

Dear Year 7-10 Pupils and Parents/Carers,

Coombe Dean School is delighted to offer students in Years 7 to 10 the opportunity to take part in a memorable educational visit to Granada, Spain, during Enrichment Week 2027.

This exciting trip will provide students with the opportunity to experience Spanish culture, history and language first-hand whilst visiting one of Europe's most fascinating and beautiful cities. We are pleased to be able to offer 36 students the opportunity to take part in what promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Do I have to study Spanish to be able to take part?

No. Priority will be given to current Year 10 GCSE Spanish students, followed by Year 9 students, as this will be their final opportunity to participate in Enrichment Week. However, students in Years 7 to 10 are welcome to apply for a place.

Why Granada?

Granada is one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations, renowned for its rich history, stunning architecture, vibrant culture and world-famous cuisine. It is considered a must-see destination and offers a unique opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a different culture whilst broadening their horizons.

Mr Whittington previously lived in Granada and has extensive knowledge of the city and the areas students will visit throughout the trip.

The Alhambra Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has inspired artists, mathematicians and engineers alike and remains one of Spain's most impressive historical landmarks.

When is the visit?

The trip will take place during Enrichment Week 2027.

Students will attend school as normal on **Monday 12th July 2027**, where they will take part in activities linked to Granada and Spain, helping to prepare them for the visit. The group will then depart late on Monday evening (or in the early hours of Tuesday morning, depending on final flight arrangements).

The group will return to school during the evening of **Friday 16th July 2027**.

Students will need to travel using their own passport, which must have a minimum of three months' validity remaining beyond our travel dates.

What will I do there?

We will stay in half-board accommodation, with breakfast and dinner provided each day.

A varied programme of activities has been carefully designed to immerse students in Spanish culture, history and language whilst providing a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Activities include:

- City centre walking tour
- Visit to the Alhambra, including the palaces, fortress and gardens

- Visit to the San Agustín Market
- Flamenco show
- Walk along the Carrera del Darro in the old town
- Local tapas experience
- Visit to Andalusian monuments, including the Arabic Baths
- Spanish cooking class (gazpacho, tortilla and paella)
- Time for souvenir shopping

Which teachers will be going?

Mr Whittington, Miss Hill, Miss Snow and Mr Jenkins will accompany students on the visit.

Collectively, the team has extensive experience of leading educational visits both within the UK and internationally and is committed to ensuring students have a safe, enjoyable and enriching experience.

How much will it cost?

The total cost of the visit is **£835 per student**.

This price includes:

- Travel to and from the airport
- Return flights
- Accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- All planned excursions and activities

To secure the flights currently being held with Voyager Educational Tours, a **non-refundable deposit of £250** will be required via ParentPay by **Friday 2nd October**.

The remaining balance may be paid in instalments as follows:

- £100 by **Monday 16th November 2026**
- £100 by **Monday 25th January 2027**
- £100 by **Monday 29th March 2027**
- Remaining balance by **Tuesday 20th April 2027**

Please note that students will also require:

- A valid passport
- Spending money (at family discretion)
- Funds for lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Financial Support and Fundraising

We appreciate that an overseas visit represents a significant financial commitment for many families. For this reason, we are sharing details of the trip well in advance to provide as much time as possible for planning and budgeting.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium may be eligible for financial support towards the cost of the visit. Families wishing to explore this support should contact the Finance Team via **finance@coombedean.co.uk**.

Students are also welcome to undertake fundraising activities towards the cost of the trip, and we would be happy to support them in exploring appropriate fundraising opportunities.

I'm interested. What do I need to do now?

Please complete the Microsoft Form using the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LgK9F7tz7Y>

The link will also be shared via ClassCharts.

If you have any questions regarding the visit, please contact Mr Whittington at **lwhittington@coombedean.co.uk**.

Once your place is confirmed, an initial deposit of **£250** will then be required by **Friday 2nd October** via ParentPay.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, priority will be given to current Year 10 GCSE Spanish students, followed by Year 9 students studying Spanish.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Whittington

Teacher of Languages