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Dear Parents

### **Year 7-11 Five day Language Tour to Valencia - Monday 9 July – Friday 13 July 2018**

It is with great enthusiasm that we can reveal the destination of our next Spanish adventure! We propose the striking architecture, elegant art nouveau and dynamic museums of Spain's third largest city: Valencia. Your child will get the opportunity to develop his/her language skills whilst being immersed into the Spanish way of life and culture.

This trip will take place during the first week of the summer holidays from **Monday the 9 July 2018 to Friday the 13 July 2018**. Travel will be by air from Manchester Airport direct to Valencia. A coach will pick us up from Red House School and take us to the airport. Times will be confirmed at a later date. We will be staying in a 4\* hotel located in the heart of the old quarters of Valencia, within easy access of the city centre. All rooms will have en-suite facilities.

During the visit your son / daughter will get the chance to visit some very interesting and famous sites in and around Valencia including:

"La Ciudad de las Ciencias"  
a state of the art museum complex in Valencia designed by the architects Santiago Calatrava and Felix Candela.

The "Oceanografic"  
Europe's largest aquarium containing fish and creatures from each of the world's marine ecosystems. It is also home to one of the world's largest dolphinariums and also houses penguins, crocodiles and butterflies, to name but a few.

The "Hemisferic"  
an IMAX cinema showing digital projections of films based on natural sciences and astronomy. The film that you will watch is subject to confirmation / schedule, but it will be in English (or Spanish if you prefer). Current projections include 'Jean-Michel Cousteau's Secret Ocean'; 'Wild America'; 'Walking with Dinosaurs'; and 'Journey to Space. Next Stop: Mars'.

The Science Museum  
a fun and interactive museum dedicated to science and technology. The many exhibitions concentrate on subjects including DNA, electricity, flight, dinosaurs and gravity.

"A walking tour of Valencia"  
will be provided by a qualified and local guide. The exact route will be confirmed in more detail at the itinerary stage, but is likely to include some of Valencia's most iconic sights, including: the Basilica, Valencia Cathedral, "Llotja de la Seda" (silk exchange), "Torres de Serrano", "Torres de Quart", "Palau de la Generalitat" and some of the old town's most beautiful parks.

"A Flamenco workshop"

a chance for your children to learn the art of Flamenco dancing!

The "Museo Fallero"

The annual "Fallas" festival is an important part of Valencian life, when statues or "niñots" are carried through the streets before being burned on bonfires. Every year one statue is saved from the flames and is moved to the museum, therefore a visit to this quirky museum is a great way to introduce your children to local culture.

"Central Market" - Valencia's historic food market, home to more than 300 traders. An ideal opportunity for students to practise their language skills.

"Museo de la Bellas Artes" - The museum contains many examples of fine Spanish paintings and sculptures from the Gothic period onwards.

"Aquopolis Water Park" - A fantastic water park approximately 40 minutes' south of Valencia. The park has a number of swimming pools, slides and attractions, as well as snack bars and a shop.

I am sure you can appreciate that this will be an educational roller coaster ride not to be missed which will be the beginning or confirmation of your child's love affair with the country and its culture. It will bring their school studies to life and give them a real reason to continue to work hard.

The cost of the trip, including transport, accommodation, all meals, all entrance fees and insurance will be £690.00. The only additional costs would be your child's passport, meals whilst travelling between the UK and Spain and their pocket money for gifts, soft drinks and little treats. The hotel also asks for a €20 damage deposit which will be refunded at the end of the trip, as long as no damage is incurred.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this trip please complete the slip below and pay a non-returnable deposit of £230. Deposits need to be received by us by Monday 25 September. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. The deposit should be transferred direct to the school bank, using the following information:

Sort Code – 30-98-13

Account Number – 01776186

Bank – Lloyds Bank plc

Please ensure you use an easily identifiable reference code. Please use 'Spain' and your child's initials. It would also be helpful if you could put the same reference on the reply slip below.

I appreciate that this is an expensive outlay, but as you have read the trip is packed full of exciting visits which are a wealth of cross-curricular activities covering language, history, geography and art.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01642 553370 or by email at [janet.smart@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:janet.smart@redhouseschool.co.uk) if you would like any further information. There will, of course, be a meeting to discuss all aspects of the trip in the summer term.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Smart  
Head of Spanish and MFL

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Name of pupil \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

I have paid £230 by bank transfer using the code  
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(Your deposit will, of course, be returned to you if your child is not allocated a place)

\* To comply with the Children Act, children of divorced or separated parents must have the written consent of all those with parental responsibility.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)\*

