



08 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: BARCELONA TRIP – FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER – MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2026

We are pleased to offer fifty students the opportunity to participate in a four-day, three-night cultural trip to Barcelona, Spain, from **Friday 16 October to Monday 19 October 2026**, at a cost of **£665 per student**. The trip is open to students currently in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10; however, from Year 10, only students studying Spanish at GCSE will be eligible.

What is included

- Three nights' accommodation in Barcelona.
- Return flights and return coach transfer between school and the airport (London Heathrow).
- All meals in Barcelona.
- Unlimited public transport in Barcelona.
- One hold suitcase and one backpack per student.
- Student trip learning pack.
- Entry/visits to:
 - Park Güell.
 - Barcelona Olympic Park and Museum.
 - Camp Nou (*re-opened now).
 - Picasso Museum.
 - Gothic Quarter (self-led walking tour).
 - Barcelona Market.
 - Sagrada Familia (outside viewing point).
 - Simon Coll Chocolate Factory and Cava Cultural Centre.

Please note: meals during travel on **Day 1 (breakfast and lunch)** and **Day 4 (dinner)** are **not** included. Students should bring a packed lunch for Day 1 and pocket money for dinner on Day 4. For students entitled to Free School Meals, the cost of the two lunches will be covered; breakfast and dinner are **not** included.

Payments

Payments must be made directly to our tour operator, EIL Travel. In addition to the trip cost, EIL Travel requires a **£50.00 refundable damage deposit**, payable before travel. This deposit is **not included** in the £665.00 cost.

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Please find below a breakdown of important upcoming dates with regards to payments:

Instalment	Amount	Due by
Non-refundable deposit via website below	£100	Thursday 18 December 2025
First instalment	£113	Friday 27 February 2026
Second instalment	£113	Friday 27 March 2026
Third instalment	£113	Thursday 30 April 2026
Final balance	£113	Friday 24 June 2026
*Damage deposit	£50	Thursday 15 January 2026

To reserve a place, please complete the following Google Form by **Thursday 18 December 2025**: <https://forms.gle/ff6GHMcwptzEa9sd9> (a Google account is not required; however, you may need to copy the link into Google Chrome.)

Places will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to attendance, behaviour and academic record. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be permitted to attend. Full payment must be completed by **Friday 24 June 2026** and students without a completed consent form will be expected to attend their normal lessons on **Friday 19 October 2026**.

The **£100.00 non-refundable deposit** must be paid directly to EIL Travel at: <https://eiltravel.co.uk/cfp-gateway-academy-barcelona-2026/>. Only students on the waiting list who do not secure a place will receive a full refund. Deposits cannot be refunded if you choose to withdraw your child from this trip or if required documentation (passport and GHIC card) is not submitted on time.

Documentation

All students must have their own passport. British passports must be valid for at least **six months beyond the travel date** (i.e., valid through **16 April 2027**). A valid **EHIC/GHIC card** is also required by **July 2026**. We recommend applying via the official government website in June; the card is free of charge. [Get Healthcare Cover Traveling Abroad](#).

There will be a meeting at the Academy in September 2026 to discuss further details about this trip. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact, via email, Mrs Ciubotaru at gabriela.ciubotaru@theglc.org.uk or Mrs Bouretaa at frederique.bouretaa@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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