



Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School

A Specialist School in Music with English

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Dear Parents,

Re: Easter 2020 Sixth Form Ski Trip to USA

We are now in a position to invite the new, Lower Sixth next year to travel to Killington, USA for a week long ski holiday during the Easter holidays. The trip will depart on Friday 3rd April 2020 and return on Saturday 11th April 2020 at a cost of £1597.11, which includes:

- All transfers (including coach between school and Heathrow)
- Return flights to Boston and from New York
- 6 Nights in 3* Hotel in resort
- Breakfast and evening meals
- Evening activities
- Lift pass, equipment (including helmet) and lessons
- Ski insurance
- Day in New York for sightseeing on way back, overnight in Manhattan Hotel and outlet shopping.
- ESTA visa waiver for eligible passport holders. **If your daughter does not have a British passport then please check whether she is eligible for an ESTA. If not then you will be asked to pay the additional charges for a Visa application, approx. \$160.**

There are 49 places available and in the event that demand exceeds the number of places we have reserved, names will be drawn out of a hat. In order for this to work, pupils will need to return the attached slip to the **Finance Office** by **20 May 2019** confirming that they would like to go and that they can meet the payment deadlines. If they are successfully picked, they will be told and the deposit payment can go ahead using ParentPay by 24 May 2019. Please note that if the payment deadline is not met, we shall assume that your child can no longer go and we shall offer the place to a reserve. Six spaces have been reserved for pupils joining the Sixth Form next year, and if these are not taken they will initially be offered to the reserve list.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a deposit of £350 via ParentPay to confirm their place.

Please note that following standard practice in the USA, the bedrooms generally have 2 queen-sized beds for 4 pupils. Therefore, pupils will be required to share a bed.

We request staggered payments for the trip, in order to spread the burden, with a monthly schedule. The final payment, the remaining £247.11 of the balance, must be paid by 8 November 2019, in order to secure the holiday with the agent.

To allow for the summer holidays, the payment deadlines will be:

- £250 by 14 June 2019
- £250 by 12 July 2019
- £250 by 13 September 2019
- £250 by 11 October 2019
- £247.11 by 8 November 2019

Please note, having paid the deposit, should your child no longer wish to go on the trip we cannot guarantee a refund, unless a replacement is found for the place. Please be aware that if you withdraw your child from the trip for any reason not covered under the terms of the insurance policy, then all monies paid may be non-refundable. Please also note if your child's behaviour gives serious cause for concern between now and the trip, they will be withdrawn, in which case the deposit will not be refunded.

If you child decides to leave TWGGS rather than go into the Sixth Form we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place.

There is no doubt that this will be a fantastic trip and I do hope that your child appreciates how lucky they are to have such generous parents, who are keen to offer them the opportunity to go skiing to America with school friends.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Patterson
Network Manager

Sixth Form Ski Trip 2020

Please return to: Finance Office by 20 May 2019

Our child in Form

Would like to go on the Sixth Form Ski Trip to USA Easter 2020

Signed Name

Contact Email Address.....