

15 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Expressive Arts Trip to Barcelona – Wednesday 18 October to Saturday 21 October 2023

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer current Year 10 students, who study an Expressive Arts subject, the opportunity to visit Barcelona from Wednesday 18 October to Saturday 21 October 2023. Although the visit is not essential to your child's chosen course of study, it will allow students to encounter experiences that are unavailable in the classroom. The itinerary has been devised to provide young people with the chance to experience cultures, respect differences, and broaden their horizons and knowledge.

Whilst in Barcelona, students studying an Art endorsement will create a sketchbook journal documenting their experience through drawing, collage, text and photography. The journal can be entered as part of their 60% A Level personal investigation portfolio. On their return, students will have the opportunity to develop, refine and complete their travel journals ready for assessment.

Barcelona boasts more Art Nouveau buildings than any other city in the world and it is famed for its art, design, architecture, culture and style. We will visit Antoni Gaudi's remarkable Sagrada Familia Cathedral, stroll the streets of Las Ramblas and Carrer Tallers and visit Boqueira Market. Within our itinerary is a visit to MACBA and Girona, Figures for the Dali Museum and Museu Picasso to immerse ourselves in Catalan Art and Pablo Picasso's and Dali's permanent collections. We will also visit the famous Parc Guell which contains amazing stone structures, mosaic tiling, more Gaudi Architecture and a breath-taking view of the city. Finally, La Pedrera, Casa Mila roof top for a Night Experience.

The trip will leave from Bristol Airport on Wednesday 18 October 2023 and return on Saturday 21 October 2023, exact times to be confirmed. The total cost of this trip will be £750.

The cost will include the following: -

- Two x Airport Transfers in Barcelona
- Barcelona Urbany Hostel - Three nights bed and breakfast
- Visit to Park Guell
- Coach Excursion to Gerona and Figueres
- Visit to the Dali Theatre-Museum
- Tapas Meal with Soft Drink at Nervion Restaurant
- 3 Course Set Meal with Table Water at Restaurant Moka
- 2 Course Meal with Soft Drink at Hard Rock Cafe (Set Menu)
- Visit to Picasso Museum (Free up to 17 years old)
- Visit to Museu d'Art Contemporani (MACBA)
- The Montjuïc Cable Car
- Tablao Flamenco Cordobes - Show and Soft Drink
- Visit to Montjuic Hill and Local Area
- Guided Visit to La Sagrada Familia
- La Pedrera Night Experience

Not included:

- Pocket money
- Meal en route from Bristol to Barcelona - students to provide a packed lunch for the outward journey
- Students will be required to purchase lunch from a selection of eateries or supermarkets for each daily excursion
- Meal en route from Barcelona to Bristol

Please ensure your child has a valid passport as we will require a copy prior to the trip.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. If you are unable to pay online, you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. A full medical form and Code of Conduct will be required prior to departure and will be issued nearer the time. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

All that is required initially is the deposit of £200.00, which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip. The trip will open on ParentPay at 8am on Friday 18 November 2022 and the deadline for the initial deposit is Friday 25 November 2022. Should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The remaining payments can be spread out between now and when the final payment must be paid to the Tour Operator.

The suggested payment schedule for the deposit and remaining balance is as follows:

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
Friday 25 November 2022 Deposit	£200	
Monday 6 February 2023	£200	
Monday 17 April 2023	£200	
Monday 10 July 2023	£150	£750

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you chose to use the payment plan or not, it is essential all the above deadlines are met in order to secure a place on the trip.

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities.
- As parent/carer you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it, and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel. The date and time of the meeting will be circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or Ms Weaving (RWeaving@kovessex.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Ms R Weaving
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