



8th January 2018

To Parents/Carers of Year 8 and 9 Students

Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Trip

It is very exciting to be able to announce that in July 2018 we will be running a trip to Madrid, Spain, in order to support all those students in the school in years 8, but mainly 9, who are learning or who want to learn, Spanish. The visit will take place between 4th and 10th July 2018. We will be taking part in a summer exchange organised by the County Government of Madrid, in which we will be doing many different activities together with Spanish students from many other regions of Spain, so our students will have the opportunity to listen to different Spanish accents.

Your child will be taking part in many activities, some of them in English and some in Spanish. We will stay at a youth hostel, so your child will initially be sharing rooms with other students, either English or Spanish. In this respect, we follow the advice and guidance of educational school trip experts at Cambridgeshire County Council who specialise in helping to arrange school exchange visits, conducting a range of risk assessments and safety checks, and also working closely with our partners in Spain.

The trip will be quite unique as we will be visiting San Lorenzo del Escorial, a town in the mountains near Madrid, where there is a monastery holding the remains of the Spanish Kings since the XVI century. If you are interested the link for this is <https://el-escorial.com/> Whilst at this stage the final programme is being planned, we expect to undertake a range of cultural and linguistic activities during our stay, including:

1. Visit to Madrid (Real Madrid stadium tour is a possibility)
2. Working on a collaborative project with partners on the topic of multilingualism/bilingualism
3. Visiting local monuments, as it is a very historical area in Madrid
4. Tour around the town of San Lorenzo del Escorial and the surrounding area, including excursion to the high ropes park (optional), natural swimming pool in a river, and walking along a Roman path
5. Visit to local sports facilities, e.g. indoor climbing centre, swimming pool
6. Have many different fun activities, in which your son/daughter will have to use the language, including geolocation competitions, video reports, adventure activities, etc.

The final price of the trip will depend on the number of students taking part in the trip. Our aim is to reach 30 students which would make the price approximately £675 per person including flight, accommodation, transfers, meals and most activities (except for Amazonia High Ropes Park and Real Madrid Stadium tour, which are optional). The more students who take part, the less the overall price per student is expected to be. We can confirm the final price as soon as the final number of students is known.

We would ask, therefore, at this stage that if you would like to secure a place on the trip for your son or daughter, to complete the attached 'expression of interest' form and return it to school with a cheque/payment of £50 as a deposit to be held on account. This sum would be refundable if the trip does not go ahead due to insufficient numbers of students to make the trip viable.

We would encourage payment to be made online via WisePay in the usual way. Please complete and return the reply slip below. We will ensure the full price can be paid via manageable instalments to ease financial burdens.



If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding and you would like to access some of this funding towards this trip, please indicate on the reply slip so we can consider this request.

Please note that students who already have a valid individual passport will be expected to use this to travel. If your child does not already have their own individual passport, then in most circumstances they can be included for a very small fee (much less than the cost of applying for a new passport) on a school group passport. This will ensure that as many students as possible can take part in the visit and that they are not put off by the additional cost of a new passport which can sometimes be around £100. If you would like your child to join the visit and they do not currently have their own passport, then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can start to make the necessary arrangements for a group passport.

I will be holding an **information session about the trip on Monday 15th January at 6pm in classroom A23**, so if you would like to find out more, then you would be most welcome to attend. It is not compulsory to attend the session if you would like to send your child on the trip; it is simply a chance to find out more about the visit and, in particular, the arrangements which we put in place to ensure safety. If you cannot attend the session on 15th then I would be more than happy to speak (or email) with you separately and help to answer any queries which you may have. I will also share any resources or presentations that are made available at the information session.

Students in Year 9 are welcome to put their names down for the visit. It would be of particular interest and benefit to any students studying GCSE Spanish but it would also be motivational and interesting for students in Year 8 too. Trips of this nature, in which students share quality time with Spanish students, are widely recognised to be very beneficial, not only to a student's language learning capability, but they also are incredibly beneficial for a range of other skills too such as confidence, self-esteem and independence.

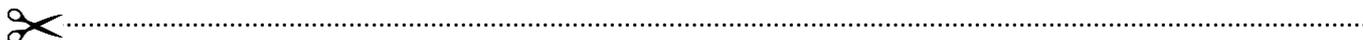
I look forward to meeting you at the information evening and also welcoming your child on this very exciting trip. Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me: egarciaperez@elycollege.co.uk

Please return your reply slips as soon as possible to Dr Garcia.

Yours faithfully



Dr E García Pérez
Teacher of Spanish



Spanish Trip 2018 – Dr E García Pérez

Child's Name: DOB:

Form:

Nationality: Country of Birth:

Home Address:

Emergency contact 1:
Name, address, mobile, email

Emergency contact 2:
Name, address, mobile, email

- I will/will not be attending the information session on Monday 15th January 2018
- I enclose a deposit cheque made payable to "Ely College" for £50
- I have paid the £50 deposit via WisePay
- My child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding and would like to access some of this funding towards this trip
- My child has their own passport, or
- My child needs to be included on school group passport

Signed Parent/Carer: Date:

Print Name:

