

June 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is planning a 4 day visit to Granada, Spain for students in years 10-13 (currently in years 9-12.). This will take place from **11th-14th of March 2010**. First hand knowledge of the Spanish-speaking world and using Spanish in real life contexts is important for success at GCSE and A-level and we should like to invite your daughter to accompany us on this highly beneficial and exciting trip to experience a taste of real Spain.

The trip will cost £295 which includes some funding by the Academy and by Aimhigher. This price includes flights, accommodation, all trips, entrance fees and transport whilst in Spain as well as breakfast and lunch. Evening meals, however, are not included. We will eat in restaurants near the hotel and these will be paid for then. Full details of travel and accommodation will be provided at a later date.

Granada is a small yet beautiful city in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia. It sits at the foot of the imposing Sierra Nevada mountain range and is only just over an hour from the coast. Granada is home to the impressive Alhambra palace which we will, of course, be visiting. We will also experience an authentic flamenco show in a cave as well as enjoying the city of Granada and, of course, its shops, tapas bars, ice cream parlours and markets. We will also visit the pretty coastal town of Nerja on the Costa del Sol and its extremely impressive caves.

The trip is organised by your daughter’s Spanish teachers who have prior knowledge of the area. As you are no doubt aware, budget airlines operate a system of the cheapest prices being available the earlier you book. As soon as the flights become available I would like to be able to book the flights to ensure the best value. This means that if you would like your daughter to be part of this valuable trip, I would need a deposit of **£150 by Monday, 6th of July** in order to book flights and reserve accommodation. Due to the nature of the booking arrangements this would be a **non-refundable deposit** as the airline offers no refund for cancellation. A further instalment will be due in the autumn term and one instalment a month before departure. If you would like your daughter to participate in this trip, please sign the attached form and enclose a deposit of £150 and return to Mr Pickford by Monday, 6th of July. Cheques should be made payable to ‘GDST Academy Trust’.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Pickford
Party Leader

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F.A.O. Mr A Pickford

I agree for my daughter to take part in the trip to Granada on 11th – 14th March 2010.

Name: Form:

I have also included a deposit of £150 with my daughter’s name on the reverse.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: