



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

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Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 10 HOMESTAY TRIP TO SALAMANCA

The Faculty of Modern Foreign Languages would like to offer 30 Year 10 GCSE Spanish students a new and exciting opportunity to participate in a home stay visit to Salamanca from Tuesday 10 July to Sunday 15 July 2012. We are working with Halsbury, an organisation well-known to us, to offer a trip tailored to meet the needs of Year 10 GCSE Spanish students at Charters.

The visit should enable pupils to develop their language skills, confidence, and increase their cultural awareness. It should also be very enjoyable!

Provisional details are:

- Departure Tuesday evening LHR, return Sunday afternoon
- Home stay accommodation (half-board) with a Spanish family. There are usually 2 students per family. Families are approved by Halsbury and briefed on how to accommodate young adults.
- Students will need money to buy lunch every day and pocket money.
- Intensive Spanish language tuition in small groups at a local language school delivered by native speakers. Instructors are aware of the GCSE course and after consultation with us will design a course specifically for our students.
- Recreational and cultural activities in the afternoons.
- A full day excursion to Segovia
- There will be plenty of opportunities to practise Spanish in real life situations.
- Charters staff will accompany the trip to offer pastoral and linguistic support.

We estimate the cost of the trip at this stage to be £590 per student. However this costing also allows for recreational activities and is an approximation. If fewer than 30 students subscribe the cost may be more.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this exciting new venture, please return the attached consent form to the School Trip Return's box located in Reception by **Wednesday 28 September** together with a non-refundable deposit of £150. Preferred method of payment is by cheque, payable to RBWM with name and tutor group printed on the reverse.

Please return in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with name and activity. Your deposit will be returned in the event of your son/daughter not being included in the group. In the case of over subscription for this trip, places will be allocated on the basis of a draw in consultation with the Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support for Modern Foreign Language learning at Charters and we look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely

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**CHARTERS SCHOOL
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

Please find below information regarding an Off-Site Activity which is planned from Charters School.

Pupil's Name:..... **Tutor Group:**.....

I acknowledge receipt of the information regarding the proposed visit/activity to:

Salamanca, Spain

On: Tuesday 10 July to Sunday 15 July 2012

and consent to my child, named above, participating. I have read the information and agree to his/her taking part in all or any of the activities described therein.

I certify that as far as I am aware my son/daughter is medically fit* to undertake this journey and associated activities and there are no known health reasons why he/she should not do so. I authorise medical treatment to be provided should this be necessary during the course of the visit.

I understand that those supervising my child are in loco-parentis and must exercise a standard of care that would be expected of a reasonable, prudent parent.

I understand that there will not be an adult with a first aid qualification accompanying this visit.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed. In addition, I understand that Charters School reserves the right not to take any pupils whose behaviour in school is less than satisfactory and likely to therefore jeopardise the safety of the group whilst on this trip.

Please find enclosed our payment of £150 (deposit)

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Emergency contact details during the trip:

Name:

Contact No:.....

Relationship to child:.....

*Please give details if your son/daughter suffers from any medical condition, of which, whilst not affecting his/her ability to undertake this off-site visit, you consider the Trip Organiser should be aware and/or is in addition to the signed Medical Consent Form (OA4) already held in School for your child:

Medical Details including any medication (eg Epipen):.....

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(Office Use only: Medical information updated on SIMS)

Signed:.....Parent/Carer Date.....

Please complete and return this consent form with your payment in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name, tutor group and proposed activity. Please ask your child to place your reply in the sealed Returns Box in Reception. A separate payment and labelled envelope are required for each trip.