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To: parents of boys taking part in the Spanish Exchange

### Spanish Exchange Visit 7 – 15 March 2011

As those of you who are already involved with the Spanish Exchange will already know, our exchange party from Santiago will be arriving on Monday 7 March and will be with us until the following Tuesday (15 March). I am writing to inform you that the boys will be arriving around lunchtime and will be having their lunch in school. They will then be staying in school where they will be collected by your son to be taken home. May I also point out that the exchange partners will need to be dropped off at St Helen's at 7.45 am on Tuesday 15 March as they will be leaving at 8.00 am for Heathrow.

Could I take this opportunity to remind you that if you are hosting someone in March, that you need to confirm with the bursary if you need a space on one of the school buses for that week.

I have attached a draft itinerary and programme for your information but if you have any questions in the mean time, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lois.glenn@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:lois.glenn@abingdon.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Spanish Exchange  
St Helen and St Katharine  
Abingdon School  
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**Itinerary and programme for visit 7<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(lunch in school)</i>	Spanish party arrives at St Helen and St Katharine and Abingdon School (boys will be dropped there) @ 1pm approximately. They will have lunch in school and watch a film and then go home with their exchange partners at the end of the school day.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(lunch in school)</i>	Morning in school with their exchange partners. After lunch in school (approx. 1.30pm), <b>Abingdon</b> town trail. Meet at Abingdon School's front entrance. Back for 4pm.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(packed lunch)</i>	Spanish party to <b>Bath</b> by bus (departure from SHSK at 9am). Families to provide packed lunch. Back in school for 5pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(packed lunch)</i>	Day trip to <b>Winchester</b> . Coach departing from St Helen and St Katharine at 9am and pick up Spanish boys at Abingdon School coach park. Meet in Old School Hall. Visit of Winchester town and cathedral.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(packed lunch)</i>	Morning in school with their exchange partners and visit to <b>Blenheim Palace</b> . Coach will leave from St Helen at 12noon and pick up the boys from Abingdon School coach park. Back at 4pm.
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b><i>With host families</i></b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(lunch in school)</i>	Morning in school with exchange partners. After lunch, to <b>Oxford</b> by bus (city tour, Pitts River Museum, Colleges + time for shopping). Return at 4pm.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(packed lunch)</i>	Depart from St Helen at 9am (boys will be picked up from Abingdon School coach park) for a day trip to <b>Windsor</b> . Return at 5pm for late buses.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March <i>(packed lunch)</i>	Depart from St Helen at <b>8am</b> (luggage ready to go on the coach and packed lunch) to Heathrow Airport.

The Spanish students should have a packed lunch provided by their host families for day trips. They will have lunch in the canteen with their exchange partners when in school.

Spanish exchange partners should come to school with their English exchange partners and return from their day trips in time for end of school pick up (15.40 approx) with the exception of the London trip (time to be confirmed) and unless otherwise dictated by traffic, weather conditions or after school activities and sport.