



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

YEAR 12 SALAMANCA TRIP 26th FEBRUARY – 3rd MARCH 2017

I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in an intensive language course in Spain in February 2017. This trip is intended to offer extra assistance to those taking their A level exams in May 2018. Since June 2000 we have developed a close association with an excellent language academy in Salamanca called ISLA. They are able to offer a tailor made course for our students taught by Spanish teachers. Classes will run for 5 days with 4 hours tuition per day. In addition the library and IT resources of the language school will be available to students before and after classes, (and in the evening to do their homework!)

The trip will be over 6 days in total from Sunday 26th February to Friday 3rd March 2017. Students will stay with Spanish host families 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 by plane.

In addition to the time spent studying, there will be a fantastic range of inclusive organised activities such as a salsa dance class, a tapas tour, a Spanish cookery class, a visit to a modern art gallery set in the old town jail, a cultural exploration of the old cathedral and the tower in Salamanca, a visit to the monastery where Columbus began his adventures and a guided talk around the region's principal bullfighting museum. Salamanca itself is a beautiful town famous for its ancient university and cathedral. The central area is fully pedestrianized. All accommodation is within 15 – 20 minutes walking distance of ISLA and the town centre. Students will be given limited supervised free time to meet up in the afternoon.

The cost of this trip will depend on numbers participating. We hope the final price will be approximately £580 to include all flights, transfers, accommodation, food, tuition fees, course materials, activities and graduation certificate. Would you please check that your son / daughter has a valid passport and EHIC health card (these have an expiry date also so please check).

Students should note that this is an educational visit taking place in school time. They are expected to participate fully in the educational provision on offer and to comport themselves to the highest standards at all times.

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 £150.00 on parent pay or enclose a cheque for £150.00 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 £215.00 will then be due in November 2016 with the final instalment of approximately £215 in January 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. MacCallum
Head of Modern Languages



YEAR 12 SALAMANCA Sunday 26th February to Friday 3rd March 2016

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

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Salamanca in February 2017. I enclose a cheque for £150.00/Paid by Parent pay. I understand that accommodation is with Spanish host families and that outside of school hours students will have limited supervised free time. I am also aware that students will need to provide their own passport and EHIC card. *Please advise if your son / daughters passport is for another country.*

Signed _____ parent/guardian Date _____

Please complete and return with the deposit cheque to the Finance department by Friday 7th October 2016.

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