

Creagh College,
Gorey,
Co. Wexford
21st December 2022

Re: Erasmus Plus Mobility Exchange Project

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be doing an Erasmus Plus project with the public, mixed school of IES Alborán in Estepona, Andalucía, Spain. <https://maralboran.eu/>. This a Long-Term Mobility of students in school partnerships (called KA2). It consists of allowing students to experience learning in another school in Spain and in Spanish for a long period of time between 7 days and 6 weeks. The purpose of this project is to give students the opportunity to understand, speak, read, write Spanish in real life situations in the target language country. They will also collaborate on a project of mutual interest to enhance their understanding of another culture whilst also using their language skills. The topic of this project is open to discussion. The mobility project is intended to be a valuable resource to our 3rd year students. Junior Cert exams in 2023 require developed receptive skills such as listening and reading, 35% of which will be awarded respectively to both comprehensions.

We will apply for funding early next year. For the remainder of the academic year, we will be receiving visits from students and teachers of IES Alborán.

The provisional timetable is:

- **Job Shadowing 16th-20th January,**

2-3 Spanish teachers would like to visit our classes in Creagh College to observe teaching & learning. Interested teachers can participate. We can also discuss what projects we could collaborate on, any suggestions welcome as the topics are open.

- **A short term student exchange of one week for a group of 20 students** (3rd years) from Spain to Creagh College, Monday 27th March-Friday 31st March inclusive (7 days around these dates; please note that this marks the beginning of the Easter holidays which may overlap with some students for the New York GAA trip).

The students will be accommodated in homestay and attend school and activities with that student. There will be a return visit of our students to them also for a homestay in the next academic year (Transition Year) for 1 week also. Garda Vetting of all host families in Ireland is obligatory prior to any homestays.

- **A long term stay of six weeks for three students** (3rd year students)

Monday 20th February- Friday 31st March inclusive. (6 weeks around these dates)

These students will be accommodated in homestay and attend school and activities with that student. There will be a return visit of our students to them for a homestay of six weeks duration in Spain during the next academic year (during their Transition Year programme; dates to be confirmed). Garda Vetting of all host families in Ireland is obligatory prior to any homestays.

As there are limited places available for the short term stay (1 week) and the long term stay (6 weeks), applications will need to be made by our 3rd year students studying Spanish for these spaces. More information will issue in January on the application process but for now we ask that you as a family consider whether you are interested in participating in the exchange.

Teachers involved so far include Ms. Rossiter & Mr. Corcoran and we are delighted to finally avail of this intercultural experience for our school.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Fidelma Rossiter

(Spanish teacher)