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Dear Parent/Carer

Visit to Madrid, Spain (by air)
KS4 Spanish, 20th – 24th June 2015

We are aware your child is starting a Spanish GCSE in September 2014. In order to help maximise his/her chances of gaining the best possible GCSE grade in this subject, as well as develop an awareness of the country, we would like to ask your child to participate in a 5 day intensive study visit to Madrid in June 2015 as part of his/her preparation for the KS4 Spanish course. The itinerary involves visits and activities relevant to Spanish and is constructed around the study needs of all students. The trip will be led by specialist Spanish teachers who know both the requirements of the KS4 course as well as having a good working knowledge of Madrid.

Our visit to Madrid will incorporate cultural and linguistic events. We will spend a morning and lunchtime at our partner school in Madrid. Our partner school will also arrange for us to have a tour of a Spanish company which will give students a valuable insight into the world of work in Spain. We will look at Spanish working practices and draw comparisons. We will visit the main historical sites and art galleries such as the Reina Sofia as well as visit local markets, parks and outdoor swimming pools. There will also be the opportunity for a trip outside of Madrid on public transport.

All visits on the trip will allow students to practise some of the language they will have prepared in class. Tasks will be given to students that are specifically related to the syllabus, and will prepare them for their KS4 Spanish oral and/or written examinations. For all students, the trip will enhance cultural and linguistic knowledge and offer work experience opportunities abroad at a later date, if desired.

Travel details and cost of trip

Details are attached of the cost of the trip and eligibility for participation. All students will require a **valid passport** and an **EHIC Card**. This replaces the old form E111 which is no longer valid. This can be applied for on-line at www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyandGuidance/HealthAdviceforTravellers/fs/en.

The total cost of the trip **will not exceed** £490 which can be paid in instalments. Please find attached details of what is included in the price. We appreciate this is a large amount of money and are therefore advertising the visit 12 months in advance. We do believe the trip will be very beneficial and will offer a wide variety of relevant linguistic and cultural experiences.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the parent's consent form to the finance office as soon as possible, enclosing a **non-refundable deposit of £120** (cheques made payable to Sackville School); alternatively you can pay online. **We request you send in a deposit NO LATER THAN Friday 5th September 2014. It is vital we adhere to this date so we can qualify for an early booking discount from the travel company and hopefully reduce the price of the trip slightly.**

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Valentine.

Yours sincerely

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KS4 Spanish Visit To Madrid, Spain 20th - 24th June 2015

Criteria for participation:

All students must study Spanish in year 9

Dates: 20th – 24th June 2015

Transport: Return flights to Madrid and transfers to/from the airport.

All transport on Madrid underground, buses, coach and boats included.

Accommodation: Bed, breakfast and most evening meals in a 2* hotel in central Madrid. All rooms have en-suite facilities.

Food: all breakfasts and some lunches and evening meals included.

Visits: all costs of visits and workshops to sites included in price.

Provisional itinerary (which is subject to change):

Saturday 20th June

Depart Gatwick for early morning flight to Madrid.
Arrive accommodation; safety procedures.
Evening activity in central Madrid.

Sunday 21st June

Morning: Visit famous Madrid flea market. Spanish language activities.
Afternoon visit to parks and swimming pool.
Evening lesson and activity.

Monday 22nd June

Morning: Visit and tour of Spanish school. Lunch in school.
Afternoon: Structured tour of Madrid.
Visit art galleries.
Evening activity with Spanish students from partner school.

Tuesday 23rd June

Day visit to town outside of Madrid.

Wednesday 24th June

Sightseeing in Madrid.
Depart for home journey.

Cost: not exceeding **£490**, to be paid in instalments.

