



28 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

(current Year 9) Year 10 Geography Trip to Barcelona - Friday 9 – Monday 12 February 2018

I am writing to inform you about a Geography trip we are organising to Barcelona in Spain from Friday 9 to Monday 12 February 2018. The benefits of living in volcanic environments and river field studies will feature prominently during this trip. *This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.*

This trip is open for all students in current Year 9 (will be Year 10 at the time of the trip) but with a focus on those studying GCSE Geography and who wish to develop their understanding of physical environments, including rivers and volcanic landscapes, and urban renewal and regeneration. It reinforces the learning students undertake in Year 9 GCSE Geography in preparation for the Year 11 examinations. It will also help prepare students for their GCSE exams by giving them first-hand experience of field work for Unit 3 and some of the topics studied for Units 1 and 2.

Whilst in Barcelona, students will experience a wide range of physical and human landscapes giving them first-hand experience of theories studied in class. Amongst other activities, students will visit La Garroxta Volcanic National Park and the Tordera River at Montseny National Park. Students will also be able to visit the Barcelona Olympic Stadium to see the impacts of this regeneration scheme on the city itself.

The total cost of this trip is **£575** which includes airport coach transfer, flight, accommodation, meals on a half-board basis and entries to all sites we will be visiting. Students will require additional funds for lunches and any additional food they may like to purchase along the way, and souvenirs. We will depart from school early on the Friday morning and return on the Monday evening.

There are **30 places** available on this trip and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis (on payment of deposit via sQuid). If you would like your child to go on this trip, there is a **non-refundable deposit of £150**, to be paid using our on-line e-payment system, with your existing sQuid account through the new sQuid portal (<https://portal.squidcard.com/>). You will be able to do this **from 6pm on Sunday 23 April 2017** (closing date is Thursday 27 April 2017). Please return the attached consent slip to the Finance Office, confirming payment has been made.

For your information, the remaining payment dates are listed below. Please note that all payments can be made at any time but each one **must be paid by the date stated**:

| Payment Required | To Be Paid By |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| £150 deposit (non-refundable) | Thursday 27 April 2017 |
| £85 | Friday 26 May 2017 |
| £85 | Monday 26 June 2017 |
| £85 | Wednesday 26 July 2017 |
| £85 | Tuesday 26 September 2017 |
| £85 | Thursday 26 October 2017 |

Please note that due to the nature of this trip, **we are unable to refund the cost of the trip, if your child is unable to go.**

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Feetham, Trip Administrator, via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Allen
Learning Leader: Geography

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school Behaviour Policy. Any student who receives an internal or fixed term external exclusion will have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be re-sold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be re-sold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: finance@coxgreen.com or in writing to the school; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.*
- *Please note that Pupil Premium support for this trip is limited to 10% of the total cost of the trip and all requests should be made by 12 noon on Wednesday 19 April 2017.*



PERMISSION SLIP

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Student Name: _____ Form: _____

- I would like my child to attend the Geography trip to Barcelona in February 2018
- I have paid £150 Deposit (non-refundable) via my child's sQuid account
- My child's 2016/17 Offsite Activity Form (OA4) has been returned to school and is up to date.
- My child has a valid British passport and EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) to be able to travel on these dates

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return your permission slip to the Finance Office by Friday 28 April 2017

