

9th October 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Year 9 (current Year 8) Spain (Andalucia) Trip – October 2019

The Modern Languages Faculty proposes to take a party of approx. 21 current Year 8 students to Spain during the next academic year from the **Friday before October half term 2019 returning the Tuesday of the October half term holiday** inclusive.

The 5-day visit will cost £660 (subject to 21 pupils attending, should it be less the price may increase) and will include:

- Return flights to Malaga (hand luggage only)
- Private coach for airport transfers and all excursions in Spain
- Comprehensive medical insurance.
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation and all meals

The following visits are also included in the price:

- Excursion to Granada (Visit the city centre, Alhambra Palace and Gardens)
- Excursion to Sevilla (Visit the city centre, Cathedral and Giralda tower)
- Excursion to Malaga (Visit the city centre, Alcazaba fortress and Mirador Gibralfaro for Tapas lunch)
- Flamenco show and workshops with local artists
- Language and Cultural workshops
- Beach sports activity

I have initial places for a party of 21 pupils. If you would like your son/daughter to participate, please pay a deposit of £195, via ParentPay, **no later than Friday 16th November 2018**. **The deposit will be non-refundable if your child decides to withdraw, or is removed due to poor behaviour, after having been selected.**

The final balance will be paid in 3 instalments as follow:

- £195 – 15 February 2019
- £195 – 12 April 2019
- £75 – 21 June 2019

The option to pay in full, or to pay more than the minimum each time, is also available. Students may also check in a hold piece of luggage for an additional **cost of approx. £50**.

Please note that cheques and cash will no longer be accepted in the school office. All payments will need to be made online at www.ParentPay.com through your activated account. If you do not have access to the internet, you will need to contact the school to request a barcoded letter and pay at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

It is a tremendous responsibility for staff to take a group of young people on educational visits, particularly when these are abroad. It is vital that those pupils who are considered for inclusion on such a visit must be those who have exhibited maturity and self-discipline in school. The school, therefore, reserves the right to refuse to take any pupil who has shown irresponsibility or consistent lack of self-discipline within school.

When I have a full list of participants, I will hold a meeting for parents to give you full details of our itinerary.

Please note that the rules for travel to most countries in Europe will change if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) with no deal in March 2019. Therefore, all British passport holders must have at least six months remaining on their passport from your date of arrival, otherwise they may be refused entry. This applies to adult and child passports. It is also **a school requirement that a parent or carer must hold a current passport in cases of emergency**; if you renewed a 10 year adult passport before it expired, extra months may have been added to your passport's expiry date. These extra months will not count.

If you have any questions or queries about this proposed visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Proffitt', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

Mrs N. Proffitt
Head of Modern Foreign Languages