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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 12 Spanish/Art/DT Trip to Barcelona - Friday 19 to Monday 22 March 2027

We are delighted to offer our Year 12 Spanish, Art and DT students the opportunity to travel to Barcelona in late March 2027. This has been planned to be over a weekend to minimise the disruption to the students' learning.

The accommodation in Barcelona will be in a city centre hostel. Students will be sharing single-sex, multi-bedded private ensuite rooms with their own peers only. Breakfast will be provided, but the students will need Euros to buy lunch and dinner each day, apart from one night, where dinner is provided. We would suggest £30-40 a day. Everything else (flights including baggage, all transport, including to and from the airport in the UK and Spain, excursions and entry into sights, accommodation, breakfast and insurance) will be included.

The purpose of the trip is to immerse students in the language, culture, architecture and to explore sites of historical and cultural significance, with a particular focus on topics relevant to their A Level curriculum.

We anticipate that the total cost of the trip (including travel, excursions, admission fees, and insurance - as well as a voluntary contribution towards travel and other activities), will be between **£575–£675** per student. The final amount will depend on travel costs and the number of participants. The more we have signed up for the trip the cheaper the total cost will be. Please note that if insufficient funding means the trip is no longer viable, we will inform you as early as possible.

To secure a place for your child on this trip, **please pay an initial deposit of £300 by 9am Friday 20 November** via Parentpay. If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay please email parentpay@swbgs.com. Once numbers have been confirmed we will provide you with a payment schedule to spread the final cost of the trip.

Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

Please note that the deposit is a commitment to pay the full cost of the trip. If your child withdraws from the trip, we will endeavour to find a replacement to take their place, otherwise you will be required to pay the full cost. If your child is unable to travel once full payment has been made, a refund of recoverable costs will be made.

This is a Category C trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy and as such it is imperative that students follow the school's behaviour policy at all times. Students are to follow instructions from teaching staff and the specialist guides. Alcohol consumption, smoking and vaping are prohibited and students are prohibited from entering accommodation areas of the opposite sex.

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Travel documents

Every child will require a passport that has a minimum 3 months validity from the end of the trip (expiring no earlier than **22 June 2027**) and a Global/European Health Insurance Card. These can be obtained free of charge through the NHS website here. We will also have insurance through the school. **Students with non-Schengen area passports will require a visa:** please obtain this as soon as possible.

If you have any queries please email mfl.office@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Colville	Mr H Marx	Miss J Ormsby
Head of MFL	Head of Art	KS5 Lead, DT