

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the highly successful ski trip in December 2018, we are excited to launch our ski trip for Easter 2020 to Bolton Valley, USA.

The Dean Close ski trip is an excellent experience for skiers of all abilities: advanced skiers will find themselves challenged by the instructors whilst beginners will have expert tuition amongst some amazing scenery. The trip insurance guarantees snow cover with the resort having a good record and extensive snow making ability. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer any provision for snowboarders.

**Where:** Bolton Valley & New York, USA  
**When:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
**Travel:** By air – airports to be confirmed  
**Accommodation:** The Inn at Bolton Valley  
**Travel Company:** Select School Travel (ABTA member Y6267)  
**Cost:** £1,650 subject to change depending on numbers

The price includes:

- Return coach travel and transatlantic flights
- 6 nights of ski in/ski out half board hotel accommodation
- 5 days of skiing and a 5 day ski pass
- 5 x 5 hours of ski tuition
- All equipment including helmets (which are compulsory)
- Ben & Jerry's Factory Tour
- One evening night skiing
- Evening entertainment including swimming
- Shopping at Danbury Fair Outlet Centre
- 1 night city stopover in New York
  - Hotel
  - Dinner at Hard Rock Café
  - Breakfast
  - City tour including Staten Island ferry
  - Top of the Rock observatory
- Full insurance

**Resort:** Bolton Valley <https://www.boltonvalley.com>  
**Hotel:** The Inn at Bolton Valley <https://www.boltonvalley.com/lodging>

## Additional items to consider

- Purchasing lunch on the slope (approx. \$10-15 per day)
- Spending money
- Visa Waiver
  - The school will apply for ESTA's for all UK passports
  - All other passport holders will need to apply for the appropriate visa to travel in the USA, a refund will not be given in the situation a visa is unobtainable.

This trip has a limited number of places, so priority will be given to sixth form if the trip is oversubscribed.

Should you wish your child to attend the trip please fill in the google form via the link below and send in a non-refundable deposit of £500 by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** via the methods indicated below. If the trip does not prove viable your deposits will be returned to you.

**Parental consent form link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaUfNXyHO4-iQiA8ZUTuxwGScYedcM6v-XFy7U-ZuuSkKDEA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaUfNXyHO4-iQiA8ZUTuxwGScYedcM6v-XFy7U-ZuuSkKDEA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

\*For parents of fifth form please be aware that if your child does not return to school in September, we will endeavour to fill the place but cannot guarantee a full refund.

### Payment Schedule

Deposit: **£500<sup>1</sup> due Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The balance will be payable in two instalments at the start of Trinity term and Michaelmas term.

Deposits can be paid either directly by bank transfer or by cheque:

Account Name:	Dean Close School
Account Number:	10292443
Sort Code:	40-17-09
Swift Code:	MIDLGB2125K
IBAN No:	GB76MIDL40170910292443
Bank Name:	HSBC Bank Plc
Bank Address:	109 Bath Rd, Cheltenham, Glos., GL53 7RA

<sup>1</sup> We would prefer bank transfer but if paying by cheque please make payable to Dean Close School and mark it 'DCS Ski 2020' on the reverse

<sup>2</sup> Please use 'Ski 2020 <student's full name>' as a reference.

*Whilst launching this exciting ski trip we would like you to be aware that next Easter there is also likely to be a Classics trip running during similar dates.*

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact [jadavis@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:jadavis@deanclose.org.uk) or [spaterson@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:spaterson@deanclose.org.uk).

Best wishes,

**Jacquie Davis**  
**Deputy Head Pastoral**  
**Foundation Lead for Safeguarding**  
Dean Close School, Shelburne Road, Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire, GL51 6HE

01242 258019 | [jadavis@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:jadavis@deanclose.org.uk)

**Sara Paterson**  
**Residential Matron - Shelburne**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Award**  
Dean Close School, Shelburne Road, Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire, GL51 6HE

01242 258000 | [spaterson@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:spaterson@deanclose.org.uk)

