

Year 9s absorb Spanish culture



Year 9 students visit Cantabria, in northern Spain

Seventy two intrepid Year 9 students enjoyed a trip to Cantabria in Northern Spain during the last week of the Summer Term. This was the first time the Modern Foreign Languages department had run this trip and it was a huge success so we look forward to returning. Staff used the VLE to post daily updates for parents and we are keen to roll this system out for other residential trips. Below are the posts sent back from Spain during our week in the sunshine.

domingo 14 de julio

We've arrived safely after a long journey. The girls are tired but excited to be in Spain! We're enjoying a relaxing afternoon exploring the beach, a picnic lunch and an impromptu game of volleyball with a ball made by Ocean and Mrs Sullivan out of plastic bags! Tomorrow we're off to Santander; looking forward to seeing Spanish city life, the Planetarium, Royal Palace, aquatic zoo, sea views and more!

lunes 15 de julio

All slept well and breakfast was muy rico so we are now on our way to Santander for a busy day in the city. Lots of sun cream on and hope weather in London is still glorious!

martes 16 de julio

We've spent the morning learning about

prehistory and admiring 32,000 year old cave paintings at the Cueva de Altamira. Now on our way to Cabarceno Wildlife Park (the size of 1000 football pitches!) to see the indigenous osos pardos among many other interesting species! A little bit of rain today but it is welcome respite from the heat!

miércoles 17 de julio

Por la mañana: We all enjoyed the safari park – lions and tigers and bears, oh my! – and then the girls took to the stage with some “stunning” karaoke performances last night. We're now packing up and reading for the long journey home. There'll be a stop this morning in Bilbao where we will visit the Guggenheim museum but then we'll be on the road! Y por la tarde: The Guggenheim museum was a very popular visit for these young aspiring art critics. Now we're back on the road! We are due back on UK soil at 10.25 a.m. on Thursday and our expected arrival at St Michael's is 12 midday – please be prompt. ¡Adiós España!

jueves 18 julio

After a fairly good night's sleep we've crossed Border Control and with all 71 girls intact we're waiting to get on the Eurotunnel. We have arrived on time for an earlier crossing and the girls will get in touch to confirm our ETA once we are in England. See you soon!