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Dear Families

GCSE and A-Level Spanish Trip to Madrid - Sunday 12 October 2025

The languages department is delighted to offer current Year 10 and Year 12 Spanish students the opportunity to visit the Spanish capital, Madrid, from Sunday 12 October to Wednesday 15 October 2025. During the visit, students will have the opportunity to practice the Spanish learned in their lessons in a range of real world contexts, as well as developing their understanding of Spanish culture and history through a range of activities, workshops and visits.

Across four days, students will be able to discover the rich history of Madrid by visiting the Royal Palace, home to King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, and the National History Museum, explore works by Picasso (including 'Guernica') and Goya at the *Reina Sofía* and *Prado* art galleries, purchase ingredients for and cook a traditional Spanish dish for dinner, and enjoy Churros at the world-renowned *Chocolatería San Gines*. Also planned are a guided tour of the newly-renovated *Santiago Bernabéu* stadium, home to Real Madrid CF - Europe's most successful football club - and free time in the *Plaza Mayor*, *Mercado San Miguel* and *Gran Vía*. We are sure you will agree that such a varied programme of activities ensures there will be something for everyone.

The estimated cost per student for the visit is £700. Included in the price are return flights with British Airways from London Heathrow - including checked baggage - coach transfers to and from school and our accommodation in Madrid, half-board accommodation at Room00 Hostel on Gran Vía, Madrid's "Oxford Street", all activities and visits, and all internal costs. Students will additionally need to budget for lunches and bring some spending money for souvenirs. Please note that, due to the trip being planned in advance and due to the nature of fuel costs, we may need to adjust the trip cost should the price for the carriage of passengers change. We will be sure to communicate this in good time should this be the case.

We have 40 available places on the trip, accompanied by four staff. Should you wish for your child to be considered for the trip, please make an initial deposit payment of £120 by 3.00pm by Monday 24 March 2025. Payment should be made via the MCAS app, and a guide to accessing the app can be found [here](#). A further payment schedule for those students who have secured a place on the trip will then start from April, with five monthly payments of £116 until the final payment in August. Please note that deposits will only be refunded if the trip does not run, and that all monies forwarded to our tour provider are non-refundable.

We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. We therefore invite our families to get in touch with us, where needed, regarding a bespoke package of support. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#). **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**



We are thoroughly excited to give your children the opportunity to discover one of Europe's truly great cities, and look forward to the positive impact it will have on their Spanish ahead of their exams in 2026.

Yours sincerely

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