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DCW/kw/Barcelona June 2024/Year 8  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**MFL 4-day trip to Barcelona– 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
All students currently in Year 8**

The MFL department is very excited to be writing to you, in order to offer your child a place on our trip to Barcelona, summer 2025. We hope that students can enjoy the experience of a foreign trip with school.

In spite of a rise in costs, we have worked hard to obtain the best value cost for the trip and this is an estimate of **£957 pounds** per pupil. We hope that you are able to consider sending your son/daughter on this visit to Barcelona and we have tried to include a wide range of activities during the visit, and for the first time a visit to the entertainment resort **PortAventura amusement park one of Europe's most visited attractions.**

We are positive that this will be a fantastic cultural experience for the students and that they will be able to enjoy the sights and sounds of one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

We anticipate high demand for this trip and are aiming to take a maximum of 50 pupils. **In the first instance I would ask you to complete the 'expression of interest' slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to me by 17<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.** 50 students will then be picked at random from the expressions of interest received, the remaining students will be placed on a waiting list. If selected, you will then be notified and will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of **£150 pounds** by **21<sup>st</sup> June 2024** in order to secure your place. **Please note: the deposit is non-refundable and payment indicates a firm commitment to take part in this trip.**

\*Please note that this trip is open to all students regardless of their language choice at GCSE.

What is included in the price:

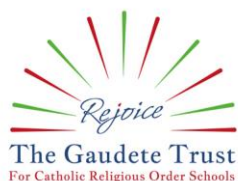
- 4 days/3 nights of accommodation in a hotel with a swimming pool – Breakfast included.
- Return flights from Northern Airport

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- Airport transfers in the UK (to and from school)
- Airport Transfers in Barcelona
- Underground travel card
- Evening Meals
- Meal at the Hard Rock Café Barcelona
- Day visit to PortAventura World
- 2 Hour Lesson at Barcelona Language School
- Visit to Park Guell
- Visit to the Picasso Museum
- A wide range of exciting visits and experiences – External Viewing of La Sagrada Familia
- Visit to Gothic Quarter, visit to Magic Fountains, visit to Port Vell, visit to Las Ramblas Shopping Area, visit to Montjuic Hill & Local Area, visit to La Boqueria Market, cable car ride amongst others.
- Travel insurance
- UK Airport Assistance (Outbound Journey)
- An exposure to Spanish culture and a chance to practise their Spanish and enrich their cultural capital.
- Full supervision throughout our stay with experienced staff (with short periods of free time – with staff on hand).
- EST 24hr emergency contact service whilst on tour

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**If successful on obtaining a place, your son/daughter will also require a current passport (no less than 6 months before expiry at the time of travel and a valid GHIC card.). Additionally, please see ETIAS information below:**

### **ETIAS Requirements for British Passport Holders**

British citizens will need to apply for ETIAS from 2025. Registering with the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) is mandatory to cross the external Schengen border.

ETIAS stands for European Travel and Information Authorisation System. ETIAS is not a visa but an electronic travel authorisation and will be a mandatory entry requirement for citizens of over 50 countries. Children will be required to have a valid ETIAS upon arrival at any of the Schengen member countries. Parents will need to complete the ETIAS application on behalf of their children.

#### You will need:

The UK passport used to apply should have a biometric chip and must be valid for at least 3 months from the intended arrival in the Schengen Area. You must supply a current email address at which to receive notifications and a copy of the ETIAS once approved.

Parents who are legal guardians may complete an ETIAS application for UK nationals on behalf of any children, but they must submit an individual form for each child before the departure date.

Thank you for your interest. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries (dcanowhittwell@stjosephsmail.com.)

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Yours sincerely,

Ms D Cano Whittwell  
**2<sup>nd</sup> in MFL**

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**Barcelona Trip Reply Slip – Y8**

I, the undersigned, would like my son/daughter to be entered into the draw for a place on the Barcelona Trip July 2025. I understand that this is an expression of interest and **no place** is guaranteed. I accept that my son/daughter will be entered into a draw from which 50 students will be drawn at random. The draw will be made at 12.30pm **on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. The students drawn will be offered a place on this trip and payment of a deposit by the required date will secure this place.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian)

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor group: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that anyone submitting their slip beyond the stated deadline will be able to access the waiting list.

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