

September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Madrid 2026

Following the success of our recent trips to Madrid, we are pleased to announce that we are in a position to offer students currently in Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to visit Madrid in May 2026.

We will leave the school on Wednesday 20th May 2026 and return on Sunday 24th May 2026. Full details of times will be confirmed nearer departure, but this will be during term time.

Location

We will stay at the Generator Hotel, in Madrid city centre, on a bed and breakfast basis.

The price of the trip itself is **£870** which includes :-

- Return flights from London Heathrow directly to Madrid, including airport assistance and 1 piece of checked luggage.
- Coach travel from the school to the airport and the return trip.
- A flight contingency plan.
- 2x Airport Transfers in Madrid
- 4x Nights Bed and Breakfast accommodation in the Generator Hotel, in Madrid city centre, and 2x evening meals.
- Trip to Warner Brothers Theme Park
- Visit to Plaza de España
- Visit to Plaza Mayor
- Visit to Retiro Park and Botanical Gardens.
- Guided Tour of Bernabeu Stadium (Real Madrid)
- Self Guided Visit to Royal Palace
- One Game of bowling at Chamartin
- 2x Buffet Dinners with grill including soft drink at Fresco Co Restaurant
- Guided Tour of the Wanda Stadium (Atletico Madrid)
- Visit IKONO
- San Gines Churro's restaurant
- Shopping in Gran Via
- Subway travel
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance

Students will need additional spending money for lunches, drinks, souvenirs, etc.

The payment for this trip is staggered over the coming months in accordance with the schedule shown below, but you may, of course, pay the full amount at any point if you wish to do so. If the payment schedule is not adhered to, your child will forfeit their place and it will be offered to another student on the waiting list.

Payment schedule:

19th September 2025 - £150 Initial payment/deposit to secure the place

30th October 2025 - £120.00

30th November 2025 - £120.00

30th December 2025 - £120.00

28th January 2026 - £120.00

28th February 2026 - £120.00

30th March 2026 - £120.00 - Final payment is due.

All payments for this trip are to be made via School Gateway using the icon 'Spanish trip 2026'.

The Gateway will be open from 7.00pm on Thursday 11th September to allow time for discussions with your child.

We have **45** places available for this trip. To secure a place for your child, please tick the consent / permission box and then make your initial payment. The payment option on Gateway will automatically close once 45 payments have been received. If the payment option is no longer available, please email me to register your interest. These emails will be recorded in the order they are received to create a waiting list and you will then be contacted if a place becomes available. Please be aware that if a place is secured with a payment which is then declined, the Gateway system will automatically make the place available again and the original place could be lost.

By agreeing to your child taking part in this trip you commit to paying the full amount of £870. Cancellation will not entitle you to an automatic reimbursement of any monies paid and a refund may only be possible if the place can be taken up by another student.

If at any time you wish to cancel your child's place on the trip please inform me as soon as you can.

Expectations

As I am sure you are aware, a trip of this nature involves members of staff giving up their own time beyond the school day to provide an extra opportunity for students in addition to their normal curriculum entitlement. All members of staff leading the trip have clear health and safety responsibilities for all students involved and must be confident that they will be able to trust your child to act and behave in a safe and mature manner. ***Previous poor behaviour and attitude will be taken into account when deciding if a student will be allowed to participate.*** If a student's behaviour, attitude to staff or work during the year gives cause for concern, we reserve the right to withdraw them from the trip and offer the place to a student from the reserve list. If the place cannot be filled, a refund may not be possible.

In addition to this, we will expect the highest standard of behaviour and cooperation at all times from all students who accompany us on this trip. Full details of our expectations will be given closer to the date of departure.

Full details about the trip, including the specific itinerary, will be provided later in the year and we will also be holding an information evening nearer the date. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email:-

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Yours sincerely,

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