

Y8 Spanish Trip
Wednesday 17th – Saturday 20th April

Dear Parents,

We are proposing to take a **Y8 Spanish trip** away with Bedford Preparatory School during the Easter holidays next year. We will be staying on the Costa Brava in the 4* Caleta Palace Hotel in Platja D'Aro. The hotel is well appointed, with the boys sharing 3/4 bedded rooms with en-suite facilities, and a restaurant offering a buffet range of traditional Spanish and international food. The trip includes:

- Minibus transport from the Prep School to the UK airport (hopefully Luton – awaiting confirmation)
- Return flights to Barcelona with cabin baggage
- 3 nights Full Board accommodation at the hotel
- A visit to Barcelona, including the Nou Camp museum, a visit to the Sagrada Familia and a walking tour of Las Ramblas
- A half day visit to a Spanish school, with the opportunity to do language tasks with the pupils there
- A Spanish language shopping task
- A 2-hour water sports session – kayaking and snorkelling– on the sea
- Playing in a football fixture against a local Spanish club
- Bowling evening

Cost: £950

We are very mindful that this is an expensive trip; please be assured that we have taken in many quotes and chosen a company which offers the best experience to value ratio. During the trip, the only additional money the boys would need is for buying breakfast at the airport on the first day and any pocket money for drinks, snacks or souvenirs. I think it would also be helpful for you to consider that the Y8 Bushcraft residential trip the whole year group attends during Trips Week costs in the region of £400.

There are 30 places available to the boys and priority will be given to boys who have chosen to study Spanish this year. If the trip is oversubscribed when the deadline is reached, we will draw names out of a hat. If you wish to apply for a place on the trip for your son, please:

1. Complete [this form](#)
2. Make a deposit payment of £250 via [Wisepay](#) by 22nd September 2023. This will of course be refunded if we are oversubscribed and we are not able to offer your son a place.

The Pupil's Code of Conduct mentioned in the booking form can be found [here](#).

Our payment schedule will be as follows:

Deposit - £250 by 22nd September 2023

Second payment of £250 by 25th November 2023

Final balance of £450 by 19th January 2024

Insurance and Cancellation:

In terms of insurance, we regret that our Travel Insurers, in common with most travel policies, now include a Communicable Diseases Exclusion that means that should a trip be cancelled, or losses occur due to postponement, or additional costs be incurred due COVID restrictions or quarantine requirements imposed by a government, these additional costs or losses will not be covered by insurance and will not be met by the school. Our insurance does however cover the cost of the trip if a boy tests positive for COVID prior to departure and is unable to join us.

Cancellation policy for the trip for reasons other than a positive Covid test before departure:

Period before scheduled departure date within which written notification is received by us	Cancellation charge (including the deposit paid as a percentage of the total price)
More than 80 days	Full 1st & 2nd Deposits as per schedule
35 – 80 days	75% of the cost
0 – 34 days	100% of the cost

Passports will need to have at least six months validity on the day of travel and with large waiting lists we strongly advise you check your son's passport and renew in good time if necessary. This also applies to GHIC cards.

Please contact school via email if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Faulkner

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