



28 June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 9/10 GCSE Barcelona Food & Nutrition Trip

Many thanks to those who attended the parents meeting for the Barcelona trip on Thursday 27 June 2019. This letter is to reiterate the information given during the evening and to give you the final details of our trip. If you were unable to attend the meeting then please read this letter carefully as it runs through the arrangements for the week.

Friday 5 July 2019

EHIC Cards to be handed in to Mrs Moodley (S013) or Mr Conroy (N004).

Monday 8 July 2019

Please bring in all medicines in a re-sealable plastic sandwich bag with name, dosage instructions, storage details and parental contact's phone number.

Wednesday 10 July 2019

Students should arrive at school for approximately **3.00am** to register with their group leaders. Upon arrival at school, students are to give their group leader their passport and €10 in a named envelope for the damage deposit at the hotel. This money will be returned after we check out on Saturday provided that no damages are incurred.

We will be leaving school at 3.30am, travelling to Luton Airport with Hailstone Travel and then flying with Easyjet to Barcelona. As this is an extremely early departure time, students should aim to get some extra sleep on the Tuesday evening before travel and either bring a packed breakfast or British sterling currency to purchase food at the airport.

Please ensure that your son or daughter brings their passport as without it they will not be able to travel.

At the Airport:

Students should bring one piece of hand/cabin luggage weighing no more than 10kg, no larger than 56 x 45 x 25cm including wheels and handles. Please note that hand luggage may only contain liquids in bottles which hold no more than 100ml if they are in a re-sealable plastic bag. More details of what can be taken in hand luggage can be found on the Easyjet website. <http://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/cabin-bag-and-hold-luggage>. Please consult this website or ask me if there is anything you are unsure about as getting this right is important to ensure we can pass through security painlessly at Luton.

Flight Details: Wednesday 10 July 2019

Flight no. EZY2263 (1 x hand luggage per person)
Departs: 7.00am London Luton Airport
Arrive: 9.00am Barcelona Airport

Flight Details: Saturday 13 July 2019

Flight no. EZY2268 (1 x hand luggage per person)
Departs: 9.40pm Barcelona Airport
Arrive: 11.00pm London Luton Airport

We should arrive back at school around 12.30am on Sunday morning. We will update the St Martin's School Trips Twitter account to notify you should we be considerably earlier or later than this time. We will ask students to contact parents when we are approximately twenty minutes away from the school.

Travel in Barcelona:

We will be doing a lot of travelling via public transport and walking in Barcelona. Please be aware that students will need to transport their own luggage to and from the airport, therefore they **MUST** be able to carry their own luggage, so please think about this whilst packing.

What to bring:

- small day bag (this must be able to fit into the hand luggage)
- comfortable enclosed shoes for walking
- Barcelona trip hoodie (to wear at the airport and of an evening)
- hat, sunglasses and sun cream for hot weather
- European charger/adaptor for phone etc.
- medication (hayfever, pain relief)
- sensible clothing for summer weather (nothing too revealing)
- comfortable clothing for exercise
- swimwear
- towel
- portable charger
- €10 in a named envelope as damage deposit money
- **PASSPORT!!!**

Mobile phones and valuables:

Students can of course take their mobile phone with them to Barcelona but you should check with your provider should there be any roaming charges. Other devices can be taken but students will be responsible for them. We cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to these items. We advise that students avoid bringing too many valuables on the trip. Barcelona is generally very safe, but as with any city, during peak season, there is always a risk of pickpockets. Students should keep expensive items out of sight and in a closed bag and take care of money at all times.

Money:

The overall cost of the trip includes all travel and admission costs as well as half-board accommodation (breakfast and dinner) at the hostel. Students will however need to buy their own lunch each day as well as their evening meal on the day of departure; around €100 should be adequate to cover the costs of lunches, drinks, snacks and Saturday's evening meal. As mentioned at the parent's meeting, we suggest €20 to €25 a day. Students may wish to bring some extra Euros to purchase souvenirs. Altogether a total of €120 would be adequate. Students will be responsible for their own money.

Accommodation:

We have half-board accommodation at BCN Sport Hostel, Carrer del Perill 26, 08012, Barcelona
Tel: 0034 933 80 35 70

Staff contact details whilst abroad:

When we meet in the carpark on Wednesday 10 July, I will give you the schools emergency contact number. Please use this number in an emergency only. Throughout the duration of the visit we will regularly be updating the school's trips Twitter page which can be found at @StMartins_Trips

I hope that your son or daughter is looking forward to experiencing Barcelona.

Yours sincerely

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