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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to announce that Fulford School will once again be running a football development tour to Villarreal Club de Futbol in Spain in 2016. Since our debut trip in April 2012, we have experienced three highly successful tours to Spain and hope to continue in this tradition. The trip is facilitated by Villarreal CF; use of their training camp and coaching by their staff are just two ways in which we work alongside the professional outfit. This opportunity, on offer to all students currently in Year 8 and 9, will provide a unique sporting and cultural insight into the workings of a professional sports team, irrespective of gender and sporting ability. Over the course of the five days, students will experience professional sports coaching, play competitive games against local opposition and generally live the life of a professional footballer!

Villarreal CF have recently enjoyed a resurgence in Spanish Premiership football, eventually finishing the 2013-14 La Liga season in sixth position – guaranteeing Europa League football next season. The club, based in a small town close to Valencia, is seen as a good example of a small but successful football club. Their biggest achievement was reaching the Champions League semi-final in 2006 under the now Manchester City manager, Manuel Pellegrini.

The trip is to take place between Monday 28 March and Friday 1 April 2016 with a very early start on the Monday and a late return on the Friday. As you may notice from the dates, this trip will fall during the first full week of the Easter holidays; in fact Monday 28 March is actually Bank Holiday Easter Monday. The cost of the trip stands at around £775 although this will be confirmed when we know of the number of students interested in taking part. The cost of the trip includes return travel to the airport, flights to Spain, all transfers, accommodation in a local 4\* hotel, access to the state of art training complex, professional coaching sessions and a great deal more. Of course, the trip will only run if a sufficient number of students are interested in committing. However, we are relatively flexible on the number of students we can take and over the last three years have given as many students the opportunity to take part as possible.

If your son / daughter is interested in taking part in Villarreal 2016, there is more information available on the website of the tour provider ([www.inspiresport.com](http://www.inspiresport.com)) or by accessing a video on YouTube, made by Villarreal TV about our time in Spain in 2013 – search ‘Campus Villarreal English version’ or via this link –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPFuTk4nsSM>. Alternatively, do not hesitate to contact me at school by email – [office@fulford.york.sch.uk](mailto:office@fulford.york.sch.uk).

All Students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student's full inclusion in this trip. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Headteacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child.

Students interested in taking part need to return the attached reply slip and a £100 deposit by the end of school on Monday 22 June. This will allow us to finalise numbers and inform you of whether students have been successful on gaining a place on the trip by the end of the month. Over the last three years, we have been able to offer almost every student a place on the trip. However, we may need to resort to a random ballot scheme of picking names from a hat – of course, we will inform you if we have to resort to this. I would encourage any student interested in taking part, to register their interest early as this really is an unforgettable life experience.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Jagger  
Trip Leader/PE Department

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I would like to register my interest in my son/daughter taking part in Villarreal 2016:

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year / Form: \_\_\_\_\_

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

