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Dear parents and carers

We are offering an exciting residential opportunity for our Year 8s during Culture & Challenge Week - **Madrid, 5-8 July 2027.**

This trip will give students an **immersive experience of Madrid's rich history, art, architecture and contemporary culture**. Unlike a conventional sightseeing trip, it will encourage them to engage directly with Spanish language and daily life, broadening their cultural awareness and independence.

The trip **costs £750** and will include:

- Churros with Hot Chocolate at Chocolateria San Gines
- Headset Hire Per Day
- Visit to Plaza Mayor
- Meet & Greet Service from Madrid City Representative
- Visit to San Miguel Market
- Visit to Retiro Park
- Guided Tour of Wanda Metropolitano (formerly Vincente Calderon)
- Prado Museum
- Self-Guided Visit to Bernabeu Stadium
- Self-Guided Visit to Royal Palace

**Students must have a valid passport.**

If the cost is a barrier to your young person attending, we may be able to create a payment plan to make it more affordable. Additionally, there may be an option for our ACE Foundation to partially subsidise the cost. In any case, it is essential that you apply for a place in the first instance (details on how to do this below) and if you are successful, then contact us to discuss your needs.

Any students that do not go on this trip will take part in Culture and Challenge days as normal.

**How to Book a Place on this Trip**
We anticipate demand will be high and there are a limited number of places on each trip, so please take careful note of the process for requesting a place on either trip:

**Step 1:**
Request a place on either trip by **submitting this request form**, which will become **live at 6:00pm on Wednesday 18 November**.

- The links will not be accessible until that time
- Your submission will be date and time stamped

- Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Applicants who don't get allocated a place will be registered on a waiting list
- The form will close at 9:00am on Friday 20 November
- We will notify you by email if you have been allocated one of these places on Monday 23 November

**Step 2:**
If you are allocated a place, you need to secure it by paying the deposit. **ParentPay will be opened on Monday 23 November only to those who are allocated a place**, and you will have 10 days to pay your deposit.

The **full cost of the trip is £750**, which includes coaches, flights, insurance, all day and evening activities, accommodation and half board.

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| **Non-Refundable Deposit** | £100 if allocated a place, by 3 December 2026 |
| **Instalment 1** | £130 by 31 January 2027 |
| **Instalment 2** | £130 by 28 February 2027 |
| **Instalment 3** | £130 by 31 March 2027 |
| **Instalment 4** | £130 by 30 April 2027 |
| **Instalment 5** | £130 by 31 May 2027 |

**Terms and Conditions**
- We reserve the right to refuse attendance based on behaviour or non-payment of other trips
- If payments are not made by the final deadline (and we have not agreed a payment plan with you) we reserve the right to remove your young person from the trip with no deposit refund
- Please see Section 12 of our Charging and Remissions policy for full details on refund

If you have any questions about these trips please contact me at forsini@carringtonschool.org.

Best wishes
**Mr F Orsini**
Head of Spanish