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Dear Mr Smith,

**Spanish & Surfing – October 2023**

I am writing with heartfelt thanks for an impeccably organised week of lessons and activities for our Year 10 and 11 pupils during half-term.

Our pupils were truly immersed in the Galician culture and Spanish language and all objectives of the trip have been fulfilled. I am delighted to share that more pupils are now considering A level Spanish as a result of the experience and all pupils feel they will attain a better grade at IGCSE in the summer having participated throughout the week.

The itinerary was a perfect balance of language lessons, sporting and cultural activities, it was both formative and fun in equal measure. The host families were impressively hospitable and charming, our pupils felt they had been welcomed with open arms.

Our pupils have been enthused by the experience and we hope this will continue into the future as our partnership with Ben Smith Educational Travel develops. I am delighted that we have secured dates to bring another group to Galicia in October next year.

Thanks again to your entire team of co-ordinators, teachers, *chaperones* and surf monitors.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mike Wright