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Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Study Visit to Catalonia and Barcelona

I am very pleased to announce details of the Spanish trip to Catalonia and Barcelona for students of Spanish in year 8, (currently in year 7), which will take place in June 2015.

We are inviting students who are studying Spanish to take part in this seven day trip, from Saturday 30th May to Friday 5th June 2015. Please note that the first two days of this fall during the half term holiday.

This visit will be a valuable experience for students of Spanish. During their visit all students will stay in the Costa Brava resort of Tossa del Mar, which is perfectly placed for day excursions to Barcelona. We will spend two days visiting Barcelona, where students will visit Gaudi's famous Sagrada Familia cathedral, the Camp Nou football stadium, and Gaudi's Parc Guell, as well as visiting Barcelona's famous city sites, such as Las Ramblas and the gothic quarter.

As well as enjoying all that the area has to offer, students will spend some time every day in class, studying Spanish. The focus will be on functional language that students will then have the opportunity to try out when on their excursions.

We will be staying in full board accommodation in a three star hotel in Tossa del Mar. All meals are included from arrival in the resort and will be provided by the hotel. Meals for the return journey are also included but students will need to bring food for the outward journey.

In order to make this trip as affordable as possible, we will be travelling by coach and ferry or shuttle, leaving Sackville at around 4pm on Saturday 30th May, and arriving at our accommodation at 1pm on Sunday 31st May. On the return journey we will leave Tossa del Mar at 1pm on Thursday 4th June and arrive back at school at around midday on Friday 5th June. Students will therefore spend 2 nights on the coach and 4 nights at the hotel.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £415 which will cover full board accommodation, travel, insurance, and all entrance fees and excursions for the planned activities. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

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In order to guarantee a place on the trip we need to receive an initial deposit of £50 by Thursday 1st May, together with the attached slip. The remaining £365 will be payable in monthly instalments of £50 on the first of each month from June to January. There are two exceptions to this. There will be no payment in August and the final payment in January can be made on the first day of term. This final payment will be for £65, not £50. Payments can be made online using the school's trip payment system. Alternatively, cheques can be handed in by students in person at the finance office between the hours of 8am and 3.30pm. Whichever payment option is selected, the reply slip below must be handed in to the finance office. Please note that cash payments cannot be accepted.

Please also indicate on the slip if your child has his/her own valid passport. We need to know this information so that we can organise a collective passport if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any further queries about the trip.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Bolton
Trip Leader

Please return this slip to: Mrs Baldwin – finance officer

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Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like to reserve a place for my child on the above trip.

My child does/does not have his/her own passport*.

I have made a £50 online payment/I have enclosed a cheque payable to Sackville School for £50.*

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Date _____

*Please delete as appropriate.

