

23 January 2012

Dear Parent

Yrs 11, 12 & 13 Spanish Study Trip to Madrid – Monday 22 – Friday 26 October 2012

After the hugely successful study trips to Madrid in 2010 and 2011, I am delighted to be able to announce that the next trip will take place at the beginning of the half term break, Monday, 22 October – Friday, 26 October 2012. We will be returning to Madrid, the country's capital and a region renowned for the purest and clearest-spoken Spanish.

Study trips are a critical part of language learning and those to Spain have proved both popular and very rewarding for pupils. The trip is considered essential for A Level and IB pupils but will also be advantageous and of great interest to pupils who are studying Spanish at IGCSE and GCSE level. The programme will include visits to: the Museo Reina Sofía; Palacio Real; Parque del Buen Retiro; Plaza de Toros de las Ventas; Museo del Prado and the beautiful Plaza Mayor. There will also be a day trip to Toledo, one of the most beautiful cities to the south of Madrid.

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To: Mr David Doyle, The Portsmouth Grammar School, by **Tuesday, 21 February 2012**

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I would like to reserve my son / daughter a place on the above study trip

Please choose one option and tick the box:

I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £350 (made payable to PGS)

Please add the non-refundable deposit of £350 to my school account

I agree to the balance of £300 being added in one, non-refundable sum to my summer bill

Contact details: **please print**

Pupil name: _____ Year:/ Tutor: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to pupil, if **not** parent: _____

Pupils will sample the cultural history of these impressive cities and have ample opportunity to collect research for the oral component of their study as well as the opportunity to practise and enhance their speaking skills: not least as we will be staying in the heart of Madrid on a half board basis (breakfast and evening meal).

This promises to be a valuable opportunity for your child and we recommend it highly. The cost of this study trip will be £650 and numbers are strictly limited. If you wish your child to be considered for this trip, please fill in tear-off slip below and return, along with a non-refundable deposit (cheques made payable to The Portsmouth Grammar School) for £350 to Mr Doyle by Tuesday, 21 February 2012. The remaining balance of £300 will be added in one, non-refundable sum to your summer bill.

Please ensure that the medical centre has been informed of any change to your son/daughter's medical circumstances by telephoning the medical centre on 023 92364243 or by email medical@pgs.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr D Doyle
Co-ordinator of Languages