



July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Heanor Gate Valencia Trip - Monday 17 July-Thursday 20 July

I am writing to ensure everyone is as fully informed as possible regarding the finalised arrangements for our Valencia trip..

We **will be leaving at 03.45am on Monday 17 July** and we will be following the time schedule outlined below. Please note that the ETA, to be back at school, is not an exact time and will depend on the return flight, baggage collection and traffic. Updates will be made with you via twitter and through communication via the students. The coach will be parked on the Industrial Estate, near to The Emily Grace School of Dance. Due to the anti-social hour of our departure we request that you drop off and then depart the area to keep it clear and noise to a minimum. Please say your goodbyes at home! **It is requested that students arrive at 03.45 and get straight on the coach;** this will ensure a calm and prompt departure.

Travel details & Itinerary

Monday 17 July

- Meet at the Industrial Estate and depart for EMA for the 06.40 flight to Alicante (FR 9085)
- Coach transfer from Alicante airport to the hotel in Valencia
- Coach transfer to the beach
- Evening meal in a local restaurant "Salad"
- Coach transfer to the hotel

Tuesday 18 July

- Breakfast served at the hotel and coach transfer into the city
- Visit to Museu Falla de Valencia
- Guided tour of the Mestalla Football Stadium
- Visit to Jardins del Real o Viveros
- Evening meal in a local restaurant "Neco Pascual y Genis"
- Coach transfer to the hotel

Wednesday 19 July

- Breakfast served at the hotel and coach transfer into the city
- Visit to the City of Arts and Sciences (Museum and Oceanographic)
- Evening meal in a local restaurant "Salad"
- Coach transfer to the hotel

Thursday 20 July

- Breakfast served at the hotel, check-out and coach transfer into the city
- Visit to the Central Market and Barrio del Carmen
- Churros at Santa Catalina Horchatería
- Coach transfer to Alicante airport for the 21.50 flight to EMA (FR 9184)
- Coach transfer to Heanor Industrial Estate ETA 00.30am



Student Meeting

There will be a **meeting for all students attending the trip on Wednesday 12 July**. This meeting is essential as we will be going over the finalised itinerary and expectations. **Year 10 students will need to meet at 12.25 in K3 and Year 9 students will need to meet at 13.25 in K3**

Travel arrangements

Students need to wear their blue Valencia hoodies on both legs of the journey, so please remind them to arrive wearing these. We have 10kg of luggage per person that will go in the hold of the plane and will also be stored under the bus during travel. Students can also bring a small bag (40x25x20cm) as hand luggage for the plane. A small rucksack would be ideal, as students will need to bring a bag with them each day. As we are flying, it may be advisable to bring a small neck pillow as we will want to sleep on the coach.

Please ensure that no food containing nuts is brought on to the bus due to nut allergies. Please also be advised that energy drinks are not allowed.

Passports and EHIC/GHIC cards

All documents are stored in the school safe until our departure and staff members will look after these during travel. All documents will be securely stored whilst in Valencia.

Spending money

As highlighted at the parents' information evening, students are responsible for their spending money for the duration of the trip. There will be the opportunity to buy lunches and refreshments whilst we are out on all four days. The majority of their spending money will be in euros, but it may be advisable to bring a small amount of sterling for the airport.

Twitter account

You can follow my school Twitter account for the trip. It is a great way to document the trip and for you to see pictures of what the students get up to during the trip. My twitter username is @HGSA_MissHill and we will use the hashtag #Valencia2023

Mobile phones

Students are welcome to bring items such as mobile phones, but do so at their own risk. Such items are not covered under our travel insurance. Therefore, students need to ensure that all of their belongings are kept safe. There is a trip mobile phone for emergency contact only, which will be switched on the morning of our departure. The contact number for this is 07925740321. For non-emergency contact during the trip, please email me on kirstenhill@heanorgatespencer.com

Kit List

As discussed at the parents' information evening, students need to be dressed appropriately. Once we leave the hotel in the morning, we will be out all day, so comfy footwear is essential. Please also remember to pack plenty of sunscreen and a hat. As well as standard overnight toiletries, pyjamas etc, please ensure that a small, quick drying towel is packed to take out with us. The hotel provides bath towels. Students must travel in their hoodies.

Accommodation

We are staying in the Travelodge Valencia Aeropuerto Hotel. Students are staying in twin or triple rooms with a private bathroom.

Medicine

Please ensure that all medicines are handed in to HGSA reception prior to departure, along with the completed medical permission form, clearly labelled, to be monitored by staff on the trip. If there is any issue with handing medication prior to departure, please send me an email.



I hope all of the students are looking forward to the trip and if you require any further information at all then please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hill'.

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