



28 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Language Immersion Trip – Thursday 14 – Monday 18 March 2024

(Current Year 9 students who will be Year 10 at the time of the trip)

I am delighted to inform you that the Languages Department have organised a trip to Spain for our upcoming Year 10 GCSE Spanish students, from Thursday 14 – Monday 18 March 2024. We will stay in El Puerto de Santa Maria in the bay of Cadiz which is the perfect place to discover the Andalusian culture, and where students will take part in an exclusive Spanish language immersion experience.

The trip will not only give students a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, but it will also enable them to converse with native Spanish speakers. All activities will be led in Spanish enabling students to learn an extended level of vocabulary and learn new skills. Students who attend this trip return to their Spanish lessons with a heightened level of confidence and understanding of the language, as well as some wonderful memories!

The trip is open to all GCSE Spanish students currently in Year 9 (who will be Year 10 at the time of the trip). Whilst in Spain students will be able to participate in activities such as:-

- Spanish Language Learning
- Visit to a local market
- Flamenco dance
- BBQ at accommodation
- Ferry to Cadiz
- El Puerto tour visit
- Beach activities
- Paella cooking lesson
- Tapas meal
- Visit Torre Tavira watchtower

(final itinerary to be confirmed)

The total cost of this trip is **£750**, which includes the students' coach transfers, return flights from UK airport, accommodation, and all planned activities and sites we will be visiting. Food will be provided on a full board basis, which includes breakfast, lunch and evening dinner (the first included meal will be dinner on day one). Flight times are to be confirmed. All students attending this trip will require a valid passport and E/GHIC (European/Global Health Insurance Card) to be able to travel.

There are **40 places available** on this trip and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis (on payment of deposit via sQuid), with class behaviour taken into consideration. If you would like your child to go on this trip, there is a **non-refundable deposit of £200**, to be paid using your existing sQuid account. You will be able to do this **from 6pm on Wednesday 12 July 2023** (closing date is **10pm Thursday 13 July 2023**). For your information, the remaining payment dates are listed below. Please note that all payments can be made at any time but each one **must** be paid by the date stated:

Payment Required	To Be Paid By
£200 deposit (non-refundable)	At time of booking on sQuid (above)
£275	Thursday 28 September 2023
£275	Tuesday 28 November 2023

Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost of the trip, if your child is unable to go.

If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place for your child and would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Mrs Feetham, Trips and Visits Coordinator, k.feetham@coxgreen.com, requesting to be added to the waiting list. Any places remaining, after the closing date, will be allocated to those on the waiting list in the order emails have been received.

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office or by email to enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Gullick
Learning Leader: Languages

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: finance@coxgreen.com or in writing to the school; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.*
- *Please note that Pupil Premium support for this trip is limited to 10% of the total cost of the trip and all requests should be made by 12 noon on Wednesday 5 July 2023.*
- *This trip is run via travel company: Voyager School Travel. To enable your child to attend the trip, we will be sharing your child's personal data with the travel company and any partners of the travel company that are required for the running of the contract (e.g. airlines, hotels, etc.).*
- *Payments are to be made by the dates specified. Late or non-payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn from the trip. If you choose to withdraw your child for reasons not stated above, any costs attributed to date, must still be made.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to travel.*

Travel Company Guidance

Passports

On the day you travel, it is recommended that all UK passports must have 6 months of validity left and be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left). We recognise that some EU countries only require 3 months validity, you should check the relevant government website for the exact requirements.

Healthcare

If you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you can continue to use this until it expires. If you do not have an EHIC or it has expired, you can apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Please visit the NHS website for further information.