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Dear Parents,

Year 9 Trip to the Arbolar Centre, Spain.

I would like to inform you about an exciting trip that I am organising for the summer term, which is open to Year 9 students during the academic year 2019-2020. I will be taking a group of around 40 students on a residential trip to the Arbolar Spanish Language Immersion Centre, Murcia.

Pupils will follow a balanced programme of activities and excursions, designed to give them an opportunity to practise their Spanish, experience the culture and language of this historic region and, of course, to have fun. During the trip students will take part in Spanish lessons at the centre as well as activities conducted in Spanish such as cooking, music, a salsa party, water sports and beach sports. All activities will be led by fully trained members of staff from the Arbolar Centre with our staff on hand to supervise. There will also be the opportunity to visit the Roman Theatre at Cartagena and a local market.

Pupils will be staying at the centre in rooms with en-suite facilities. Each room accommodates 5-7 students. Teachers' rooms will be close by for security and ease of supervision.

This year the group will leave Lancaster on **Thursday 7th May 2020** and return on **Monday 11th May**. The cost of travel and accommodation will be approximately £650 (dependant on numbers and how soon we can book flights), which includes airport transfers both in the UK and in Spain, flights to Spain, insurance and full board accommodation. Please note that meals during the journey are not included. The price also includes entrance fees for all of the excursions mentioned above. There is an initial non-refundable deposit of £100 due before **Friday 21st June 2019** followed by a second non refundable deposit of £150 due in September. The remaining balance must be paid **no later than Friday 21st February 2020**. Pupils must make full payment by the date shown or they risk losing their place together with any payments already submitted. Arrangements can be made for the trip to be paid for in instalments. Lancaster Royal Grammar School also has access to the Opportunities Fund. If you think you would be eligible to receive funding towards the cost of the trip please see contact Ms Di Gibbon at Wyresdale House for more information. (dgibbon@lrgs.org.uk). If you intend to apply to the Opportunities Fund for a place for your son on this trip, please can you also let me know in writing before **Friday 21st June**.

If, after discussing this letter with your son, you would like him to take part in the trip, please pay the deposit of £100 via our Wisepay system and download and complete the medical form.

Please contact Ms Louise Pearson at lpearson@lrgs.org.uk if you need any help accessing Wisepay. You must write your son's name as it appears on his passport on the form as we will be booking flights soon after confirmation of a place.

Please also send a photo or photocopy of the photo page of your son's passport and a copy of their current EHIC to Ms Pearson. We will need these details for the flight booking too. The deadline for returns is Friday 21st June. I anticipate demand to be very high for this trip and so will not be able to accept pupils on the trip after this date. I will endeavour to give all boys wishing to travel a place but should there be more interest than places available I will select names from a hat from those who have paid a deposit and returned all requested paperwork by the deadline. Should a student not be allocated a place, deposits will be returned. It may also be necessary to take into consideration a student's behavioural record at the school before confirming a place.

Please can I emphasise that this trip is available only to those students who will study Spanish in Year 9 during the academic year 2019-2020.

Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me over e-mail or through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Marshall
(Head of Spanish)

To confirm a place:

- 1. Download, complete and return medical form**
- 2. Send a copy of your son's valid passport**
- 3. Send a copy of your son's valid EHIC**

Forms can be returned to the trip's box in Lee House or emailed direct to lpearson@lrgs.org.uk