

6<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 visit to Cantabria, Spain – Curriculum Enrichment Week 8-12 June 2009

During our Curriculum Enrichment Week from 8-12<sup>th</sup> June, your child will be invited to participate in a choice of activities, including cookery, drama, kite-making and PE Outdoor Activities. Charges will be applied to off-site activities but many of the school-based options will be offered free of charge. Full details of these options will be issued before half term. Those pupils studying Spanish are also being offered the opportunity to take part in a visit to Cantabria, Northern Spain during this week.

The trip will cost £470. This price consists of a charge for board and lodging as well as a voluntary contribution for transport and entrance fees. If insufficient pupils are prepared to pay the total cost including the voluntary contribution, the trip may have to be cancelled for all pupils. If you are entitled to financial support please contact the school in confidence before applying for the trip.

Included in the price are return flights, transportation to and from the UK airport, insurance, 4 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Los Hildagos, excursions and all meals, starting with evening meal upon arrival. During our week in Cantabria we will visit Santander, the capital of Cantabria as well as the beautiful town of Santillana del Mar. We will also be exploring the Picos de Europa, the second largest National Park in Spain, taking a cable car to the top of the mountain to enjoy the spectacular views and, of course, spending some time at the beach. Evening entertainment will include bowling, a treasure hunt and a Spanish Fiesta at the local Karaoke.

During the week pupils will be expected to complete a booklet and there will be an hour of study time before our evening meal. They will also have the opportunity to put the Spanish they have learnt into practice. I believe that this will be an invaluable experience enabling your child to experience real Spain and develop their knowledge of Spanish culture.

Your son/daughter will need an EHIC Card (easily obtained from the Post Office) and he/she will also need a valid individual passport (again forms are available from the Post Office). Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this trip, please complete the attached form and return it to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office with a **non-refundable deposit of £100 by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. **As places may be limited, it is important that this deadline is met.** All cheques should be made payable to Beaumont School and you should ensure that your child's name and form are written clearly on the reverse. A second payment of £185 is due by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the final balance of £185 by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different payment schedule for parents who may find these dates difficult – please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss. Could I also ask you to note that School Tour Operators do not differ from other travel companies with regards to cancellations and that cancellation fees will apply. I would like to draw your attention to the school Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour at school.

If the trip is oversubscribed and it proves necessary to create a selection process, places will be allocated by lottery. In the event of your son/daughter not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed. I am sure that this will be a very enjoyable and educationally informative experience. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

E Piazza  
Head of Spanish - Trip Coordinator

C. Garcia  
Trip Coordinator

**Year 8 trip to Cantabria – 8-12 June 2009**

**Return to the box marked ‘Year 8 trip to Cantabria’ outside the Finance Office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Pupil’s Surname: **(as on passport\*)**.....

Pupil’s Forenames: **(as on passport\*)**.....

Form .....

\* Please note that names must be stated exactly as they appear on your child’s passport. An accurate passenger list must be passed on to the airline at the time of booking. Any subsequent name changes will incur an extra charge.

I do wish my son/daughter to participate in the trip to Cantabria, 8-12 June 2009

I am/am not\* prepared to make the contribution requested and enclose £100 as an initial non-refundable deposit. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines. *(\*Please delete as applicable)*

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school’s insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

A  I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.

B  Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are  
 for this visit only  permanent.

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Signed ..... Father/Mother/Legal Guardian    Date .....