



# THE GOVERNOR



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Over March break a group of Govs students spent nine days in Spain. The trip was also attended by Mrs. de la Guardia, Mrs. Donahue, and Mr Torsey. I've asked a few of them about the highlights of their trip to Spain.

## Spring Break Spain Trip



Annabelle Svahn '20

Hadley Vareschi-Woelfel '20  
**What was the most memorable part of the trip?** I think the most memorable part of the trip for me was Monday morning, two days after we arrived. It was the first day that we were going to classes, and I just remember everyone meeting at the bus stop so we could all walk together. It felt very simple, like a part of childhood that I know I never experienced; walking to school. I remember walking through an open field and seeing cows grazing, and looking past them to the mountains that surrounded the town. The mountains are the most memorable part to me. Even though it was warm out we could see snow on the peaks. The way they looked in the morning with the sun still low was very mystical. **Did you do anything out of your comfort zone?** I would say everything I did on the trip was out of my comfort zone. From flying without my parents, to entering a foreign country in which I would live with a family, to struggling to convey my point in Spanish, I was out of my element. Being out of my comfort zone is not to be uncomfortable necessarily, but definitely learning to embrace the nerves and excitement which became a constant in me. **Do you feel like you have a greater grasp of the Spanish language and culture because of the trip?** I think I definitely have a better grasp on Spanish culture and language after being in Spain. My class got to visit the town hall and talk with Blanca Ruiz Esteban, who is a city councilor focused on urbanism and the environment in El Boalo. We got a lot of insight on the town culture, and we got to learn about the measures that the government has been taking to benefit the environment. **What was the strangest thing you ate or your favorite food dish?** The strangest thing I ate? Maybe the strangest thing I drank...Gazpacho. Basically a vegetable smoothie. They say the food you make yourself tastes better, but I'm not sure. We put tomatoes, white onions, cucumber, garlic, white vinegar, salt, olive oil, and water into a bowl and whipped out the trusty emulsion blender (which promptly broke). By the end, we had a blended drink. Some would call it soup. I would call it a vegetable smoothie. It was literally a vegetable smoothie. Also ice cream. Ice cream is better in Spain.

Erok Iyamu '21  
**What was the most memorable part**



**of the trip?** My most memorable part of my trip to Spain was probably my exploration of the National Park named LA PEDRIZA de MANZANARES. The hour and a half summit up a 400ft elevation was definitely a part of my trip I won't forget and my legs are yet to forgive. **Did you do anything out of your comfort zone?** Yes, I think just experiencing another country was a feat upon itself but the constant communication from parents to teenagers within my obviously robust Spanish 2 vocabulary definitely took me out of my comfort zone. **Do you feel like you have a greater grasp of the Spanish language and culture because of the trip?** Most definitely, I feel as if my grasp of the Spanish language and culture has significantly strengthened in the fluidity of my speech primarily. **What was the strangest thing you ate or your favorite food dish?** The strangest thing was probably the Cheerios I had every morning for breakfast.

Ruby Hawes '20  
**What was the most memorable part of the trip?** I really liked Segovia. We saw the Roman aqueducts and got to walk around the town. There were so

the city. **What was the strangest thing you ate or your favorite food dish?** My favorite thing that I ate was fabada. I think it's a type of soup with big white beans and chorizo. It was by far the best thing I ate on the trip. Also, every meal was eaten with super good crusty bread so that was a major plus.

Kelly Healey '19  
**What was the most memorable part of the trip?** The most memorable part of the trip for me was the hike. I remember how beautiful the view from the top of that mountain was. No photo could truly depict the beauty of the view. **What was the most surprising thing you did or saw?** The most surprising thing that I saw on the trip definitely had to be a man walking his ferret in the park. I was shooketh. **Did you do anything out of your comfort zone?** One thing that I did that was out of my comfort zone was staying with a host family. Before I met my host family I was extremely nervous about staying with them because of the language barrier. That fear quickly went away the moment I met them. They were all very patient with me if I didn't understand what they were trying to say and they would repeat themselves once again only using different words that they thought would be easier for me to understand. They all were so considerate, I miss them so much! **Do you feel like you have a greater grasp of the Spanish language and culture because of the trip?** After being immersed in the language for a little over a week I felt way more comfortable speaking the language. I went from pointing at things to communicate with my host family to having full on discussions with them by the end of the trip. **Was there anything you wish you saw or would want to go back to experience?** I saw everything I really wanted to see but I'm sure that there are many things I don't even know about yet that I would like to see! All in all I would love to go to Spain again! **What was the strangest thing you ate or your favorite food dish?** In Spain I tried a bunch of food that I have never tried before, but nothing stood out to me as being strange. Although my favorite dish that I had in Spain was definitely Pan a la Catalana, which my family made for me most mornings. :)

many shops and bakeries and it was really cool to people-watch. **What was the most surprising thing you did or saw?** The most surprising thing was probably the driving in Spain. (I know that's not super trip based but it was INSANE!) The people drove like 50 mph on these short, skinny roads without turn signals. Oh, and they were driving in stick so in addition to being fast, it was also super jolty. **Did you do anything out of your comfort zone?** I rode a horse for the first time in my life. I was terrified the whole time but it was definitely a good experience, once I learned how to "steer" the horse. **Do you feel like you have a greater grasp of the Spanish language and culture because of the trip?** I feel like I can definitely understand things faster. When we listen to people speaking quickly in videos in Spanish I have a better grasp on what they're saying. The people in Spain spoke so quickly that I had to adapt and overcome. **Was there anything you wish you saw or would want to go back to experience?** I would definitely want to go back to Madrid. There was so much of the city that I would have loved to see more of. I would really like to go back and walk around, take in



# Spring Break Questionnaire

Rachel Suh '20



Arif Abd Aziz '19

**How do you feel about coming back to Govs?** I don't know.. I guess...the weather is all too cold though; I miss the hot weather. But I also missed school. Oh yeah, and I also missed San San.

**What did you do over break?** I hung out with my friends back in Malaysia and played a lot of tennis. I visited my farm and my goats. Also, I thought a lot about San San. I'm gonna make this as cringy as possible.

**Describe your break in 3 words.** Hot, life-changing, and enlightening.

**How are you dealing with jet lag?** Done

**Did you get a haircut?** Yeah

**Arif, where did you get in for college?** I got rejected everywhere.. (everyone cries)

**How would you describe your relationship in 3 words.** Toxic, ugly, sexy.

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Rafer Gardner '20

**How do you feel about coming back to Govs?** I am not stoked but it's always good to see my friends especially when I'm back with my roommate from freshman year.

**What did you do over break?** I went to Aruba and played a lot of music.

**Describe your break in 3 words.** Didn't leave bed.

**Did you get a haircut?** Yes



Chloe Kim '19

**How do you feel about coming back to Govs?** I feel like I only have two months left...and I'm not coming back so I was thinking how should I spend these two months that should be so valuable...so I want to explore and try new things.

**What did you do over break?** I worked on my thesis presentation and volunteered at an orphanage teaching English and went to war museums, and spent a lot of time with my parents. The time with my parents was really different than normal because instead of always talking about academics it was more focused on who I am and my future.

**Describe your break in 3 words.** Enlightened, solemn, vivacious.

**Did you get a haircut?** No, but I curled my hair.



Tianyu Fang '20

**How do you feel about coming back to Govs?** I'm enjoying my senior spring right now. I do not have a lot of pressure.

**What did you do over break?** I went to Japan and I did not do my...wait this can't be in the newspaper I can't say this I'm sorry.

**How are you dealing with jet lag?** I.. I take...no wait I can't say that either...I don't do illicit drugs.

**Describe your break in 3 words.** Wait what? Break up?

**Did you get a haircut?** Yes, I did.



Alexander Ding '20

**How do you feel about coming back to Govs?** I actually missed school a lot. It's quite hard to stay with my family over the breaks.

**What did you do over break?** I visited some colleges during the break. I met Maddy Grimes at UCSD which was pretty cool. And I read some books.

**How are you dealing with jet lag?** I slept at four and woke up at five.

**Describe your break in 3 words** Eventful, studios, smelly.

**Did you get a haircut?** No.

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## GOVERNORS #SCOREBOARD

March 27 and 30, 2019

TEAM	OPPONENT	SCORE	
<b>Wednesday</b>			
Tennis- Boys Varsity	Amesbury High School	W	7-4
Tennis- Girls Varsity	Phillips Exeter Academy	L	0-9
Lacrosse- Boys Varsity	Phillips Exeter Academy	W	7-5
<b>Saturday</b>			
Tennis- Boys Varsity	Masconomet High School	W	10-5
Baseball- Boys Varsity	Phillips Exeter Academy	L	1-9
Lacrosse- Boys Varsity	Avon Old Farms	L	10-14