

Dear Parents and Carers,

Madrid: Friday 9th March – Monday 12th March 2018

The Languages department are excited to be offering the opportunity for 30 students from Year 10 (Academic Year 2017-2018) to visit Madrid, Spain. This trip will enable students to practise their Spanish language skills and to experience Spanish culture first hand. The proposed itinerary for the trip in brief is:

- Visit to Bernabeu Stadium and Real Madrid shop.
- Walking tour of Madrid visiting important sites.
- Tapas evening in a typical restaurant.
- Visit to The Royal Palace.
- Prado museum/ Reina Sofia Museum.
- Trip outside the city to a typical Spanish village.

Date	Activity
Friday 9 th March 2018	Depart school, coach to Luton airport and flight to Madrid. Check into Hotel. Activities in city. Reina Sofia museum. Evening meal included.
Saturday 10 th March 2018	Breakfast at hotel. Visit the Bernabeu stadium, lunch, trip out of the city and evening meal included.
Sunday 11 th March 2018	Breakfast at hotel. Prado museum and walking tour of city. Tapas evening.
Monday 12 th March 2018	Breakfast at hotel. Shopping in ABC Serrano shopping centre. Lunch. Depart for Madrid airport. Return flight.

The accommodation is bed, breakfast and evening meal only, therefore sufficient funds will need to be allocated to pupils for the purchase of lunch. The hostel is in the centre of Madrid and there are many fast food restaurants as well as typical Spanish restaurants which sell reasonably priced meals; we are suggesting a budget of 10 euros per day will need to be added to the cost of this trip for this.

A voluntary contribution* of £400 is needed for the trip to run. Please be aware the trip may have to be cancelled should these contributions not be forthcoming. In addition, once pupils have committed to the trip by paying the initial deposit of £200, they cannot withdraw from the trip without losing all money paid. This will cover travel, accommodation, breakfast, evening meal, entrance fees and travel insurance.

The trip will be filled on a first come first served basis and is looking to be a popular choice; numbers however will be limited to 30.

Payments can be made in four instalments through the online payment system, ParentPay, for which you will have received your activation letter and instructions. Should you require your ParentPay details to be sent to you again please email parentpay@thedustonschool.northants.sch.uk with your child's name and tutor group. Please be aware that this process should be done in advance of the deposit due date.

A deposit of £200 will be required to secure your child's place on this trip and must be paid by Saturday 9th September. Parent pay will be opened at 6pm Friday 8th September 2017. Payments will be non - refundable**, should you decide to cancel your placement; unless a replacement willing to cover payments can be found. **Pupils must have 96% attendance or above to be allowed to come on the trip therefore if their attendance slips then they risk being withdrawn and any monies paid will not be refunded.**

INSTALMENT	DATE DUE	AMOUNT
Deposit	Saturday 9 th September 2017	£200
2 nd Instalment	Tuesday 31 st October 2017	£100
Final payment	Thursday 30 th November 2017	£100

Students will need a child passport valid for the duration of the visit. Please be aware that we anticipate collecting passports and EHIC cards well in advance of the trip. These will be kept securely in school with a provisional collection deadline of Thursday 1st February when there will be a final meeting to discuss arrangements for the trip. If you anticipate going abroad with your child between this date and the trip, please contact the school as soon as possible, so a different arrangement can be made.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students, the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds or monies paid will be forthcoming.

An information evening will be held shortly before the Christmas holiday with further information on the trip. However if you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Greaves
Lead Teacher of MFL

*** Dates may change slightly.

** Payments will be refundable in the event of the school cancelling the trip.

* Please refer to the remissions section of the Charging Policy available on request or on the school website.

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