

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Expressive Arts Trip to Barcelona – Friday 16 October to Monday 19 October 2026**

The Expressive Arts Faculty is delighted to be able to offer 45 Expressive Art Students in Year 9 the opportunity to visit Barcelona from **Wednesday 16 October to Sunday 19 October 2026**. 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, inspire creativity and broaden their horizons and knowledge.

While in Barcelona, students studying an Art endorsement will create a sketchbook journal, capturing their experience through drawing, annotations and photography. For current Year 9 students, this journal can contribute to the 60% portfolio requirement for GCSE Art or Textiles. A Level Art, Photography, and Textiles students will use their gallery visits, artist research, and photographic documentation as contextual studies for their Component One Personal Investigation. Upon their return, students will refine and complete their travel journals 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 Musee 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.

Our upcoming trip offers Drama and Music students an incredible cultural experience, exploring historic sites that have inspired performers for centuries. The highlight will be an evening flamenco show, where students will witness the passion, rhythm, and storytelling of this traditional Spanish art form, enriching their understanding of performance and musical expression.

The trip will leave from Bristol Airport on **Friday 16 October to Monday 19 October 2026**, exact times to be confirmed. The total cost of this trip will be £855.

The cost will include the following: -

- Bristol to Barcelona return flights
- Barcelona Urbany Hostel - Three nights bed and breakfast
- Visit to Park Guell
- Coach Excursion to Girona and Figueres
- Visit to the Dali Theatre-Museum
- Vapiano Espana Restaurant - 2 Course Meal
- Hard Rock Cafe - 2 Course Meal
- Visit to Picasso Museum (Free up to 17 years old)
- Visit to Museu d'Art Contemporani (MACBA)
- Tablao Flamenco Cordobes – Evening Show
- Guided Visit to La Sagrada Familia

**Not included:**

- Transport to and from Bristol airport (our party will meet at the airport)
- 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. If your child withdraws 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 £150, which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip. The trip will open on ParentPay **from 8.00am on Friday 4 April 2025** and the deadline for the initial **deposit is Monday 9 June 2025**. Should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The remaining payments can be spread 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:

<b>Date Due by:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Monday 09 June 2025 Deposit	£150	
Monday 14 July 2025	£150	
Wednesday 22 October 2025	£150	
Monday 23 February 2026	£150	
Friday 22 May 2026	£150	
Friday 28 Aug 2026	£105	£855

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you choose 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**  
**Head of Expressive Arts**