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Dear Parent/Carer

**Years 8, 9 & 10 Water sports Experience in Tossa De Mar, Costa Brava  
with Voyager Travel – June 2015**

We have been able to obtain availability for a **Water sports Experience** on the stunning coastline of The Costa Brava and the natural harbour that forms the beautiful Spanish resort of 'Tossa De Mar'. The trip dates are from **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**. The trip costs **£569** which includes 6 nights full board accommodation; transfer to and from the resort via coach and the water sports programme including sailing, windsurfing, snorkelling, paddle boarding, coasteering, kayaking and a visit to Waterworld. We will also have a fun packed evening entertainment and excursion programme, which is likely to include visiting the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona, a Pizza night, Disco, Beach games and Bowling depending on the interests of the group (some of these activities which will incur additional costs).

We will be travelling to the resort with an established company, Voyager School Travel, established in 1991. The company have built an excellent reputation and all Voyager activity instructors are experienced and fully qualified. The Voyager water based activities take place on the beautiful Playa Mar Menuda beach.

This is the eleventh time we have arranged the trip and if you were to ask any of the students who have attended previous trips I am sure they would tell you how fantastic it is. The trips have been a hugely memorable experience for students and they offer a great opportunity for our boys to develop their self-reliance, team work skills, physical fitness, understanding of different cultures and conversational Spanish. We have built an excellent reputation with both the travel company and the people of Tossa de Mar. Consequently, our selection criteria specifies we will only take students whose behaviour record shows that they fully support the work of the classroom and have full respect for the authority of teaching staff and other adults with whom they come into contact. **We will not take students whose present behaviour record gives us cause for concern, for example those who have been detained too many times, spent a time in the Referral Room or been excluded from school, and whose attitude could cause the name of the school to be brought into disrepute. If your son is guaranteed a place on the trip and is later withdrawn due to poor behaviour, all money will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement is found.**

We anticipate a huge demand for this trip from our students. Assuming that students satisfy the condition above, we will initially select a total of **42 students**. The students will be **selected by lottery**. As this trip is closely linked to Physical Education and leadership, initially, 10 places out of the 42 will be reserved for Y10 students who will be taking GCSE PE and the Level 1 Sports Leaders Award in September. These students will be expected to be junior team leaders. In addition a total of 10 students' names will be held in reserve in the event of any selected students subsequently being unable to attend.

To take advantage of this educational visit we are required to send a deposit of £100 per student to be paid in two parts. The first part of **£30** to be paid into school by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014**, the second part of **£70** will be due in September. If you would like your son to be considered for this trip, your son must bring in cash or a cheque to school on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014**. Cheques must be made payable to; '**St Margaret's School Fund**' for the amount of **£30**. If you have any queries regarding this please contact me.

Your deposit payment must be handed in to **school office** in a sealed envelope, addressed to **Mr Richards**, headed **Watersports Experience 2015 Deposit** with your son's **Name and Form** and the **Date** clearly labelled. Soon after we receive the deposits, we will conduct the selection and students will be informed if they have been successful.

All **successful** application deposits are non-refundable. If your son is not successfully selected the deposit will be returned to you after the selection has been conducted. If your son's place is confirmed after the selection, a payment plan will then be arranged. We will then write to parents with full details of the excursion and payment plan.

We have made this early provisional booking with the company, so we can take advantage of a discounted price.

**The cost of the trip is £569.00 (excluding spending money and additional excursions).**

To take advantage of the offer above we must have a minimum of 40 students by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The total cost of the trip will be payable in installments throughout the next academic year.

I hope you will consider this an excellent opportunity for your son and I look forward to another successful trip.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Richards**  
**Assistant Principal – Data & Intervention**

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**Water sports, 2015 Tossa de Mar, Spain**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I authorise for my son to take part in the water sports trip to Tossa de Mar, Spain on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

I have read and accept the terms and conditions and understand that the offer of a place will be made in the light of the selection criteria described above and that the school's decision is **final**.

Print \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_