

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

An International School with Language and Science Specialisms



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Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish trip to Cantabria – July 2019

We are writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity open to your son. The Spanish Department is running a 5-day residential trip in July 2019 (during the enrichment week) to complement our KS3 curriculum. The trip will facilitate and enhance students' Spanish learning during the transition to their GCSE studies.

We will be visiting some of the hidden jewels of Spain, including picturesque towns and cities of Cantabria in the North of Spain, such as: Santander, Santillana, Altamira. All of these towns and cities are well known for their historic monuments and excellent gastronomy as well as pleasant weather. Students will have the opportunity to visit a planetarium, a nature wildlife park, the Altamira Caves and the world famous Guggenheim museum in Bilbao.

During our visit students will participate in daily excursions where they will have the opportunity to practise and improve their Spanish by conversing with the locals. We will be staying in the beautiful and history laden town of Santillana del mar in a hotel that specialises in accommodating school parties.

Our trip has been booked through NST, which is one of the leading providers of educational trips abroad. The Spanish Department has used this company in the past, when we organised a very successful trip to Barcelona.

The cost of the trip will be £650 and this provides excellent value for money as it includes the following:

- Return flights between London Stansted and Bilbao with EasyJet
- Return coaches from Norton Knatchbull to the airport – Hotel los Angeles. (Santillana del mar)
- 4 nights' accommodation on full board basis
- Excursion to Santander + Magdalena peninsula + visit to the Maritime museum
- Excursion to Cabárceno Nature wild life park + entrance
- Excursion to Altamira + Caves museum and Comillas
- Excursion to Bilbao + Guggenheim museum
- Insurance
- Optional customised Pupil cap

We have limited places available and can only take a total of 40 pupils on the trip. The 40 students will be accompanied by 4 members of staff, two of whom are native Spanish speakers.

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If you would like your son to be considered for a place on the trip, we request that you return the reply slip below, together with a cheque in the sum of £200 as a deposit by Monday 9th July 2018. Cheques should be made payable to ‘The Norton Knatchbull School’ and your son’s name and form, together with ‘Cantabria 2019’ written on the reverse. All reply slips and cheque contributions should be returned in a sealed envelope to Student Reception. No responsibility can be taken for envelopes lost because they are not handed over at the earliest opportunity.

The remainder of the cost can be paid in two more instalments of £225 between October 2018 & February 2019.

Should the trip be over-subscribed, the allocation of places will be on a strict “lucky draw” basis. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the cheque will be returned to you. A meeting for successful students and parents/carers will be held closer to the date of the trip to further explain key features and confirm final details.

Please be advised that if there is insufficient interest in the trip, then it shall not run and a refund will be given. Should the trip have to be cancelled for reasons beyond the School’s control, including industrial action by outside agencies or adverse weather conditions, refunds will only be made so long as the school can claim reimbursement. Should your son withdraw voluntarily from the trip, and the school has incurred prior costs, money already paid will not be refunded.

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Deposit	£200	09/07/18
First payment	£225	04/11/18
Second payment	£225	04/02/19

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Moreira
Subject Leader for Spanish

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Please return to Student Reception by Monday 9th July 2018

Student’s Name: Student’s Form:

I would like my son to participate in the trip to Cantabria and enclose a deposit cheque for £200. I am aware that should my son be offered a place on the trip, and later withdraws voluntarily, and the school has incurred prior costs, monies already paid will not be refunded. In addition, I am aware that should the trip have to be cancelled for reasons beyond the school’s control, refunds will only be made in so far as the School can claim reimbursement.

Signed: Date:
Parent/Carer