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**HIGHLANDS SCHOOL TRIP TO MADRID, SPAIN**  
**MARCH 2024**

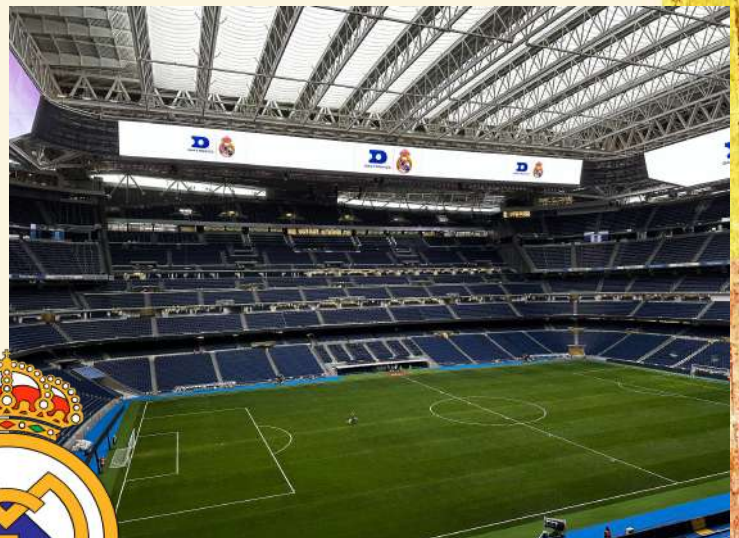
## Highlands school trip to Madrid



From Thursday 7th March to Sunday 10th March, we took a group of enthusiastic year 12 and 13 students doing art, photography and Spanish on a thrilling and culturally enriching journey to the vibrant city of Madrid.

Kicking off our adventure, our group visited the iconic Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, home to the legendary Real Madrid Football Club.

Students had the unique opportunity to delve into the club's rich history, explore the trophy room, and even set foot on the hallowed grounds of this historic stadium. It was a dream come true for football enthusiasts among us!



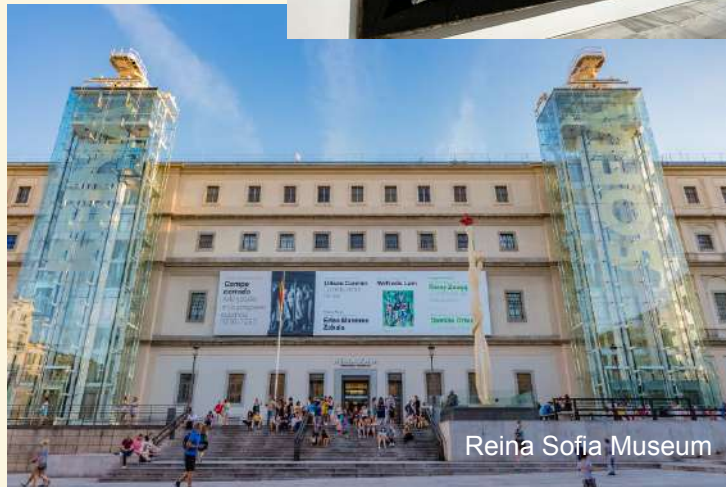
Next, we visited the world-renowned El Prado Museum, where students immersed themselves in the masterpieces of Spanish and international artists. From the captivating works of Velázquez to the profound paintings of Goya, the museum provided a fascinating journey through centuries of art history.

Our exploration of Madrid's artistic treasures continued the next day with a visit to the Royal Palace. The opulent architecture and grandeur of the palace captivated our students, offering a glimpse into the royal history of Spain.

The adventure took a modern twist as we explored the Reina Sofia Museum, home to some of the most influential contemporary art pieces. Students engaged with the thought-provoking works of Salvador Dalí, Pablo Picasso, and other avant-garde artists, sparking insightful discussions and deepening their appreciation for diverse artistic expressions.



El Prado Museum



Reina Sofia Museum



As evening fell, our group experienced the soul-stirring rhythms and passionate dance of Flamenco at a mesmerising live performance.

The authentic display of Spanish music and dance left everyone captivated, providing a cultural highlight that resonated with the heart and soul of Madrid.



On our final day in Madrid, despite occasional rain, our students embraced the vibrant atmosphere of El Rastro Market, one of Europe's largest open-air markets.

From vintage treasures to handmade crafts, the market experience was a true reflection of Madrid's dynamic and diverse culture, offering a unique shopping adventure.



Throughout the trip, our students indulged in Spanish delicacies, from delectable tapas to mouth-watering churros and chocolate. Despite the rain, they explored the city's shops, bringing back souvenirs to cherish the memories of their Madrid adventure.

The experiences gained during this journey will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on our students, broadening their perspectives and fostering a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of Spanish history and culture.

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and Mr Perlumière*

