



KAM06AT

April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 9 (current Year 8) Spanish Trip to Andalucía
Thursday 13 to Monday 17 February 2025**

We are planning to take a group of forty students, accompanied by four members of staff, to Andalucía in Spain, if there is sufficient demand. The five-day tour includes a departure date of Thursday 13 February and a return date of Monday 17 February 2025.

The aim of the trip is to introduce students to Spanish life and culture and to further develop their level of Spanish by giving them the confidence to speak the language. They will learn how to cope linguistically in situations encountered on a visit abroad.

Andalucía is in the south of Spain, an area rich in tradition and history. We will visit the Mezquita and the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos in Córdoba, Málaga including the old town and Málaga Cathedral, Mijas and Bioparc in Fuengirola. We shall be staying in the seaside resort of Benalmádena which offers opportunities to experience Spanish life at first hand.

The total cost of the trip is £830 and includes:

- Travel from West Kirby to Manchester airport
- Return flights
- Use of the coach for transport to excursion destinations
- Full board
- Insurance
- Entrance fees to places of interest
- Chocolate workshop at Mayan Monkeys, Mijas

If you would like your child/ward to participate, please pay online a deposit of £200 and give consent, by **Monday 29 April 2024**, (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to office@wkgs.net).

This deposit is non-refundable once the trip is confirmed. However, the places for this trip are limited and if oversubscribed participants will be decided by random draw.

Further Payments

A second payment of £200 is due by **Monday 1 July**, a third payment of £200 by **Monday 30 September** and a final deposit of £230 by **Monday 4 November**. Payments can be made in instalments to this date.



Passports

If your child/ward does not have a passport, please make an application as a matter of urgency as details will be requested once the trip is confirmed. **Please note:** Select School Travel has advised that, in line with current government guidelines, passports should have at least **six months** until expiry from the date of travel, 13 - 17 February 2025. Passports must therefore be valid until 18 August 2025 as a MINIMUM.

Visa Requirements

At the time of writing, UK passport holders do not require a visa to enter Spain, as long as they have not spent more than 90 days in the previous 180 days in a Schengen area country. If you believe that this may be the case, please contact Mr Malhi.

Entry requirements for holders of passports that are not British or EU will need to be met and are the responsibility of the students involved. For those students who this concerns, please contact me as a priority so that arrangements can be made.

Health Insurance Cards

If your child/ward has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will still be in date during the trip, they will be able to use this. If they do not, you will need to apply for Global Health Insurance Card here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>. We have an extensive insurance policy but these cards allow for quick and easy access to healthcare in the unfortunate event it becomes necessary.

Yours faithfully

K Malhi

Mr K Malhi
Curriculum Coordinator for Spanish

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.