

- **Extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities**

- ✓ **Penpal letters with school in Peru**

We are delighted to have started our first project with San Juan Bosco, our new formal link in Peru. This project involves pairing up a class of our Year 7 pupils (approximately 30 pupils) who study Spanish with pupils in the 'tercer grado' at San Juan Bosco. Contact is established between the pupils, via hand-written letters, addressed to their pen pal. The letters are currently being produced and will then be sent via email from Mr Starr to Miss Valdivia Flores, for printing and distribution at their school. The process will be the same, but in reverse, for communication between pupils at San Juan Bosco and our school. As a first letter, our students have introduced themselves and written about their hobbies, in Spanish. The letters will be sent before October half term and we expect their response some time in November. The second letter will be related to Christmas and how they celebrate in their country. As time goes on, the idea is to expand this link, so that a greater number of pupils are offered the opportunity to establish and maintain contact with a pen pal overseas.

Estimado Adriel

Me llamo Tylor y tengo trece años. Vivo en Reading, Inglaterra pero soy de Sudáfrica. Tengo el pelo castaño y corto. Tengo los ojos grises/azules. ¡Llevo gafas! Soy alto y delgado. Soy inteligente, divertido y generoso.

Yo toco el piano. Yo practico natación. No me gusta deportes. Me encanta escuchar música y ver televisión. Me gusta hornear y cocinar. Me gusta pasar tiempo con mis amigos y familiares. ¡Me encanta la comida y los dulces!

En mi familia hay mi madre, mi padre, mi hermano y yo. ¡Tengo tres gatos! Mi madre se llama Chantal y mi padre se llama James. Mi hermano se llama Cameron. Mis gatos se llaman Phoenix, Bubbles y Albus (como en Harry Potter!). Mi madre tiene cuarenta y tres años y trabaja como matrona. Mi padre tiene cincuenta y tres años y trabaja como técnico audiovisual. Mi hermano tiene once años y va al colegio.

Mi familia se muestra a continuación:

¡Hola! Me llamo Eve. Tengo catorce años. Tengo el pelo pelirrojo y tengo los ojos marrones. Soy baja y delgada. Soy nerviosa y creativa. ~~Juego al~~

Tengo dos hermanos y una hermana. Ella tiene quince. Mis hermanos tienen diecinueve y once años. Juego baloncesto y golf.

Me encanta películas de sol y animales. Me gusta mucho ver la televisión y salir con los amigos.

Yo y mi mejor amiga



✓ Penpal letters with school in Canada

We have a great opportunity this year to work with St Monica Catholic School, in Toronto, Canada. Our year 10 students, studying French with Mrs Hargreaves, will be linked with Grade 8 students in the Canadian school. As a first letter, our students will introduce themselves and write about their family and hobbies, in French. As time goes on, the idea is to expand this link, so that a greater number of pupils are offered the opportunity to establish and maintain contact with a pen pal overseas.

[St. Monica Catholic School](#)

Purpose:

Enhancing the learning of our respective pupils' foreign language acquisition and enjoyment
By providing our respective pupils with a penpal, their learning of the foreign language will become more realistic, worthwhile, and beneficial.

To promote communication through contact with international students abroad

Trip to Barcelona

We are currently planning a trip to Barcelona for May 2026. There will be a full programme of excursions to Barcelona, including the Sagrada Familia and Montserrat. One full day will be spent at the beach where the pupils will receive water sport tuition from fully qualified instructors. Evening entertainment will include swimming, football and basketball in the Vilanova Complex as well as time for the pupils to complete their Spanish diaries.

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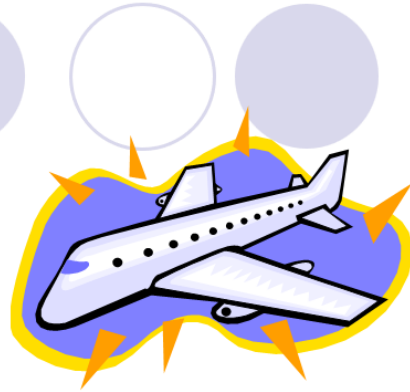


Transportation to the airport

- Coach transfers between Blessed Hugh Faringdon and Gatwick airport
- Meet at BHF early on Thursday 14 May



Flight details



- **Travel details:**

- Return flights to Barcelona from Gatwick North Terminal with EasyJet.
- Lunch will be required for the outward journey – evening meal on arrival at Vilanova Park.

Gatwick North to Barcelona
14 May: Morning flight, details to be confirmed once easyJet issue flight times.



Barcelona to Gatwick North
19 May: Afternoon flight, details to be confirmed once easyJet issue flight times.

Staffing:

There is a legal requirement of a pupil to staff ratio of 10:1. I envisage taking 30 pupils, and therefore, three members of staff.

This will include myself as trip leader, and two further members of staff.

Trip cost:

The trip costs a total of £900 per pupil, payable in installments, as per the following schedule:

- £300 deposit payable by Friday 14 March 2025.
- £200 by Friday 4 July 2025.
- £200 by Friday 3 October 2025.
- £200 by Friday 16 January 2026.

All payments are to be made via ParentPay.

Impact of the trip on pupils' learning:

- The purpose of this trip is to immerse the pupils into Spanish culture and to give them the opportunity to speak Spanish in a variety of different environments.
- Whilst Catalan is spoken in Barcelona and the surrounding areas, everybody speaks Spanish, with Catalonia being one of the regions where Spanish is spoken with the purest accent.
- Pupils who participate in the trip will gain experience, knowledge, and an understanding of Spanish culture. For example, the visit to Montserrat; the Salsa workshop; the walk down Las Ramblas; and the visit to La Sagrada Familia will broaden pupils' cultural grasp of Barcelona, and will be a highlight of their Spanish learning experience.
- The Saturday morning 'reto' (challenge), which is detailed on the next slide, provides the pupils with the opportunity to practise Spanish with locals of the town of Vilanova, in small groups. In their groups, pupils are required to travel via public transport into Vilanova, and discover fun facts about the town.
- By making this trip an annual occurrence for Year 10 pupils, I am certain that exposure to Spanish at this point in their GCSE studies will have a positive influence on their foreign language acquisition.

Saturday Challenge

Reto de Sábado

Vilanova has a large outdoor market on Saturday and the atmosphere is wonderful.

There are three parts to the market:

- 1/ In the center of town there is an indoor Fish market.
- 2/ Near the indoor fish market there is the outdoor fruit & veg market.
- 3/ There is also a large clothes market.

You will be split into groups of no more than 10 students with one teacher as a shadow support.

After Breakfast on the Saturday morning you will attend a briefing where you be given full details and a bag of support items. Maps, Timetable, Bus Tickets, etc.

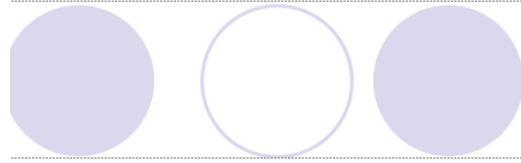
- You will travel to Vilanova town center by local bus from Vilanova Park. L2
- We would hope that you would also enjoy the market in the morning.
- Spanish Star will meet you at a designated place at the beach for your picnic lunch.
- You will be expected to achieve certain tasks throughout the day and be able to show proof of achievement by photo or written evidence.
- By 16:00hr you should start to get the local bus back to Vilanova Park from the Beach Area.

Please Note

The return bus leaves from the Beach Area and is the L1 signed for CAMPING.

Don't Panic

We will be discussing all these travel tasks with you at the morning briefing.



RETO

1. Successfully get to the heart of Vilanova by local bus
2. Find the Local AYUNTAMIENTO, Plaza de la Vila (Photo)
3. At some stage during the day, talk to a nice local in Spanish and ask them if they would be kind enough to take a full group photo (Including Teacher Support) (Photo)
4. Find out how much a Kilo of DORADA (Local Fish) is when you visit the fish market. (Photo)
5. In your pack of goodies, you have been given a Postcard of the Cow at the beach. You need to write to the school in Spanish (as a group) then go and buy the appropriate stamp for the UK. You must bring the completed and stamped Postcard back to us in the evening.
6. Find a Jamon Serrano retailer on the Rambla Principal called: IBERICUS. We want you to find out how much a 100gms of Jamon Serrano (Pata Negra) Also, one of the students in your group needs to have a Selfie with one of the staff there!
7. Find the Tourist Office (There are two) and find out about at least two different festivals in Vilanova (Photo)
8. Find a very important monument for a person called: Francesc Macia. Extra bonus points if you can find out who he was and why locals meet at the monument every year on Christmas morning to remember him? (Group Photo)
9. At 13:00hr we will all meet on the Promenade in front of the Mini Railway Station



EXTRA BONUS CHALLENGES

- Find a Restaurant called Bella Italia
- Group Photo with the Marina in the background.
- Post one of your photo's on the **Spanish Star FACEBOOK** page with a comment about Vilanova
- Find out how much Paella is in a Restaurant called Pika Tapa?

Finally

Safely navigate your way back to Vilanova Park on the L1 Bus from the Beach Area, arriving at VP by about 17:00hr

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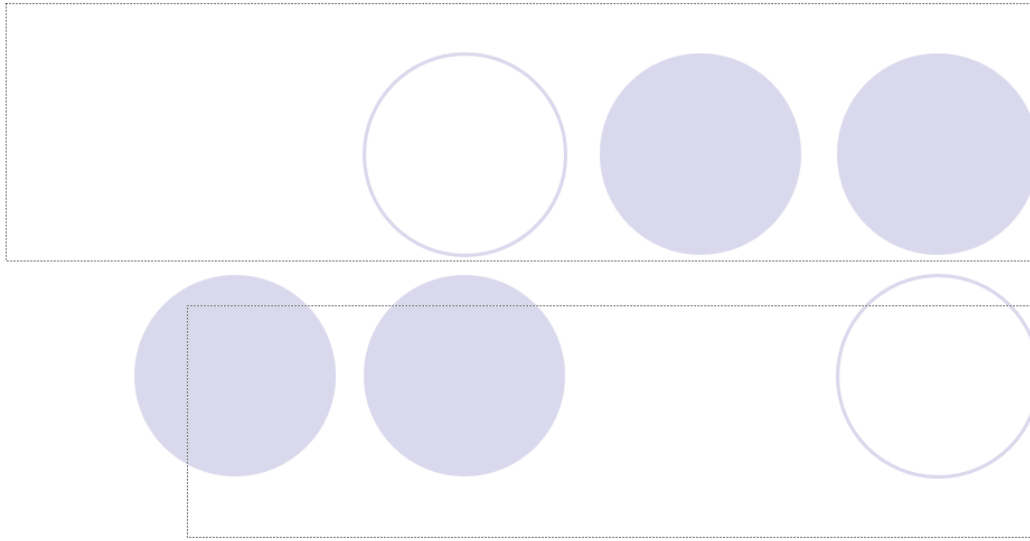


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Our whole philosophy is about:

Needs Based Teaching

This means that we design the educational trips to suit your own individual needs. With our vast knowledge of the Barcelona area we delight in designing the trip of a lifetime for your students. We are very happy to give you the names of other schools that have used our exemplary service so that you may use them as a reference. The accommodation we use is based in a REAL Spanish town, thirty minutes south of Barcelona. 100% safe and excellent for extra curricular activities. The emphasis is on education, learning Castellano, exploring the history, culture, art, cuisine, the quality of life and all that Barcelona and Spain has to offer.



SPANISH STAR

**14 a 19 de Mayo
del 2026**

**Blessed Hugh
Faringdon School
Barcelona Trip**



Jueves	Viernes	Sábado	Domingo	Lunes	Martes
Flight from Gatwick to Barcelona 09:10-12:20	Science Museum & Planetarium	RETO! Vilanova Town Challenge	Gothic Quarter Born	Montserrat	Packing & Chalet checks Leave VP at 09:30
Picnic Lunch Walk & talk Gothic Quarter & Born Area	Picnic Miramar Maremagnum Las Ramblas La Boqueria	Picnic Lunch Beach Activities	Picnic Lunch Sagrada Familia	Picnic Lunch Montserrat	Flight from Barcelona To Gatwick 11:15-12:40
Early Evening	Early Evening	Early Evening	Early Evening		
Swim & Games Swimming	Dinner then Flamenco Show in Barcelona	Swim & Games Swimming	Swim & Games Swimming	Swim & Games Swimming	
Evening meal	Evening meal	Evening meal	Evening meal Salsa Workshop		

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