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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and NVQ Spanish Study Visit to Madrid: 21st June – 25th June 2014

I am very pleased to announce details of the Spanish trip to Madrid for students of Spanish in year 10 which will take place in June 2014.

We are inviting students who are studying Spanish to GCSE or NVQ to take part in this five day educational study trip, from Saturday 21st June to Wednesday 25th June 2013. The trip will be organised and run by Mrs Valentine and Mr Green (Teachers of MFL).

This visit will be a valuable educational experience for students of Spanish. During their visit your child will stay in a hotel in Madrid. The hotel is perfectly placed for visits to the sites of the capital city. We hope to organise visits to a Spanish school and nursery, art galleries and possibly the football stadium of Real Madrid. Leisure activities will include sport in the local parks and swimming in open air pools in Madrid.

As well as enjoying all that the area has to offer, your child will spend some time every day in class, studying Spanish. Topics directly related to the GCSE and NVQ exams and portfolios will be studied. The focus will be on functional language your child will then have the opportunity to try out when on their excursions. On our school and nursery visit, your child will meet Spanish students of their own age and take part in activities with them.

We will be staying in bed and breakfast accommodation in a hotel in Madrid. Some evening meals will be included in the price and will be booked at local restaurants and tapas bars. This way, your child will have the opportunity not only to practice their language skills but also to experience the Spanish culture.

In order to make this trip as affordable as possible, we will be travelling by EasyJet flights from Gatwick. Exact timings are not known as yet. Whilst in Madrid, your child will travel on the underground and buses and will be closely supervised by us at all times.

We will be travelling on individual passports – your child will require his/her own valid passport. You will need to apply for this in advance of the trip.

The exact price of the trip will cost no more than £490 – possibly less, dependant on numbers. You are invited to make a voluntary contribution which will secure your child's place covering bed and breakfast, at least two evening meals, travel, insurance, and all entrance fees and excursions for the planned activities. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, you are invited to contact me in confidence to discuss whether it is possible to reach some mutual arrangement.





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In order to guarantee a place on the trip we need to receive an initial deposit **of £125 by Monday 14th October** together with the attached slip, consent form and a photo copy of the back page of your child's passport – if they have one. ***Please ensure your child's name is printed on this slip as it appears on his/her birth certificate or passport, as this is needed to book the airline tickets.*** I apologise for the tight deadline but this is in order for us to secure our budget flights, we need to forward details to the travel company as soon as possible. The remaining £365 will be payable in instalments as follows:

Friday 15th November - £150
Friday 24th January - £150
Friday 28th March - £65

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries about the trip.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Valentine
MFL Teacher

Please return this slip to: Mrs H Valentine - Spanish Trip to Madrid

Child's name: _____ Form: _____

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the above trip.

I enclose a photocopy of the back page of his / her passport

OR

I have printed here how my child's name appears on the his / her birth certificate and will apply for a passport

I enclose cash/a cheque made payable to Sackville School/I have paid online the deposit of £125 (please delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

