



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Trip to Salamanca, Sunday 24 to Friday 29 June 2018

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 2019 but it also offers children the opportunity to experience Spanish culture first hand.

Since 2000, first teachers and then pupils have visited and developed a close association with an excellent language academy called ISLA in Salamanca. 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 24 to Friday 29 June 2018. 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, 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, a trip to the Real Madrid stadium and a photo competition. 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 £650.00** 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. Your son and daughter will need a valid passport and EHIC medical card which must be in date up to and including the date of return to the UK. Please check both dates.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

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The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the wellbeing of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands **before** accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place. If the decision is made that the trip is not suitable for your child, deposit payments in this instance will be refunded.

If your son/daughter would like to take part in the trip, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Finance Department indicating on the form if you have paid the **non-refundable deposit of £200.00** either by ParentPay or by attaching a cheque (made payable to St Aidan's School). Please note I require the reply slip regardless of how you have paid.

The deposit is due by **Monday 9 October 2017**. A second payment of £225.00 will then be due by Friday 19 January 2018 with the final instalment of approximately £225.00 by Thursday 29 March 2018.

Further details will be sent out in due course however if you have any queries about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Mr M Keating
Languages Department



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Full name of student (as per passport) _____ Tutor group _____

I enclose a cheque for £200.00 / I have paid £200.00 on ParentPay (**please delete as necessary**). I understand that this deposit is non-refundable.

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Salamanca in June 2018. 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.

Please advise if their passport is for another country _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____

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