

18 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Y10 Spanish Trip to Madrid– Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Following the highly successful trip last year, I am pleased to announce that we are able to offer Y10 students of Spanish the opportunity to go to Madrid from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The trip is being run in conjunction with the travel company European Study Tours; a travel company we used last year and used by other local schools and students will be accompanied by members of The Blue School staff.

Madrid and Avila/Segovia have been chosen to give the students a variety of experiences. In addition to the requirement to speak Spanish in all venues and situations, undertake work in Spanish, the students will participate in a variety of educational trips. The planned itinerary will involve the activities listed below. Please note that this is the main outline and there may be some amendments:

- The Prado Art Gallery, Madrid
- The Royal Palaces, Madrid.
- Day trip to World Heritage sites of Avila and Segovia,
- Plaza Mayor, La Puerta del Sol, Madrid
- Parque del buen Retiro,
- The Sorrolla Museum
- Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid
- Las Cortes, Spanish Parliament, Madrid.
- Reina Sofia Museum (with Picasso's Guernica painting)

Travel will be by plane from Bristol to Madrid departing in the morning from The Blue School on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and returning in the evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that flights can sometimes be delayed especially on the busiest UK departure holiday weekend, so it is advisable that families do not book personal holiday departures for either Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> or Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The cost of the trip is **£560.00** based on 40 students participating and this includes accommodation, transport, insurance, all meals and all entrance fees. Students will need to bring spending money and a packed breakfast/lunch for the first day as well as some money to purchase a meal on the return journey

I hope that your child is keen to participate in the trip and for those who are, there will be a meeting in May to discuss the programme and to answer any questions that you may have. I will include personal information forms and medical forms in the next letter.

If your child would like to participate in the trip I would be grateful if you would now return your tear-off slip and **deposit of £150.00**. If preferred, the deposit can be made by SCOPAY, or alternatively please bring a cheque to the Finance Office (open daily at break only) as soon as possible and by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. As the trip requires a minimum number of students to run, the cheque will be returned to you or a refund will be made via SCOPAY if minimum numbers are not

met. Cheques should be made payable to The Blue School with the student's name and tutor group on the back of the cheque.

Payment Schedule:

2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment for £150.00 by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment of £130.00 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Final Balance of £130.00 by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

It is not too early to ensure that your child has a valid individual passport and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card – this can be ordered on line). If your child already has a passport we will require a photocopy or if they do not have a passport yet we will require their personal details (exactly as they would appear on a passport) completed on the attached form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or ask your child to talk to me about anything else on which you require clarification in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Prosser and Miss L Shannon  
Spanish teachers

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**To: The Finance Office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Y10 Madrid Trip, July 2020**

- I enclose deposit of **£150** (cheques payable to The Blue School)

As parent of the above pupil I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my daughter/son taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why s/he should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for pupils for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- The Local Authority only provides cover at the School against proven or agreed negligence by the Authority and its employees.

**Signature of Parent/Carer** ..... **Date** .....