**Cantabria, Spain**

**Year 8 and Year 9 Summer Trip: June 26th – 29th 2023**

September 2022

Dear Parents,

Following the very successful trip to Cantabria in July 2019, we invite your son to join us on a similar education venture next June. Our proposed itinerary:

**Monday 26th June:** Meet at school Bridge House Theatre at 6:30 am for departure by coach to UK airport. Flight from a London airport to Bilbao airport. Transfer to hotel in Spain by coach. Settle in, dinner, beach, bed.

**Tuesday 27th:** Morning in Santillana del Mar, a mediaeval town, and then to the picturesque coastal town of Comillas to visit Gaudí’s ‘El Capricho’. Many of Gaudí’s famous buildings are in Barcelona and so this is a good opportunity to visit one situated very much out on a limb <https://www.elcaprichodegaudi.com/>.

Afternoon: walk around Santander and ice-cream. Return to hotel, dinner, beach, bed.

**Wednesday 28th:** Day trip to El Soplao caves, <https://www.elsoplao.es/en/> considered to be a geological treasure, discovered by accident by miners in 1908. Afternoon: boat trip - bay of Santander. Return to hotel, dinner, beach, bed.

**Thursday 29th:** Trip to Cabárceno Wildlife Park, cable car across the top of the park <https://www.spain.info/en/leisure-parks/cabarceno-nature-park/>. Then onward trip to airport. Arrival at Warwick School to be confirmed, but likely to be late evening.

**Accommodation**

4 days and 3 nights full board at the seaside hotel, Hotel Campomar, Isla, Cantabria <https://www.hotelcampomar.com/>.

**Requirements for Travel to Spain**

Your son will need a valid passport for the visit. It is important that the expiry date is at least three months after the return date of our trip. Your son will also need a General Health Insurance Card or a European Health Insurance Card if this is still valid, which you will need to provide at a later date.

Currently, all travellers from the UK to Spain must show valid proof of one of the following upon entry:

* being fully vaccinated.
* a negative COVID-19 test: either a PCR taken within 72 hours prior to departure, or an antigen test taken within 24 hours prior to departure.
* having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months.

Any of the above may change and we will follow the government guidelines via the link <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/spain/entry-requirements>.

**Trip Cost**

The cost of the trip will be £800 to include all meals (apart from during the outward journey), transport, accommodation, travel insurance and all activities.

**In order to confirm your son’s place on the trip, we will require a deposit of £300 by Monday 10th October.**

The remaining balance of £500 will be added to the Lent Term bill

Please be advised that should you wish to cancel after paying the deposit, there may be extra cancellation charges as well as a loss of the £300.

**Signing Up**

The trip is open to all Year 8 boys who wish to continue Spanish for at least one more year and to Year 9 boys who are likely to choose Spanish for GCSE. Please use the online booking system on EVOLVE to sign your son up for the trip. Booking links will be sent out between 19:00 and 19:30 on Monday 3rd October.

There are 40 places available on the trip, which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Your son’s place will only be guaranteed once you have booked him onto the trip via EVOLVE and transferred a non-refundable deposit of £300.

Once you have clicked the booking link, the EVOLVE trips system will automatically confirm whether he has a place. Once the place has been confirmed, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £300 by BACS to:

Bank: Lloyds

Sort Code: 30-99-15

Account: 00734106

Ref: 3W0241 and child’s name

Once all places have been filled, the remaining boys will be placed on a waiting list. Please do not transfer the deposit until we have confirmed that your son has a place on the trip.

I very much hope that your son will consider joining this enriching excursion in a beautiful part of Northern Spain where tourism is still not too prevalent, and temperatures are usually around the low 20s in June.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Goodbourn

Head of Spanish, Assistant Head of MFL and Trip Leader