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Dear Parent/Carer

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Year 10 Spanish Exchange
18th – 25th March and 24th June – 1st July 2018

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The Spanish Department is proposing to repeat last year's successful student exchange with our partner secondary school, IES Garcilaso de la Vega. This is a mixed secondary school located in Torrelavega, a town in Cantabria in northern Spain.

The Spanish Exchange presents students with a unique opportunity to improve their spoken Spanish and see Spanish daily life first hand.

We have invited the Year 10 Spanish students from Calday Grammar School to collaborate with us and we aim to visit Spain for one week, leaving on Sunday 18th March and returning on Sunday 25th March 2018, availability and prices of the flights permitting.

The exchange is for Year 10 students who will be accompanied by teaching staff from West Kirby Grammar School and Calday Grange Grammar School. Once in Torrelavega the students will be accommodated by the families of partner students from the IES Garcilaso de la Vega.

<http://portaleducativo.educantabria.es/web/ies-garcilaso-de-la-vega>

A programme will be organised which gives students a taste of life in Spain and will include attending lessons, as well as visits to local places of interest. Host families are responsible for any activities organised at the weekend.

The return visit by the Spanish school will take place from Sunday 24th June to Sunday 1st July 2018 when the Spanish students will be hosted by their English partners. Similarly, a programme of events will be organised during the school day for the visiting students and during the weekend host families will be responsible for any activities which are arranged.

These are the planned dates but please be aware that changes may occur due to availability and cost of the flights:

Calday/West Kirby to IES Garcilaso de la Vega: Sunday 18th March to Sunday 25th March 2018

IES Garcilaso de la Vega to Calday/West Kirby: Sunday 24th June to Sunday 1st July 2018

The group will fly from Manchester to Bilbao Airport and on to Torrelavega by coach.

The cost of the visit will be approximately £350. This includes airport transfers both in England and Spain, flights and insurance and any activities and trips organised in Spain.

Please note that your daughter/ward will need to travel on her own passport and should have a valid European health card (EHIC) for this visit.

If you would like your daughter/ward to take part in the Spanish Exchange, could you please complete the attached consent/medical form and payment slip below and include a deposit for £150.00 by 16th October 2017. Cheques should be made payable to West Kirby Grammar School with the student's name, form and 'Spanish Exchange' on the reverse.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Jennings
Head of Spanish

Please return to the Finance Office by Monday 16th October

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Student name..... Form.....

I would like my daughter/ward to participate in the above mentioned exchange and enclose a deposit of £150.00. Cheques should be made payable to West Kirby Grammar School with the student's name, form and 'Spanish Exchange' on the reverse.

The School has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.

Signed..... Date.....