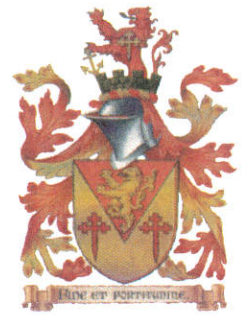


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Spanish School Partnership – Penpal project

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to write to you to offer your daughter the opportunity to take part in our school partnership project. In the Spring term we established a link with IES Nieves López Pastor, a school in Villanueva del Arzobispo, near Jaén in Andalusia, Spain. We have successfully started this project with our Year 8 beginner students and we would now like to extend this to our older students.

Students would be expected to write a letter, in Spanish, 2 or 3 times a half term and will receive letters in English from the Spanish students. The frequency of these letters would depend on the postal service and speed of response from the partner school. Taking part in this project has a number of benefits for the students involved. Firstly, the opportunity to practice their written Spanish while discussing a range of topics will help them to improve their Spanish for their GCSE. In addition to this, the chance to get to know about the way of life in Spain and make friends with students at a partner school is a unique opportunity to learn about another culture.

Students will only be communicating with their partner through the letters which will be collated and sent from school. For their own safety, students are asked not to share any personal contact information with the partner students at this time.

We hope that this project will eventually develop further and we are very excited about the opportunities it may offer us. In order to maintain good relationships with the partner school we ask that all students make a commitment to the project and return letters in time for deadlines set. You must also be aware that the partner school is a mixed school and so your daughter could be writing to either a male or female student.



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Unfortunately, the partner school does not have as many students studying English as we do Spanish, so places will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Reply slips must be returned directly to Miss Nobes in the MFL office so that places can be allocated fairly.

Yours sincerely



Miss Nobes
Curriculum Leader for Spanish

**Please return to:- Miss Nobes
MFL Office**

I give permission for my daughter _____

(Name and form) to participate in the Spanish penpal project. She understands the commitment she is making to the project and agrees not to share personal contact details with her partner student.

Signed: _____