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Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Exchange trip to Barcelona – January & March 2025

Following fifteen successful Spanish Exchanges to Barcelona, I am pleased to announce the sixteenth Spanish Exchange to take place in 2025. We have an established link with the Colegi Sagrada Familia, Sant Andreu, Barcelona and are very much looking forward to strengthening friendships and links made in previous visits.

Colegi Sagrada Familia is a mixed private school of over 1000 pupils between the ages of 3 and 18. We have been given a very warm welcome by the Head and his staff over the past 14 years and by all the pupils and families involved. They have successfully carried out 20 years of exchanges with New Jersey in the USA, Bonn in Germany, Carcassonne in France and Lit in Sweden.

The Spanish Exchanges are hugely successful and greatly improve speaking performance in the language and heighten cultural awareness; The Spanish students will be coming here **5th - 11th March 2025**; We are intending to visit Spain for one week from **9th - 16th January 2025** (*these dates are subject to minor change dependent on available flights*).

This visit to Spain will comprise of a mixture of days spent in school and excursions into Barcelona and the surrounding area; including a visit to the Nou Camp stadium and the Picasso museum. The school will put on special lessons of our choosing, a lesson in Catalan and an official welcome. The Deputy Head has connections with Barcelona FC and would be able to get tickets to a match should the fixtures coincide. The school uses adjacent sports facilities and arranges competitions between the two schools.

Cost

The cost will mainly depend on the price of the airfare to Barcelona. We anticipate it to be no more than **£565.00**. This will include return flights to Spain, transfer to the school and back, all excursions (except if they go to Barcelona FC,) insurance and board and lodgings. You will be expected to provide board and lodgings for a Spanish guest for one week in return.

We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no student will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made, we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

Application process

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#) using this [link](#). Once numbers are confirmed, we will email to request you to complete the Trip Form and to pay any deposit/full payment via ParentPay. The deposit will be non-refundable once places have been allocated. **Deadline for completion of this form is 9am on Monday 24th June 2024.**

Additional information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains important information regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school

Yours faithfully

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Head of Spanish