



## Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Re: Study Visit to Salamanca January 2024

I am delighted to be able to offer a study visit for students, currently in years 9-12, who are learning Spanish. This visit will take place from **Sunday 14th – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and will be to Spain's historic city of Salamanca. The total cost for the week will be in the region of **£775** but will be partly dependent on the number of participants. The visit will be organised through Halsbury Travel and will include:

- Transfers to and from school
- Full cover insurance
- Return flights including 15kg of hold luggage.
- Full board accommodation in host families who have been checked and approved through the tour operator (usually staying in pairs) – meals will include the evening meal on the first day through to lunch on the last day with the families.
- Sixteen hours of language lessons for the week, which will take place in the morning at the Language school in Salamanca in closed groups.
- Afternoon excursions will include a city tour of Salamanca, the cathedrals and towers and the University of Salamanca, the Oxford of Spain.
- A photo rally.
- A cookery class.
- An interactive conference
- Visit to Madrid on the last day, to include (this visit will very much depend on numbers participating):
  - entrance to the Reina Sofía museum to see Picasso's Guernica and a tour around central Madrid.
  - entrance to the Valley of the Fallen (La Valle de Los Caídos)

All students should study Spain in a historical context, but especially in years 12 and 13, where the syllabus includes the Spanish Civil War, and this visit will allow for cultural as well as linguistic development.

The visit is open to all students who will be studying Spanish at the date of the trip. For those students currently in Year 11, participation is dependent upon your child being on roll for the academic year 2023-2024. Should applications exceed the number of places, priority will be given to those students who did not attend this year's visit; followed by 6th form students, year 11 students intending to continue to A level Spanish and then a ballot for the rest. Participation for all

students is dependent on the correct study skills in school and the adherence to the school ethos. As students will be staying in host families the highest levels of behaviour will be expected.

In order to have an opportunity to secure a place for your child you will need to provide a deposit of **£200** payable via ParentPay **by 14<sup>th</sup> April** and have also provided your consent via Evolve. For families who find it difficult to contribute, requests for financial assistance should be emailed to [finance@langton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@langton.kent.sch.uk) in confidence by the same date. Unfortunately, this deposit is non-refundable unless the trip does not run or if it is oversubscribed and you do not get a place. We will advise parents as soon as possible after the Easter break whether your child has been given a place on the trip. There will be a further payment of **£160** six weeks after booking. A schedule will be provided for the remainder of the payments.

A valid passport is required: British travellers to the EU from 1st January 2021 must have a minimum of three months' validity remaining for travel to Europe. **Students holding a non-British or non-EU member passport may be required to apply for a Schengen area visa to enter Spain.**

Please feel free to contact me in school if you require any clarification at this stage [dstalley@langton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dstalley@langton.kent.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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