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17 July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Barcelona Residential – Friday 15 March to Sunday 17 March 2024

We are delighted to be offering Year 9 and 10 GCSE Food, Hospitality and Design and Technology students (academic year 2023/2024) the opportunity to travel to Barcelona, Spain, to experience local cuisine and explore Spain's infamous design history. The trip will be three days and two nights over the weekend of 15 - 17 March 2024.

When we are in Barcelona, we will be visiting a number of attractions such as Park Guell, local food market; La Boqueira, the Design Museum; The Museu del Disseny and The Magic Fountains. We will also be participating in a Tapas Making Workshop.

In order for the trip to proceed we will need to take a deposit from you to secure your child's place on this trip. The total cost is £655.00. Prices may change slightly subject to the airline's taxes and availability.

The price is based on the following;

- Return flights from a London airport to/from Barcelona
- Airport transfers both in the UK and in Barcelona
- Two night's accommodation, including breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning
- Three course set menu for dinner on Friday and Saturday evening at a local restaurant
- All excursions including entrance fees to Park Guell and The Design Museum
- Tapas making workshop and tasting on Saturday
- 3 Day Barcelona Travel Card
- Trip hoodie
- Travel insurance

Please note that students must be in receipt of a current passport which has 6 months until expiry, from the date of departure from Spain.

There are 40 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned. When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay medical & consent section accompanied by a non-refundable deposit payment of £155.00 by Friday 1 September 2023.

If they are successful in gaining a place on the visit, the deposit and any other monies that we have paid out for your child are non-refundable.

There will then be four further payments of £125.00 due by 30 September, 31 October and 30 November with a final payment due by Friday 15 December 2023.

We hope that all students who wish to participate will be able to do so, however, any students who are not allocated places will receive a refund of their deposit and their name will be put on a waiting list, and could be given the opportunity to travel should any places become available at a later date.

Information Evening - Advance warning! To provide more information about the trip there will be an information evening on Monday 5 February 2024 in the Main Hall from 5:00pm. This will give you the opportunity to meet the members of staff leading the trip and learn more about the trip to help you with any preparations.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and we are thrilled to be able to offer this experience. Should you wish to find out more information in the meantime please contact wildern@wildern.org

Yours sincerely

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