



**Press Release**

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## **King's College School La Moraleja, rated as “Excellent” in every category in the 2017 Independent School Inspectorate report**

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- The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) report, released last week, highlights that the students “are successful beyond the classroom and in all their activities demonstrate a capacity for hard work and exemplary attitudes to learning” and emphasises the high quality of its teachers.
- The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) is a body approved by the British Government for the purpose of inspecting schools in England and overseas. As such, ISI reports to the English Department for Education (DfE) in regards to the extent to which schools meet the relevant standards for British Schools Overseas (BSOs) and comply with the ISI Framework.
- “As an experienced ISI inspector myself, I understand how difficult it is to achieve such a result, so I am very proud of our pupils and staff”, said Dawn Akyurek, Headteacher of King's College School, La Moraleja

**King's College School, La Moraleja** has been rated as “Excellent” in every category in the last inspection of the school by the **Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)**. The body, accredited by the British government, published its report last week and concluded that King's College School La Moraleja “**is extremely successful in fulfilling its aims to prepare pupils for their future and to help them to become proficient in the English language**”.

**King's College schools are the only schools in Madrid that are regularly inspected by the external body.** King's Infant School (Chamartín) has also been recognised as “Excellent in all categories”, while King's College Madrid (Soto de Viñuelas) is still currently undergoing their inspection. “**This demonstrates the**

**excellent calibre of the 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." added **Elena Benito, CEO of King's Group**.

In the report, the ISI highlighted the **remarkable performance of the students**, which "are successful beyond the classroom and in all their activities demonstrate a capacity for hard work and exemplary attitudes to learning". Moreover, the inspectors esteemed that "the excellent progress made by pupils, particularly in English, is a key strength of the school".

The ISI also reported that "the pupils are extremely well-educated in line with the school's aims to deliver a transformative learning experience to all its children" and determined that "**by the time they leave the school in Year 9, pupils are mature and committed learners who are more than ready to cope with the next stage of their education.**"

In regards to the teaching methodology implemented at the school, the ISI report points out that "from the earliest age, independence, interest and engagement in learning are fostered extremely well". In addition, the inspectors noted that "the teachers care deeply for the pupils" and "are eager to do their best".

Both **management and the teaching team** at **King's College School La Moraleja** are rated as "**excellent**". In this regard, the report highlights the provision of "a safe, caring and challenging culture both inside and outside the classroom".

"I'm extremely pleased with the excellent ISI Inspection report. I would like to praise the school team and thank them for their hard work and commitment to school improvement. It is very satisfying to see that the school has moved forward again in three years since the last ISI Inspection to reach new levels of "excellent" in all categories. As an experienced ISI inspector myself, I understand how difficult it is to achieve such a result, so I am very proud of our pupils and staff", said Dawn Akyurek, Headteacher of King's College School, La Moraleja.

### **About ISI inspections**

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The inspection consists of two parts: a preliminary two-day visit followed by a four-day (team) inspection. The inspectors **observe lessons, conduct formal interviews with pupils and staff and examine samples of pupils' work**. They hold discussions with senior members of staff, the Chair of Governors, the Chief Executive and members of the local Advisory Council.

Furthermore, inspectors observe a sample of the schools extra-curricular activities and attend registration sessions and assemblies. The responses of parents and pupils to pre-inspection questionnaires are analysed, and the inspectors examine documentation made available by the school.

### **About King's College**

**Sir Roger Fry**, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally, **founded the first King's College school in 1969 and, since then, the prestigious educational institution has grown to a total of nine schools in UK, Spain, Latvia (to be open in September 2017) and Panama, with more than 4,300 students in total.**

Thanks to the success of the institution, the excellent academic results achieved each year by its students and subsequently the university destinations accessed by pupils; King's Group has become one of the most important and prestigious international educational institutions in the world. (40% of students currently attend one of the Top 200\* universities in the world, according to the \*Times Higher Education Ranking 2016).

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