MCAS app](#)). Please can you complete the Google form [here](#) to give consent, for your child to attend this trip.

Space is limited to 48 students and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be aware that North American hotels typically provide rooms with two Queen beds or a Queen bed and a sofa bed.



Consequently, there is a high likelihood that students will share a Queen bed. To ensure comfort, a sleeping sack or single duvet is included in the price for each student. Please note that final room assignments cannot be organised nor guaranteed until closer to the departure date.

While full payment can be made at the start, a payment schedule is available for the trip:

Type of Payment	Amount	Dates for Payment
Deposit	£350.00	Bookings open 9.00am Monday 02 February 2026 Bookings close 9.00am Monday 23 February 2026 (or earlier if the trip is fully booked)
10 monthly payments (first Monday of each month)	£195.00	11 month pre-payment plan (from 6 April 2026 to 4 January 2027)
Final payment	£195.00	Payment to be made by: 9.00am Monday 01 February 2027

The only occasion when the deposit will be refunded is if the trip does not run. All money forwarded to the tour company is non-refundable.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium grant, we welcome expressions of interest to Kate Barnes, kbarnes@sackvilleschool.org.uk by Monday 02 February 2026.

Insurance for the ski trip is arranged through the ski operator and can be made available on request.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found [here](#)

No nuts or nut related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit. Also no fish or fish related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to email me – dgerretsen@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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