

Successful second edition of the Spanish Study Tour

During the recent holidays, a group of nine Year 11 Spanish students travelled to Spain for the second annual edition of the Meriden Spanish Study Tour.

The tour began with a weekend in Madrid. The girls visited the famous Prado Museum, the Royal Palace and many other landmarks in the capital. This year we were fortunate to incorporate a dinner with various tapas and a fantastic Flamenco show.

After the weekend (by which time the jetlag had mostly worn off) we travelled to Valladolid, a historic town two hours north of Madrid. There, the girls immersed themselves in the Spanish way of life, by attending daily Spanish classes and sharing experiences with their local host families.

There were many highlights in this part of the tour, including day trips to the heritage listed cities of Salamanca and Segovia.

Building on last year's excellent adventure, we were able to include new activities such as a cooking and dancing classes, sports and even a treasure hunt.

It was an incredible opportunity for the girls to improve their Spanish language skills and cultural understanding, and to make new friendships within Meriden and with the Spanish families.

Several girls shared their experiences of the trip:

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Olivia: "This trip was the best experience to help me become more confident in my Spanish as well as meet new people, live a different lifestyle and gain independence. This was definitely my highlight throughout my time at school and I would 100% recommend it to everyone!"

Abbey: "It was an amazing experience; my favourite part was definitely visiting Segovia."

Molly: "I really enjoyed being fully immersed in the culture and history of Spain; our visits to cathedrals, monuments, restaurants and countless other landmarks proved invaluable when learning the language."



The 2024 Spanish Study Tour contingent



Learning some new cooking skills

Freya: “This was an amazing experience. I learnt so much – not only the language but also the culture. I had an incredible time and made so many new memories. It is 100% worth going and it is a trip I'll never forget.”

Claudia: “This trip was so eye-opening and amazing. To live with strangers who become your family for two weeks is so special. I formed strong bonds, saw what daily life looked like and improved my Spanish. I had the best time and would strongly recommend it to anyone in the younger years!”

Margot: “I am forever grateful for this trip, not only did I learn so much, but I also got to meet many amazing people and see some of the most beautiful places.”

Jemma: “Going to Spain was fun! We had a great time and learnt so much in and out of school! Such a great experience!”

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At the cathedral in Valladolid



The Aqueduct of Segovia