RE: KS3 Visit to Madrid – July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This correspondence provides an update on the scheduled Madrid visit (between 17th – 20th July 2020).

The visit will not take place as planned in July, due to the fact that under current government guidelines, KS3 students will not be in attendance to the Academy for the dates of the visit. However, we have agreed to postpone and defer the trip to 2021. The trip will now take place at the end of the academic year: Friday 23rd July – Monday 26th July 2021.

We can confirm that the price of the trip will remain the same, £450 per student, which will cover: transport by airplane, coach transfers, accommodation, entrance costs and fees associated with all excursions and activities; food, and full insurance.

So far, we have made two payments to TravelBound of £100 for the first and second deposits; TravelBound will transfer over these deposits for next year’s 2021 Madrid trip. If you have made any payments towards the final balance already, this remains in the Academy. We will inform you of any rescheduled final payment dates when this information is confirmed by TravelBound.

Please note: if your child is unable to make the trip on these new dates, you must contact Miss Pastor (Visit Leader) to inform us as soon as possible.

Our proposed itinerary remains the same; exact timings will be confirmed closer to the date of the trip:

**Friday 23rd July:** Students will start discovering the city, walking through the central streets of Madrid and stopping for a break at Churreria San Gines to taste the typical churros with hot chocolate. Afterwards, we will go to the hostel, where we will have dinner and time to relax.

**Saturday 24th July:** After breakfast, students will take part in a Spanish lesson where they will practise their Spanish. In the afternoon, we will take in a tour of the Real Madrid Stadium: Santiago Bernabeu. We will tour around the Stadium and see it as if we were Real Madrid players: the bench, the changing rooms, the pitch, the museum, even the media room! Then, we will head to El Retiro Park. There we will enjoy the lake and the immense gardens, as well as visit the exhibitions at the Cristal Palace.

**Sunday 25th July:** We will spend our day at Madrid Theme Park! We will have enough time to discover its different areas and take multiple turns on our favourite rides, and whenever we are tired, relax while enjoying one of the spectacular park shows.

**Monday 26th July:** Before leaving Madrid, we cannot forget to go shopping to Gran Vía, where we will have free time to buy some souvenirs or even have an ice-cream, enjoying the sun. Finally, we will have time to pack our things and head to the airport.
All students must have their own passport and currently, will still need an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card – available free of charge at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers) which is valid for the full duration of the visit. If your child’s passport was issued by a country that is not part of the European Union, please ensure that parents/carers contact Miss Pastor regarding this immediately, in order for us to process their visa waiver application. If any changes arise with documentation now that we have left the European Union, it will be outlined in a further letter.

A Parent Meeting will be held in the new academic year, subject to government guidelines regarding social distancing; more details will be detailed in future correspondence.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Pastor by e-mail should you have any questions or if you do not wish for your child to attend the rescheduled trip. Miss Pastor’s email address is: mpastor@q3langley.org.uk – please write as the Subject: Madrid Visit – CHILD’S NAME.

Yours Faithfully,

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