



18th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Trip – July 2018

As you may already know, we are very excited to be running a trip to Madrid, Spain this summer in order to support those students in the school who are learning Spanish.

For various reasons we have one, possibly two spaces left on the trip and we are looking for students from Year 8 and 9 to join us. We have also made the exceptional decision to open it up to students of Spanish in Year 7 who may be interested in attending. 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.

The visit will take place between Wednesday 4th and Tuesday 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 speak Spanish with young people their age and really develop their language skills. 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 programme is being finalised, 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 total price of the trip is £695 which includes all flights, transfers, accommodation, meals and excursions. This represents in the circumstances a real value for money school trip.

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 £150 as a holding deposit to be held on account.

The deadline for returning your form and holding deposit is 3pm on Tuesday 24th April.



The places will be allocated after that deadline on a first come first served basis, unless we have more than two students who wish to attend, in which case we will pull names out of a hat. You will be notified in any case if your child successfully gains a place on the trip and our holding deposit will be banked. If your child does not gain a place in this way then we will return the holding deposit to you.

We would encourage payment to be made online via WisePay in the usual way. We would then expect a further instalment of £250 to be paid by 1st May and the balance of £295 to be paid by 1st June.

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. Pupil Premium funding is only available for this trip for those students who are studying Spanish. Regardless of this, the final decision as to allocation of PP funds remains with Mr Spencer. Even if you are applying for PP funding, we would still expect that a holding deposit of £150 be paid as PP cannot cover the entire cost of the trip. If your child gains a place on the trip, then we will contact you and discuss the payment schedule for the remaining balance after PP has been applied.

Please note that students are expected to possess a valid individual passport with permission to visit Spain and return to the UK and their own European Health Insurance card (or equivalent individual health insurance if your child is not an EU citizen). If your child successfully gains a place on the trip, then we will need to receive by email a photo of the data page of the passport and a photo of the health insurance card (or equivalent) for our records.

Should you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me: egarciaperez@elycollege.co.uk

I look forward to welcoming your child on this exciting trip.

Yours faithfully



Dr E García Pérez
Teacher of Spanish



Spanish Trip 2018 – Dr E García Pérez

Child’s full name:

DOB:

Form:

Nationality:

Country of Birth:

Home Address:

Emergency contact 1:
Name, address, mobile, email

Emergency contact 2:
Name, address, mobile, email

- I enclose a deposit cheque made payable to “Ely College” for £150
- I have paid the £150 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 and European Health Insurance card (or equivalent individual health insurance)

Signed Parent/Carer:

Date:

Print Name:

