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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 Enrichment Trip to Barcelona, Spain – Sagrada Familia, city tour, visits to Park Guell, Poble Espanyol, Montjuic Cable Car ride and day in Port Aventura Theme Park.

As part of curriculum enrichment week the school is offering an opportunity for Year 9 pupils to take part in a five day visit to Spain, leaving school on Monday 8 July 2024 and returning on Friday 12 July 2024.

The tour provider that we are using for the trip, Rondo Travel is our new partner for residentials, and they have a track record of successful trips across the globe. Rondo Travel provide fully guided tours with excellent itineraries. Our group will be fully accompanied by a knowledgeable and experienced tour guide. Our tour guide not only adds to the security of the enrichment trip, they also give compelling guided tours both around Barcelona and the attractions being visited. Rondo have sourced the best hostels and excursions to include in our itineraries, as well as some of the country's most reliable partners.

The cost of the trip to Spain will be **£796 per person**. This includes all meals, transport, insurance, the services of a specialist tour guide and entry into all museums and sites (including Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, Montjuic cable car ride, tapas evening and Port Aventura Theme park). Pupils will also need to bring some personal spending money with them.

Accommodation will be in a top of the range Barcelona hostel, and pupils will have ensuite bathroom and toilet facilities in each room.

Please be aware that we may have to split the groups in different hostel(s) of the same high standards, and stagger our itineraries due to group sizes. We will try our best to accommodate everyone within their groups of friends but staff will ultimately make the final decisions on pupils room allocations. We will ensure that all pupils meet up for the day in Port Aventura Theme Park.

Parents/guardians of pupils who book the trip will be invited to an evening presentation event before departure where the travel company and I will be available to answer your questions.

Please note that as this is an enrichment visit, the trip includes a number of 'remote supervision' opportunities where pupils are given independent time away from supervising adults to bond with their friends and be out of direct contact with adults, for example in Barcelona when shopping on the Ramblas and for the day at Port Aventura. Whilst adults are



on hand at meeting points and available to be contacted by mobile phone during these periods, if you feel your child will not be comfortable or capable of participating in remote supervision with other pupils you should not book a place on this visit and instead choose one of the in-school activities during curriculum enrichment week.

We will be travelling by coach and plane to Barcelona, Spain. Flights are departing with Vueling from London Gatwick. Below is a list of some of the activities we have arranged with Rondo Travel:

- A guided tour of Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's world-renowned, unfinished cathedral
- A visit of Poble Espanyol mini-village at the heart of Barcelona, famous for its multi-coloured umbrellas
- A visit to Las Ramblas market
- A ticket for Montjuic Cable Car for amazing views of the city from up high
- A walk through world-famous Park Guell and its magnificent mosaic work
- A full day at Park Aventura Theme park
- An authentic tapas evening meal in Barcelona's most famous tapas neighbourhood

All meals excluding lunch on the first day are included. We will have a continental breakfast at the hotel every morning, a packed lunch during the day and a hot evening meal at the hostel, with one meal in a typical Barcelona tapas restaurant.

Contract, terms and conditions

A place will only be allocated to a pupil once the contract has been signed and returned to school and the deposit has been paid via ParentPay. Payment alone will not reserve a place for a pupil.

Please find attached the contract, terms and conditions for this visit. Please sign and retain the pink copy for your records. The green copy must be returned to school immediately to secure your child's place (payment of the deposit signifies a provisional reservation only – if the contract is not received immediately, the place will be forfeited and offered to another child on the waiting list).

Please note that there are limited places available and, therefore, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once we are at maximum capacity, ParentPay will automatically remove the visit from your account so you will no longer see it as available for payment. Please see the attached contract for specific details of payment schedules, terms and conditions.

If you would like any further information about the trip or would like to discuss if this trip is suitable for your child then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



Mr Matthieu Raffy

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