



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: T J Swain, M A

25th September, 2017

Dear Parents,

I write to offer your son/daughter the chance to enhance their studies of Spanish through a visit to Seville in Andalusia for 4 days in the Summer Term of 2018. Dates for the trip are Monday 18th June - Thursday 21st June, 2018.

The total cost of the visit should not exceed £610, the exact price dependent on air fares at the time of booking and numbers signing up for the trip. This figure includes return flights to Málaga from Birmingham Airport with hand luggage, and transfers from Málaga to Seville, where our accommodation will be on a half board basis. Pupils will need to purchase something for lunch each day and arrange to be delivered to and collected from Birmingham airport on arrival and departure days.

During the trip we will visit two World Heritage sites; the Moorish Palace of the Alcazar, the oldest royal palace of Europe still in use, and Seville Cathedral, third largest church in the world and resting place of Christopher Columbus, together with its Giralda, now a belltower, formerly a minaret. We will see the so-called Tower of Gold overlooking the Guadalquivir river along which the gold and silver brought back by Columbus used to enter the city, and the picturesque Plaza de España created for the 1929 exhibition, one of Spain's most interesting squares. We will sample the local cuisine with tapas, visit a museum dedicated to the art of Flamenco and attend a flamenco show one evening. We will make a day visit to the city of Cordoba, with its magnificent Mosque, usually considered the most important monument of the Western Islamic world. Finally, we will go to the theme park, Isla mágica, sometimes seen as the country's nicest and most authentic, being based on the adventures of Spanish explorers in the New World. Our trip includes guided walking tours in both Seville and Cordoba, providing an excellent opportunity to practise Spanish. These visits are included in the overall cost.

To take part in the trip, pupils must be in possession of their own passport, valid for the duration of our visit and a European Health Insurance Card, obtainable free of charge online. Travel insurance is included in the cost of the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip please complete the form below as soon as possible and pay a non-refundable deposit of £210 via Parent Pay by Monday 2nd October, 2017. I also need a copy of your son/daughter's passport. Further instalments of £100 will be required on Friday 10th November, and £150 on Friday 2nd February and Monday 23rd March.

If you have any questions relating to the above, please contact me at ja-franklin@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. Franklin
Head of French and Spanish


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To Mrs Franklin,

I would like my son/daughter of Form to take part in the trip to Seville from 18th - 21st June 2018 at a total cost of £610. I will ensure that a deposit of £210 is made via Parent Pay by Monday 2nd October, 2017. I enclose a copy of my child's current passport and will make sure that my child has an in-date passport and European Health Insurance Card for the visit.

Parent/Guardian.....

Date.....

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