

School Profile 2023-2024

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Accreditation

Authorized by the Spanish Ministry of Education
(B.O.E. 15.11.2007/B.O.E. 29.12.2007)

Membership

International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)

Our School

Brains International Schools is a prestigious group of private independent bilingual schools founded in 1979 with an educational offering that extends from Nursery School to Secondary. Our excellent academic record, focusing on technology, sports and languages, makes us a leading provider of international education in Madrid and Canary Islands. **We are the only group of schools in Spain to be recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools Group.** Our **mission** is to form students as whole, competent people, with the capacity to react to change with confidence and security. Brains students are proud to have received their education with us.

In Brains International Schools, our **vision** is to nurture passionate, creative and balanced people, who are the owners of their own destinies, who are socially-minded and change makers, with a global outlook with which to invigorate the world.

Each one of our students is at the center of the Brains education project, which firmly promotes the following **values**:

Brains Values

International and intercultural mentality	Critical thinking, autonomy and personal balance
Respect and tolerance	The philosophy of effort and team work through sports and general studies
Positive attitude	Solidarity, honesty, resilience and empathy
Sense of humanity	Commitment to environmental awareness

The Students

Size of Class of 2023: 78 (36 full IB DP students + 46 Spanish National Curriculum Diploma students)

Our international student body is made up of 66% Spanish nationals and 34% of students from more than 33 countries.

Of the 366 students in the Secondary School, 78 were graduating seniors. **Due to the small class size and competitive and rigorous nature of the Diplomas we offer, we have chosen not to rank our students.**

The Staff

The Secondary School staff consists of 68 international teachers. Over 80% of teachers hold a Master's degree; over 20% hold Doctoral degrees. The student faculty ratio in the Secondary School is 5:1.

The Curriculum

Brains International Schools offers the most demanding academic program to its Secondary School Students. In Grades 9 and 10 students complete the mandatory Spanish National Curriculum. In Grades 11 and 12 students may choose to study the National Spanish Bachillerato or work towards the IB Diploma. All IB students are expected to fulfill the Creativity, Action and Service requirements of the IB Diploma program as well as the Theory of Knowledge course and the Extended Essay which are requirements of the IBO.

The School Day

The school day begins at 8:50am and ends at 4:30pm; there are a maximum of 8 academic class periods per day of 50 minutes in duration. A broad range of extra-curricular activities are available for students to develop new skills, practice a sport or express themselves through the arts (<https://www.colegiobrains.com/colegios/la-moraleja/#actividades-extraescolares>).

BrainsMUN. Our student-led MUN delegation travels to national and international conferences each year. In December 2023 we hosted the 5th edition of BrainsMUN on campus with over 150 delegates attending.

Founded in 2016, **Brains Academic Debate Club** participates in over 15 regional and national tournaments per year, winning 20+ titles for both team and individual performance in English and French debate.

Students can earn a certificate through our pre-university courses taught in conjunction with local universities and associations.

- Cybersecurity – Universidad de Nebrija
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – Universidad de Nebrija
- Quality and Operational Excellence – Spanish Association for Quality
- Formula Brains – CINNE Foundation and Moddom Digital, sponsored by Aston Martin

IBO SCHOOL STATISTICS	2021	2022	2023
Number of Diploma candidates registered in the session	37	46	29
Number of candidates who passed the Diploma	35	44	28
Average points obtained by candidates who passed the Diploma	37	34	32
Highest Diploma points awarded to a candidate	44	42	44
Session pass rate	95%	96%	97%

SPANISH UNIVERSITY ACCESS EXAM RESULTS (EVAU 2022)	
Session pass rate	98%
Overall average	7.79 / 10
Highest mark awarded	13.875 / 14

School Transcript		
The school uses the IBO's 7 point grading scale in Grades 11-12 for the Diploma Program. The Spanish National Bachillerato uses a 1-10 point grading scale.		
IB Grade		Spanish National Bachillerato
7	Excellent	9-10
6	Very Good	7-8
5	Good	6
4	Satisfactory	5
3	Marginal	4
2	Poor	
1	Very Poor	1-3

All Brains IB Diploma students are given the opportunity to take the IB exams – we do not have a selection process to sit the exams. In 2023 all students sat the official IB examinations in person. Their final results were not calculated through alternative assessment options

We do not calculate Grade Point Averages. All grades are unweighted. Predicted IB scores are available.



College and University Acceptances

Students at Brains International Schools can be assured of receiving an education that will prepare them for further education at universities worldwide. Graduates of the classes of 2017 - 2023 applied to schools in a range of countries including UK, USA, Holland, Spain, Canada, Italy, France, Finland and Switzerland. The majority of 2023 graduates attended universities in Spain (85%), the remaining students (15%) in the UK, the US, Holland and other countries.

In addition to all of the major public and private universities in Madrid, the following colleges and universities have admitted our students since 2015:

*indicates enrolment

Belgium

*Universiteit Gent

Canada

*University of Alberta
*McMaster University

China

*Renmin University

Colombia

*Universidad de Los Andes

Denmark

Copenhagen Business School

Finland

*Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

France

*SciencesPo - Poitiers

Ireland

*University College Dublin

Italy

*Lluis Guido Carli
*NABA - Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti

Netherlands

*Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
*University of Amsterdam
*Amsterdam University College
*Codarts University of the Arts
*TU Delft
*Fontys University of Applied Sciences
*University of Groningen
*Erasmus University Rotterdam
*Erasmus University College
*Hotelschool The Hague
*HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
*Universiteit Leiden
*Leiden University College
*Maastricht University
*Tilburg University
*Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences - RSB
*Utrecht University
*Willem de Kooning Academy
University College Roosevelt

Spain

*Universidad de Navarra
*IE University (Spain)
*Saint Louis University (Madrid campus)
Suffolk University (Madrid campus)

UK

Aberystwyth University
*University of the Arts, London (UAL)
*University of Bath
*University of Brighton
University of Birmingham
*Bournemouth University
*University of Bristol
*Bristol, University of the West of England
*Cardiff University
*City, University of London
*Coventry University
*De Montfort University
Durham University
*University of Edinburgh
*University of Essex
*University of Exeter
*Falmouth University
*University of Glasgow
*Goldsmiths, University of London
*Imperial College of London
*Keele University
*King's College London
*Lancaster University
*University of Leeds
*University of Leicester
*London School of Economics and Political Science
*Loughborough University
*New College of the Humanities
*Northumbria University
*University of Manchester
*University of Nottingham
*University of Portsmouth
*Queen Mary University of London
*University of Reading
University of Southampton
*University of Surrey
University of St. Andrew's
*Swansea University
*University of Sussex
*UCL (University College London)
*The University of Warwick
*University of Westminster

USA

Bard College
Bentley University
*Boston University

*Bridgewater College
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Clemson University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
*Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
*Florida Institute of Technology
*Fordham University
*Georgia Institute of Technology
Knox College
*Lawrence Technological University
*Loyola Marymount University
Manhattan College
Marquette University
*Michigan State University - East Lansing
*The New School - Parsons School of Design
*Northeastern University
*Northwestern University
*NYU
*Pace University
*Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
*Rollins College
*Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
*San Diego State University
*SCAD
*School Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Skidmore University
SUNY - Binghamton
SUNY - Stony Brook
*Syracuse University
Temple University
*Tufts University
Union College
*University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA)
*University of California- San Diego
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Maine
*University of Miami
University of Missouri (Mizzou)
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
*University of San Francisco
*University of Southern California (USC)
Whittier College
*Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Others

*Forward College (multi-campus)
*Hult International Business School (multi-campus)