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# BRITISH COLLEGE LA CAÑADA



British College La Cañada is located in La Cañada (Valencia) - a beautiful urbanisation north-west of the city of Valencia. From primary and secondary buildings you have stunning views of the mountains, normally accompanied by bright blue sky! Valencia's proximity to the Mediterranean Sea is one of the high points of life in Spain's third largest city. Located along a coastline rich in top quality beaches, living in and around Valencia you will enjoy fabulous Mediterranean climates.

British College La Cañada is situated within a large, leafy location approximately 15 kilometres from Valencia city centre. The area enjoys good transport links, and offers several options to travel to and from the city. Valencia airport is situated only 7 kilometres from the school, and the metro line has two stations: one in La Cañada town centre and one in the northern part of La Vallesa. Both are situated roughly 2.5 kilometres from the school. Most members of staff drive to work; for those who do not have their own car, arrangements are made amongst staff to carpool and share lifts (staff arrange amongst themselves to cover petrol costs). Only a stone's throw from Valencia city centre, La Cañada's peaceful surroundings, clean air and natural environment make this an attractive outlying town in which to work.

# WHO WE ARE

**“BCLC is an inspirational school where children are encouraged to reach their full potential through a nurturing environment.”**

British College La Cañada is a non-religious, vibrant and modern private school that opened in September 2008. The school has a forward-thinking, dynamic ownership and management team who are ‘hands-on’ and actively involved in the day-to-day running and improvement of the school’s facilities, as well as the academic and personal progress of its young people. The school is deeply passionate about driving high standards and works relentlessly to cultivate and retain talented and experienced teachers to deliver and embrace its passion, determination and ‘thirst’ for academic excellence. We believe that it is fundamental for us all to share the same values, as this will ensure the success of our pupils. We hope to create a happy and efficient school, where special relationships between students and staff will allow all pupils to develop their self-esteem, self-confidence and respect towards others.

## **Mission Statement:**

British College La Cañada provides a safe and secure learning environment where pupils develop their motivation for learning through ensuring they are exposed to everyday active and relevant experiences. We provide the best possible British Education with high academic expectations whilst ensuring that all pupils achieve their potential through developing

their independence as unique individuals. We will reward and value the process as well as the result. Through collaboration with parents and carers we nurture confident learners who are comfortable with who they are and what they think and say, resulting in a community of lifelong learners who can contribute with confidence to our global community. They will develop diverse and transferable skills and attributes to fulfil their academic, emotional, creative and physical potential.

## **Vision:**

To prepare confident, well rounded and responsible lifelong learners who will become pioneering and inspiring forces in their homes, communities, and the world.

**“Learning together....Achieving together”**

# BASIC PRINCIPLES

At British College La Cañada we also have these basic principles:



To provide a command of the English language as a fundamental instrument, both in the present and the future, and in this way be recognised as a school which reflects its British origins.

To give an education in fundamental values, which will both strengthen and benefit the pupils' interpersonal relationships in any environment.

To use sport as a means of encouraging regular physical activity, team spirit, trying one's best and knowing how to accept defeat as well as victory.

To educate the pupils in manners and good habits, providing them with the ability to behave correctly in all situations throughout their day to day lives.



## How the school is organised

The school consists of four main buildings: an infant building, a two storey primary building, a three storey secondary building and a new modern university style sixth form building. The school has a two (and in some cohorts a three) form entry from Nursery, through to Foundation, Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3,4 and 5. All classrooms are light, spacious and have states-of-the-art facilities.

At present, we have approximately 800 pupils on roll across Primary and Secondary. The children are mainly from Spanish speaking families, so the only English most of them get is at school. There are approximately 26 children to each class and in Foundation Stage and Year 1 there are two staff members per class, a teacher and a T.A. From Year 2 to

Year 6, there is an assistant that is shared between the two classes. In Secondary, pupils benefit from a class tutor who oversees their day-to-day personal and academic wellbeing matters.

The curriculum is rich and students have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of options at IGCSE + A Level

Students in 6th form have direct access to British, International and Spanish Universities as they study A Levels, as well as career specific spanish subjects.

There are sports courts and playgrounds, sports' hall and theatre. The school has an independent dining room with its own kitchen.

# WHAT WE OFFER



## **An outstanding location that is hard to beat.**

As we have previously mentioned, Valencia is an incredible place to live. Retaining its title for the healthiest city in the world, Valencia is in the top spot according to Money-Uk 2022 data

[www.money.co.uk/mortgages/healthiest-places](http://www.money.co.uk/mortgages/healthiest-places)

In December 2022 Valencia was voted as the number 1 place to live by Internations (the world's largest expat community).

It was voted number 1 overall and for quality of life. Expats mentioned opportunities for recreational sport, safety and ease of settling in, as well as expressing happiness in their social life.



## **Excellent Inspection reports**

In a short period of time, our primary school has successfully gained **B.S.O accreditation**. The last inspection was completed in November 2021. In addition, the Secondary school has recently had an extremely successful NABSS inspection. We have our first BSO inspection this year.

## Contracts

All teaching posts come with a permanent contract and work from September to the end of June, thus enjoying a long summer holiday in July and August, with the option to work July for an additional payment.



## Social Security

Spanish income tax is deducted automatically. Staff do not need to worry about organising this as the school makes full social security payments for all staff, meaning that teachers have immediate access, upon registering as a resident, to health care services in Spain.

## Staff Induction

Moving schools, as well as countries, can be a daunting experience, which is why we provide assistance with all matters relating to feeling settled in the school and in Valencia. The school supports teachers in all areas, including completing all the necessary paperwork requirements, opening bank accounts and finding accommodation.



## Professional development

Professional development is essential to ensure that teachers feel that they have the opportunity to improve whilst working at the school. Opportunities are accessed in a number of different ways; internal sharing of best practice, C.D.D courses, online courses including first aid and safeguarding. In addition, every year teachers are invited to the conference held by the National Association of British Schools in Spain. The weekend consists of a wide variety of courses, as well as a great opportunity to network and share ideas.



## Teachers with children

There are no fees for staff children and there are generous discounts for uniform and lunch.

## Lunch

All teachers receive a hot buffet meal at lunch, where vegetarian, vegan and other dietary needs can be met. This can be enjoyed in the staff dinning room or terrace.

## Medical Insurance

The school offers all members of staff free private health insurance.



## **A strong committed team**

We are proud to boast an amazing team of teachers who are committed to continuously improving the school and striving for what is best for our students. We have both new and experienced members of staff who share ideas and support each other in all aspects of school and personal life.



## **Conditions of services**

The conditions of service are determined by the Spanish national agreement for private schools, known as the 'convenio'. However, at British College La Cañada we offer a competitive salary for this region of Spain and all teachers begin their first year with a salary above the Spanish convenio. We have also introduced an incentive scheme which includes salary increments that reward years of commitment and service to our school. These increments will be made upon successful completion of a satisfactory end of year appraisal.

We want our new teachers to feel happy and secure in their new home city and workplace; we will provide new teachers with a peer mentor to help with the settling in process. They will be on hand to offer friendly, peer to peer advice and support to do with matters relating to school procedures and ethos, places to see and visit, or even where to find the cheapest beer and tapas!



# LIVING IN VALENCIA



Accommodation in Valencia city is approximately 800 euros per month for a 2 bedroom flat. Living right in the city centre may cost considerably more, whilst living in the suburbs or villages surrounding Valencia is a cheaper option.

Useful websites to start your research are:

[www.idealista.com](http://www.idealista.com)

[www.pisos.com](http://www.pisos.com)

[www.fotocasa.es](http://www.fotocasa.es)

These interactive websites will give new recruited teachers an idea of area, cost and quality of accommodation in and around the Valencia region. We also recommend newly recruited teachers to visit Valencia and spend the day with us to get 'a feel' for their new home and workplace! Another useful website to gauge impressions of where to live is: [www.airbnb.es](http://www.airbnb.es)

All these sites should have mobile apps for ease of use.

## Cost of living

If you choose to share that could reduce your living costs considerably. Internet and mobile phone tariffs vary but would cost on average 50 euros a month, on top of this there will be water, electricity and possibly gas bills, depending on how the flat is organised. Most letting agents in Spain require a deposit (the bond), plus an initial month's rent as well as one month's rent equivalent as the agency fee. Please bear this in mind as you could need three times the rental price prior to moving in! Water is around 60 euros every two months and gas and electricity will vary depending on the property and number of occupants.

# WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

To achieve our vision we look to recruit high-quality, passionate teachers to join our excellent team. Our goal is to recruit, mentor and continually develop the professional knowledge of our teachers to the highest standards. Our teachers come here to learn, grow and enhance their skill-sets in a supportive environment, with the aim of staying long-term.

Please take the time to have a look at the person specification and the job description that are attached to the main advert.

Finally, but most importantly, we would like to share with you what our teachers say about working with us and about living in Valencia.



# TESTIMONIALS

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BCLC is a happy place to work. The children are lovely and Valencia is a vibrant, exciting city. The children are very engaged with their learning and enjoy what they do.

*-Marcus. Assistant Head  
of Primary-* ”



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BCLC is a growing school with energetic and talented pupils. The secondary team is the most friendly and supportive I have worked in, with regular social events outside and after school. The secondary department is encouraging and enthusiastic, and this positive environment has allowed me to organise whole school events and implement new curriculum ideas in my department.

I live next to the beach in Valencia which is only a 30 minute drive from the school and a 10 minute metro from the centre, and provides a fantastic quality of life in a city of music festivals and sun. The city hosts loads of local academies to learn Spanish, and with the amount of holidays we are provided you are given plenty of opportunities to make the most of it.

*-Katie. Secondary Teacher-* ”



“ British College La Cañada is a warm and friendly place, where it is more a community feel that is unique. Students have inquisitive personalities and staff are welcoming and supportive.

*-James.*

*Head of Secondary Academic- ”*

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The management of the school (including my own head of department) are extremely amiable, supportive and approachable, and the teachers at the school are a great bunch to work with. I also love living in the Valencia region; the city itself has everything you could want: beaches, parks, culture, bars and restaurants. It's a great place to live!

*-Lee. Secondary Teacher- ”*

“ I have been teaching in the school for three years and I very much enjoy working with a team of enthusiastic, cooperative and professional teachers. The students are lively and open, and this makes for a creative and positive learning environment. The school is just a short drive from Valencia and the building is light and modern. Valencia itself is a wonderful place to live, with excellent restaurants and nightlife, as well as many parks and beaches that are perfect for making the most out of the excellent weather.

-Fiona.

Secondary Teacher- ”



“ As a new teacher to the school this year, I have been impressed by how welcoming and supportive all members of staff have been. There is a great positive working environment where teachers collaborate in both year groups, key stages and federations and all members of staff are valued in terms of their contributions and ideas. I am thoroughly enjoying my first year teaching here.

-Sarah.

Primary Teacher- ”

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Due to the small size of the school, you get to know the students and the staff very well. It really makes it a lot easier to create positive relationships at work which makes you feel welcome and at ease from the very start. There is a strong sense of unity and camaraderie between the staff which creates an extra level of support; you know that there will always be someone to help you or lend an ear during times of need.

-Josh.

Secondary Teacher- ”