

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear parents,

The Modern Languages Department is launching an exciting new exchange for students of Spanish in our 4<sup>th</sup> Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Year and 6<sup>th</sup> Form, which will start in the coming academic year. The exchange is to be with pupils of a secondary school (I.E.S. Ángel Ganivet), in Granada the south of Spain.

Interested students should fill out the attached form and return it to Mr Chamberlain as soon as possible, and definitely by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, in order to be considered for a place. There are currently 22 pupils from our intended partner school who are interested in coming. By handing in a detailed form, you will enable us to begin the process of choosing a suitable partner. It is important that I emphasise at this point that participation will be subject to us finding sufficient appropriate partners for our pupils.

Once paired up with a partner, communication can start immediately via email, phone or other communication apps, and this in itself should be culturally, linguistically and socially enriching. However, the main point of the exchange will be the two visits. These will be on approximately the following dates:

- The Spanish pupils will visit Ripon for about a week between **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018** (during October half term).
- The Ripon pupils will visit Granada for about a week between **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019** (during February half-term).

During the Granada pupils' visit to Ripon, they are likely to attend classes for a day with their Ripon partners, followed by spending the holiday living with their exchange partners' family and participating in family life/ excursions. It is likely that we will arrange at least one excursion during the week for the whole group to participate in, although this will not be compulsory if you are taking the visitor away with you on holiday.

The Ripon visit to Granada will take place at an interesting time of the year: Granada is located at the foot of Spain's highest mountain range, and skiing is often possible throughout February. The cultural sights of Granada include the world famous Alhambra palace, and it should be possible to visit the other major cities of Córdoba and Seville. The Mediterranean is a short drive to the south.

The estimated cost of the exchange is £350-£400, but the exact figure will depend on the eventual cost of flights and activities. Mr Higson will be leading the trip to Spain and will be accompanied by at least one other member of staff.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I. T. Chamberlain  
Head of Modern Foreign Languages  
Ripon Grammar School

**SPANISH EXCHANGE 2018-2019**

**RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL / I.E.S. ANGEL DE GRANADA**

Parents: please complete this form with your child neatly and clearly in black ink (to facilitate photocopying). It will be read by your Spanish partner and family. Give as much detail as possible, in order to help us match you with the right person. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE on 01.09.18 \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS

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Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil's personal email/ mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Start date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' OCCUPATIONS (padres - empleos)

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NAMES AND AGES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS (hermanos y hermanas)

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ANY ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR DIETARY NEEDS (enfermedades, alergias, dieta)

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WOULD YOU ACCEPT A PARTNER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX?

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(Aceptaría usted un intercambio con una pareja del sexo opuesto?)

WOULD THE PARTNER HAVE A SEPARATE ROOM? \_\_\_\_\_

(Su pareja ¿tendría un dormitorio separado al suyo?)

HAVE YOU DONE AN EXCHANGE BEFORE? \_\_\_\_\_

(¿Usted ya ha participado en un intercambio?)

HAVE YOU BEEN ABROAD BEFORE? GIVE DETAILS. (Viajes anteriores al extranjero)

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WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OFFER YOUR SPANISH PARTNER? (¿Qué tipo de actividades propondría usted a su pareja?)

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WOULD YOUR PARENTS BE AT HOME DURING THE HOLIDAY? (Sus padres estarían en casa durante las vacaciones?)

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DETAILS OF ANY PETS (mascotas/ animales en casa)

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HOBBIES, SPORTS, INTERESTS (Intereses/ actividades de ocio)

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FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECTS (OR 'AS' LEVELS) (Asignaturas preferidas)

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PERSONALITY (Personalidad)

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TYPE OF PARTNER PREFERRED (Tipo de pareja buscado)

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WHAT TYPE OF HOUSE DO YOU LIVE IN? (Descripción de tu casa)

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PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Mr I. T. Chamberlain by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you!