



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

6th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Spanish Exchange 2019 to Toledo, Spain

I am writing to inform you of some very exciting news. This year, we are able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in our Spanish Exchange with our partner school Colegio Divina Pastora in the beautiful, historic city of Toledo.

Colegio Divina Pastora is a catholic school similar in size and ethos to Bishop Ramsey. Students age from 11-18 years and come from a variety of backgrounds. You can view their school website here www.divinapastoratoledo.anamogas.org/.

Toledo is a beautiful, historic town about 1 hour south of Madrid. It is the capital of the Castile y la Mancha region and has been the seat of Spanish royalty throughout history and is famous for its ancient Christian, Jewish and Arabic buildings. This is a very culturally rich area with beautiful countryside, striking architecture and interesting history. Toledo itself is a UNESCO world heritage site and a stunning place to spend time.

The dates for the trip are from **Thursday 31st January** when we travel to Spain, until **Tuesday 5th February 2019**, when we return. The price will be **£385** which will include all travel, insurance and trips and visits whilst we are in Spain. Payments can be made in instalments. We will be travelling by plane, British Airways, to Madrid and then driving to Toledo by coach.

Our Spanish partners will visit us **after** and this will be from **Thursday 25th to Tuesday 30th April** (immediately after the Easter holidays).

This is a traditional exchange so students will be staying with a host family for the duration of their stay and will then be able to benefit from experiencing a new culture, practising their language skills and experiencing for themselves the similarities and differences of daily life in Spain. All meals will be provided by the host family including any packed lunches which students will need on trips. An exchange is a hugely enriching experience and an opportunity to make new friends which often stay friends for life.

Students will be accompanied on the exchange by members of staff from Bishop Ramsey who will remain in Toledo the whole time students are in Spain. Members of staff will be contactable 24 hours a day in case of emergency and will be staying in the same area as the students.

Whilst in Toledo we will be undertaking some daytrips to explore the area and learn a little about Toledo as well as a visit to Madrid. In Madrid, we will visit the Bernabeu Stadium (home of Real Madrid football club), have real "chocolate con churros" and have a tour of the city and its main areas.

I do hope that your son/daughter will be able to benefit from this fantastic opportunity.



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Places are limited to **twenty**, so please return the attached slip to **me (not the school office)** by **Wednesday 19th September**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, on return of the reply slip.

In order to travel, your son/daughter must have their own passport and EHIC card.

Once your child's place is confirmed, you will be contacted with payment details and the full payment schedule.

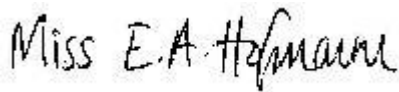
Please note that your son/daughter will need to be studying Spanish next academic year in order to take part in this Exchange.

If your son/daughter is entitled to Pupil Premium, there is some financial support available. Please indicate your interest in your child's participation in the Exchange by returning the reply slip as indicated and then contact me via email ehofmann.312@lgflmail.org.

The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school. Should a student be excluded from a trip any monies paid will not be refunded.

If you have any questions or queries, then please contact me in school or via email ehofmann@bishoprामsey.school.

Yours faithfully,



Miss E Hofmann
Head of MFL

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Please return to **MISS HOFMANN ONLY** in the **MFL Office** by **Wednesday 19th September**

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Spanish Exchange to Toledo.

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

Signed: _____