

5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Valencia Trip, July 2020**

I am writing to you to update you about the Spanish Trip to Valencia I am now pleased to say that we are able to run the trip with 30 Y9 students participating. Mr White, Ms Allan and I will be accompanying the trip from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

I would also like to inform you that we will now be travelling from Gatwick with Easyjet. This will be a hand luggage only flight, however, it will be hot weather and for a short period so I do not foresee this being a problem. We have also booked two checked in cases which will be used to transport a small toiletries bag for each student to allow suntan cream to be packed and any other essential items that exceed 100ml. I will inform you in due course about weight limit per student.

Travel will be organised from The Blue School by coach. We will be leaving school at 1.00am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and there is a very late arrival on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July into Gatwick and hence the subsequent arrival at school at 1.30am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This change of flight has also resulted in a reduction of the final cost for students with the exception of those who joined the trip later. The final total for the trip is now £540 for most students and I will contact the parents individually of those who joined the trip later to let them know exact cost.

I would now like to invite you to an information meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.00pm in MG2 in which you will be given further information about the trip, information about travel arrangements and accommodation and meet all the staff accompanying the trip.

Please could you now provide a photocopy of your child's passport if you have not already done so or could your child bring their passport to the MFL office in Milton to be photocopied. Due to the EU exit we have been advised that passports must have more than six months validity remaining from the date of travel. Therefore could you please check the expiry date of your child's passport and renew if required.

By the time of our meeting in May, the travel situation to Spain in relation to Coronavirus will be clearer. Please be reassured that we will follow the most up to date Government travel advice available at the time of departure in July. As of today, the trip is proceeding as planned.

Could I also remind you that the third instalment of £150 was due on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

I look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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