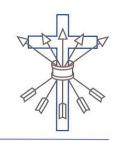
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Dear Parent/Carer

## SPANISH VISIT TO GRANADA, THURSDAY 18-SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

For the first time at Waddesdon School, we are delighted to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to go on a visit to the Andalusian city of Granada from Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 July 2026. We are offering this experience to Year 9 and Year 10 Spanish students. Mr Mac, Ms Bridges and I will accompany the group.

The primary purpose of this visit is for students to develop their use of the Spanish language and they will have a workbook to complete during the visit and afterwards. However, the visit does not form an essential part of the taught curriculum and if your son/daughter does not take part, their future progress should not suffer as a result.

The students will be immersed in the rich history, culture and traditions of southern Spain. We will be staying at the modern and comfortable TOC Hostel, located right in the heart of Granada and just a short 15-minute walk from the breath-taking Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Travel will be by coach from school to a London airport and plane to Málaga, followed by a scenic journey to Granada by coach. During the trip, students will enjoy guided tours of iconic locations including the Alhambra, a full-day excursion to the beautiful city of Córdoba and its world-famous cathedral-mosque, and a visit to the historic neighbourhood of El Albaicín. They'll also have the chance to experience the magic of an authentic Flamenco show in the atmospheric Sacromonte area.

This cultural experience will not only enhance students' Spanish language skills but also support the Religious Studies curriculum, offering a unique insight into the coexistence and legacy of Islamic and Catholic influences across Andalusia.

The cost of the visit will be between £760 and £780, depending on the number of students and based on a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40. The cost includes all travel, three nights' bed and breakfast accommodation, three evening meals, entry fees, excursions, guided tours and travel insurance.

Students wishing to take part in this visit will have a booking made by the school on their behalf with a tour operator. All conditions of the booking will be as laid down by the tour operator; for example, all payments will be non-refundable once a place has been confirmed, except for cancellation due to medical reasons, supported by a doctor's letter, or on compassionate grounds.

It is important to emphasise that only those students who have proved themselves to be responsible and well behaved will be considered for a place on this visit. We will consult with our colleagues when considering the students who wish to take part and review behaviour in school and on previous educational visits.

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We do not wish to exclude any student from the visit; however, without financial support from parents, the visit would have to be cancelled. If you are concerned about payment, please contact us and we can direct you to agencies which might be able to support you.

All students must hold a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond our return date of 21 June. If students do not have a British or EU passport, they must check if they need a visa and apply as soon as possible. They will also need a GHIC/EHIC; again, please apply at least 3 months in advance if your son/daughter needs a card. There is no charge if you apply through the official website <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/">https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/</a>

To request a place for your son/daughter, please <u>complete this form</u> by 12 noon on Monday 21 July at the latest. In the event of oversubscription for the visit, priority will be given to Year 10 students, then names will be selected at random. We will write to you again to confirm whether a place has been allocated. If you accept the offer, we will require a deposit of £200 and your son/daughter's passport details by Friday 5 September to confirm the place. The balance will be payable in monthly instalments of up to £100 from October 2025 to April 2026 inclusive.

Please note: By accepting a place on this visit, you will be committing to making all instalment payments by the due dates. Failure to do so will jeopardise your son/daughter's place and the full cost of the visit will still be payable, unless another student can be found to fill the place.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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Teacher of Spanish and Psychology