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Dear Parents,

**Music Department Tour to Barcelona – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

I am very excited to be writing to you to offer Reading School students the opportunity to spend a week exploring and performing in Barcelona. The ensembles who will be taking part in the tour are Reading School Orchestra, Senior Jazz Band and Chapel Choir – if your son is not a member of these ensemble groups, he will need to join and regularly attend orchestra from this term or audition for Chapel Choir (unfortunately Senior Big Band is currently full).

Arguably the cultural capital of Spain, Barcelona is a vibrant city with much to offer when seeking out experiences of the Arts. Students will visit iconic sights such as the La Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas and Parc Guell, take a boat tour around the coast of Barcelona, perform at three local iconic venues and, of course, have some time to enjoy the beach! We are also in the process of securing tickets for a concert or musical performance, details to be confirmed. Tickets will also be available for the concerts where the boys will perform, should you wish to travel to Barcelona! I am sure you will agree this is a wonderful opportunity that will excite and inspire all of our music students.

Anticipated Cost: Maximum £845.00 which includes travel, half-board accommodation, eating out for dinner each evening, insurance, all excursions including tickets to a concert and travel in Barcelona. Students will also need pocket money to buy lunch, with around 10 Euros daily the anticipated spend.

Please note, this price is dependent on the size of the group and may be subject to change depending on confirmed attendees. You will be invited to an information evening to provide full details of the trip. A payment plan will be set up using Evolve to receive payments in three instalments between February & July 2023. The participation of students in receipt of Pupil Premium will be subsidised, and if you have any queries or concerns of a financial nature, please contact Mr Griffin to discuss in the strictest of confidence via [ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk).

Please note that parents are responsible for ensuring a student's eligibility to travel. There is considerable uncertainty in relation to visa arrangements to the Schengen area prior to the introduction of ETIAS later on this year. Ensuring that your son has all relevant paperwork and the visa's required for entry remains a parental responsibility. As such you should budget accordingly for any additional costs this may incur.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please complete your expression of interest via the link attached, by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. <https://forms.office.com/e/02v0jDGiWN>.

We very much hope that your child will be able to take part in this exciting new trip.

Yours sincerely

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