



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
Avenue of Remembrance
Sittingbourne
ME10 4DB

To Parents/carers of Y10 students visiting Barcelona

February 2020

Barcelona Trip, Sunday March 29th – April 2nd 2020

I am writing to provide final information regarding the above-mentioned trip. All payments for this visit are due by 28th February. Thank you for all money that has been paid so far and for your returned consent forms and codes of conduct.

- Barcelona information evening.

I would like to invite you to an information evening on **Monday 9th March** at 6pm in the school hall. During this meeting I will take us through the organisation of and schedule for the visit in full detail, provide important guidance on safety and, of course, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the visit. I do hope you will be able to attend.

- Passports.

I would like to start collecting in passports for safekeeping in the lead up to our departure. Please ask your son to hand it directly to his Spanish teacher **by Monday 16th March** but NOT to leave it on a teacher's desk, or anywhere else where it may go astray. Alternatively, please feel free to bring it with you to the information evening and hand it to me then. EHIC cards should be kept in the possession of pupils at all times. There is no need to submit these along with passports.

- Travel details: (All times are local and 24hr)

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Outbound: Sunday March 29th	Homebound: Thursday 2 nd April
Depart School: 10:00*	
British Airways (BA0480) LHR 14:20 BCN 17:30	British Airways (BA0481) BCN 18:25 LHR 19:45

Estimated arrival at school: **22:00**

***Please remember that the clocks go forward 1 hour on this day!**



Headteacher: Mr G Mulligan BA (Hons) MBA



Our Schedule for the week (subject to amendment)

Day/date	AM	PM
SUNDAY 29/03	Depart Sittingbourne at 10:00	Arrival in centre. Small walking tour Dinner
MONDAY 30/03	Nou Camp stadium experience	Train trip to seaside town of Sitges.
TUESDAY 31/03	Coach trip to Tarragona Aqueduct visit/town trail	Tarragona beach visit City centre trail
WEDNESDAY 01/04	All day Port Aventura theme park	All day Port Aventura theme park.
THURSDAY 02/04	Cable car to Montjuic Shopping in city centre	Transfer to airport. Arrive Sittingbourne: 22:00 approx

▪ **Hotel Address:**

Travelodge Poble Nou
Carrer de Llull, 170
08005 Barcelona

Emergency contact details.

Home:

During school hours: 01795 424192
Out of school hours: 07976 539109

In Spain:

Visit leader: Mrs J Frost
24 hour contact: 0034 665 245 352

▪ **Meals**

Breakfast and evening meals are included in the price of the trip. We shall take our evening meals in a typically Spanish restaurant and I will expect to see boys using their Spanish to communicate with waiting staff! Boys will have to purchase their own lunch, but as breakfast and dinner will be quite substantial, a light snack will be sufficient.

▪ **Spending money/Euros.**

Approximately £80-£100 in Euros should be ample to cover lunch, snacks and a few gifts whilst in Spain. Please do get Euros changed up before departure. (Commission free from the Post Office is probably the best option)

- **What to pack.**

As this trip is only for a short period of time please keep luggage to a minimum. Each boy will be permitted one piece of hold (23kg max) and once piece of hand luggage.

- **Items to carry in hand luggage.**

Snacks	music/magazines/books
Pen/paper	coat
EHIC	cash

Currently no liquids in excess of 100ml can be carried in hand luggage. Please also note that BA flights do not accept cash on board.

Boys should avoid anything that is likely to attract undue attention to the group. The following list may prove useful as a guide for what to take, bearing in mind that the temperatures are likely to be between 15 and 22 C and very cool in the evenings.

Jeans/shorts	coat/waterproof
T-shirts	wash kit
Jumpers/sweatshirt	pocket dictionary
Socks	pen
Trainers	sun lotion
Sunglasses	hat

- **Behaviour/Supervision.**

The group consists of 49 students and 5 teachers/staff and, between us, we have many years' experience of organising and accompanying school trips. The staff travelling will be: Mrs J Frost (trip leader), Mrs A Edwards (assistant leader, Head of Year 10 and French/Spanish teacher), Mr R Artingstoll (Assistant Headteacher), Mr. P Reynolds (Second in English) and Mr. S Dale (IT technician) and we will be exercising the same care as a prudent parent. The trip is intended to give students first-hand experience of the history, culture and language of Spain and, as such, there will be occasions when pupils are free to spend time exploring, follow trails or go shopping unsupervised. Such sessions will normally be no longer than two hours and regular headcounts will occur during the day. Furthermore, each student will have a staff mobile phone contact and clear instructions in case of emergency.

Following the evening meal, boys will not be able to leave their rooms unless accompanied by the teachers. Needless to say, smoking, vaping, drinking and any other act which would bring our group into disrepute will be dealt with severely.

Both you and your child have signed a code of conduct for this trip. Please retain your copy for reference and ensure you re-read it with your son before departure.

Should you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at school. On behalf of all the teachers accompanying the group, I hope that your child has a truly memorable time in Barcelona.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Frost', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs J Frost
Head of MFL