



Not-for-profit Educational Foundation

# Aloha College

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 3-18 YEARS

## CURRICULUM

At Aloha College we teach the **English National Curriculum until the age of 16**, when the children take their IGCSE examinations with the Cambridge International Board. For the last 2, pre-university years, **we offer the International Baccalaureate Programme (since 1990) and the A levels (since 2012)**. This opens doors for our students at prestigious universities in the UK, Spain, rest of Europe, and North America.

## NATIONALITIES

We have **45 nationalities** in Aloha College, over half being made up of UK and Spanish.

## SCHOOL DAY & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

School starts at 9 am and finishes at 15.50, except for those days when the children have after-school activities until 17.00 (and later if they have League football or basketball). There is also a breakfast club from 8.15. In the activities programme we offer creative, sporting and academic activities, **most of which involve no extra cost for parents as they are given by our own teaching staff**. There are additional activities on offer such as tuition in 7 instruments, Mandarin Chinese, Taekwondo and Chess, for example, which do involve a modest cost for parents.

## CLASS SIZE AND TEACHING

From Year 1 upwards we have a 3-form intake, i.e. a maximum of 60 children in 3 classes. In Secondary we have a maximum of 80 children in 4 classes. We are a not-for-profit-making Foundation, and our statutes do not allow us to have more than 20 children in a class, **although in practice the average is 17-18**. (In the IB classes there is a maximum of 14/15 and an average of 10). All the children's classes are in English, although they have 1 lesson a day of Spanish Language and one or 2 a week of Spanish Culture. From Year 7 the children are offered either French or German Modern Foreign Language.

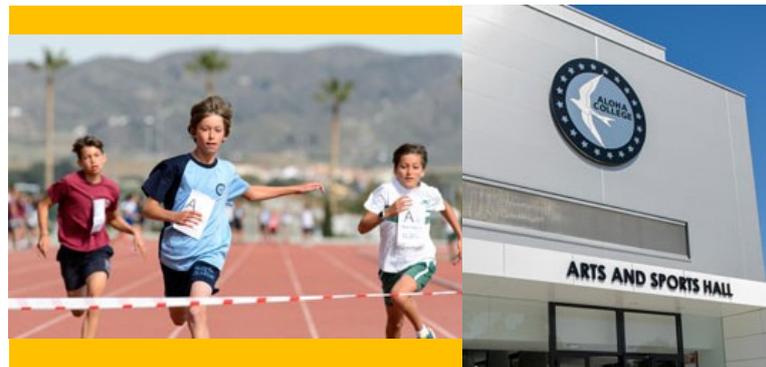
## CLASS DISTRIBUTION

From Year 2 upwards children are "set" for **English, Maths and Spanish (plus Science in Secondary)** so we can accommodate children in **3 different ability levels**. Children are regularly assessed to make sure they are reaching their targets and working to the best of their ability. There is still plenty of time for fun, though, as the first thing we must achieve is that children come to school happily, which they do.

## ASSESSMENTS

In **Primary school** children are regularly assessed from entry, so we can be sure they are covering the curriculum to the very best of their ability.

In **Secondary school** children are regularly tested with the PCT's (Progress Check Tests) and, in Year 9, with the Cambridge Checkpoint exams. These make sure the children are on target for their IGCSE's.



## SPORTS

Sports facilities which include 2 basketball pitches; a 2.650 sq m Astroturf; and a **brand-new Sports and Arts Hall offering 3,350 sq m** of playing space mean our students can learn, practise and perfect a tremendous variety of sports, such as **football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, netball, cricket, rounders, athletics, rugby, badminton, gymnastics and dance**. Future additions to the new Hall will be trampolining equipment and a fitness suite. We are thus well prepared to compete against other international schools in many of these events, and the Marbella Town Hall games also offer competitions in cross country, orienteering, and beach volleyball.

## OPEN DOORS TO PARENTS

Each week in Primary we celebrate the children's achievements in an assembly – they are congratulated not only for their academic progress but also for their acts of kindness towards their colleagues or for being ambassadors of Aloha outside school.

In Primary School we have regular **Wow Days** where parents come and join in with their children to make something (for first-time parents help with the Easter bonnet is always useful!) Then we have **Open Days** for Maths, English and Spanish so parents can find out about, and witness, how these subjects are taught. In **Secondary School** parents are invited to some **assemblies, and events like the Science Club week** provide an opportunity for the pupils to demonstrate their scientific knowledge to children, staff and parents.



## EXAM RESULTS 2015/16

**IGCSE (16-year-olds):** 86% of our June 2016 IGCSE cohort achieved A\*-C grades and 42% achieved all A/A\*.

**International Baccalaureate Diploma (18-year-olds):** 7 students achieved 40 points or above. The average score was 34.3 and 100% achieved a place at their first-choice university. 100% of students passed their A-levels.

## INSPECTION

In March 2014 Aloha College was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, and their corresponding report (**attached in full**) meant that our status within Cobis (Council of British International Schools) was upgraded to **"Accredited Member"**.

The report's main findings are:

"An outstandingly caring, supportive ethos engenders a highly empowering learning environment, which enables the school to fulfil its challenging aims".

"The pupils achieve excellent levels of personal development, feeling secure and valued within the friendly, mutually trustful environment that prevails throughout the school."

"The supportive insight and financial acumen of the school's governors have been key factors in its success."

## FOUNDATION

**Our Foundation status means that all surplus is reinvested in the school: there is no owner who takes away part of the profits.** These are entirely dedicated to improving the facilities and resources for the children. The not-for-profit ethos has been an integral part of the school since it was first established in 1982.

## LUNCHES & BUSES

Children have a hot lunch in school, although they may bring packed lunch if they prefer. We give Primary children fruit or milk in the morning and afternoon breaks.

There is a bus from Estepona to the west and Fuengirola to the east, and bus monitors look after the children.

## Further Info

Further information is available on our **website**, but please do not hesitate to contact the **Registrar** with any further queries you may have.

If you follow our blog <http://www.aloha-college.com/news/> you will gain an insight into all the exciting activities which form part of our children's curriculum.