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25th September 2018

SPANISH EXCHANGE WITH IES ANGEL GANIVET, GRANADA

Dear Parents and Pupils,

I hope that you have been in touch with your partners and are looking forward to their visit in October. I am writing to confirm the programme for the October visit and to make suggestions for your time hosting your partners.

Itinerary

Thursday 25th October

The Spanish group will arrive at Manchester Airport at 12:55 on Thursday 25th October and will travel to Ripon by bus, arriving in the bus park at around 16:30. Please ensure that it is possible to collect your partner and take them home to settle in. In my experience, this is the point where any homesickness or nerves show!

Friday 26th October

Please arrange for partners to get into school with your son/ daughter (nb if this is by school bus, please check that there will be enough space on the bus). Pupils will attend lessons with their partner during the day, prior to departure at the end of the day for half term.

Lunch: if you normally have lunch in school, please also buy lunch for your exchange partner. In you normally bring a packed lunch, please ensure that a packed lunch is brought for your partner.

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th October

Partners will be with you, getting used to living with an English family. Visits to local sites of interest, participation in partners' interests, or opportunities to experience everyday life, are all valuable for visiting students and provide a good way of encouraging interaction.

Monday 29th October

I am organising an excursion to York for the Spanish group (Ripon pupils will not be going). If you have other plans, could you please send me an email to that effect (address at the end of this letter). I envisage the group meeting in the bus park at 09:00 and returning there for 17:00. It is good for them to have a trip together at this point because, apart from the cultural experience it represents, it gives shy pupils a chance to reunite with friends and teachers and share experiences. Please can you give them some snacks to have as a packed lunch on this excursion.

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Tuesday 30th – Thursday 1st November

Partners will be with their host families. If parents are working it may be useful to co-ordinate with other hosting families to ensure that your son/ daughter and visiting partners are active during the day.

Friday 2nd November

I'm sorry to say that it's a 02:00 departure from Ripon! Please can you bring the group promptly to the bus park. The sooner they are gone, the sooner you can go to bed! The time of this departure is necessitated by an 06:30 flight from Manchester.

I would like to thank you for the commitment you are making in looking after a visiting teenager for a week. Please remember that it may be their first time away from their family, so do be as welcoming as possible, as the Spanish students may take time to adjust. I will be present in the local area, and can be contacted at chamberlaint@ripongrammar.co.uk.

Mr Higson will accompany the Spanish group on their excursion day to York, and his contact details will be passed on prior to that. There are two teachers coming with the group, and they will be lodging at the White Horse on North Street, Ripon. Therefore, if there are any instances where you think some support is needed, or if you have a question, there will be plenty of help available in the Ripon area.

Regarding the return visit to Spain, I have now booked flights for the group. They will be travelling out to Granada via a flight from Liverpool airport to Málaga on Thursday 21st February (again, with an unpleasantly early start from Ripon, probably 03:00. I'm sorry!). They will return to Liverpool airport on Friday 1st March, arriving at the airport at 13:10, and therefore hopefully being home at the civilised time of 17:00.

Yours sincerely,

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