



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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To Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior School Parents and Guardians, all Staff and students in the Sixth Form

Dear Parents and Guardians, Staff and Sixth Form students,

Flamenco, Tapas and Evening Entertainment

Friday 11 March, 2011: 6.00pm – 10.30pm; Languages Department and Refectory, Caterham School

I am delighted to announce that the Modern Languages Department will be hosting an exciting evening of entertainment, including a Tapas meal, a guest speaker and a Flamenco performance. The event will take place on Friday 11 March in the Languages Department and in the School's Refectory and is open to all parents, staff and pupils in the Sixth Form. Please read on for more details...

I would first of all like to invite you into the Languages Department itself to ***try your hand at a modern language***, taught by one of our teachers here. We will be offering you a range of languages which is likely to include the following: **French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese and Arabic.**

After this we will all make our way to the school Refectory where we will spend the remainder of the evening.

We have invited in a professional **Flamenco group**, called Viva Flamenco, to set the atmosphere while we eat and drink and then to give us a full-blown Flamenco performance with singers, instrumentalists and dancers. The group has performed all over the world, including venues such as the Royal Albert Hall, they have numerous television and film

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credits to their name, including “The Curse of the Pink Panther”. The company’s artistic director and principal guitarist has also recently collaborated with the legendary actor Christopher Lee.

I have also laid on a **speaker, Alex Webster**, to talk to you towards the end of the meal. Alex is a former pupil at Caterham and a graduate in Middle Eastern Politics. He is now a journalist on the press gallery at the House of Commons and currently working for an Egyptian-born British journalist. Alex has travelled extensively in the Arab world and has agreed to share some of his fascinating experiences there.

For the dinner itself there will be a **sit-down, Tapas-style meal** to compliment the evening’s entertainment with a range of courses and flavours.

Proceeds from this evening will go towards a village in Peru, called Querecotillo and in particular to Nelson Saavedra who is a 12 year old boy, living in poverty in this area. This is a recently developed link between the Modern Languages Department and this community and one which we are also intending to make a feature of the cultural section of our new Junior Curriculum programme.

The evening starts at 6.00pm with your introduction to a new foreign language and will end at around 10.30pm. I really hope that as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to come into our department to meet the teachers and to try out a new language. However, if this is not for you or if you simply can't make it by this time, then please come along to the refectory at 7.15pm when the Flamenco, food and Alex's talk will start.

The cost for the event, excluding drinks, is £10. I hope you will agree that this is excellent value for such a packed evening of entertainment. There will be bottles of red and white wine to buy at a cost of £10, with proceeds from these sales going to the charity I mentioned above.

I am hopeful that this will be a very popular event. Places are of course limited and so will have to be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please book early to avoid



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disappointment. Please could I ask you to fill in the form overleaf and send it into the School by Friday 4 February, enclosing a cheque for £10, payable to Caterham School.

I look forward to seeing you on 11 March for this exciting event.

Yours sincerely

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Modern Languages Evening of Entertainment

I, _____ (Parent / Guardian / Staff / Sixth Form pupil),

would like to attend the Languages event on Friday 11 March and I enclose a cheque in the sum of £10, payable to Caterham School.

Please tick one of the options below:

- **I would like to attend both the Language classes and the Flamenco Evening, starting at 6pm**
- **I would like to attend the Flamenco Evening only, starting at 7.15pm**

Please note that payment must be received by Friday 4 February and that places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please return this slip, together with your payment of £10, to Mr Simon Bird, Head of Modern Foreign Languages.