



King's College
The British School of Murcia

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“King's College, The British School of Murcia (KCM) is an outstanding school. It offers high standards of academic attainment. Teaching is very strong. The behaviour of the pupils is exemplary. The leadership provided by the Headteacher and other leaders, the care and support offered to pupils, and the curriculum provided for all, are excellent”, highlights the report recently released by Penta International.

King's College Murcia is the only school in the region that regularly undertakes external inspections accredited by the Department for Education (DfE) of the British Government. The DfE has a set scheme for the inspection of British schools overseas whereby schools are analysed against a common set of standards.

The purpose of the inspection is to provide information to parents, teachers, senior managers and the school's management, on the overall effectiveness of the school, the standard of education it provides and its compatibility with independent schools in the United Kingdom.

The inspection and report cover the key areas of quality of the curriculum; quality of teaching and learning; the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils; their welfare, health and safety; the suitability of the proprietor and staff; the school's premises and accommodation (including boarding); and the school's complaints procedures. An essential part of the inspection is considering the extent to which the British character of the school is evident in its ethos, curriculum, teaching, care for pupils and pupils' achievements.

“These inspections demonstrate the excellent calibre of King's College schools and how seriously we take school standards in teaching and learning, as well as the facilities, the overall learning environment and of course our pupils' pastoral care. Moreover, this latest qualification obtained by King's College Murcia marks a milestone for King's Group, since it implies that all our schools in Spain have been rated with the highest qualifications in their respective inspections” added **Elena Benito, CEO of King's Group.**

This inspection in King's College Murcia took place in October 2018. During the inspection visit, over 50 lesson observations took place, as well as a series of learning walks. School documentation and policies were analysed and data reviewed. Pupils' workbooks were scrutinised, and discussions were held with the senior staff, the management team, and a range of teachers, parents and groups of pupils.

Main highlights: King's College Murcia's strengths

The resulting report elaborated by Penta International, released last week, highlights **“an outstanding curriculum, which provides for, supports and challenges pupils”**, as well as the **“very high-quality pastoral care, which means pupils are safe, secure, supported and happy”** and the **“strong and individualised relationships between pupils and teachers, which supports excellent learning”**.

According to Penta, King's College Murcia “is the only school in this region of Spain that is palpably British in style and character” and it “fully meets the standards for BSO (British Schools Overseas scheme)”. The “quality of the curriculum”, “the teaching and assessment” and “leadership and management” are rated as “excellent”, while one of the key strengths of the school is considered to be “the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils”.

In regards of the students' academic performance, **the report indicates that “overall, the progress achieved by pupils in all phases of the school is above UK expectations”** and highlights the fact that although “approximately 80% of the parental body is Spanish and/or non-British (...) staff interact effectively with individuals and groups, to develop language skills and model good English”.

“I am extremely proud of our school and the achievements of both our pupils and staff. To be the only ‘Outstanding’ school in the region is a major accomplishment in the short history of King’s College Murcia and I for one am very much looking forward to continuing the journey of excellence in the years to come.”, said Stefan Rumistrzewicz, Headteacher at King’s College Murcia

About King's College schools

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, King’s Group is one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, currently operating **a total of 10 schools in the UK, Spain (Madrid, Alicante, Murcia and Elche), Germany, Latvia and Panama**. The group was **founded in 1969 by Sir Roger Fry**, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally.

King’s College schools offer pupils a quality British education based on the **National Curriculum of England**, which emphasises strong academic values through experiential learning. Pupils from the age of 18 months to 18 years old are taught by native and UK trained teachers. The educational model of the schools is characterised by its rigorous broad and balanced curriculum, its interdisciplinary approach and its emphasis on practical learning, creativity and the active participation of students.

Testament to the exceptional academic and pastoral standards that the schools embed is the recent recognition as **“Private Education Group of the year”** by Education Investor, one of the sectors most prestigious publications.

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