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The British School of Almeria was founded in 2007, under the original name of St. George's School and formed part of a group of 5 schools in Malaga, Almeria, Seville, Madrid and Barcelona. St. George Andalucía was purchased by International School Partnership in June 2018 and was officially renamed to The British School in March 2019.



The school is located approx 200 metres from the beach and within walking distance of Roquetas de Mar. Due to the increase in population in, what once was a small fishing village, Roquetas de Mar has now earned the right to be called a city. There are many local amenities close to the school which is why many staff choose to live locally, enjoying the long promenade which stretches from the urbanisation, through the port in front of the school and even further on to the neighbouring town of Aguadulce.

Almeria airport is located 40 minutes from the school. Flights are available from many UK airports during high season. Other international airports are available for winter travel, such as Malaga, Alicante, Murcia and Granada offering a wide choice of UK airports.

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Why choose an ISP School as your place of work?

[The International Schools Partnership \(ISP\)](#) is a growing group of committed colleagues in schools around the world. Learning is at the heart of everything we do for our students, colleagues and parents. We are committed to getting better in all aspects of learning.



ISP has now expanded to over 50 schools delivering multiple curricula and building on local brands and reputations with around 45,000 students and 7,000 staff located across the globe.

At ISP we continue to engage with schools around the world that are interested in becoming part of our global group of schools and look forward to welcoming more students and staff to the group.

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Living in Roquetas de Mar



Roquetas de Mar is a very pleasant place to live. Roquetas is a friendly coastal town, which enjoys a dry, warm climate for most of the year. The town has undergone a rapid period of growth over the last fifty years. Due to this expansion, the municipality of Roquetas de Mar (Roquetas, Aguadulce, El Parador, Las Marinas) now boasts a total population of over 90,000 inhabitants and has now earned Spanish City status.



This population increases even further during the summer months as Roquetas is also a popular holiday destination which attracts tourists from countries such as France, Germany and the UK along with a large proportion of holidaymakers who arrive from other areas of Spain.



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The town of Roquetas de Mar itself is divided into three main areas; the main town, the port area and the tourist district, known locally as the urbanization or “Urba”.

The School is situated near to the beach in a modern area known as Las Salinas.



Despite its rapid growth, Roquetas de Mar has very much retained its Spanish identity, For this reason, a working knowledge of the Spanish language will most definitely be a real asset to you, both on a personal and professional level. It will also help you integrate more easily into the local community. There are many diverse ways in which you can improve upon your Spanish and we will be more than happy to advise you of the different opportunities available.



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Travelling out from the town you will discover some of the most impressive areas of natural beauty in the whole of Spain.

The desert-like landscape certainly makes an impact on arrival and the within province of Almería you will find some of the most stunning beaches in Spain.

Looking out from the school on a clear day, you will also see the mountain range of Sierra Nevada, easily accessible for those of you who enjoy winter sports.

Whilst living in Almería, you will also have the opportunity to visit the other provinces within the region of Andalucía, each of which has its very own character and rich cultural heritage.

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Property Rentals

Prices for rentals are changing constantly, we recommend that you have a look at some of the properties on offer via these local websites.

<https://www.idealista.com/en/> This webpage is very popular and has a large variety of properties on there.

<https://www.zurimar.com/> This is also a very popular Estate Agent in Roquetas and has been around for many years / Speaks very good English

<https://solucion.remax.es/> - This office is near to the school (just behind the theatre) they have properties in this area

<https://manuellogmanieh.com/en> - This is also a popular office and has been in the area for many years

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What you need to do before moving out to Spain

The process for coming over to live and work in Spain has changed. Below have gathered together some information which might be useful before you apply:

Please note that this information is only applicable to applicants who are not EU Nationals or have never previously worked in Spain

Applying for a Visa (employee)

Future non EU applicants will need to apply for the visa in the Spanish Consulate in their home city.

Several documents will need to be collated by the employee, prior to consulate appointment for the visa application.

More information on this will be provided by the school upon successful interview process and job offer.

10 Year Background Checks

As an international school, we require that all new staff have a 10 year police background check. For candidates who have worked in the UK this is the form of an ICPC check. ***Please note that Police checks will be required for all countries that are present on your application form/CV within the past 10 Year period.***

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What we need to do when you arrive in Spain

Once your Visa application has been approved and your travel arrangements are confirmed, you must inform the school of your arrival date. The school will then make the necessary appointments to complete the Visa process here in Spain. You will be accompanied to these appointments by a member of staff.

Please note: Wherever possible a rental apartment should also be confirmed before moving out and a contracts in place. This will help with the efficiency of the process at the immigration office in Almeria.

Registration with the Social Security and NIE

In order to work in Spain , all staff will be required to have an NIE number, which is your Número de identidad de Extranjero or Foreigners Identity number Your NIE number will be given to you upon approval of your visa application and you will be sent this number in an official letter from the Spanish Embassy. The NIE number usually consists of 7 numbers and starts with the letter Y and will also end in a letter.

Once we have the NIE number, we can also apply for a Social Security Number for you and we can do this through the school. This number will also enable you to register with the doctor.

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Appointment at the Town Hall to obtain a Census Certificate (Empadronamiento)

Once you have agreed on where you wish to live, we will need to arrange an appointment to get you a Census Certificate from the Town Hall. Our Admin staff will inform you of what you require and will accompany you to the town hall to obtain the certificate.

Personal Identification Documents

It is very important that you carry personal identification paperwork with you at all times. Once you receive your TIE (Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjeros) this will be sufficient, but as it takes a month or so to come through then it is recommended to carry your passport or driving licence with you at all times.

Driving in Spain

To begin with you will be able to use the UK driving licence in Spain, however you will need to consider changing this over to the Spanish Driving Licence after a 3 month period. School admin staff will be able to help you with this process.

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Medical information

Signing on with a doctor

The school administrators will be able to help with registering with a local doctor.

Private Medical Care

The school does offer Private Health Insurance with Sanitas for staff members who wish to contract it

Accidents at school

The school is insured against staff accidents with a Spanish company called Fremap. More information is available from the School's Health and Safety Officer

Dentists

Dentists in Spain are private and you can make an appointment with any dentist in the area. Many speak English and are quite competitive pricewise with the UK. Some have longer waiting lists than others so it is a good idea to ask around.