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23rd January 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of students in Remove to Lower Sixth

Re: The Ladies' College Ski Trip
White Mountains, New Hampshire, USA: 5th to 12th February 2021.

We are pleased to be able to offer your daughter the exciting opportunity to participate in this trip. There are significant benefits to be gained from an overseas trip with the College, allowing girls to develop new skills and confidence outside of the classroom environment, cement relationships among their peers and create lifelong memories.

The cost per student will be £1,669 which includes:

- Return travel from Guernsey Airport via London
- · Accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day
- 5 days of skiing tuition in levelled groups, led by fully qualified, local ski instructors
- An overnight visit to New York City on the way back
- A full programme of excursions and visits as detailed below
- Fully comprehensive insurance covering travel, winter sports and medical expenses
- Rental of skis, boots, helmet (compulsory) and poles
- A trip-branded hoodie

We will be organising the trip through Select School Travel Ltd., a first-class operator backed by ABTA membership and ATOL licensed, ensuring that all payments made are fully secure.

Girls will require pocket money for lunch each day, snacks whilst travelling and any shopping they may wish to do (please see below). Each girl will need a passport valid until at least 14th August 2021 and an ESTA visa waiver, which we can help to process. Girls will need to bring their own appropriate ski clothing and thermals for five days of skiing.

Accommodation during the skiing phase will be at Indian Head Resort near Lincoln, New Hampshire. This is an ideal location, providing high-quality facilities and a varied menu comprising a wide selection of buffet dishes for breakfast and dinner each day. The resort has indoor and outdoor heated swimming pools, and girls will have the opportunity to swim *apres ski* each day under qualified supervision by our own staff.

We will have our own area in the resort. Girls of similar ages will share "twin double" rooms in groups of four. College staff will be on hand throughout the trip to provide a high level of pastoral care. In Miss Johnson, Dr Whelband, Miss Barclay and Mr Fotheringham, I have an excellent team of staff to help provide your daughter with the best possible experience.

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Registrar Miss R McClean Email: registrar@ladiescollege.ac.gg Vice Principal, Bursar & Clerk to the Governors Miss E Bridge MA Oxon, ACA Email: bursar@ladiescollege.ac.gg We will be dividing our skiing between two ski areas, Cannon and Waterville, in order to enjoy a variety of pistes, lifts and conditions; both are a short coach journey from Indian Head. Four hours per day of skiing tuition will be provided; this was the preferred option in our survey but also allows for plenty of remaining energy to enjoy the exciting programme of evening activities.

The provisional programme of evening activities includes Snow Tubing at Loon Mountain, going to an ice hockey match, ice skating, a visit to a local entertainment and shopping plaza and a quiz/disco night in the resort. All participants will be expected to attend these activities. There will be some time each day to relax and recuperate in the resort.

Unfortunately, it appears to be unlikely that snowboarding can be offered on this trip as it seems there will not be a viably sized group of interested girls of a similar level. If you would like your daughter to take part in the trip anyway, but she would prefer to snowboard if possible, and you have not already raised this, please do not wait to apply for a place, but please do get in touch with me as well, at the email address below.

The morning after our final day of skiing, we will leave the mountains behind, stopping to enjoy a few hours and lunch at a large outlet mall to break our journey, before continuing to Manhattan. We plan to have dinner at the Hard Rock Café and take in the views from the top of the Empire State Building. After spending the night in our downtown hotel, we will visit the 9/11 museum and 5th Avenue, and then proceed to JFK airport for our overnight flight back to London.

During the visit there will be occasions when it is more appropriate for girls to be supervised remotely. During these times we will expect the girls to:

- Stay within the boundaries of the area identified by the visit leader
- Return by the time agreed and to the location agreed with the visit leader
- Remain in their allocated buddy groups of 3-4 and, should they become lost, stay together in the same safe place until the staff find them
- Keep their mobile phones switched on and ensure they have the staff contact numbers including the area code in their phones
- Behave in a sensible manner at all times

During remote supervision, some staff will remain at an agreed location in case of difficulty, whilst others will move around the agreed area.

If you would like your daughter to take part in this trip, please complete and return the form attached, and an initial, non-refundable deposit of £300, as soon as possible (by 9.00am on Tuesday 28th January at the latest) in order to secure a place.

Further instalments will be required as follows:

- Second Instalment due by Wednesday, 29th April 2020: £450
- Third Instalment due by Wednesday, 9th September 2020: £450
- Final Instalment due by Wednesday, 25th November 2020: £469

Please note that places on this trip are limited, owing to the restricted number of seats we are able to secure on flights at the base price, and that initial interest has been considerable. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to those who have paid the deposit. A waiting list will be operated for those who just miss the cap, in case we are able to secure a few more places or anybody else has to drop out; payments for those who wish to remain on the waiting list will be held, and subsequently refunded if a place does not

become available. An email will be sent as soon as possible after the waiting list has closed. In the event of payments being received after the closure, these will be returned as soon as possible.

Deposits can be made by submitting a cheque, made payable to The Ladies' College, to Reception, where the date and time will be recorded, and a receipt will be issued. Alternatively, a BACS payment may be made using the bank details below. The date and time of receipt by our bank will be noted.

A/C Name: The Ladies' College

Natwest Bank

A/C Number: 06017614 Sort code: 60-09-20

Reference: SKI21/surname

Amount: £300.00

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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