



14th December 2012

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 – Year 9 Dali Trip to Figueres, Spain

14 – 21st June 2013

We would like to inform you that on the 14 – 21st June 2013, your child has the opportunity to visit beautiful Cataluña, on the north-eastern Spanish coast. The trip is aimed at those students who are interested in Art, ICT and/or Spanish language. This trip includes approximately six lunchtime sessions before the trip takes place – these sessions are compulsory.

We will stay in Figueres, where one of the greatest and most fascinating Spanish painters, Salvador Dalí, was born. We are planning to visit the amazing Theatre-Museum where his work is show-cased as well as his beautiful house near the picturesque white-washed village of Cadaques. Your child will also have the opportunity to practise Spanish by meeting and conversing with local people. In addition, we plan to go sightseeing and shopping, experience real Spanish food, go to the beach and visit the famous Aquapark.

Accommodation will be half-board in a friendly family-run hotel in the centre of Figueres, which is situated just over the French border, about an hour and a half north of Barcelona by the Mediterranean coast. We will travel overnight by coach, departing after school on 14th June and returning around lunchtime on 21st June.

Government legislation on charging for school activities, under the terms of the Education Act 1988, means that this visit which is predominantly in school time cannot be charged for compulsorily. A voluntary contribution is therefore requested of **£490.00** per student, in order to cover the cost of transport, entrances, insurance, staffing etc. This amount is approximate and will depend on the exchange rate, changes in entrance charges and fuel prices and, most importantly, the number of participants. It may be possible to reduce the cost if we have sufficient students taking part. **The school reserves the right to cancel this activity if there are insufficient funds available.**

We propose that payments should be made in five stages: the first payment of £50 deposit (non refundable) as a sign of firm intent and the remaining four payments spread across February - May 2013. Details of payments will be issued once the numbers of participants are finalised. If you wish your son/daughter to be involved in this exchange, please return the attached slip as soon as possible, but **no later than Friday 18th January**, together with a deposit payment of £50 to the Finance Cashier in the OMD (Old Middle School Dining Room) at any break time. Cheques should be made payable to 'Hinchingbrooke School' and marked on the reverse with, Dali Trip to Figueres as well as the student's name and form. Please note that credit/debit cards are also accepted and payment can be made by calling the Accounts Dept on 01480 420502. **Payments must not be handed to form tutors or Spanish teachers.** Please also provide a copy of the photo page of your child's passport.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Names will also be placed on a reserve list. Receipt of a deposit does not guarantee a place, which is dependent on the ability to match your child with a suitable partner. Deposits are returnable in the event of this not being possible.

Please note that students will require their own passport and European Health card which can be obtained by applying online at www.ehic.org.uk.

If you have any questions regarding this exchange please do not hesitate to contact me at school by email jzd@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk or on 01480 375700 ext 5796.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jane Driver', written in black ink.

Miss Jane Driver
Head of Languages

Students should note that the school's Code of Conduct applies to all educational visits. Parents should note that the staff supervising are acting *in loco parentis* and they should expect the standard of care given by a reasonably prudent parent/carer. The school will not be responsible for any personal loss or injury unless proved to be negligent.

For the attention of Mrs Driver, c/o Finance Cashier, Old Middle School Dining Room.

Dali Trip to Figueres 2013 – Authorisation Form

Pupil's Name: _____ Form: _____

I wish my child to take part in the 2013 Dali Trip. I agree to pay a voluntary contribution of £490.00 and enclose a deposit of £50.00. I understand that this deposit will only be refunded in the event of the school being unable to provide a place for my son/daughter.

£50.00 deposit paid by (please tick the appropriate box)

Cheque

Debit card

Details of any medical conditions and medication. If none, please write NONE:

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Passport Number Issued on in

Date of expiry

I hereby give my consent for photographs taken of my child during this visit to be used for the purpose of display, newsletters, school website etc. (Please delete if you do not wish your child's photo to be used in this way).

Parent name: _____ Parent signature: _____

Date: _____