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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Spanish Exchange 2019

I am delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in the Spanish Exchange with our partner school, Colegio San Juan Bosco Salesianos, next academic year 2018-19. 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 10 and 12, who are prepared to match up with Year 11 and 12 Spanish students. An exchange is a reciprocal offer of hospitality. The student stays with a person of similar age in Spain and in return they receive that person for a similar period of time as a guest.

- **Beaumont students will visit Spain from Wednesday 3 April to Wednesday 10 April 2019.**
- **Spanish students will visit England from Wednesday 27 February to Wednesday 6 March 2019.**

We will travel to Madrid by plane and once arrived we will transfer via coach to Puertollano. Each week day during our stay in Spain, the Beaumont students meet at the school and head out on excursions. We will have day trips to Madrid, Toledo, and Córdoba and spend some time in the Spanish school so students are able to compare and contrast the two styles of education. La Mancha, the region where Puertollano is located is Don Quijote and Pedro Almodóvar country so this is an excellent introduction to some of the cultural aspects of literature and film studied at the new GCSE and A level. Previous students have thoroughly enjoyed the exchange and have returned to Puertollano independently over the summer holidays.

As hosts you undertake certain responsibilities:

- You commit yourself to receiving a Spanish child into your home – this does *not* mean that you have to have a spare bedroom; sharing is possible.
- You accept full responsibility for that child and agree to treat them 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 their parents might reasonably disapprove.

The total cost of the trip will be between approximately £400 and £470 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, coach travel in Spain and entrance fees to a variety of museums and activities.

If you would like your child to participate in this enjoyable and educationally valuable trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return it to the Spanish Exchange box outside the Finance Office, by the deadline of **Wednesday 12 September 2018** together with a non-refundable deposit of £100. Once I am able to confirm the final cost, further payments will be due in **October 2018 and January 2019**. If you wish to discuss financial assistance or a possible extension on the payment deadline please contact the Finance Office before Wednesday 12 September 2018.

Please note that once your child has been allocated a place on this trip you will be required to pay the full cost of the trip even if you or your child, subsequently change your mind about participating. We would of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in these circumstances however we will be entering into a contract with our operators and/or travel companies based on your request for a place and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract.

We hope to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate in the exchange however we are dependent on equal numbers of exchange partners being provided by the Spanish school. Unfortunately they will not be in a position to confirm their numbers until mid-September. In the event that the trip is over-subscribed, places will be allocated by lottery. Should it not be possible to arrange for your child to be hosted in Spain, we will of course refund your deposit in full immediately.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Duckworth and Mrs M Bennett
Spanish Exchange Leaders





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SPANISH EXCHANGE 2019

Please return to 'Spanish Exchange' box outside the Finance Office by Wednesday 12 September 2018

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

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

Form (2018-19).....

Passport Number:

Issue Date:

Expiry Date:

Country of Issue:

** 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.*

I would like my child to participate in the Spanish Exchange from 3 April to 10 April 2019 and agree to host a Spanish student from 27 February to 6 March 2019.

I understand that in order for my child to participate in this trip the school will need to share student data with the appropriate tour operators and travel companies.

Please tick the appropriate box:

- I enclose £100 as the initial non-refundable deposit towards a total cost of between £400 and £470. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.
- I have made payment of the deposit online (NB: You must also return this form to school)
- I am happy to host a an exchange partner of the opposite sex

I agree to them 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, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my child is fit to travel.

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 child 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.....

