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**From: Mrs E Hillairet-Humphries & Mr O Griffin**  
**Teacher of Spanish & Director of Music**

23 June 2023

Dear Parents/carer,

### **Expression of Interest Letter**

**Trip: CS&L and Chapel Choir trip to Barcelona, Spain**

**Dates: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

The CS&L and Music Department is pleased to announce that we are organising a potential forthcoming **combined department trip to Barcelona in Spain** to take place in **October and November 2023**. This trip will further enhance language skills, will give students an insight into Spanish culture and give musicians a chance to perform at exquisite venues locally and in the surrounding area. As this is an enrichment trip it is not compulsory to attend, however, we believe it will bring to life many of the topics and skills the students will have studied in lessons and give fantastic cultural learning opportunities.

This trip is open to all students in Y8 & Y11 Spanish and members of Chapel Choir. The trip will be led by 6 staff, 5 of whom are CS&L and Music.

The trip will **last for 5 days, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**. We will be using Halsbury Travel, an experienced tour company, to assist in organising the visit. A number of excursions and activities are planned, including:

- 2 full days in Barcelona and trips around the Costa Brava region
- Sagrada Famillia
- Parc Guell
- Las Ramblas
- A flamenco show with a tapas dinner
- Girona and Figueres with a visit to Girona Cathedral
- Three concerts over the tour including one at the famous Montserrat Monastery

*Please note, this is a sample itinerary which has been provisionally reserved by the tour company. An exact itinerary will be available after a booking has been made.*



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Tour total cost: **£885.00pp**

The Price includes:

- Return flights with luggage allowance of 15kg per person
- Outward transfers from Barcelona airport.
- 5 days and 4 nights' accommodation – full board, 4\* Hotel Maria del Mar in Lloret de Mar
- All excursions, entrance fees and coach transfers whilst in Spain
- Proposed departure date: **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Departure time TBC**
- Proposed return date: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 – Return time TBC**
- Outbound and inbound drop off/pick up from the airport is not included and **parents will be expected to drop off/pick children up at the UK airport on return on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, time TBC.** Airport to be confirmed – please note that the tour will be taking place during Reading Week after Michaelmas half-term.
- The **estimated cost is approximately £885.00** (payable in instalments) depending on flights at the time of booking and the number of students participating, if your son is successful in securing a place you will follow up this consent with **payment of the non-refundable deposit in the sum of £280.00 to secure your son's place by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 via Evolve.**
- Two further instalments will be on 07/08/2023 of £300.00 and 07/09/2023 of £305.00 and will also need to be paid on Evolve.

Please click on the following link to confirm your interest: The deadline to confirm your expression of interest is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023: <https://forms.office.com/e/JW2n9JT5Hw>

Support will be available to students in receipt of Pupil Premium and to families experiencing financial hardship, who meet the qualifying criteria. Please contact either Miss. Hillairet-Humphries ([ehumphries@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:ehumphries@reading-school.co.uk)) or Mr. Griffin ([ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk)) for further details.

Please note that your son will have to be in the possession of a valid EHIC card or GHIC Card

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[Please visit the NHS website for further information](#), a Passport valid for six months after the return date of the trip and photocopies of these will be requested at the next stage as well as any special dietary and/or medical requirements that your child has.

In addition, please note that there may be additional visa costs for students depending on your child's nationality and residence status in the UK.

[Schengen Visa Application Process - How to Apply for a Visa to Europe \(schengenvisa.info\)](http://schengenvisa.info)

You will appreciate that the school has no control over the tour operators, airlines, hotels and other organisations involved. By reserving a place on the tour you and your son accept that the School has no responsibility for the default of the tour operators or other organisations and that in the event of an Act of God or any other circumstance whether involving health and safety, security, behaviour or otherwise, the School can in its discretion curtail, cancel or revise the tour at any time without recompense.

This trip is being run through Halsbury Travel who is accredited by the British Council, STF accredited and ABTA bonded and ATOL licensed.

We hope your son will be able to join us on this exciting trip. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss. Hillairet-Humphries [ehumphries@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:ehumphries@reading-school.co.uk) or Mr Griffin [ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:ogriffin@reading-school.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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