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Dear Parent/Carer

### Barcelona Trip: 23-26 May 2019

Following our successful trips to Barcelona for the last three years, we would like to offer all Year 10 Geography and Geology students the opportunity to visit this incredible Spanish city. The trip will be a four-day, three-night tour of many sites of geographical interest in and around Barcelona and Catalonia, offering an excellent opportunity for students to expand their understanding of the river and coastal environments, tourism, urban regeneration, volcanoes and the rock cycle, and the culture of Barcelona. The trip is designed to complement understanding of the Geography AQA GCSE and Geology Eduquas GCSE specifications that they are studying, and to teach field skills on which the students are assessed in both courses. Hence, the students will undertake many practical fieldwork activities and visit sites of interest including the Montsacopa and Garrotxa National Parks, Vila Olimpica Beach, the Nou Camp football stadium and La Sagrada Familia.

The cost of the trip will be £600 (please see the reverse for a list of what is included in the tour price). This includes a £50 contingency against the changing cost of flights and fluctuating Pound against the Euro; it is hoped that some of this money may be deducted from later instalments. Please note that **only 49 places** are available in total and these will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. The number of available places on this particular trip is limited owing to transport and accommodation restrictions.

At this stage, we would ask you to reserve a place on the trip by paying a deposit of **£150 via ParentPay**, which will open for payments on **Monday, 15 October 2018**. (Followed by three further installments of £150 each.) Due to the short notice of the opening of the trip (designed to allow us to secure the best possible price), a smaller deposit (minimum £5) may be paid to reserve a place at this time, **with the remainder of the full deposit payable no later than 01/11/18**. In either instance, payment of a deposit commits parents to paying the full balance of the trip by February 2019. The payment schedule will follow once all places have been confirmed. Once the deposit is paid, any cancellations will be subject to costs imposed by our tour operator. Please be aware that you will be expected to pay the whole amount for the trip, whether or not your child changes their mind about attending. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

All students will require both a European Health Insurance Card and a passport in order to travel. These details will be requested by the travel company as soon as the places on the trip are confirmed. Passport applications are currently taking six weeks so early applications are advised.

While we at Longsands are rightly proud of the exemplary behaviour of our students, there are sadly times when individuals' behaviour falls below our high standard. We reserve the right to refuse a place on the trip to any student whose conduct fails to meet our expectations, or is considered antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits, and consequently the Geography and Geology department cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low. In this instance, refunds are payable only where we are subsequently able to fill a place.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this trip. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs F Smith at the Academy via ([fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk)). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Smith immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

We hope your son/daughter will be able to participate in this exciting opportunity to further their geographical and geological studies.

Yours sincerely



Miss F Rose  
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#### **Included in the tour price**

- Flights: Return flights from London (airport to be confirmed) to Barcelona El Prat
- Accommodation on a half-board basis at a student-only hostel in central Barcelona
- Insurance
- All airport taxes
- Coach transfers to and from airports
- Travel on Barcelona Metro
- Guides, equipment and activities for fieldwork days
- Museum visit

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

1. By paying a deposit of £150 to reserve a place on this trip, you are indicating acceptance of your obligation to pay the remaining balance once the trip is confirmed.
2. Deposits, once paid to our travel operator, are non-refundable unless another student can be found to fill the vacated place.
3. Payment of deposits indicates an acceptance of your obligation to pay the outstanding balances in amounts and by dates which will be set by the Academy, between October 2018 and February 2019.

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