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Dear Parents/Carers

Trip: Madrid 31st March – 4th April 2024

Trip Leader: Mr Tapia Meza

The MFL department are excited to inform you about our upcoming trip to Madrid, Spain!

To complement current classroom studies of Spanish, the MFL department is delighted to offer the opportunity for next year's Year 10 students (those currently in Year 9) to experience at first hand the rich cultural heritage of Madrid.

The trip will depart on 31st March 2025, returning on the 4th April 2025 (the week before Easter). This is an amazing opportunity for students to take part in a cultural trip, where they will immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of the capital of Spain whilst enhancing their knowledge and practising their Spanish!

The trip will provide an exclusive opportunity for students to discover how their studies can be used in real life contexts and to appreciate the differences in foreign culture first-hand. The ethos is all about combining Spanish language immersion with fun hands-on experiences and activities. During the trip, students will visit several locations, most of them aimed at improving cultural and language skills. Activities and excursions include a trip to Plaza Mayor, the Palacio Real de Madrid, Stadium Santiago Bernabeu (home of Real Madrid) and the Prado Museum.

We will be using a dedicated school tour operator to help organise the tour: Voyager School Travel. They are accredited members of the School Travel Forum (STF) which means that all the organised elements of the trip have been strictly risk assessed by professionals in line with national guidance. Voyager School Travel are a fully-bonded member of ABTA (The Association of British Travel Agents) and so the booking is financially protected. Voyager is a trusted organisation and will be responsible for providing flights to/from Spain and transfers within Madrid [and insurance].

Where will students be staying?

We will be staying in the hostel Latroupe Prado Madrid (City Centre), just a few minutes from the Atocha railway station, the starting point for the museum route, and some 10 minutes from the Lavapies, Las Letras and Latina neighbourhoods. Accommodation will include Breakfast and Evening Meal. Students will be in multi-bedded single-sex rooms, with a maximum of four students per room.

Pricing, deposits and what's included

The cost of the trip will be £725 (based on a minimum group of 40 students). This price includes return flights from Manchester Airport, coach transfers from/to Manchester and Madrid Airports, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, all excursion costs (including transport to/from) and travel insurance. The price does not include personal expenditure, lunches and drinks (except water) with meals, and we recommend students bring an additional minimum of £50.00 per student to cover this cost. Dinner will be in a local Spanish restaurant each night, allowing the student's to really get a flavour for the city, the culture, and order in Spanish!

The payment schedule for this is below:

£100 non-refundable deposit to secure a spot	Due by 05/07/2024
£150 second payment	Due by 30/08/2024
£475 final balance	To be received no later than 06/01/2025

If your child receives free school meals, half of the total cost (excluding personal expenditure, lunches and drinks) will be covered by the school.

If you have any problems making payments please contact finance@qegs.email.

PLEASE NOTE PUPILS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN PASSPORT (with at least 6 months before expiry) at the time of the trip.

Who is the trip open to?

Places are limited to 40 students and those students taking Spanish as a GCSE will have priority on this trip, and it will be operated on a first come, first served basis. If we are unable to fill 40 places from those choosing Spanish GCSE next year, the trip will be opened up to all Year 10 students.

How can I secure my child a place on this trip?

A link will be sent to those students enrolled on the Spanish GCSE course from September soon. This link will allow students and Parents/Carers to secure a place and pay the first deposit through ParentPay. If the full 40 places are not taken up via this initial link, the link will be sent to the remaining students moving into Year 10 in September.

This truly is an exciting trip and is the first for QEGS since before the Covid-19 pandemic and is an excellent chance for your child to experience first-hand the Spanish culture.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact me on tapiameza@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk, or any member of the MFL department.

Yours faithfully

Mr E Tapia Meza
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

**by clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child. Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.*