**THE BRITISH SCHOOL AL KHUBAIRAT**

June 2014

Dear Parent(s),

**Year 9 – 13 Cordoba Home Stay Thursday, 24th – 31th October 2014**

**Outline**

Following the success of the Home Stay in June, the Spanish Department has decided to renew the experience and go to Andalusia in Cordoba.  The Homestay Trip is taking place in the penultimate week of the 1st half term between Friday 24 October (early hours departure) and Friday, 31 October and it is open to all students of Spanish from years 9 to 13.  There are currently up to 40 student places available.  Places will be allocated on a strictly first-come first-served basis.

It is well known that spending time in a foreign country can significantly enhance language skills and it is to this end that we organise the Home Stay.  Students will spend significant amounts of time operating in Spanish (at mealtimes, during lessons, visits etc.) but there is also plenty of relaxation time included in the itinerary.  We operate the trip alongside our trusted UK partners The Ardmore Group who not only have extensive experience in this field but also ensure that our families are rigorously vetted.

For those students in the GCSE years this is a great chance to do some intensive language work which may accelerate their development as linguists.  For our prospective AS/A2 students, the trip represents a real opportunity to polish skills and further develop a passion for the country whose language they have been studying.

As with all trips, the Spanish Home Stay will be subject to ADEC approval. You will be able to find more information on our new destination on our Spanish website: [www.bsakspanish.weebly.com](https://mail.britishschool.sch.ae/owa/redir.aspx?C=26430af87000482a9aebee43467574d3&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.bsakspanish.weebly.com) (Homestay 2014 page)

**Cost**

The price of AED 8500(subject to exchange rate fluctuation)includes:

* Return flights and coach transfers from Abu Dhabi to Cordoba
* 6 nights full board host family accommodation
* Excursion programme (TBC) including visits to Cordoba, Sevilla and Granada and flamenco lesson!
* Intensive Spanish tuition in the morning
* Full group travel insurance

**Administration**

In order to confirm your son / daughter on the trip we require the following documents to be completed and returned to the main reception.

1. **Completion and return of the attached ARDMORE application form**
2. **2 Passport photos**
3. **Payment to accounts of deposit of AED1000 by the end of July 2014 (further payments in September)**
4. **Copy of passport and UAE Visa (please also ensure that your son / daughter’s passport will have at least 6 months validity ie. Expiring no earlier than May 2015).**

IMPORTANT: If your son/daughter does not hold a passport that provides for travel to Spain without a visa, this will need to be obtained from the Spanish Embassy in Abu Dhabi approximately 6 weeks before travel.  You will require a supporting letter from the school to assist in this process. It is the parents responsibility to arrange a visa.

Alternatively, if more convenient, you may pay the full amount in a single installment.  A more detailed itinerary information will follow in due course.

I sincerely hope that your son / daughter will be able to take part in this trip.

Yours sincerely

**Christine Welthagen**

Head of Spanish

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**Cordoba HOMESTAY October 2014**

I/we hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) in form \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Cordoba Homestay Trip from  Friday 24 October (early hours departure) and Friday, 31 October

I enclose:

**1. First payment of AED 1000.**

**2.  Completed Application Form.**

**3.  2 x Passport photos.**

**4.  Passport and Visa Copy**

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

**Please return this slip to the Accounts Office**