

Partnership opportunity for boarding schools in UK

The British Council School (BCS) seeks to enter a partnership with 5-10 boarding schools in the UK in order for these schools to accept students from BCS for one term.

Partner schools profile:

- No other Spanish speaking students in the classroom
- School rating: Good to very good
- Affiliated to one or more of the following associations: the Independent Schools Council (ISC), Boarding Schools Association (BSA), the Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) the Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS)
- Christian or non-confessional but highly respectful of catholic religious needs
- Strong in the following subjects: Maths, English, French, Design & Technology, Music, Science, Art, History & Geography
- Within easy reach to an airport with good connectivity with Madrid airport
- Boarding facilities at the weekend as well as during week-days. Sufficient number of students stay in at weekends
- Lots of sports, study & spiritual activities
- Happy students that enjoy the school

Partnerships characteristics:

The British Council School will support families willing to take their students to the UK for one school term. The school will guarantee their vacancy will not be covered during students stay in one of the partnering schools. The school will offer families a portfolio of partner schools for them to choose from. In compensation, the school requires a 20% commission from UK schools in the partnership. The BCS will select from list of interested schools and visit all pre-selected schools before any agreement is made.

Preferred times for student travel to UK:

Year 7 students	Term 4
Year 8 students	Any term (but for one term only).
Year 9 students	Terms 1 or 2

The time-frame:

Interested schools please apply to (silvia.prado@britishcouncil.es) before 10 July. The BCS will contact schools before end of July. A visit to the schools would take place in period Sept-Oct for first group of students in the programme to take place in Term 4.

Selection criteria:

- Similarity of school values to those of BCS
- Quality of teaching and learning – as evidenced by inspection reports and student results
- Quality of events and sports programme
- Extracurricular and co-curricular activities
- Academic programme
- Commuting convenience to/from Madrid
- Academic performance of students
- Quality of boarding and school facilities – as evidenced by inspection reports and visit

About the British Council School in Madrid:

The British Council School (www.britishcouncilschool.es) is the only school managed by the British Council in Spain, and one of the most renowned bilingual schools in the country. We follow the British educational system, with an intertwined perspective towards Spanish culture. Our students are future citizens of the world, prepared to approach any challenge with a positive attitude.

We are a non-selective, co-educational and independent school.

Academic Excellence:

We were the first British school established in Spain, now with almost 75 years' experience. Our continuing good reputation and prestige are founded on our spirit of innovation, our highly qualified teaching staff and on standards of excellence in the British and Spanish education we offer.

Our academic approach, as well as our school environment, are designed and developed to respond to the times we live in. We are clearly focused on the future, as evidenced by our unique **BiBac** system, which complemented by our excellent results in IGCSEs, helps our students to access the best universities in the world (Imperial College, Yale, ICADE...).

We aim at supporting students to achieve their best possible academic results therefore historically we have obtained outstanding academic results and awards:

- Our 2013 students achieved the best IGCSE results in the history of the School. 100% of students passed, 93% of marks were at grades A* to C, 58% of marks were at grades A* or A, 3 students received the highest marks possible: 10 passes at A*, 4 students received 9 passes at A*. Our students have sat an average of 10 exams. Also a number of our students have been awarded Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards and Edexcel High Achiever Awards. Amongst the awards achieved were: Top in the World in Spanish Literature and Top in Spain in French, Mathematics, Economics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The Cambridge International Examinations gave us a distinction for one of our students, Ana Patricia B.A., who received an award for attaining the highest mark in the world for Spanish Literature.
- Our students have achieved an average of 7.65 in the PAU (University entrance exams) this year. This figure marks an improvement over the results from 2012, with an average of 7.5. 100%.
- In total 105 students out of 106 passed the PAU entrance exam, allowing them to access the best universities in Spain and also those in other countries.

- 100% of students who were looking for places in UK universities such as Imperial College have received at least one entrance offer.
- The Complutense University gave prizes to five of our students whose marks were amongst the highest 100 in the PAU examination sessions in June 2012.
- 2012 was the fifth consecutive year in which the School received a certificate from the Complutense University recognising the excellence of its academic work.

Student life:

Life in British Council School is inspired by London dynamism. Music, expressive arts, science, literature, sports and public speaking fill the school calendar. We know that every child is unique, and it's our mission to offer an integrated value-based education, exploring all types of opportunities to achieve the child's full potential. We focus on strengthening self-esteem, creativity and talent, and encourage students to explore their freedom responsibly along with a very strong community service programme. With our Family System, each student forms part of a "Family", which encourages a sense of belonging and helps to develop strong social and interpersonal skills.

Our **5 values** underpin all the activities and the community life at school: **CHALLENGE, RESILIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, LOYALTY** and **CARING**.

Student profile:

Although more than 90% of our students are Spanish, they come from families of over 30 different nationalities. Usually our students start school at three years old and finish their school career at eighteen. Our students are very flexible and internationally oriented, they are civic persons who are grown with a global vision, therefore families are willing to provide their children with the life experience and the opportunity of living sometime abroad, preferably in the UK.