



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

TRIP TO SALAMANCA – YEAR 10 – 25th – 30th JUNE 2017

Following the success of our previous visits to Spain, I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to study at a renowned Spanish Language School. Not only is this trip intended to offer extra assistance to those taking the GCSE exam in June 2018 but it also offers children the opportunity to experience Spanish Culture at first hand.

Since 2000, first teachers and then pupils have visited and developed a close association with an excellent language academy in Salamanca, called ISLA. During the week students will have intensive classes taught by talented and inspiring native speakers whilst enjoying the hospitality of a typical Spanish host family. Classes will run for 4 days with up to 5 hours tuition per day.

Depending on flight availability, the trip will be from Sunday 25th – 30th June 2017. Students will stay with Spanish host families in pairs or threes on a full board basis of breakfast, cooked lunch and evening meal. There is no return aspect of this trip i.e. you will not need to host a Spanish student later in the year. Travel will be by coach and plane.

Please note that this is an educational visit taking place in school time. It is not a holiday. Students taking part are expected to complete the 20 hours of language tuition, to do all homework set and to participate fully in the cultural outings offered. In addition to the time spent studying, there will be organised activities such as a tour of the city, a 'salsa' dance class, 'chocolate con churros', swimming, a 'tapas' tour and a treasure hunt. Salamanca itself is a beautiful town famous for its ancient university, cathedral and stunning architecture. The central area is fully pedestrianized and all accommodation is within 10 – 15 minutes' walking distance of ISLA and the town centre. Students will be allowed limited supervised free time for relaxation and shopping.

The cost of this trip will depend on numbers participating. I hope the final price will be **approximately £650** to include all flights, transfers, accommodation, food, evening entertainments, tuition fees, course books and graduation certificate! However, this price may also depend on the fluctuations of the exchange rate. Would you please check that your son / daughter has a valid passport and EHIC medical card (These cards do have an expiry date also so would you please check it is valid for the trip).

If you would like your son / daughter to take part in the trip would you please complete the reply slip below and return to the finance department and either pay £200.00 on parent pay or enclose a cheque for £200.00 with the reply slip (made payable to St Aidan's school fund). I require the reply slip regardless of how you have paid. Please make payment by Friday 7th October. A second payment of £225.00 will then be due in January 2017 with the final instalment of approximately £225 in March 2017. Further details will be sent out in due course. If you have any queries about this visit then please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Keating
Languages Department



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PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY

Name of student (AS PER YOUR PASSPORT IN FULL) _____ Tutor group _____

I enclose a cheque for £200.00/Paid by parent pay to cover the deposit. I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Salamanca in June 2015. I understand that accommodation is with Spanish host families. I am also aware that students will need to provide their own passport and EHIC card. *Would you please advise if their passport is for another country.*

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian. Date _____

Please return completed form and deposit cheque to the Finance Department by Friday 7th October. Thank you.

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