

## British Council School Madrid – School Profile

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### Community

The British Council School is a bilingual and bi-cultural non selective co-educational independent day school serving the Spanish community in Madrid. The school was founded in 1940 as the first British School in Spain. Our long experience in teaching and learning has made the British Council School one of the most prestigious schools in the world. More than 10,000 students, Spanish and other nationalities, have studied in our classrooms, and many of them have achieved senior positions in industry and government later in life. The school is part of the British Council, the official UK institution that promotes Education, English Language and Cultural Relations in the world.

### School

An annual cohort of 132 students join us at 2 years of age and graduate at the age 18. Approximately 2,000 students are currently on roll from Nursery to Year 13. The school is a member of the National Association of British Schools in Spain (NABSS), the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) and the Council for International Schools (CIS). The School underwent a British Schools Overseas (BSO) inspection in April 2015 and was graded as **“Outstanding”** overall and in all categories. (Inspection report is available on the website).

### Curriculum

From 2 to 16 years of age, students follow the English National Curriculum and Spanish Language and Social Studies following the Spanish National Curriculum.









At 16 (in Year 11/Grade 10 US system) all students take IGCSE Cambridge Examinations and International GCSEs (Edexcel). The majority of students take 10 IGCSE or International GCSE examinations. Subjects are listed below.

Obligatory (all students)	Optional (students choose 2)
English as first language	Economics
English Literature	History
Mathematics	Computer Science
Double Science (2 IGCSE grades)	Art
French	Drama
Spanish as a first language	Music
Spanish Literature	PE
	German
	Triple Science
	Chinese

In Year 12 and 13 (Grades 11 and 12 US system) students complete the British Council School BiBac Programme (Bilingual Baccalaureate). This broad programme of study is the Spanish National Baccalaureate Programme (Bachillerato Español) and students can choose to study subjects through the medium of English or Spanish. There are 3 pathways students can choose from according to their future career interests. These are Technological, Health Sciences or Social Sciences & Humanities. The subjects covered are below.

<b>Bilingual Baccalaureate - BiBac® - Year 12</b>		
<b>(*) Students can choose take these subjects in Spanish or English</b> <b>(Spa) – Subject only offered in Spanish</b> <b>(Eng) - Subject only offered in English</b>		
<b>Subjects common to all pathways</b>	<b>Subjects specific to each pathway</b>	<b>Options (students choose 1)</b>
English I Spanish Language and Literature I Philosophy (Spa) Physical Education(*)  Mathematics Applied to Technology I (Spa) <i>(Technological pathway)</i> or Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences I (Spa) or Latin I <i>(Social Science Pathway)</i>  Scientific Culture (*) or Religion (*) or ICT(*)	<b>Technological</b> Physics (*) Chemistry (*) Technical Drawing (*)	Artistic Drawing (*) Economics (*) French Biology & Geology (*) Industrial Technology (Spa)
	<b>Health Sciences</b> Physics (*) Chemistry (*) Biology & Geology (*)	Artistic Drawing (*) Economics (*) French Technical Drawing (*) Industrial Technology (Spa)
	<b>Social Sciences &amp; Humanities (2 of 3)</b> History (*) Economics (*) World Literature(*)	Artistic Drawing (*) French World Literature(*) History (*) Economics (*)
<b>Bilingual Baccalaureate - BiBac® - Year 13</b>		
<b>Subjects common to all pathways</b>	<b>Subjects specific to each pathway</b>	<b>Options (students choose 2)</b>
English II Spanish Language and Literature II Spanish History  Mathematics Applied to Technology II (Spa) <i>(Technological pathway)</i> or Mathematics Applied to Social Sciences II (Spa) or Latin II <i>(Social Science Pathway)</i>  and English Language Extension (ALE – Ampliación de la Lengua Extranjera – Specialist English) (choose 1 : see next page for area of specialism)	<b>Technological</b> Physics (*) Technical Drawing (*)	Artistic Drawing (*) Biology (*) Chemistry (*) Business Economics (*) French History of Philosophy (Spa) Industrial Technology (Spa) Psychology (Spa) ICT (*) Environmental Sciences(*)
	<b>Health Sciences</b> Biology (*) Chemistry (*)	Physics (*) Business Economics (*) French History of Philosophy (Spa) Artistic Drawing (*) Technical Drawing (*) Industrial Technology (Spa) Psychology (Spa) ICT (*) Environmental Sciences(*)
	<b>Social Sciences &amp; Humanities</b> History of Philosophy (Spa) Business Economics (*)	Business Administration (*) Artistic Drawing (*) French History of Art (*) Psychology (Spa) Geography (Spa) ICT (*)

All students in Year 12 (Grade 11 US) must become members of a Year 12 club and choose one of the clubs from the list below. The aim of the club is to give students the opportunity to develop the competencies – team-working, speaking in public, negotiating, solving problems, entrepreneurship and leadership and their final product gives them ample opportunity to demonstrate they have acquired these. The club is included in the academic timetable and is not optional.

	<b>Year 12 club</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
 Language extension clubs English, French & German	English CPE / CAE German French Chinese	Language support & preparation for official language examinations
 Young Business Talent	Enterprise	European Central Bank (ECB) Competition / Young Business Talent Competition
 Art & Design Club	Art & Design	Theatre design / Portfolio University
 United Nations Club	United Nations (Model)	International Relations / Diplomacy / Protocol / Public Speaking
 World Trekkers Club	World Challenge	Kenya / Romania / Sri Lanka – Trekking & Community Service Project
 Computer Programming Club	Computer Programming	Robotics Challenge
 Advanced Laboratory Techniques	Advanced Laboratory Techniques	Practical Demonstrations and Investigations
 Theatre Club	Theatre	Drama production

All students in Year 13 (Grade 12 US) take the subject English Language Extension and choose a specialist area through which they will develop their language. They can choose from the following options:

#### English Language Extension (ALE) – specialist areas

Laboratory techniques & BMAT

Engineering Projects

Creating Art Portfolio

Film Studies

Theatre

Introduction to Literary Theory

Business English Course

Economics and Business Solutions

## Community Service Projects

All students in Year 12 follow our wide-reaching Community Service Program which involves working with Madrid Elderly Community, support and collaboration on initiatives related to our school Foundation which fundraises for investigation into cancer and an optional visit to a Romanian Orphanage at the end of Year 12. Students also collaborate with the Down Madrid Foundation.

## Work-shadowing Experience

All Year 12 students are offered a short work-shadowing experience at the end of Year 11. Students can experience a professional environment of their choice.

## Foreign Languages

Students follow a challenging programme of study in two languages over 16 years and can obtain C2 level in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) in Spanish and English. To certify students' level of English, they are also asked to take the Cambridge Proficiency Examination (C2). The school also offers the students preparation for the Foreign Language Examinations in French, German and Chinese.

## Academic results (2017)

### IGCSE and International GCSE results

Students sat over **1,300** examinations with **Cambridge IGCSE** or **Edexcel International**

Each student achieved between **8 and 10** IGCSEs and International GCSEs

**91%** of grades were between A\* - C

**55%** of grades were A\*/A

### BiBac® results

**100%** students graduated and were able to take up places at universities in Spain, Great Britain, Europe and the USA.

The average in the BiBac® in 2017 was **8.43** out of 10

29% of the students achieved an overall average of **9** out of 10

### BiBac® Prizes 2017

1 student received the "Premio Extraordinario de Bachillerato" – Prize for Spanish Baccalaureate (out of a total of 25 best students in Comunidad de Madrid) after several official exams.

2 students whose grades in the EvAU/Spanish University entrance exams in 2017 were in the Top 100 received a Certificate of "Mención Honorífica" from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid as did the British Council School.

5 students achieving "Matrícula de Honor" – (Spanish Baccalaureate awarded with honours.)

### Pozuelo Town Hall Distinctions

Distinction for Academic Excellence for Year 7

Distinction for Academic Excellence for Year 11

Distinction for Academic Merit for Year 7

Distinction for Academic Excellence for Year 11

## Internal BiBac® Awards and Distinctions

### "Duperier Science Award 2017"

2 winners from 6 finalists attended London International Youth Science Forum at Imperial College London in July 2017

### **“Young Entrepreneur Award 2017”**

The winning team produced their “Happy Socks” and these were sold to parents with all profits going to our British Council School Cancer Research Foundation.

### **Class of 2017**

100% of our graduating students achieved places at universities in Spain, Great Britain, Europe and the USA.

### **Colleges attended by British Council School Graduates from the last 5 years**

In 2017, **30%** of students chose universities in the UK or the US and the other **70%** of our students decided to stay in Spain and go to Spanish public or private universities. In 2016, **23%** of students chose universities in the UK, the US or Europe.

<b>UK Universities</b> The University of Aberdeen The University of Arts London Aston University University College London (UCL) University of Bath University of Birmingham University of Bournemouth University of Bristol Brunel University, London University of Cambridge Cardiff University City University, London Coventry University Edinburgh University University of Exeter Goldsmiths University of London Glasgow University Imperial College London University of Kent King's College London Lancaster University Loughborough University University of Manchester University of Nottingham Oxford University Royal Holloway University London Swansea University University of Southampton University of Surrey University of Sussex University College London University of Warwick	<b>US Universities</b> Babson Bentley University Boston College Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Emmanuel College Erskine College Georgia Institute of Technology Miami University Northeastern University Northwestern University University of Notre Dame Rollins College Florida Stanford University Tufts University Tusculum College UCLA Yale University
<b>European Universities</b> Denmark – VIA University Holland – Delft University University College Amsterdam Skotel School Amsterdam Hungary – Semmelweis University Ireland – Dublin City University Italy - Istituto Marangoni Switzerland – Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne	<b>Spanish Universities Public and Private</b> Centro Español de Nuevas Profesiones CUNEF ESIC Instituto de Empresa Instituto de Empresa Segovia Instituto Europeo de Diseño Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio Universidad Americana Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Universidad Camilo José Cela Universidad Carlos III Universidad CEU San Pablo Universidad Complutense de Madrid Universidad de Alcalá de Henares

	<p> Universidad de Navarra  Universidad de Pamplona  Universidad de San Luis  Universidad de Villanueva (Complutense)  Universidad Europea de Madrid  Universidad Francisco de Vitoria  Universidad Nebrija  Universidad Politécnica de Madrid  Universidad Pontificia de Comillas  (ICADE/ICAI)  Universidad Rey Juan Carlos </p>
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