

13th July 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Spanish Exchange 2016

I am delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Exchange with our partner school, Colegio San Juan Bosco Salesianos. This trip is a unique and invaluable opportunity for students to experience the Spanish way of life first-hand (family life, school, the customs and practices of the host country). It enables them to immerse themselves in the language and to practise with sympathetic native speakers in a very friendly environment. The Exchange is ideally suited to students in Year 12 and 13, who are prepared to match up with Spanish students of a similar age. An exchange is a reciprocal offer of hospitality. The student stays with a person his/her age in Spain and in return he/she receives that person for a similar period of time as a guest.

**Beaumont students will go to Spain from Friday 8th until Friday 15th April 2016 (Easter holiday)
The Spanish students will come to England from Monday 14th to Monday 21st March 2016**

We will travel to Madrid by air from Heathrow. Students will be required to make their own way to the airport. We will take the fast train to Puertollano from Atocha main railway station. This area of Spain is very well known as the 'Don Quixote' region. During our stay in Spain, the Beaumont group will go on some exciting excursions together. We will follow the 'Ruta del Quixote' (visiting the three beautiful cities of Almagro, Valdepeñas and Toledo) where 'Quixote' features predominantly. We will spend a day in Madrid, where we will do a walking tour of some of the most architecturally stunning areas and students will have some time to explore the city by themselves.

Students will spend an afternoon experiencing Spanish school life by participating in lessons. Evenings and the weekends will be spent with their Spanish families who will make every effort to organise some interesting activities for them. A similar programme would be arranged for the Spanish when they visit pupils here.

As hosts you undertake certain responsibilities:

- You commit yourself to receiving a Spanish student into your home – this does *not* mean that you have to have a spare bedroom; sharing is possible.
- You accept full responsibility for that student and agree to treat him/her as you would expect your own child to be treated.
- You pay for expenses the guest incurs in connection with your family activities (entrance tickets, fares, restaurant or café bills, etc.).
- You vet all activities proposed by your child or the guest and ensure that the visitor is not involved in events of which his/ her parents might reasonably disapprove.

The total cost of the trip will be between approximately £430 and £485 per student. As the price is dependent on the number of pupils involved, I will only be able to confirm the exact cost after the deadline for replies. The price includes flights, transfers in Spain, excursions and insurance. This trip is classified as an optional extra, and the school is therefore entitled to charge for it.

Your son/daughter will need a valid EHIC Card (easily obtained online or from the Post Office) and a valid individual passport (again forms are available from the Post Office). Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport.

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If you would like your child to participate in this enjoyable and educationally valuable trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return it via your son/daughter to the Spanish Exchange box outside the Finance Office, by the **deadline of Thursday 17th September** together with a non-refundable deposit of £100. Cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School. Alternatively you can make payment over the internet using our online payment system (**NB: You must still return the attached reply slip to school**). A second payment of £100 will be due by Monday 7th December and the final balance by Friday 12th February. We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for parents who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Boggi
Spanish Exchange Organiser

SPANISH EXCHANGE 2016

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Pupil's Surname: **(as on passport*)**.....

Pupil's Forenames: **(as on passport*)**.....

Form.....

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

Dietary Requirements for airline:

** Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child's passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes may incur an extra charge.*

If necessary, would you be prepared to have a partner of the opposite sex **YES** **NO**

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Spanish Exchange from 8 – 15 April 2016

I enclose **£100** as an initial deposit towards a total cost of between approximately £430 and £485. I undertake to make final payment by the required deadlines.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, my son/daughter must not be participating against their doctor's advice.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are

for this visit only permanent.

Signed.....Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Date.....