



# Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Backwell Spanish Exchange Pre-arrival Meeting and Payments

We are delighted that your son/daughter is able to participate in our Spanish exchange with Colegio Calasanz Escolapios in Salamanca.

Thank you for initial payments you have made. Please find the payment schedule outlined below; payments should be made via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), the school's online cashless payment system. Please ensure your payments are up-to-date, so that we can book flights promptly.

Monday, 19 June 2017	Non-refundable deposit	£75
Monday, 17 July 2017	Non-refundable deposit	£75
Monday, 11 September 2017	Non-refundable deposit	£50
Monday, 9 October 2017		£50
Monday, 6 November 2017		£50
Monday, 4 December 2017	Final payment	£50

The Spanish students' arrival is almost upon us, so I hope at this stage students have made an initial personal contact with their exchange partners.

I am writing to invite you to a meeting on **Thursday, 28 September in the Sixth Form Theatre at 6.00 pm**, to discuss arrangements and to answer any queries that you may have. Please complete the tear-off slip overleaf to indicate your intention to attend and return it to the Modern Languages Department by **Tuesday, 26 September**.

For your information in advance of the meeting, we will meet the Spanish students at **11.00 pm on Friday, 6 October, at Bristol International Airport**. I suggest parking in the short stay car park rather than the drop off, which gets very expensive after the initial period and delays are not always foreseeable.

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On the first **Saturday morning**, students and their partners will meet at **Jungle Rumble, Cabot Circus**, in the centre of Bristol at **11.00 am**. The rest of the weekend, and also the second weekend of their visit, will be spent with host families.

On **Monday, 9 October**, Spanish students will spend the day in school, and then the following four days visiting sites of local interest, including London, Bristol and Bath.

On **Tuesday, 10 October** they will visit Cardiff Castle and St Fagans National Museum of History in Cardiff, when they can be joined by their English exchange partners; **please indicate on the tear-off slip below if you wish your son/daughter to participate in this trip and provide an emergency contact number**. We will depart from school at **8.45 am** and arrangements will need to be made to collect them upon their return at around **6.00 pm**.

With regard to the **London trip on Wednesday, 11 October**, the Spanish students will be departing from Backwell School coach park at **9.00 am**, and arrangements will need to be made to collect them upon their return at around **9.00 pm**.

On **Thursday, 12 October**, we will visit **Bristol**, departing **promptly at 8.45 am** from Backwell School and returning in time for the buses and lifts at **3.15 pm**.

On **Friday, 13 October**, we will be visiting **Bath**, departing from Backwell School at **8.45 am** and returning in time for buses and lifts at **3.15 pm**.

On **Sunday, 15 October**, we will meet at Bristol International Airport at **3.00 pm**, to check in the Spanish students for their flight home.

Please remember your son/daughter will need a passport for travel next January, valid for up to six months from the date of his/her return. He/She will also require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for health insurance purposes. Cards are free and available by phone (EHIC Applications Line 0845 606 2030), via the website ([www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)) or by post (application pack from the Post Office).

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 28 September.

Yours sincerely

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**Please return to the Modern Languages Department by Tuesday, 26 September.**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We shall be attending the Backwell Spanish Exchange meeting at 6.00 pm  
on Thursday, 28 September. Yes/No\*

I agree that my child may participate in the trip to Cardiff on Tuesday, 10 October. Yes/No\*

*\*Please delete as appropriate.*

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer