



BGS student reflections from Valencia, Spain 2023

Amelia (Upper Sixth): “I loved the aquarium and seeing the ‘focas’. It was interesting to learn the names for different aspects of the ocean in Spanish, as well as improving my vocabulary in the market and in the lessons.”

Kate (Year 11): “I really liked going to the Science museum as it was very interactive and interesting. I also enjoyed the lessons a lot and found them very useful.”

Rosie (Year 11): “I loved seeing the view of the city from the towers and the Cathedral and walking around the streets seeing all the beautiful street art.”

Ella (Year 11): I really enjoyed the Spanish lessons. Our teacher was Luis and he was really helpful in reminding all of us about the tenses. I really enjoyed ‘los autobuses públicos’ on the way to the science museum and aquarium. I had a great experience in Valencia on this school trip.

Jess (Year 11): “My highlight was the wonderful food market where I could use the Spanish we’d learnt in our lessons at school and in the lessons with Luis.”

Izzy (Year 11): “My favourite parts of the trip were how welcoming the Spanish people were and how they helped us improve our Spanish whilst out and about and in our lessons. The aquarium was amazing and the cathedral was very interesting.”

Charlotte (Year 11): “My highlight of the trip was how friendly the Spanish people were. They made us all feel at ease, especially at the market when we were asking for things.”

Amelia (Year 11): “The best part of the trip for me was the aquarium. All of the sea creatures were so cute, especially the Beluga whale which I took a particularly funny photo of! It was also useful because of all the signs, which helped me to understand and learn new vocabulary! Additionally, the lessons were fun and interesting. I learnt a lot about the tenses and the lessons made me feel a lot more confident in my Spanish. ‘¡Qué emocionante y entretenido!’”

Jemma (Upper Sixth): “The BGS trip to Valencia was definitely an invaluable opportunity to improve my understanding of the Spanish language and culture within a real-life context. My highlight has to be our tours of the city, looking at particular aspects like ‘la arquitectura’ and ‘el arte urbano’ (street art). Through the nuggets of information the teachers gave us during our stay, I was able to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of everyday culture and the Valencian way of life, much more than if I were simply a tourist. Although, of course, I loved trying authentic cuisine like tapas and paella, too!”

Zara (Year 11): My favourite part of the trip was going to the museum ‘porque fue muy interesante’. I also liked ‘el acuario porque fue muy bonito’ We ate paella which was ‘muy deliciosa’. I really enjoyed it. It was ‘fantástico!’”

Jaina (Lower Sixth): “The most memorable moment was our visit to the ‘Museu de les Ciències Príncepe Felipe’; it was interactive and a very interesting experience. The architectural features of the museum were simply beautiful. Another place we visited was the historical cathedral, which was stunning. In my opinion, the best part was eating traditional Valencian paella, which was extremely delicious. ‘¡Fue una experiencia increíble!’”

Mariam (Year 11): “My favourite part of the trip was when we went to a restaurant and ate paella and Spanish desserts like flan. ¡Era muy delicioso!”

Noor (Year 11): “My favourite part of the Spanish trip was experiencing the culture ‘que era muy interesante’. From the buildings to the food it was all ‘fantástico’. On day 4 of our trip we all had Paella which is the ‘plato tradicional’ in Valencia ‘y fue deliciosa’. As well as that, we took a tour of the cathedral - ¡qué bonita! The trip was amazing thanks to our teachers who planned it really well. ¡Muchas gracias!”

Gracie (Year 11): “My favourite activity was visiting the oceanographic museum and aquarium. I found it really interesting and loved the interactive experiences, especially going through the glass tunnels under the shark and fish tanks.”