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Education system in Spain

In Spain, education is compulsory between the ages of six and 16.

This is the period between Primary (Primaria) (six to 12) and Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO) (from 12 to 16).

Children can also attend nurseries and pre-schools from the ages of 0 to six.

At all levels, there is private education available and in areas where there are large expat communities, there are many schools which follow the British curriculum and learning methods.

At the age of 16, Spanish students pass exams to obtain a qualification known as 'Grado en Educacion Secundaria Obligatoria,' which is the equivalent to GCSEs in the UK.

This is required to access two of the options which come next. One of these is Bachillerato, two years in which students take subjects more specific to the type of career they wish to pursue. The options are Arts, Science and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences

and Health and Natural Sciences. These are similar to the UK A-Levels, which aim to provide students with the knowledge they require for their university career path.

Whereas most students who attend private schools which follow the British system continue up the educational ladder to take their A-Levels and continue on to University, in Spain, after the GCSE level, Formacion Profesional,



which is vocational training to prepare them for directly entering the job market, is also a popular option.

The school year, from Primary to Bachillerato, generally runs from the beginning of September to the end of June. Throughout the holidays, a wide variety of clubs and summer schools (Campamentos) are available.

Hours depend on the school and age of the pupils, with most of them spending between five and eight hours in school Monday to Friday, with stops for break and lunch.

Most schools also offer Aula Matinal (Breakfast Club) for parents who need to go to work before the official start time.

They also offer school lunches and a wide variety of extracurricular activities, meaning that even at pre-school levels, the school day can last until around 6pm. Many schools also offer transport by bus to and from school for students living beyond a certain radius.

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MAKING the decision to move to Spain and bringing your children with you is something which is sure to cause you to ask yourself at some point whether you have done the right thing. However, it is also likely that you have considered the benefits of your children being bilingual.

Many parents are concerned about the language barrier, but in general, children find it easier to learn a language than adults, and the younger they start, the better. Even from a young age, if they have Spanish lessons and mix with native Spanish speakers, whether in school or elsewhere, they will soon pick it up.

When you're choosing a school, you may decide on a private school, amongst which there are many which follow the British curriculum and include Spanish lessons.

This is one advantage they will have, as they will easily be able to follow the lessons in their own language and learn with all the advantages of the teaching methods used in private schools.

Another is that they are bound to have classmates who speak Spanish and who can help them to develop their language skills. Encourage friendships with Spanish children and if possible, get to know the parents and maybe meet occasionally

How can you help your children be fluent in two languages?



BILINGUAL: Don't force things, find fun tasks and books they will enjoy.

outside school, as this will give all involved a chance to practise their language skills.

But speaking is not everything, so it is important from a certain age, they have Spanish lessons which also focus on reading and writing, and learning some of the hows and whys of Spanish grammar. Spanish lessons in private schools here tend to be well-structured and based on tried and tested learning methods.

Teachers are often fluent or native Spanish speakers, who specialise in teaching languages.

Meanwhile, even if it is the language in which they are learning at school, your children's native language should also be kept up at home. If you are trying to learn Spanish yourself, it is not recommended that you do so with your child if you want them to maintain your own language too. It is easier

for them, until they can handle their bilingualism more efficiently, to keep different languages in different contexts. This will help them to get a better grasp on both languages.

In time, they are likely to be capable of being their own interpreters, and switching seamlessly between two or more languages without a second thought.

When it comes to Spanish state schools, it is important to know that

the level of English taught is rather low, or at least does not advance at a very fast pace, so private schools are always best if you want your children to advance in all subjects in their native language.

The systems are very different in English and in Spanish, and if they are learning Spanish reading and writing at school, be sure to make this clear to them, and carry out learning tasks of the extra language slowly but steadily. It is best that they have learned the rules of one properly before you introduce a second language to read and write, but the speed at which this can be achieved will depend a lot on the child. Do not force things, find tasks which are fun and books which they will enjoy.

If they already had a good grasp on English reading and writing before their move to Spain, that will be one thing less to worry about. Again, keep them speaking in English, and make sure the school encourages them to maintain good reading and writing skills. This will serve them well for the future, as they will not only speak it correctly but will read and write at a high level.

Don't stress too much about the language 'barrier,' instead, see it as an opportunity for your children to learn another language which will be a great advantage in their future.



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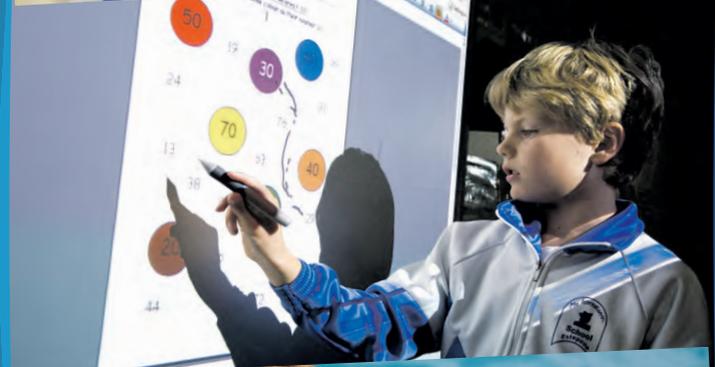
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Agave Education was founded by Rachel Hartley-Martinez, M.Ed. in 2020. Originally from the U.S., she now lives in the Marbella area with her Spanish husband and two kids. Rachel is a spirited advocate of international education and exchange. Her vision for Agave Education is to ensure that educational opportunities are as accessible, authentic and sustainable as possible.

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Spain's best ranked universities

S PAIN is a popular destination for foreign students wanting to study abroad, as tuition fees are not overly high and both the climate and the cultural scene are attractive.

However, many young people who have grown up in Spain and gone through the system here, in both public and private schooling, may consider going to university here.

Fees at state universities range from about €700 to €2,000 per year, while private universities can cost as much as €20,000 per year.

There are 76 universities in Spain, of which 45 are state-run, while 31 are private or run by the Catholic Church.

Some of the best ranked are:

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Founded in 1968, it has eight faculties on three campuses, and is especially noted for its Faculty of Law. It prides itself in being the alma mater of King Felipe VI of Spain.

Universitat de Barcelona

Established in 1450, it's among the oldest higher education institutions in the world, and currently

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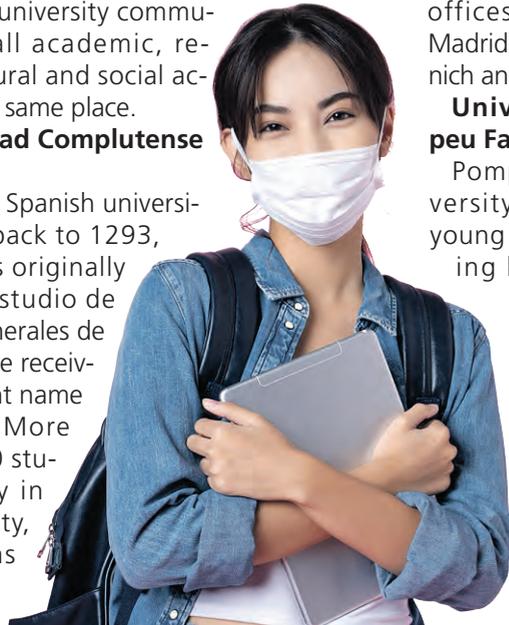
doctoral degree to a female student, in 1785.

Universidad de Navarra

It was established in 1952 by Saint Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer and more than 11,400 students are enrolled in the university's undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The university's main campuses are in Pamplona and San Sebastián, while its prestigious IESE Business School also has offices in Barcelona, Madrid, New York, Munich and São Paulo.

Universidad Pompeu Fabra

Pompeu Fabra University is still a fairly young university, having been set up in 1990 in Barcelona. Its strengths lie in social sciences, humanities, health, life sciences, communications and ICT. It has three campuses located across Barcelona.



UNIVERSITY: There are 76 in Spain.

The language factor - don't see it as a barrier

MANY parents putting their children into Spanish school may be concerned about the language barrier.

In general, children find it easier to learn a language than adults, and the younger they start, the better. If they are in Spanish school, with Spanish classmates and teachers, although it may sound daunting to the parents, they will soon pick it up.

The tendency in Spain is to place children who come to the school without any Spanish in a class below their age group, until their language skills have improved enough to follow lessons at the same pace as children their age.

Schools in areas with lots of expats often have intensive language classes and extra lessons for their children in their first few weeks.

Nowadays, there are 'bilingual' schools, in which certain core subjects from Primary, such as natural sciences or social sciences are taught in English.

English lessons are quite low level, so if you want to make sure that your child has a good level in their English reading and writing, and not only speaking, this is something you will have to undertake yourself or find a private tutor or language school.

If your child already has a good level of reading, writing and speaking in English, you may want to approach their English teacher at school to ask if they can bring in their own work to do.

Don't stress too much about the language 'barrier' to begin with, especially if your child is quite young, they will most probably learn the language with ease, and being bilingual will be a great advantage in their future.



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The Academy is located in Monda, where 90% of the students live, only a short walking distance from the Academy. Thanks to our location and our building of approximately 2000 m2, but also

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With a quarter of a century of experience, Marbella Design Academy is an exclusive high academic design school. The students benefit from 80% tuition time and small tutoring groups, quite different to most design schools and universities where only 20% tuition time is the norm.

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PURPOSE BUILT: BIC is in Benalmadena Costa.



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SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT: Makes the school a place where students can and do thrive.



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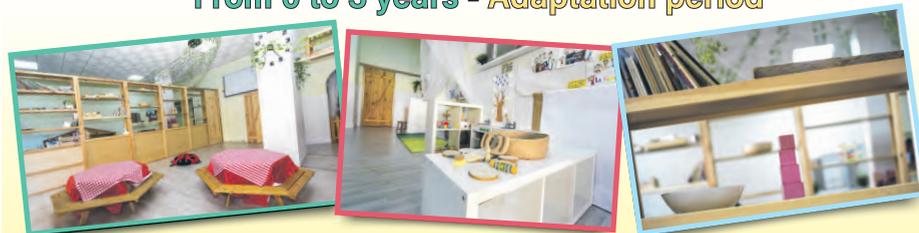
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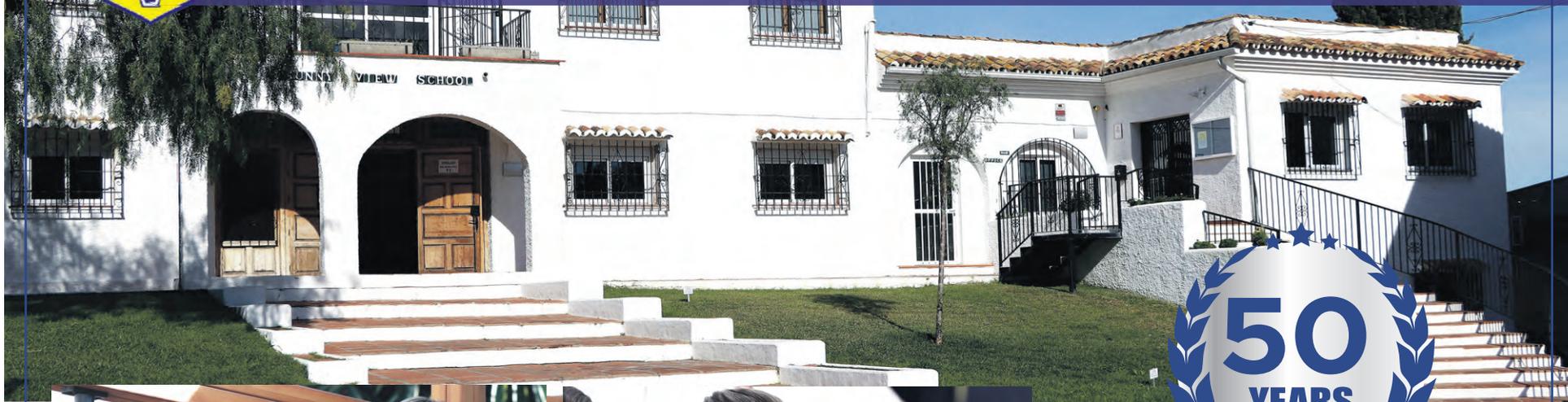
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Early years and primary in private schools

SPAIN has a number of private schools which follow the British Curriculum through the early years of learning.

The term starts in September, although many private schools will admit new students at any point during the school year. Private schools will be happy to offer you a tour of the premises upon request and answer any questions you may have regarding the facilities and the learning methods.

In Spain, what level a child is in, is strictly based on the calendar year of their birth, meaning that children born in January are the oldest in their class, and those born between October and December are closer in age to the year below them.

This also applies in many private schools following the British curriculum.

The first years, Kindergarten, Nursery and Reception, known as Early Years Foundation Stage teach social and personal values, as well as physical and mental skills. Writing and reading is introduced gradually, and a series of skills are expected to be met. Students should use written language in play and learning, use phonic knowledge to write simple regular words and make phonetically plausible attempts at more complex words. They should also

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Marbella horses

Pony Club Villacana is more than just an Equestrian Centre. It is also a place full of real life that is well worth visiting. As you enter the main gate, nature unfolds, giving way to the amazing greenery and complete tranquility in spite of its proximity to the main road. Riding is an enriching and very attractive sport for children. It is pleasant because it is practised in a natural environment, outdoors and in contact with another living being, as noble and beautiful as the horse.

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Why InterHigh?

We offer all of our students the opportunity to participate in lessons and extracurricular activities within lessons, in both the UK and all over the world.

As a parent, what do I need to know?

InterHigh provides a complete core offering of Key Stage 2 subjects right through to IGCSE and A Levels, providing the perfect foundation for further education.

Much more than just child's play

PLAYING - if we let them, most children would spend their time doing just that.

And as adults, we only have vague memories of our own childhood play - favourite toys and games, but not exactly how we played. We may think that a child's playtime is serving no other purpose but to entertain them, but if carefully handled, it can be so much more. This is why in many schools, play is now an integral part of learning in early years, and the games and activities students are given in class are there to develop important skills, not only academic, but also social.

Educators no longer believe in separating subjects and putting them in their own boxes either, so there is no reason why maths can't be learned through artistic creation, for example.

One of the areas of play is often role-play, this can be in the classroom, often in specially created play areas such as a kitchen, a restaurant, a house, a shop, or a doctor's office. The children learn to express themselves better, explore and expand language, develop feelings about themselves and others, develop motor skills and learn to work together. They imitate and recreate scenes from daily life which are familiar to them,



PLAY OPTIONS: There are a wide variety.

but at the same time, use their imaginations, a skill which will stand them in good stead in the future. This type of play can be combined with dressing-up, also a great way to improve story-telling skills.

Another area of play seen often in classrooms is sand and water. These two substances, either separately or combined, delight most children and will engage them for long periods of time. Children learn through their sens-

es and one of those is touch. Playing with sand and water is a gratifying sensory experience, but can also serve to see if things float or sink, whether they hold water or absorb it, see what patterns can be made in the sand with the hands or with other objects and to learn the meaning of quantities by measuring. Talking about these experiences can develop a huge number of words for their vocabulary and a

wide variety of skills, such as pre-writing skills by making patterns or making up stories with the toys used to play.

Have you ever considered that playing with dough, plasticine or clay can teach your children skills? Consider this, handling them can allow children to explore their properties and talk about them and how they change.

They can learn pre-writing skills by using tools to mark them and also explore the different shapes and forms that can be made from them. Shaping the clay or dough also exercises the fingers and thumbs, which can improve their grip on pencils and ensure better handwriting skills. They can also make snakes of different lengths and thicknesses, which develops an understanding of size and maths skills, as well as the chance to make letters and encourage reading skills. It's easy and inexpensive to make dough for children to safely play with, and will provide them with hours of fun.

There are also a wide variety of activities which are set out on tables for children and can help to improve concentration, memory and analytical skills, these include classics such as jigsaw puzzles, snap cards, memory cards, lacing and threading games, magnetic toys and many others.

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What can the students learn?

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How are classes designed?

We train students from 3 - 18 yrs old. Class sizes are small. We include show, IDTA exam & competition work. Classes are designed to bring the best out of everyone; fun, competitive & creative. Past credits include: performances at Disneyland Paris, semi-finalists in Spain's Got Talent, IDTA awards for best overseas dancers...

We also run teacher training classes for 18+ For anyone that aspires to be a dance teacher we can train and offer examinations to qualify as a professional dance teacher.

Despite Covid what has life at I.T.S been like this year?

Challenging but incredible to see the dedication and improvements of all the students, it brought out the best in a lot of students who really excelled during all our classes online. Our competition teams also won 2nd & two 3rds in the National Spanish Dance Championships online in December 2020. We've also been nominated for best track record in competition work out of 800 academies throughout the whole of Spain.

What's to come?

Continue giving the students opportunities to keep dancing, performing, competing & socializing in a positive environment. Dancing has such a positive influence on anyone's life physically and mentally. It really instills in everyone 'if we fall down we simply get up and try again'. It's a brilliant attitude to have!



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Calpe School enjoys a stunning beachside location in San Pedro, Marbella; and provides a vibrant and supportive environment where every child is valued as an individual, and inspired to achieve their full potential.

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With a long history of educating the whole child, which is an important aim of our school, means that our children are independent, well-mannered, show respect for others and are resilient. It is these values that provide a strong foundation on which to build our future.

Pupils flourish in this caring and professional setting due to the "high teacher to pupil ratio".

The school is known for its high academic standards of achievement and progress with strong educational foundations. Calpe School provides a high level of care and safety, and the children leave with the confidence to succeed and a life-long love of learning.

This makes Calpe School the ideal start!

A warm welcome awaits you at Calpe School from the moment you step through our door, fulfilling our "Happy to learn" motto.

The journey through Secondary

FROM age 11, students begin secondary school, leading up to their GCSE exams at the age of 16.

Secondary is divided into two stages, Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) and Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11).

In the first of the two stages, students have lessons in English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, Design and Technology, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Language, Art and Design, Music, Physical Education and PSHE (which includes lessons in Citizenship, Sex Education and Career Education).

In the second, they study English, Mathematics, Science, Information and Communication Technology, Physical Education and studies relating to citizenship, career guidance and other areas.

There are also optional subjects in the following areas: Arts, Design and Technology, Humanities and Healthcare and Modern Foreign Languages.

At the end of this stage, in

Year 11, when pupils are aged 15 or 16 (depending on their birthday) they are normally entered for external examinations. Most frequently, these are IGCSEs (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) examinations, although a range of other qualifications is growing in popularity.

These examinations are not all based on the results of papers taken throughout May and June, but many also have a component of coursework which is carried out with the guidance of the teachers at their school.

Education throughout the earlier stages of learning in this system is all geared to passing these exams and the skills learned, essay writing amongst others, especially going through Key Stage 3, are to help pass them.

Schools will enter students for the exams, which have a fee, and their learning will be targeted specifically to learning the methods to correctly complete them.

Handling home schooling

WE'VE already been through it once, and learning from home can be challenging for students, parents and of course, teachers. Although we hope that schools will not be forced to close again, there are some measures which can be taken to make teaching from home easier on everybody.

Maintain routine - Parents who are working from home will have to do that anyway, but those who aren't, should try to stick to their children's usual routine, encourage them to be up, dressed, and sat down ready to begin lessons at the same time as normal. Teachers will appreciate them being on time and looking ready for lessons.

Be helpful, but not overbearing - Make sure your children, both small and older, have what they need for the lesson, but unless it's necessary, don't watch over them the whole time. Unless they are very small, think that in class, their teacher would be keeping an eye on them, but cannot be with each individual child all the time. Make sure they know what is being asked of them, be on hand to help if necessary, but give them some autonomy. Teachers will appreciate your confidence in

them and their teaching methods.

Not everyone is the same - You may think that the work which has been set by the teacher is too much or too little for your child, but remember, it has been set with all students in mind and they will not all be able to work at the same level. If you need the work to be adapted, get in touch with the teacher privately. They will almost certainly be happy to give you extra work or point you in the right direction of where to find it, or if you need to reduce the workload, they will be able to tell you what to prioritise.

Be understanding - Whether your child is in private school or state school, unless the situation is very bad, if you have a complaint,

talk to the teacher first and give constructive criticism rather than going over their heads. Remember that in most cases, they are doing their best, often combining teaching with their own children's home schooling, working with limited resources and frequently putting in crazy hours to get lessons prepared, all with the students' best interests at heart.

A school day has several hours, and although it may be difficult, make sure your child sticks to those hours as much as possible.

Give praise and rewards - Praise your child when they do good work and encourage them to do their best. When school hours are over and any homework or studying is done, allow them and the whole family to disconnect from anything school-related and relax with a favourite pastime.



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Why choose private school

EVERY year, parents face the decision regarding whether they should send their children to private school, which, of course, is an added expense to the family budget, but has many benefits to consider.

No-one left behind

Class sizes are generally smaller in private schools, meaning that the teachers' time is not divided among so many students. This means that they can give more individual attention to each student. This means that they will be able to focus on children who are talented in certain areas, setting them differentiated tasks so that their skills are not wasted or lost in the crowd.

On the other hand, they can help students who might be finding certain subjects a little challenging, giving them work adapted to their level which will help them to achieve their goals little by little and not lose interest when they realise they don't grasp certain concepts at the same rate as their classmates.

In Early Years stages, there are Teaching Assistants, who support

small groups or even individual students during lessons, to focus on aspects with which they may have more difficulty while the teacher can continue to make progress with the rest of the class.

Your children will also be in a more nurturing environment. Smaller classes mean the teachers get to know their students better and are more likely to become aware if there is a situation which is worrying them or if there is something going on in their lives.

Above and beyond

Private school teachers are typically well-qualified and dedicated to transmitting their knowledge in the best way possible, with specialised lesson plans to fulfil the curriculum in which they ensure that children are learning in a fun and engaging way.

These teachers want their students to receive the best education possible and having access to the resources and technology needed to introduce different learning styles, bringing together both the traditional and the interactive, in order to give your child the best start.



PRIVATE EDUCATION: Will help your child develop at many levels.

Safe as houses

The safety of their children is a top priority for all parents, and private schools have much stricter safety measures in place. This includes controls so that only authorised members of the family can take the children out of school, a tighter watch on possible cases of cyber-bullying and more adults on the premises with a better teacher-

student ratio. Playgrounds are watched for violent or suspicious behaviour to ensure that a safe environment is provided.

Get involved

Private schools often make more of an effort to involve parents and get them to participate in daily life at school. This gives parents a better understanding of their child's education and they can meet with

the teachers or contact them more frequently. Private schools also tend to provide a community feeling for students and their families, with activities and events, allowing children of different ages to mix. This means students feel more at home in school and have no qualms about interacting with older or younger children as equals.

Getting on in life

The number of students who go to better rated universities is higher amongst those who have studied at private school. They achieve better grades and as they are mainly surrounded by peers who also aspire to the same standards and generally pursue other beneficial activities outside school, such as sports, music, art, etc.

An investment for the future

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