



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 Salamanca Trip - Sunday 18 February-Friday 23 February 2018

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 2018. This trip is intended to offer extra assistance to those taking their A level exams in May 2019. 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.

The trip will be over 6 days in total from Sunday 18 February – Friday 23 February 2018. 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 within clearly defined areas of the town centre.

The cost of this trip will depend on numbers participating. We hope the final price will be approximately £630.00 to include all flights, transfers, accommodation, food, tuition fees, course materials, activities and graduation certificate. Each pupil will require a full passport and EHIC medical card – both must be valid up to and including the day of return to the UK.

Students should note that this is an educational visit which takes 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.

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 you would like your son / daughter to take part in the trip, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Finance Department and either pay £200.00 on ParentPay or enclose a cheque for £200.00 with the reply slip (made payable to St Aidan's School). I require the reply slip regardless of how you have paid.

Please make non-refundable payment by Tuesday 10 October 2017. A second payment of £200.00 will then be due in November 2017 with the final instalment of approximately £230.00 (depending on flights and exchange rates), in January 2018. 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 A MacCallum
Head of Modern Languages



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Full Name of student Tutor group
(AS PER PASSPORT)

- I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the language school visit to Salamanca in February 2018. I have paid a non-refundable deposit of £200.00 by cheque / ParentPay.
- 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 / daughter's passport is for another country.*

Signed _____ parent/guardian Date _____

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