

# Wycombe High School

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Dear Parent

## Years 9 and 10 Visit to Cantabria, Northern Spain, Friday 13 - Tuesday 17 July 2012

**Dates:** Friday 13 - Tuesday 17 July 2012

**Tour Company:** NST  
ABTA No. V0550

**Accommodation:** Hotel Cuevas, Santillana Del Mar, Cantabria, Northern Spain

**Travel arrangements:** By air and coach.

**Passport** Your daughter must have her own passport. It must have six months to run from the date of our departure. If your daughter requires a new passport please allow plenty of time for her application to be processed and notify us of the new number and expiry date well in advance of our date of departure.

Please be aware that no refunds can be made if your daughter is unable to travel due to an irregularity with her passport.

**Visa** If your daughter holds a non-EU passport she may require a visa. It is your responsibility to find out if this is necessary and to obtain one if required; the website [www.ukpa.gov.uk](http://www.ukpa.gov.uk) is a useful source of information.

**Itinerary**  
(subject to alteration)

A day trip to Santander including a town trail, a boat trip and a karaoke night.  
A day trip to Cabarceno Nature Park and the Soplao Caves, showcasing natural formations.  
An excursion into the Picos De Europa mountains and a trip on the Fuente De cable car, to 1850m.  
On our return journey, we will stop in the market town of Potes where students can practise their Spanish whilst shopping.  
A visit to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.  
A tapas tasting evening.

### Purpose of the visit

The purpose of the visit is to enhance students' cultural awareness of Spain and to provide an opportunity to practise their spoken Spanish.

### Tour organisation

The visit is organised through NST, a well-established educational tour company that we have used for several years. We will stay at the Cuevas Hotel in the medieval town of Santillana del Mar, 40 minutes from Santander and 90 minutes from the airport in Bilbao. Further details regarding the airline and departure airport will follow.

### Cost of the visit

The cost of the visit is estimated to be £575.00 – £620.00. The final cost will be subject to the number of students participating and any currency fluctuations which may occur between now and next year.

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**What does the cost include?**

- Air travel and coach transfers
- Four nights' full-board accommodation in Cuevas Hotel. Packed lunches will be provided by the hotel for excursions
- Day trips to Santander, Cabarceno Nature Park, Picos De Europa mountains and Potes, with entrance ticket to Soplao Caves, Guggenheim Museum, boat trip, cable car pass and tapas tasting evening
- Services of NST representative/s
- Insurance.

**Items not included:**

- Meals en route
- Pocket money for shopping and incidental expenses.

**Insurance**

The cost of the visit includes insurance provided by NST. A copy of the insurance schedule is available on request.

**European Health Insurance Card**

Your daughter will also require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This can be obtained by calling 0845 606 2030; via the website [www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Healthadvicefortravellers/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Healthadvicefortravellers/index.htm); or by collecting an application form from the Post Office. You should allow two weeks for an application to be processed.

**Who can take part in the visit?**

Students in Years 9 and 10 who currently study Spanish are eligible to apply for a place on this visit.

**Payment**

If you would like your daughter to take part in this visit, please complete and return the reply slip below to the Finance Office **by Wednesday 16 November**, together with a cheque for £100.00, made payable to 'Wycombe High School Fund'. Please write your daughter's name, tutor group, learning / year group and 'Spanish Visit' on the back of the cheque and on the envelope. Due dates for the second payment and the balance will be announced when the booking is made.

There are a limited number of 45 places on this visit. If numbers exceed places available a random draw will take place based on the return of reply slips. If your daughter is not allocated a place your deposit cheque will be kept safely and not cashed. In the event that a place becomes available your daughter will be contacted and asked if she would like to participate. The cheque will then be cashed or destroyed accordingly. The draw will take place, if required, on **Thursday 17 November**. Reply slips returned to any other location or not returned by the deadline will not be included in the draw. Students will be advised of the result of the draw at the beginning of the following week. Further information to parents will then follow, including payment details.

Please be aware that if you withdraw your daughter from the visit for any reason not covered under the terms of the insurance policy then monies paid may be non-refundable. Please also note that if your daughter's behaviour gives serious cause for concern between now and the visit she risks being withdrawn.

May we draw your attention to the following residential visits which we are hoping to run for students in in the summer term, together with approximate costs, where known. Please note that the French Homestay and the Music Tour will take place at the same time as this visit. We hope this information is helpful in forward planning.

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| • Battlefields Visit | Year 9          | Friday 15 - Saturday 16 June | £200.00 |
| • French Homestay    | Years 9, 10 /12 | same time as Spanish Visit   | £430.00 |
| • Music Tour         | Y7 - 13         | same time as Spanish Visit   | £595.00 |

Finally, we appreciate that there may be some Year 9 and 10 students who study both French and Spanish. These students will need to express a preference for one visit. If your daughter's application is unsuccessful she may either go on the waiting list for her preferred visit or be entered into the draw for the other visit. Where this is the case, please return the reply slip and deposit cheque for each visit.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Elizabeth Mansir**  
Languages Subject Leader

**Mrs Sally Jarrett**  
Deputy Headteacher

**Years 9 and 10 Visit to Cantabria, Northern Spain, Friday 13 - Tuesday 17 July 2012**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Learning / Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

**Please (✓)**

I have read your letter dated 1 November and would like my daughter to take part in the visit to Cantabria, Northern Spain.

I enclose a cheque for £100.00 made payable to 'Wycombe High School Fund'

I understand that if I wish to withdraw my daughter from the visit at a later point all monies paid may not be refundable and that if her behaviour gives serious cause for concern she risks being withdrawn from the visit.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For students in Years 9 / 10 who study French and Spanish only**

My daughter is in Year 9 / 10 and studies French **and** Spanish. She would prefer to go on the:

**Please (✓)**

- French Homestay
- Spanish Visit

If she is not allocated a place on her preferred visit, she would like to:

- go into the draw for the other visit
- be placed on the waiting list for her preferred visit

If she is unsuccessful in the second draw she would like to:

- be placed on the waiting list for her preferred visit

**Please return to the Finance Office by Wednesday 16 November**