



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

18<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent,

Ski 2019 - Canada - Alberta - Marmot Basin (Jasper National Park)

The ski season 18/19 is about to get underway and by the time we meet in November the first FIS races will have been run and hopefully there will be a nice blanket of snow on the Marmot Basin. Check the opening news from the following link: <https://www.skimarmot.com/mountain-report>.

We are now preparing all the information that the ski resort and company need so that our trip is smooth and efficient. We will be collecting in the items from the list below at our parents meeting which will be held on Thursday 8th November at Queen Mary's High School (not QMGS). The following list includes everything we must collect.

1. Data Collection Form

2. Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) photocopy. This is like a Canadian version of the ESTA needed for the USA. Please note, an ESTA is for a different country and will not work in Canada.

3. A photocopy of your child's passport photo page. This should be in date to March 2019. (6 months is not needed).

I would like to invite all parents and students who are taking part in the trip to an information evening on Thursday 8th November 2018, 6.45 pm to 8.15 pm in the **Richardson Hall, Queen Mary's High School, Upper Forster Street**. The meeting will not be at your child's school but at our sister school. Please do not come to QMGS on that night. Here, Mark Scarrett, Select Ski representative, Mr. Hinks and I will be able to share some information about the resort, accommodation and pistes with you. I'll introduce the team that will be taking your child skiing and provide some insight into the evening activities and our expectations of the students.

We shall also give a small presentation on the kind of kit to take; this will give you an ideal opportunity to ask any questions about clothing and the trip as a whole. Helmets are compulsory for school ski trips from Queen Mary's School. The hire of helmets has been included in the cost of this trip; however, if your daughter/son already has a helmet then encourage them to bring it along.

Parents wishing to purchase ski clothing or accessories may also like to take advantage of the bargains to be had at the following shops in the coming weeks; Lidl, Aldi and TK MAXX. Decathlon in Wednesbury is a good shop for ski wear.

Students who have no ski experience will learn in resort; however, if parents want to arrange any additional lessons independently, this is of course a good idea. Attached to this letter is a letter about an additional opportunity organised by Mr Clements. This is run separately from this main ski trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

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Yours sincerely

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