



## SPANISH EXCHANGE 2023



<p><b>WHAT IS IT?</b></p> 	<p>It is a scheme run entirely by staff in two schools - Poynton High School and El Instituto San Viator, which is a private school in Madrid, Spain. The exchange provides the opportunity for students from both countries to write to each other and to visit each other's homes. It is now 15 years since the first exchange took place between the two schools.</p>
<p><b>WHO CAN TAKE PART?</b></p>	<p>Any student in Years 9, 10,11, 12 and 13 who feels that he or she would benefit from the experience. The kind of person who will make the most of an exchange is someone who is interested in other countries, their culture and language; someone who is tolerant of people and customs which are different from our own.</p> <p><i>Please note that only students with good behaviour records in school and particularly in their Spanish lessons will be eligible to take part. Note also that final group numbers are dependent on the number of students wishing to take part in our partner school in Madrid.</i></p>
<p><b>WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE?</b></p>	<p><b>Provisional dates</b> for the <b>2023</b> Exchange are as follows:</p> <p><b>Poynton party to Madrid March 2023</b></p> <p><b>Madrid party to Poynton June 2023</b></p> <p>It must be emphasised that these are provisional dates subject to flight availability/cost and will be confirmed as soon as possible. It is unlikely, however, that they will change significantly. The Poynton leg will take place <b>after</b> the GCSE and A Level exam periods to allow students in exam years to take part.</p>
<p><b>HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?</b></p>	<p><b>The estimated final cost is around £450-£550</b> (depending on the size of the group/cost of flights at time of booking). This covers the cost of travel (Poynton-Madrid), personal insurance and all group excursions in Madrid, but you will need a small amount of pocket money in Spain. In addition, you will obviously be expected to meet the cost of looking after your guest when he/she is in England. The above amount also covers any trips you take part in for the Exchange while your partner is in England.</p>
<p><b>HOW WILL WE TRAVEL?</b></p>	<p>We will be travelling by plane from Liverpool or Manchester to Madrid.</p>
<p><b>WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO TAKE PART?</b></p>	<p>Take your reply slip to Mr Farrell in the MFL office next to room 47. Alternatively, you can register your interest by email to <a href="mailto:sfa@phs.cheshire.sch.uk">sfa@phs.cheshire.sch.uk</a> (please use the subject <b>Spanish Exchange 2023</b>). Please state your child's <b>full name</b> and <b>form</b> in the main body of the email.</p>

	Please register your initial interest by <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> . Please note that this is <b>only</b> an expression of interest and does not constitute a commitment to take part.
<p><b>WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?</b></p> 	<p>When the number of interested students has been established and dates and price finalised, I will be in touch again to collect deposits. Once deposits have been collected, you will be given an application form. <b>Complete it and attach a few recent photographs - this is very important.</b> Give as much detail about yourself as you possibly can as the form will help the organisers to find you the most suitable partner.</p> <p><i>Please note that it is really helpful if you don't mind hosting either a boy or a girl; there is never a guaranteed even gender split, and bear in mind that most people taking part tend to do a number of evening or weekend activities together as a group.</i></p>
<p><b>WHAT HAPPENS WHEN?</b></p>	<p>Students will be “matched up” with someone in Spain. It is then up to you to exchange emails, letters, photos etc. before the first leg of the Exchange takes place. There will be an opportunity for parents and participating students to meet Mr Farrell and the Spanish department at an information evening nearer the time.</p> <p><b><i>Everyone aged 16 or over resident in host families must undergo a DBS check (even if you already hold one for your work or any volunteering such as Scouts) There is no additional charge for this.</i></b></p>
<p><b>SUPERVISION</b></p>	<p>As in previous years, staff from PHS will accompany the group on the outward and return journeys and will remain in Madrid for the duration of the exchange visit.</p>
<p><b>WHAT IF WE NEED MORE INFORMATION?</b></p>	<p>Please contact Mr Farrell in school if you have any further enquiries.</p>

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