Jessica thoroughly enjoyed her Erasmus exchange trip to Spain.  It has helped her confidence in speaking Spanish enormously and she's even corresponding with the Spanish students on social media in Spanish on a regular basis.

Jessica had visited Menorca on several occasions for family holidays and thoroughly embraced the Spanish food and culture, but her trip to Albacete really cemented her love of Spain and I know she plans to go back.  She is also certain now that she would like to take Spanish A level.

Erasmus has been a most wonderful experience for Jessica; she now counts the days until the return exchange when we can host the children from Albacete in Ely!

I hope that helps.  We are very grateful for this amazing experience.

All best wishes

Sarah Harding

The Erasmus experience has widened Isabel's understanding and appreciation of another culture in a way that no other classroom work or trip could. By working with her Spanish partner she's learning first hand the excitement and productive nature of collaborating across country lines. Certainly a high point of her Senior school experience so far.

Anne Mitchell

Dear Mrs Salgado,

Thanks for confirming the dates.  As you mention, George will be on the geography field trip, but it should be fine for his partner to stay at our house as Ben will be there with his partner.

George and Ben have been full of enthusiasm for Spanish since the Erasmus project was first scheduled.  They have engaged with the preparatory work, and through that built strong relationships with their partners which helped them to get the most benefit out of their time in Spain - much more than in a regular “blind” exchange programme.  The trip to Spain helped them to understand a new culture and they are enthusiastic about the possibility of studying and working in Spanish-speaking countries in the future.

Hope that helps.

Best regards

Nick.

This trip has had a positive impact on Malak as she has developed her Spanish skills massively. Before the trip Malak was not able to have a full conversation with someone in Spanish but now she speaks with confidence and understands how to respond in Spanish.

Having such a welcoming and generous host family helped Malak understand the culture.

Kind regards,

Rasha

Dear Esmeralda

Thank you for organising the trip to Albacete for our daughter, Charlotte.  She thoroughly enjoyed her week in Spain and the experiences she had there have had a real impact on her.  She completely fell in love with Spain and the way of life there and this means she has a real focus, passion and reason for learning Spanish now, not only as a GCSE but as a life skill. She made wonderful friends and was made to feel so welcome by her host family.  The festival and the national park trip were highlights for her and are experiences she would never be able have on a normal family holiday.

With kind regards

Ali Connolly

Dear Mrs Salgado,  
  
Thank you so much for giving William the opportunity to take part in the Erasmus project. He has enjoyed the whole experience enormously so far with the trip to Spain being one of the best adventures he has ever been on. He loved staying with his host family, practising his Spanish, taking part in all of the exciting activities such as the Carnival and getting to know a bit of the Spanish Culture. I have noticed a big change in his confidence and his willingness to take part in extra curricular activities as a result of this trip and he is now telling his younger brother to grab all his opportunities and if there is a chance to go to Spain take it even if he feels a bit nervous about it initially. William is really looking forward to meeting up with his Spanish friends again in the summer when they visit England.  
  
Thank you again!  
  
Best Wishes  
  
Mary Jane Biggs

Dear Esmeralda  
Thank you for involving and encouraging Richard to take part in the Erasmus journey.  
As parents we want Richard to be able to use hiSpanish in every day life as a life skill. As you know we are part of a greater Spanish family in Cadiz so this has been important to us.  
Erasmus have Richard the opportunity to use his learning with a student his age and to feel confident in doing so. We are looking forward to hosting Alvaro and improving his English and emerging him in our culture and history in Ely.  
Best wishes  
Ros