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Dear Parents

**ARBOLAR CENTRE, MURCIA, SPAIN
Monday 19th – Saturday 24th March 2018**

We are delighted to be able to offer you the opportunity to go on this Spanish language immersion trip from Monday 19th March – Saturday 24th March 2018. The trip is open to Year 8 only in the first instance.

The Arbolar Centre is situated in the region of Murcia on the coast of the Mar Menor sea, 90 minutes from Alicante Airport. Our pupils will engage in a range of outdoor and indoor activities at the centre including water sports, beach games and Spanish cookery. They will also visit a traditional street market and a Roman amphitheatre in the nearby city of Cartagena. St Edmund's teachers will be staying at the centre, of course, and the staff who work there are all experienced and fully trained. There will also be Spanish classroom activities and games and quizzes in the evenings.

The Centre provides Spanish language immersion. Everything that is done there involves using practical spoken Spanish to convey meaning and the children are encouraged to speak Spanish as much as possible. This, of course, provides an excellent opportunity for your daughter to practise hearing and speaking Spanish in real life situations.

Travel will be by coach from school to Gatwick before travelling by plane to Alicante and then coach to the Arbolar Centre. **Your daughter will require her own passport and NHS European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).**

The cost for this trip will be £510 and this includes all travel, travel insurance, accommodation, visits and meals at the centre and all equipment and teaching materials. The price does not include meals on route. Apart from this cost, however, pupils would require a little spending money for their own purchases.

I believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your daughter to practise her Spanish in a supportive atmosphere and to add relevance to the study of a foreign language.

If you would like your daughter to go on this great trip please make payment through your ParentPay account. Once you have accessed ParentPay please follow the instructions on the screen. You will need to select the 'initial payment' and this will allow you to make payment, complete the necessary consent slip for the trip and include details of any medical conditions and contact details for the duration of the trip.

If you are unable to do this please contact Mrs Williams, the Assistant Business Manager on awilliams@st-edmunds.eu

We will need a non-refundable deposit of £160 no later than Friday 7th October 2017. The balance will be paid in two further instalments on Friday 8th December (£175) and Friday 19th January (£175).

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If the trip is over-subscribed by the closing date, places will be allocated by random selection. Please note that if insufficient people take up this opportunity, then it will not be possible to run the activity and your payment will be refunded. We regret that refunds cannot be made unless the activity is cancelled by the school.

Should you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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