11th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to invite you to a **Parents’ Information Evening regarding the Spanish Trip on Wednesday 26th February at 5pm.** The meeting will take place in the Hall.

**Attendance to the meeting is important as you will be required to sign necessary documentation. Please can I ask that you bring your child’s passport and GHIC to be held safely in school until we depart.**

We will discuss the finalised itinerary, kit list, spending money, medication and expectations. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the trip. (I have also attached a kit list and itinerary for your information).

Secondly, as we have access to a lifeguarded swimming pool at the hotel, it is essential that we are fully aware of the swimming ability of your child. Please could I ask that you sign and return the completed permission slip and return to me as soon as possible.

In the meantime, if you any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via email as follows: [sdavies@sph.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:sdavies@sph.srscmat.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

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Mrs S Davies

Head of Spanish

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I allow my child to use the swimming pool at the hotel: YES NO

My child’s ability in swimming is as follows:

Non-swimmer Novice swimmer Competent swimmer

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Costa Brava - Itinerary**

**Departing: Wed 02 Apr 2025 - Returning: Sat 05 Apr 2025**

We are staying at:

Hotel Htop Olympic

C/ Benavente S/N, 08370 Calella, Barcelona

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Provisional Itinerary

## Wed 02 Apr 2025 11:00 Coach to Airport from School

## 12:40 Check-in at Manchester Airport

## 14:40 Flight Departure easyJet

**EasyJet’s luggage policy permits passengers to bring a small cabin bag only (max. 45 x 36 x 20cm).**

**We have included an additional 15 kg hold bag each.**

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| **18:00** | | **Flight Arrival** | **Barcelona Airport** |
| **18:45** | | **Transfer to Calella** | **Coach** |
|  |  | Private coach transfer to the hotel. | |
|  | **20:45** | **Check-in to Accommodation Htop Olympic** | |
|  |  | Our meal plan is HALF-BOARD. | |
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|  | **21:00** | **Meal Dinner at the hotel** | |
|  |  | Included. | |

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| **Thu** | **03 Apr 2025 08:00** | **Meal Breakfast at the hotel** |
|  |  | Included. |
|  | **09:00** | **Transfer Coach** |

Private coach transport is included for today.

## Excursion Tossa de Mar

Enjoy a day in the charming Costa Bravan seaside town of Tossa de Mar!

**Boat trip and Paella restaurant**

## Visit Tossa de Mar Vila Vella

Tossa de Mar's medieval ramparts are some of the best-preserved in the region.

## At leisure Shopping!

There are plenty of little shops all around Tossa de Mar to pick up a souvenir!

## At leisure Tossa de Mar Beach

Relax and enjoy some time on Tossa de Mar's sandy beach!

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| **19:00** | **Meal**  Included. | **Dinner at the hotel** |

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| **Fri 04 Apr 2025 08:00** | **Meal**  Included. | **Breakfast at the hotel** |
| **08:45** | **Transfer** | **Coach** |

Private coach transfer.

## 10:30 Photo Opportunity! La Sagrada Familia

Gaudí's famously unfinished masterpiece has been under construction since 1882 and has become one of the city's most iconic symbols. It is awe-inspiringly breathtaking both inside and outside!

## Self-guided Tour Eixample

Explore the Eixample, a Modernista showcase: its buildings include the Sagrada Família, La Pedrera and Casa Batlló.

**12:30** Approx **At leisure La Rambla**

The city's most vibrant artery is both a tourist magnet and a window into Catalan culture. A stroll here is pure sensory overload!

## At leisure Barrio Gótico

Explore Barcelona's atmospheric Gothic Quarter, and hunt for treasures in its stylish boutiques.

## 15:00 Visit Camp Nou

Visit the new Immersive Tour of FC Barcelona's home ground! Tour the club museum and discover what goes on behind the scenes at this iconic stadium and why FC Barcelona is More Than A Club!

If you’d like to listen an audioguide during your visit, please note that the museum asks that you **bring a set of earphones.**

**18:00 Guided Tour Barcelona Tapas Tour**

Get a literal taste of Spanish culture with a guided tapas tour around the city! Tapas included.

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| **Sat** | **05 Apr 2025 08:00** | **Meal** | **Breakfast at the hotel** |
|  | **09:00** | Included.  **At leisure** | **Calella Beach** |

Spend some time visiting Calella and its lovely beach!

## At leisure Parc Dalmau

Take a stroll through Parc Dalmau and admire its idyllic corners and colourful flowers.

## Visit Lighthouse of Calella

Visit the iconic symbol of Calella, its famous lighthouse, dating all the way back to 1856!

## 15:00 Transfer Coach

Private coach transfer to the airport.

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| **16:30** | **Check in at airport** | **Barcelona Airport** |
| **18:30** | **Flight Departure** | **Vueling Airlines** |
| **20:00** | **Flight Arrival Manchester Airport**  **Parents to pick up from Manchester Airport - Terminal 2** | |

Clothing and equipment list

**EasyJet’s luggage policy permits passengers to bring a small cabin bag only (max. 45 x 36 x 20cm).**

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The following list is intended as a guide for students to use when packing.

Please remember that the weather in April on the Costa Brava is generally warmer than in the UK but there is likely to be rain or cold days.

Clothing should be labelled as much as possible to avoid confusion.

* Comfortable shoes/trainers/sneakers – we will be doing a lot of walking. Also bring sandals or/and a pair of flip-flops
* Underwear
* Socks
* Trousers/Jeans
* Jumpers
* Shirts/ t shirts
* Waterproof coat/jacket
* Pyjamas
* Toiletries
* Towel
* Swimming trunks/costume/bikini
* Continental adaptors
* Small rucksack/bag for use during the day
* Reusable water bottle to carry
* Sun tan lotion

Mobile phones, iPads, portable consoles, hairdryers, and straighteners are permitted but are under the care of the owner. We cannot be responsible for any loss or damage caused at any point during the visit.

Essential

• Passport

• GHIC card **These will be collected at the Parents’ Meeting**

• Any medication required – needs to be clearly labelled with specified dosage. If you know that you get travel sickness, please take travel sickness pills. **These will be collected before getting onto the coach.**

• Spending money (in EUROS) Pupils need to buy lunch on two of the days but this shouldn’t require much more that €20-30. If they want more spending money, this is at your discretion and their responsibility.

Valuables

We would advise students to keep valuables to a minimum. Items such as mobile phones, cameras, iPods, game consoles and jewellery are carried at the students’ risk