

14th October 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 visit to Cantabria, Spain – Curriculum Enrichment Week 14-18 June 2010

During our Curriculum Enrichment Week from 14-18th June Year 8 pupils who are studying Spanish are being offered the opportunity to take part in a visit to Cantabria, Northern Spain.

The trip will cost between £535 and £580. 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 Tuesday 3rd November. 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 £200 is due by Friday 11th December and the final balance by Monday 15th 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

C García
Acting Head of Spanish - Trip Coordinator