

October 2024



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents and Carers

BARCELONA VISIT 9-13 June 2025

I am pleased to be able to offer pupils studying Spanish in Year 8 the opportunity to visit the region of Catalonia in Spain, in the summer term. The visit will take place from **9-13 June 2025 during the College's Activities Week.**

We will be based in a hotel in Barcelona, in the northeast of Spain. The itinerary will include visits to the city's main sites, including Las Ramblas, La Boquería market, the gothic quarter, La Sagrada Familia cathedral, Park Güell and the PortAventura theme park. Throughout the trip, pupils will have the chance to practise their Spanish in souvenir shops and cafés. Evening activities will also be arranged.

Accommodation will be full board and travel will be by air from one of the London airports (to be confirmed). The cost will be **£945**, inclusive of all travel, excursions, meals in Spain, and insurance cover. Meals for the journey are not included. We will be travelling with the travel company NST. This is an experienced company which aims to offer a realistic price. If the price does change, due to the fluctuations in the price on flights, I will communicate this to you immediately.

Please check that your child has a **valid passport for the time of travel**. If your child is travelling on a non-British passport, they may also require a visa in order to travel.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit, please complete [this](#) form. The deadline for applications is **Monday 14 October**. Replies received after this date will not be considered.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, pupils' names will be entered into a draw. If your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, their name will be put on a waiting list. We will confirm your child's place by Tuesday 22 October, where after payments will be required as follows:

1. First instalment and non-refundable deposit of £315 **by Friday 25 October to secure your child's place**
2. Second instalment of £315 by Friday 6 December 2024
3. Final instalment of £315 by Friday 7 March 2025

Payments should be made via WisePay. Please be aware that each payment must be received by the College by the cut-off dates above. If payment is not received without a satisfactory explanation, your child will be removed from the trip and the place will be offered to pupils on the reserve list. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss support with this payment plan.



If your child is eligible has been eligible for a Free School Meal in the last six years, and you would like to apply for financial support, please email the trip leader (adeleplanque@sawstonvc.org) and our Pupil Premium Co-ordinators, Mrs Wagstaff and Miss Tuckwood (pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org).

It is important that we only take with us on a school trip those pupils who have shown that they can behave responsibly. I hope you will understand that if any pupil is involved in serious misbehaviour before the date of departure, they will not be allowed to participate. The College reserves the right to retain any money already paid in such circumstances.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via reception or by sending a message to adeleplanque@sawstonvc.org.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs A Deleplanque
Head of Modern Languages Faculty

Sawston Village College – Terms and conditions for educational visits

- Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of all information provided but some details may be subject to change. Where this is the case, parents will be informed at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Payments become non-refundable once a pupil has secured a place on the visit and must be paid in full, no later than the deadlines as outlined in the launch letter or in any subsequent confirmation letter. The College can accept cash and cheques but its preferred method of payment is via WisePay.
- In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated at random through the drawing of lots.
- The College reserves the right to withdraw any pupil from the visit at any time.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that all contact and medical details provided are correct and that the visit leader is alerted immediately to any changes in circumstance or any issues that may have a bearing on pupils' behaviour and/or well-being during the visit.
- School rules and expectations around standards of behaviour apply at all times during the visit. Where an exception is made, for example over the requirement to wear school uniform, this will be communicated in writing to parents.
- Visit leaders reserve the right to sanction pupils in line with school policy both during the visit and on their return to school.
- If the behaviour of a pupil is such that the visit leader deems it necessary to remove them from the visit, parents will be expected to help facilitate their removal and will be liable for any additional costs incurred in the process. For example, parents would be responsible for the additional cost of transport back to school.