

13 September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Subject Modern Foreign Languages Department -Trip to Barcelona 7 - 10 June 2024

The MFL Department is excited to be proposing a school trip to Barcelona to support our curriculum plans for students and enhance their learning experience in school. The trip will only be open for students that are studying Spanish as a GCSE in Year 10.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- 4 days and 3 nights
- Departs on Friday 7th June 2024
- Returns on Monday 10th June 2024
- Travel is by flight and coach
- All inclusive, full board accommodation at Hotel Salome in Calafell
- Students will need pocket money for day 1 breakfast/ lunch and day 4 dinner
- We will be accompanied by a tour director from Connect Studies
- Each student will receive a Vyners logo t-shirt to wear for travel (this is included in the total cost of the trip).

The itinerary for the trip will include:

- Visit to Montserrat by cable car
- Camp Nou stadium tour
- Sagrada Familia tour
- Visit to Montjuic
- Visit to Tarragona
- A day in a top theme park 'PortAventura World'
- Visit to Barcelona's main sights: Las Ramblas, Port vell, Barcelona Cathedral and La Boqueria market

The cost of the trip is £685. In addition to the tour cost, we recommend your child has spending money for the trip. They will also require a passport that is valid for **another 6 months** beyond the date of travel and potentially an **ETIAS visa** which is set to be introduced in 2024. ~

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The trip is limited to 30 students, and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please reserve your place early to avoid disappointment. This is likely to be a very popular trip. If all spaces have been filled before the deadline and you would like to place your child on a waiting list then please do so here. This waiting list will be used on a first-come-first-served basis if any other students have to drop out.

The payment schedule is:

Deposit: £140 - deadline 20 Sept 23 (non-refundable)

1st Instalment: £150 - deadline 20 Nov 23

2nd Instalment: £150 - deadline 19 Jan 24

3rd Instalment: £150 - deadline 20 Mar 24

Final Payment: £95- deadline 19 Apr 24

Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. Cash and cheques will not be accepted. Please log onto the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'trips/activities purse'. This trip will be clearly visible and must be specifically selected in order to make payment. Please follow the instructions on screen. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made.

In paying a deposit for your child to participate, parents are confirming to the school that they are prepared to comply with whatever rules might be in place. This could include mandatory proof of vaccinations or a requirement to undertake PCR or lateral flow testing. Where such testing incurs extra cost, this will need to be met by the parents. We ask that parents also ensure their child's **medical information** is completely up to date with the school.

It is very important that payment is made before the stated deadline. The school does not have funds available to meet the cost of late contributions. Regretfully, a failure to pay promptly may result in your son or daughter being removed from the trip.

Vyners School has in place detailed procedures for ensuring that trips are well planned and that the health, welfare and safety of students is protected. A careful and written risk assessment has been prepared for this trip and adequate student supervision and insurance arrangements will be put in place.

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It is expected that all students will observe the highest standard of politeness, courtesy and conduct at all times. Our students are representing Vyners School and it is expected that they will do everything in a way that reflects positively on themselves and the school. The school's Behaviour Policy continues to be in force throughout the trip. Should it prove necessary to send a student home for misbehaviour, parents / carers will be expected to meet all extra costs incurred, including collecting their child from Barcelona. In the event of a student being refused participation on a trip before departure because of poor behaviour, any contributions already paid will also be forfeit.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at cvigo@vynerschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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