



King's College
The British School of Madrid
Soto de Viñuelas

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King's College Madrid 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 Madrid “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 and along with King's College Madrid (Soto de Viñuelas), King's College School (La Moraleja) and King's Infant School (Chamartín) have also been recognised as “Excellent in all categories”. “**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 for **King's College Madrid**, the ISI highlighted the **remarkable performance of the students**, who “make excellent progress in their academic work; their achievements outside the formal curriculum are wide ranging thanks to the broad programme of additional activities provided by the school”. Moreover, the inspectors acknowledged that “the school's curricular and extra-curricular provision [...] enables pupils to develop independent learning skills and attitudes, to build self- confidence and encourage creativity, successfully meeting the school's aim”.

The ISI also underlined that “**results in A-level examinations at the end of Year 13 are well above UK national averages**, and the large majority of pupils proceed to universities which have high standards of entry, in the UK and other countries” and determined that “**pupils leave the school as mature, self- confident and responsible young people.**”

In regards to the teaching, the ISI report points out that the teachers at King's College Madrid “promote fully the school's aim to provide a learning environment that enables pupils to achieve excellent academic results and promotes their personal development”. In addition, the inspectors noted that “teaching totally engages and inspires the pupils to be inquisitive learners and sets firm foundations for future learning.”

Both **leadership and management at King's College Madrid** are rated as “**excellent**”. In this regard, the report highlights “leadership and management of the school provide staff with clear educational direction, motivate colleagues and ensure that the school's strategic plans for development are fulfilled and regularly reviewed”.

The ISI also dedicated a chapter within its report to the quality of boarding education at Tenbury House (King's College Madrid's student's residence). According to the Inspectorate, “**the provision for boarding is excellent**. It plays an important role in promoting boarders' personal development and enhances their school life [...]Boarding experience develops their independence, self-reliance, social skills and their ability to manage freedom, and that it prepares them very well for university and adult life.

“King's College Madrid's excellent ISI report well reflects our school community's commitment to providing all our pupils with the best educational opportunities that are available alongside outstanding pastoral support for the wellbeing of students, and an excellent range of extracurricular activities. We are delighted with the report, well done to all our pupils and staff!” said Matthew Taylor, Headteacher of King's College Madrid

About ISI inspections

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 UK's 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.

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 opened 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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