



Dear Parent/Carer

18th September 2024

Barcelona Study Visit – Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July - Alternative Learning Week

The MFL department are planning a residential field trip to Barcelona for MFL students. Students will be able to focus on learning useful language skills in a stimulating and relevant way. They will also have the opportunity to explore cultural and historical venues in the beautiful city of Barcelona.

Students on the visit will be issued with a study booklet to help them practise their linguistic skills and consolidate learning. The visit will include excursions to the Las Ramblas markets, Gaudí's Basilica de la Sagrada Familia, the Gothic quarter, the art museum and the Parc de la Ciutadella. There will also be free time to explore Barcelona in smaller groups. It should be pointed out that this visit contains a certain amount of walking in which all students will be expected to participate. There will also be a full day visit to the PortAventura Caribe water park.

The group will leave a local regional airport (still to be confirmed) on **Monday 7th September** and return on **Friday 11th September 2025**. The provisional cost of the trip is £1000, although prices will depend on the final number of students participating in the trip. This price includes travel costs, all excursions and entrance fees, accommodation, breakfast, midday and evening meals in Barcelona. Your son or daughter will also need a small amount of spending money. Our numbers are limited and, as always, student participation in any school visit is dependent on his/her behaviour and attitude in the classroom and at school.

Places will initially be given to upper school MFL students but any remaining places will be allocated to year 7 and 8 students on a first come, first served basis. To express interest in reserving a place on the trip for your son/daughter, you are asked to email the following address office@hccs.info indicating in the title of the email **MFL Barcelona**.

Following this initial process, those who are offered a place will then be asked for an initial deposit of £150 by 8th October 2024. Details of how payment can be made will accompany offers of places. This deposit will be refundable only if the trip does not take place. Please do not send a deposit until requested. Should you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

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