

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

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## Ski Trip USA 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your patience with regards to the Sunday River, USA Ski Trip 2020. I have received an overwhelming response from those interested in joining the Ski Trip and have been liaising with the Ski Company to gain as many places as I can. I have increased the size of the group to 120 pupils; however even with that many places, the trip is still oversubscribed. I have tried to secure more places due to the level of interest, however, 120 is the maximum number.

All reply slips from pupils/parents were handed in before the deadline was met, so to make it fair, we have decided to issue places based on payment of deposit, on a first come first served basis. **ParentMail will start to accept deposit payments on Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> **February 2019 from 7.30pm**.

If the 120 places are filled, ParentMail will subsequently offer the opportunity to add your son's name to a Reserve List. There are other trips that have been organised recently that could affect the number of students who wish to participate, so this may not be needed.

The trip will cost £1604 and will take place in April 2020, going to Sunday River in Maine USA, with an additional stopover in New York staying at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Times Square. A non-refundable deposit of £300 will secure a place and then 8 further instalments of £163 will be due from March 2019 to October 2019. Please note that failure to keep up with payments could lose your child's place and also could incur costs of cancellation.

Sunday River in the United States. Known for its dependable snow record, Sunday River stretches across 870 acres of New England territory with 135 trails giving all level of skiers great slopes to practice and improve their skills. Novices will have plenty of room to develop their skills with 41 green circle runs alone. 48 runs are set out for intermediates to discover award-winning cruisers of Lollapalooza and Excalibur. Experienced skiers looking for a challenge can look no further than White Heat. Regarded as the longest, steepest, widest lift-serviced trail in the east, White Heat is one of Sunday River's toughest and a must for all the experts. The resort also offers up 24 black diamond and 22 double diamond runs to keep your expert skiers happy all week.

https://www.skibound.co.uk/destination/east-coast-usa/sunday-river/grand-summit-hotel



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The Grand Summit Hotel provides school parties with instant access to the White Cap Base Area with a good choice of beginner and intermediate runs close by. A regular trolley service is also on hand to connect skiers with further areas of the mountain with doorstep skiing allowing a gentle glide back to base. After maximising time spent outdoors you'll discover clean and comfortable fully-facilitated accommodation designed for four students sharing two double or queen-size beds. Explore the hotel a little further and there's a games room with snack bar, spacious reception with open fire and an outdoor heated swimming pool, perfect after a solid day's skiing. Breakfast is hosted by the extravagant South Ridge Base Lodge with evening meals at the hotel for a comfy end to the day. The hotels function rooms, which sits alongside a meeting room, can be used by school parties wishing for a bit of group privacy. With a sauna and fitness centre for adults only and plenty of local apres ski, including: bowling lanes and games arcades this is a great choice for the whole gang and guaranteed to get the thumbs up on the east coast. In a nutshell: luxury accommodation with good choice of in-house and downtown things to do.

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