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Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Trip to Granada, March 2023

I am writing to inform you about an exciting trip to Granada, in southern Spain, which we are planning for March 2023.

Granada is a stunning city situated at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, in Andalucía. Its narrow streets, traditional tapas bars and Arab architecture combine to make up a city of both character and beauty. The highlight of a trip to Granada is a visit to the World Heritage Site of the Alhambra palace, where students can learn about the amazing history of this building and marvel at the artistry of the walls, arches and columns. A university town, Granada has a very friendly population which welcomes young people so our students will feel comfortable speaking and practising their Spanish in everyday situations and soaking up the Spanish culture.

The planned itinerary includes visits to the Museo Cuevas Sacromonte, the Alhambra and Generalife, Parque de las Ciencias, Plaza de Toros, opportunities to explore the beautiful Barrio del Albaicín and watch a Flamenco show. There will be many activities which will motivate and inspire our students! A full itinerary will become available nearer the time of travel.

As well as sightseeing, there will be opportunities for your child to practice their Spanish in real-life situations during a 'Halsbury Adventure Quest' around Granada. We will stay in accommodation in the centre of Granada which is perfectly suited to school groups. Breakfasts, packed lunches and dinners will be provided each day we are there.

The trip will leave from Midhurst Rother College on Thursday 30 March, the penultimate day of term, with return flights from London Gatwick to Málaga, arriving back at MRC early in the morning of Monday 3 April.

In the Languages Department at Midhurst Rother College, we are keen to provide opportunities for students to use their skills in real situations abroad. After a number of fantastic trips with this educational travel company before COVID19 intervened, we have chosen "Halsbury Travel" once again. Having used this company with other school groups before, we know the trip offers great value for money, builds students' confidence to speak Spanish and teaches them a lot about Spanish culture. We expect the total cost of the trip, including meals, all entrances and activities to be approximately £750 per student. Due to current fluctuations in the travel industry, we will be able to confirm the final amount once we have confirmed student numbers and reserved our flights. The only additional costs to students will be the cost of meals on outward and return journeys, a full passport if they do not already have one, and a small amount of spending money.

There will be up to forty places on the trip and a record of good behaviour would be expected for students to be able to participate in this trip. Please also note the current passport requirements for the trip:

- Passports must be less than 10 years old on the day you enter your destination.
- Valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave your destination.

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If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in this trip, please complete the reply slip below and return to Student Reception by **Tuesday 19 July**, along with an initial deposit of £260, or complete the Trip Form here <https://forms.office.com/r/FXYy5CumdM>. This will be non-refundable if your child gains a place on the trip. Upon confirmation of your child's place on the trip, a payment schedule will be sent to you requesting two further instalments: one in September 2022 and the final one in January 2023. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place due to high demand, then your deposit will be refunded to you.

Payments will be made via the online payment system using the following link: <https://www.scopay.com/midhurst?redirect=true>. If you require support with the online process, please contact Gemma Down in our finance department at Finance@mrc-academy.org. If you do not have access to the internet, please make cheques payable to 'Midhurst Rother College'.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you are facing difficult financial circumstances, please contact Mrs Lunskey (fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org) about applying for a travel grant from the Gilbert Hannam Education Fund (GHEF), a local charity that helps MRC families pay for educational trips every year. You may be eligible for a charitable grant towards the trip, and we can assist you in making an individual application to the GHEF for your child.

Do not hesitate to contact me via email at sarah.long@mrc-academy.org, should you have any other questions.

We look forward to travelling to Spain with our students next spring.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Sarah Long
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

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Consent slip

Trip title: **Granada Trip 2023** Trip Leader: Mrs S Long
Date of trip/residential: 30 March – 3 April 2023

Name of Student: Tutor Group:

Full name on passport.....

Date of birth:

I have made the initial payment of a deposit of £260 through the cashless system Please tick

Name of parent/carer:Contact Tel:

Signed: Date:

Please return this slip to Student Reception by Tuesday 19 July 2022. Thank you.

If the trip is oversubscribed you will be contacted by the trip leader to confirm whether your child has secured a place.