

## Worth School trip to Salamanca 2012

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In December 2012, 12 Sixth Form Spanish students accompanied by Ms Geraghty and Mr Steinebach departed for Salamanca, a World Heritage city since 1988, located in the northwest of Spain. Students stayed with host families, who proved to be incredibly welcoming, and each morning attended an intensive Spanish languages course at the Salmínter International Spanish School, with a break for hot chocolate and churros between classes! During the afternoons, the group had the pleasure of visiting the many beautiful sites in Salamanca, including both the Romanesque and the Baroque style cathedrals, both having completely contrasting architecture but equally beautiful and fascinating.



Also on the itinerary was the prestigious University of Salamanca, the oldest university in Spain, where the students from Worth had the privilege of entering the unaltered lecture hall of Fray Luis de León to experience the impressive library. Students were also highly entertained in their attempt to spot the elusive carved frog which is considered to be lucky, hidden within the architecture of the main facade. The Plaza Mayor, considered the most beautiful square in Spain and definitely one of the highlights of the trip, was incredible, especially with the lavish Christmas decorations, tapas bars, cafés serving '*churros con chocolate*' and frozen yoghurt shops, even in December!



On the final evening, Ms Geraghty invited students to an evening of tapas in the Mesón Cervantes to sample the typical Spanish culinary delights.

The final day saw what was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the trip: a visit to Real Madrid's home ground, the Santiago Bernabéu stadium. Students were simply astounded by the sheer scale of the stadium and relished the opportunity to sit in the dugouts and wander through the inner sections passing through the changing rooms and press conference area!



The evening really captured the Spanish spirit and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The trip was a resounding success and, in the words of one Sixth Former, it was 'was a truly amazing experience as it allowed us, not only to develop, improve and practise our Spanish, but also to learn more about the culture and history of Spain.

