



EUROPA SCHOOL UK

A unique educational opportunity

Une opportunité éducative unique • Una experiencia educativa única • Ein einzigartiges lehrreiches Erlebnis

“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.” Roger Bacon

The Europa School UK is truly unique.

Nestled in rural Oxfordshire, Europa School UK offers an unparalleled education where students are taught bilingually throughout their entire school career. From the age of four, our pupils begin their scholastic journey in English + French, German or Spanish and continue with their stream language until they graduate at 18, equipped with the highly acclaimed European Baccalaureate, giving breadth of study and fluency in at least two languages.

At Europa School UK we believe in the power of our children to shape the future and it is our goal to foster curiosity, promote creativity and build confidence from an early age. At the heart of our thriving, diverse community is a passionate belief in the benefits of a multilingual, multicultural education to form responsible, engaged citizens of the world.

“A clear and compelling vision for multilingual education.” Ofsted December 2018



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The driving vision for Europa School UK is that every pupil should develop a deep understanding and enjoyment of learning within a safe and vibrant environment. We know that happy and engaged students learn well and thrive both socially and academically. Our unique curriculum shapes and informs pupils, promoting intellectual curiosity and cultivating social responsibility.

Europa School UK is a centre for excellence in both languages and science. We are proud to champion a science focus within our curriculum and continue to forge links with local businesses and social communities through events such as the annual Science Week. Our aim is to empower each student with the communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills that will enable them to succeed in a modern world.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Europa School UK is an Accredited European School and a Free School

European Schools are official educational establishments controlled jointly by the governments of the member states of the European Union. Our school has been accredited by the Board of Governors of the European schools and, as such, we can offer the European Schools' Curriculum, enhanced by the requirements of the English National Curriculum. The European Inspectors' Audit 2017 *“strongly recommended Europa School UK for accreditation as a European School”*.

A Free School is an all ability, state-funded school, established in response to a local community need. Unequivocal support and demand for Europa School UK came from many areas: the potential parental body, teachers, local MPs, businesses and local organisations.

We are proud of this unique educational outlook and are reminded of its successes as we welcome our happy, engaged students to the school each day.

LEARNING AND CURRICULUM

Primary comprises three streams:
English/French, English/German and
English/Spanish.

A case study: Olivia (German and English)

Olivia is in 2DE – Year 2 of the German stream. She's friends with Sara, who's in French and Lucas who's in the Spanish stream. Since starting in Reception, Olivia has studied all subjects in both English and German, swapping languages half way through the week at Wednesday lunchtime.

Olivia and her friends will continue with their stream languages for their whole school education. From Year 7, they'll learn a third language. In Years 10 through to 13, they'll have the amazing opportunity to study a fourth and fifth language.

The European curriculum, with its focus on language learning and learning through the language, is enriching and challenging:

“Educated side by side, untroubled from infancy by divisive prejudices, acquainted with all that is great and good in the different cultures, it will be borne in upon them as they mature that they belong together.” Jean Monnet

up to Year 11 compulsory subjects comprise English, the stream language, Mathematics, all three sciences, a third language, plus History and Geography taught in the stream language. There are also option subjects including Art, Music, Computer Science, Language 4, Latin and Economics.

In final preparation for the European Baccalaureate, Years 12 and 13 study at least nine subjects, including; English, stream language, Mathematics, History, Geography and one compulsory science. Option subjects are offered at higher level - equivalent to A level.

The European Baccalaureate qualification is still a rare educational opportunity in UK state schools: our students receive a unique secondary education and an incredibly diverse and comprehensive preparation for whatever future steps they wish to take.



TEACHERS WHO LOVE TO TEACH

At the heart of Europa School UK are our staff. They are a highly-valued and highly-experienced team, who take very seriously the role they play in shaping our children's futures.

Our unique curriculum demands a unique kind of teacher and we are lucky enough to be able to recruit from across Europe. We seek staff who can instill in our students the school ethos of purposeful learning, pastoral care and multicultural engagement which develops tolerant, ethical and linguistically confident young people.

Morale is high amongst staff at Europa School UK: we have an excellent retention record and highly prize the integrity and respect felt amongst colleagues. All staff work together closely, particularly in Primary, where our teachers collaborate seamlessly to provide a cohesive and holistic didactic approach for each child.



"I share MP John Howell's admiration for the Europa School and its very high academic standards."

Nick Gibb, Minister for School Standards

Recent research makes bold claims as to the benefits of being bilingual, ranging from increased mental flexibility and problem-solving abilities to improved health and economic advantages.

There are some claims we can't prove, but some we can:

- A superb reputation since opening in 2012 and a waiting list for each Reception class.
- Consistently high grades in the European Baccalaureate examinations - best ever in 2018. ***"Students in the sixth form achieve excellent outcomes as a result of the highly effective teaching that they receive"***. (Ofsted December 2018)
- Overall, in KS2 SATS July 2018, attainment and progress of our Year 6 cohort out-performed both county and national averages.
- Ofsted rating of 'Good' (December 2018).
- European Inspectors are ***"very much impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm of all stakeholders to implement European schooling at Europa School UK"*** (September 2018).



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