

16 November 2017

Dear Parent /Carer

Madrid 2018

Monday 9 – Friday 13 July 2018

During Activities Week 2018 the MFL faculty would like to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to visit one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Madrid, where students will experience a variety of cultural and linguistic opportunities. The adventure will include visiting the historical highlights offered by the city of Madrid: Plaza Mayor, Retiro Park, Plaza de España, Puerta del Sol, Museum Reina Sofia. The students will be treated to a full day at Warner Brothers Theme Park, offering endless thrills and spills in Spain's most famous theme park. To change the pace we will be visiting San Miguel, Madrid's bustling and colourful indoor market before strolling along to Caixa Forum and the Gran Via where there will be the opportunity to do some souvenir shopping. To take advantage of the Spanish weather we will take a trip to enjoy the adrenaline rush that is the Aquapolis water park.

We will fly from Bristol Airport on Monday 9 July (time to be confirmed). We will then be transferred to the Hat Hostel in Madrid where we will be staying for 4 nights on a half board basis. We will be returning on Friday 13 July.

The cost of the trip is **£600**. This includes: travel, an item of hold baggage, entry to all places and food (breakfast and evening meals only). In order to secure a place on the trip, please pay **£120** non-refundable deposit via ParentPay along with the return of the Essential Information Form and a signed copy of the Terms and Conditions by **30th November 2017**.

In cases of financial hardship, the school may be able to offer assistance towards the cost of this trip/activity. Please write to the Head of School in confidence detailing your circumstances and the amount you are able to contribute.

Please note that places on this trip are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis on receipt of **both** deposit and Essential Information form along with the signed Terms and Conditions. The trip will be available on Parentpay from mid-day on **Monday 20 November 2017**.

We have broken down the rest of the payments over the year (please see the Terms and Conditions attached). However, should you wish to pay in one payment this can be arranged.

The viability of the trip does depend on all students who have booked a place participating. If, due to exceptional circumstances, you feel you must withdraw your son/daughter you must contact me urgently to discuss the circumstances. Please be aware that should you withdraw your child after **Friday 30 March 2018**, the full amount of the cost of the trip is non-refundable and you remain liable for any outstanding payments. Students will only be able to participate if full payment has been received. Please be aware that any student whose behaviour is deemed unacceptable during the year will not be allowed to participate in this trip.

Please note that there will be a wider range of activities offered at school during activities week that your son/daughter may prefer to take part in rather than the Madrid residential trip.

Finally, if you have any queries at this stage concerning this residential experience then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Maringo
Trip Leader