

FER/Barca18/LH
8 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Barcelona Trip, 28th April – 1st May 2018

Following two successful trips to Barcelona in 2016 and 2017, we would like to offer Year 10 Geography GCSE 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 and the culture of Barcelona. The trip is designed to complement understanding of the new AQA GCSE they will be studying, and to teach field skills on which the students are assessed. Hence, the students will undertake many practical fieldwork activities and visit sites of interest including River Tordera, Vila Olimpica Beach, the Nou Camp football stadium and La Sagrada Familia.

The cost of the trip will be £540 (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.

ParentPay will open for payment from 9.00 am on Wednesday, 13 September. If your child would like a place on this trip, please pay £100.00 via ParentPay as soon as possible (as we anticipate places will fill quickly). **Please note that only 40 places are available and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

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.

We reserve the right to not take any pupil whose behaviour is considered in any way antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits. We cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low.

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. 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 (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 studies.

Yours sincerely



Miss F Rose
2i/c Geography and Geology

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 £100 to reserve a place on this trip, you are indicating acceptance of your obligation to pay the remaining balance, in accordance with the payment schedule, once the trip is confirmed and by the end of January 2018.
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.