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Dear Parent / Carer

Spanish Trip to Granada, March 2023

Following my letter in July regarding an exciting trip to Granada, in Southern Spain, March 2023, I am very pleased to inform you that we are now able to offer this trip again.

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 2023, the penultimate day of term, with return flights from London Gatwick to Málaga, arriving back at College 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 between £775 and £800 per student. This is slightly higher than previously quoted due to current fluctuations in the travel industry, but 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.

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There will be up to 40 places on the trip and a record of good behaviour would be expected for students to be able to participate. Please also note the current passport requirements for travelling to Spain:

- 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.

If you are interested in your son / daughter participating in this trip, please complete the initial Expression of Interest form on this link <https://forms.office.com/r/nC204L3RHC> by Wednesday 28 September 2022.

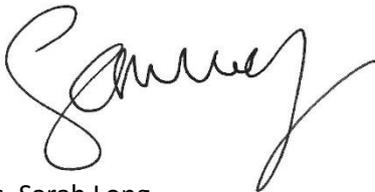
Once numbers are confirmed I will be in touch to confirm whether the trip will be able to go ahead. If there is enough interest, an initial deposit of £260 will be required once your child's place has been confirmed. This deposit will be non-refundable if your child gains a place on the trip. Upon confirmation, a payment schedule will be sent to you requesting two further instalments.

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 cost, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Long', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Sarah Long
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages