



King's College
The British School of Alicante



Honesty, Faith and Courage

Head of Primary



**Our vision is to be at the forefront of
British education internationally**

The Primary School at King's College Alicante

KCA Primary was our original starting point and, subsequently, the school has grown steadily from these foundations into the Nursery-Year 13 all through school we are today. In the current economic climate in Spain, the numbers of Early Years pupils entering the school has fallen in line with national trends of childbirth and unemployment. All indications are that this period of 'la crisis' has levelled out and confidence is growing again in the economic and social sectors throughout Spain. During this period, the school has continued to flourish and despite lower numbers in EYFS, the overall school role has increased every year and by over 30% in the past five years, demonstrating a commendable success story. The number of pupils in primary is currently 530 with waiting lists in upper Key Stage 2.

Our Teachers

We recruit the vast majority of our primary teachers directly from the UK, some locally and others from overseas independent schools. This gives us a wide range of experience within the staff body. The average tenure of our primary teachers is 5 to 6 years, with many having been members of staff for over 10 years. This stability along with a small turn-over (under 10% per year) provides us with the 'institutional memory' vital for our strategic success along with fresh impetus brought from new staff. Our UK trained teachers are complemented by a very stable and highly effective small team of local Spanish teachers who provide the mandatory lessons of Lengua Castellana, Sociales and Lengua Valenciana as part of our license to operate in Spain as a foreign educational centre.

Our teachers enjoy a generous amount of ppa time and receive up to date professional development annually and throughout the year. All King's Group schools invest heavily in CPD and INSET programmes, thereby ensuring that our teachers are kept abreast of the latest educational initiatives from the UK. The current leadership team in Primary consists of Head of Primary and 2 Assistant Heads of Primary : this structure will be reviewed with the new Head of Primary in due course.

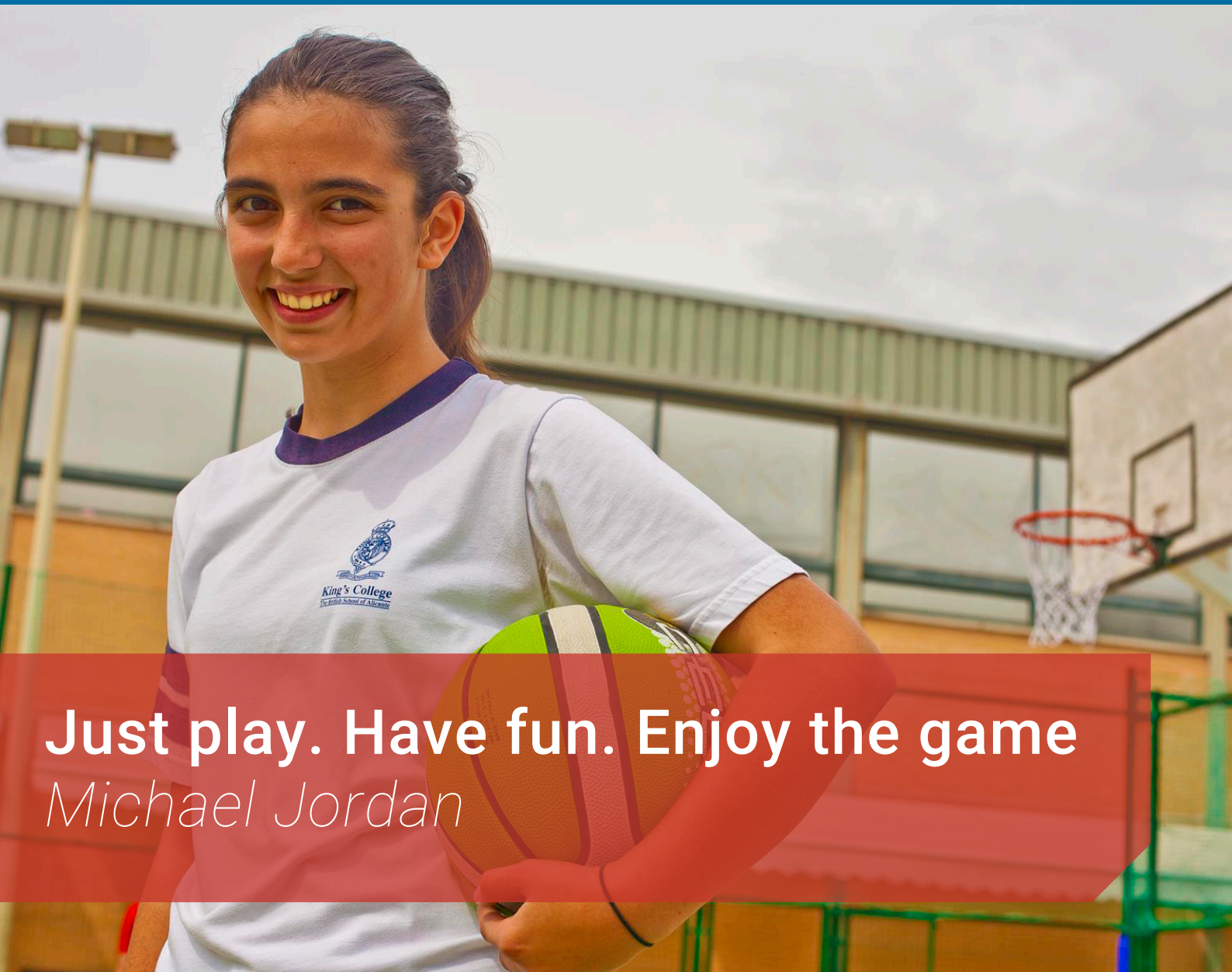
Our Pupils

Over 80% of our pupils come from local Spanish families. This is testament to the success and popularity of our school in the local area. Despite the majority of our pupils having English as their second language, their attainment levels, particularly in Key Stage 2 are comparable with the best schools in the UK. We provide classes for Induction English and also for SEND pupils with the support of the school SENCo and Psychologist. Our pupils are extremely friendly, welcoming and affectionate and also exhibit the Spanish characteristic of engaging enthusiastically in conversation! They are very respectful and tolerant, enjoying close bonds with fellow pupils and their teachers.

Our Parents

The majority of our parents are from the local area and are mainly from the 'middle income to high income' bracket within Spain, many of whom operate their own businesses in Alicante. The vast majority are fully supportive of the school and recognise that a British education is the best preparation for the future of their children—an opportunity most of them did not have in the past.

Sports



Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game
Michael Jordan

All pupils participate in a full range of weekly PE lessons with our specialist Primary PE Teacher. All pupils also take part in our annual Inter-House Sports Competitions.

Our more-able pupils represent the school at inter-school competitions in Spain and the UK, where they achieve regular success in football, swimming and athletics.

Music and the Arts

Our pupils benefit from weekly Music classes from our Primary Music Teacher in our dedicated Primary Music Room. Pupils in Y3 are given the opportunity to participate in our String Orchestra Performance Programme. Our Primary choir performs every year at our Carol Concert and Summer concert. Many of our pupils receive instrumental tuition from our visiting peripatetic instructors. All classes perform one dramatic production for parents each year.



**The patterns in music and all the
arts are the keys to learning**
Plato

Art, Design & Technology



Pupils show an amazing array of creativity and talent through special projects and our award winning eLearning Programme.



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