

January 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Educational trip to Barcelona**

I have great pleasure in announcing that the Languages Department is offering a 7 day **educational trip to Barcelona** for pupils in year 9 and 10 who study Spanish.

The trip takes place from **Thursday 12 July to Wednesday 18 July 2012**. The party will leave from school by executive touring coach with air conditioning on Thursday 12 July at 6pm to arrive in Barcelona Friday 13 July in the evening. The group will stay in the Hotel Continental for 4 nights on a full board basis. Pupils are accommodated in 2, 3 or 4 bedded rooms mostly equipped with private facilities. The itinerary includes a day pass to the Port Aventura, renowned as one of the best theme parks in Europe. There will be free time to explore Barcelona, as well as a guided tour of the city to visit la Sagrada Familia, the famous cathedral built by Gaudi. Pupils will be given time to explore 'las Ramblas' the famous shopping street, leading to the beach. One of the highlights of the trip will be the visit to the 'Nou Camp Stadium' which includes audio guides. This incredibly big stadium is famous for many fantastic 'footballing' events. The pupils will be accompanied by some teaching staff from the Archbishop Lanfranc School. In periods of free time such as on 'las Ramblas' pupils have to stay in groups of at least three and will be given the party leader's emergency mobile phone number to be able to get into contact with staff at any given time. Meeting times are stated in advance. This is an exciting opportunity for the pupils to experience a different country and culture while developing their foreign language skill! It is an invaluable opportunity to practise the language learnt in the classroom in authentic surroundings and prepares pupils for their GCSE exam further.

The cost of the trip will be **£550**, and includes transport via coach and ferry, full-board accommodation in the Hotel Continental in Calella for 4 nights, all activities, entrance fees as per itinerary, a local guide as well as travel insurance.

Pupils will need their **own passport, visa if required and an EHIC** (Emergency Health Insurance Card, available from the post office free of charge). The school will **not** be able to organise these 3 items.

If you would like your child to go on the trip, please return the reply slip at the bottom of this letter together with the **first deposit of £100 in the designated envelope** into the school letter-box in reception by **Friday 3 February 2012**. The second balance of **£225** will need to be in by **Friday 9 March 2012 with the last remaining £225 to be paid by 27 April 2012**. Please ensure that all payments are made to **The Archbishop Lanfranc School**. If you wish to pay by cheque, please write the pupil's name and tutor group at the back of the cheque. If you wish to pay by cash, please enclose the exact amount as change cannot be given.

I look forward to taking your child on this educational adventure! Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



Ms B Prussat-Collett  
Head of Languages

**Please return this slip below to the school office via the letter box in reception.**

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**Year 9 and 10 Spanish trip to Barcelona – Thursday 12- Wednesday 18. July 2012**

I give permission for my child to attend the educational visit to Barcelona as outlined in the letter from January.

Name of pupil..... Tutor Group .....

**I enclose the non-refundable payment of £100. I understand that the school needs to pay the company ‘Schools into Europe’ the full amount of £550 per pupil by the 10 May 2012, Should my son/daughter have to withdraw from the trip after this date, I am liable to pay the full amount of £550.**

Signature ..... Date .....

(Parent/Carer)