

Our Lady's Catholic High School

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Being One of Ours

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to offer students the exciting opportunity within the KS4 languages' curriculum. Our bi-annual Spanish trip to Barcelona will take place from **Thursday 8th February to Sunday 11th February 2024.**

We will be travelling by coach from school to a northern airport (airport to be confirmed on booking of flights) and will be using the accommodation *Barcelona Urbany Hostel*, where we have stayed several times in the past. The hostel is ideally located for many of the attractions we will visit. To find out more about the accommodation please visit:

<https://www.urbanyhostels.com/barcelona/>

We will have a busy schedule including visits to the Gothic Quarter, Port Vell, La Sagrada Familia, Poble Espanyol, Las Ramblas shopping area, La Boqueria market, Parc Guell, Parc Cuitadella, the Picasso museum and a boat cruise in the Port of Barcelona.

As well as being an unmissable language experience, this will also be a true cultural experience in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

As with all trips, we would expect pupils to adhere to the normal behaviour expectations we have in school.

The total cost of the trip will be **£680**, this includes all coach and air travel, 3 nights bed and breakfast accommodation, travel insurance, entrance tickets and evening meals at Tapes Tapas, Moka restaurant and Fresc Co. The price is based on 40 students participating in the trip. Pupils would need some spending money to purchase lunches when we are out and about in Barcelona.

If after discussing this with your child, you would like them to take part in the trip, please pay a **non-refundable deposit of £180 on Scopay by Thursday 8th June.** Please be aware that if your child changes their mind about going on the trip, all payments will remain non-refundable.

If you have financial difficulties, there may be some funds available in school to help. Please contact Mrs Crossley via email, ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk if this is the case.



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The payment schedule is detailed below.

	Amount	Payable by
Deposit	£180	8 th June 2023
Payment 2	£125	5 st July 2023
Payment 3	£125	5 th September 2023
Payment 4	£125	5 th October 2023
Payment 5	£125	5 th November 2023

Your child will need a full British passport with 6 months remaining on it after the return date of the visit – 11th February 2024. Please check this thoroughly. Please be aware that refunds cannot be given due to passport issues. If your child needs a passport, please apply now as it can take up to ten weeks to process. Your child will also need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which has replaced the previous European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). These are free to obtain online. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

We will arrange a parent information session prior to the trip in January 2024 but if you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me, preferable via e-mail, ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Crossley

Assistant Principal Teacher of Modern Languages