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9th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Trip to Granada, Spain (5th-8th June 2023)

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is pleased to inform you that we will be running a trip in June 2023 to Granada, Spain. The excursion will be open to students of Spanish in years 12 and 9 and will give them the opportunity to practise their language skills in real-life situations. In addition to the linguistic benefits, the activities we have arranged will enable students to gain a better understanding of Spanish culture.

Our A-Level students explore current societal trends in Spain and the heritage of the Spanish-speaking world. Granada is a particularly pertinent destination for year 12: it is the birthplace of our studied author (Federico García Lorca) and they look at the Alhambra as part of the course. The trip is also open to year 9 students. As part of the GCSE course, students cover a range of topics. These include (but are not limited to) holidays, relationships, school and the world of work, as well as Spanish festivals and customs. The trip is being organised with the help of the travel company Halsbury, which is ABTA and ATOL accredited. We will be travelling by coach and aeroplane, via Birmingham airport.

We will be departing from school at approximately 6am on Monday 5th June 2023, returning to site at approximately **midnight** on Thursday 8th June 2023. All students attending the trip are expected to be in school on Friday 9th June 2023. Pupils are reminded that, by coming on the trip, they are ambassadors for the school and, as such, their behaviour must be exemplary at all times.

During the trip, students will have the opportunity to:

- step inside the Alhambra (a UNESCO World Heritage Site and arguably Spain's number one attraction);
- visit the Parque de las Ciencias (Andalusia's first interactive science museum);
- explore the Barrio del Albaicín (a picturesque neighbourhood);
- walk through the Sacromonte area (famous for its caves);
- participate in the Halsbury Adventure Quest around the city;
- experience a flamenco show.

Please note that, at this stage, the itinerary is provisional and subject to change. It is expected that the price may be in the region of £750 per student. However, we are currently awaiting confirmation of accommodation from the tour operator and, as such, this price may be subject to change. Please also be aware that, in exceptional circumstances, the Tour Operator reserves the right to add surcharges (e.g. currency surcharge in case the value of the Pound drops significantly against the Euro) which could slightly increase the cost

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The price would include:

- all travel expenses;
- half-board accommodation for 3 nights;
- packed lunches whilst in Granada;
- admission to attractions;
- comprehensive insurance cover.

The cost does not include meals en route or any spending money that students may wish to take. As stated in our Charging and Remissions Policy:

'If, after meeting all the costs of a trip, the individual trip account is in surplus and this amounts to £5.00 per student or more, then the surplus will be shared out and a proportion returned to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of those students who originally contributed to the cost of the trip'.

All students will be expected to travel using their own passport and these will need to be valid for a period of at least 6 months after the return date of the trip. There are currently no Covid travel restrictions in place when travelling to Spain, though we will be following government guidelines at the time of travel.

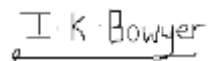
The deposit should be paid via ParentPay once your child has been awarded a place and the price has been confirmed. Further instalments will also be paid via ParentPay. If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, please complete the online expression of interest form. You can access this by clicking [here](#). The expression of interest needs to be completed by Wednesday 14th December.

Places are limited to 30 but please note that we do not operate a 'first come first served' policy. If more than 30 students were to express an interest in the trip, thirty places would be selected based on the criteria set out in our 'Educational Visits Protocol'. This can be found on our website. Any unsuccessful students would be placed on a waiting list.

This visit falls under the Policy for Charging and Remissions. For information about how we request payments for trips and visits- and to ensure no students are excluded due to financial hardship-, please see the policy by following this link: [Charging and Remissions Policy](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at ibowyer@heckgrammar.co.uk should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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