

September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

**YEAR 12 & 13 TRIP TO SALAMANCA – Sunday 19 February to Friday 24 February 2023**

We are delighted to be able to re-introduce our language trip to Salamanca for Year 12 and 13 students studying Spanish. The trip has previously proved to be a very valuable and enjoyable experience for our students with 4 hours' tuition per day by native Spanish teachers giving students the unique opportunity to develop their linguistic competence whilst also gaining invaluable experience and a unique insight into Spanish life.

The language used **throughout the trip** will be Spanish and as such, students will be totally immersed in Spanish life. In addition to the time spent studying, there will be organised activities such as a tour of the city, paella and tapas evenings, a flamenco lesson, and a visit to San Esteban and the Bullfight Museum. There will also be a small amount of time available to explore the Old Town.

We will depart on Sunday 19 February 2023 by coach from St Aidan's to Liverpool Airport, before flying directly to Madrid. For the next six nights, accommodation, breakfast and some evening meals is provided in host Spanish families with students in pairs or threes. The language used throughout is, of course, Spanish. Families are all carefully vetted, and the vast majority have been long-term hosts with high satisfaction ratings from past students. The return journey will be on Friday 24 February 2023.

The cost of this trip will depend on numbers participating. However, we anticipate the final price will be between £780.00-£880.00 to include flights, transfers, accommodation, meals, excursions, tuition fees, insurance and all course materials. Please also remember your son/daughter will need an in-date passport and EHIC/GHIC medical card as well as a small amount of pocket money.

**St Aidan's ParentPay**

The trip is open to all students who are studying Spanish and can only be paid on St Aidan's ParentPay. If you do not have access to St Aidan's ParentPay for your son/daughter, please contact Mrs Holey, [h.holey@staidans.co.uk](mailto:h.holey@staidans.co.uk), to request the necessary activation codes. Please be sure to include your son/daughter's name in the email.

If your son or daughter is interested in a place, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £200.00 on the **St Aidan's ParentPay by Friday 14 October 2022**.

The final price will be confirmed in November 2022 once we know the number of students attending and the two remaining instalment payments will be due by the end of November 2022 and the end of January 2023. Reminder emails will be sent out to parents together with any additional information that may be required for the trip.

Consent for the trip is required on ParentPay. Please note that by ticking the box online, you are agreeing for your son/daughter to take part on the trip, the cost, and confirming that their medical details which we hold at school are up to date.

### Important Financial Information

Please note that all payments made for this trip are **non-refundable**, as we must book flights for your son or daughter together with regular payments to our suppliers. You will also be required to pay the full price of the trip after Friday 14 October if your child withdraws, unless together we can find a replacement student. This is due to the cancellation charges imposed on us by the companies we use. We therefore ask that you discuss the trip in detail with your son or daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

### Covid-19

As you will be aware, the Associated Sixth Form takes the current Covid-19 pandemic very seriously and the safety and well-being of all our students and staff is always paramount. If the trip is cancelled due to Covid-19, full refunds will be given.

### Behaviour

We would like to take this opportunity to point out that the success of previous trips to Salamanca has been due in part to the excellent conduct of our students. Those who take part in this visit must recognise that this is a school trip and not a holiday. Students taking part are expected to complete the language tuition, do all homework set and fully participate in the cultural outings offered.

Whilst the hotel we are staying in and restaurants we visit will sell alcohol, please note that Associated Sixth Form students will not be allowed to purchase or drink alcohol during the trip. We ask parents to reinforce these points with their daughter/son.

Once the deadline of Friday 14 October has passed, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student who has signed up and decide whether they are able to cope with the demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form and Senior Staff. If we decide the trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and deposits in this case will be refunded.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the student's participation on the trip, the Heads of the Associated Sixth Form reserves the right to withdraw the student's place and any payments made may not be refunded. If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs McDonald, the Trips Administrator [t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk](mailto:t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk).

Regards

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