ALCE Agrupación de Lengua y Cultura Españolas

SUPPLEMENTARY SPANISH CLASSES

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WHAT IS THE ALCE PROGRAMME ?

- It's a programme of 'Spanish as a mother tongue' lessons run by the Spanish Embassy Education Office.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAMME?

- ALCE offers free lessons in Spanish language and culture to children from Spanish families who live in London, the South East and Dublin.
- Our students are aged from 7 to 17.
- Enrolled in the English Education System, prior to University entrance.

THE INCREASING DEMAND OF OUR PROGRAMME

- In the past years the demand for our classes has increased .
- Year 2010/2011 → 1212 students
- Year 2014/2015 → 1670 students
- Year 2015/2016 → 1900 students

- NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: 600 NEW APPLICATIONS.

THE AIM OF OUR PROGRAMME

To provide the children of Spanish families living abroad with the opportunity to mantain their linguistic and cultural links with Spain.

Students reach a very competent level of communication, they improve the reading and writing skills and they learn about the sociocultural reality of Spain.

OUR CURRICULUM

- The student plays an active role in his/her own learning.
- The teachers main concern is the development of communicative skills and the reading and writing competence.
- Based on constructivist theory, the structure of the classes is task based.
- Cultural and intercultural component.
- It focuses on the development of the linguistic, the social, the cultural , the digital and the learning to learn competences.
- The involvement of families is very important.

THE STRUCTURE OF OUR CURRICULUM - CEFR

SKILL CATEGORY	COMPETENCE LEVELS	COURSE	YEAR
A	A1	A1.1	YEAR 1
	A2	A2.1	YEAR 2
		A2.2	YEAR 3
B	B1	B1.1	YEAR 4
		B1.2	YEAR 5
	B2	B2.1	YEAR 6
		B2.2	YEAR 7
C	C1	C1.1 C1.2 C1.3	YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10

CERTIFICATION

- When the students leave the programme, they get a Certificate issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education, stating the level they have achieved, based on the Common European Framework of Reference.

- Most of our students reach C1.

- Also our students sit the GCSE and A-Level Spanish and they often get top grades.

THE STUDENTS

- Most of them come from mixed families such as Spanish-British or Spanish-other nationalities.
- Most of the students have been born in the UK and their first language is English.
- A slight change lately: Spanish children born in Spain and the family has recently migrate to the UK.

THE TEACHERS

- There are 12 teachers working full time in the programme in London and 1 teacher in Dublin.
- The Headteacher coordinates all the work.
- We also have an Education Adviser who supports our work.

CALENDAR AND TIMETABLE

- We follow the UK calendar.
- The lessons start at 4.00 p.m. and finish at 8.00 /8.30 p.m.
- The students attend classes once a week: 1.5 h.
- They complete 3 hours per week of the programme by doing homework and using the interactive plaform AULA INTERNACIONAL created by the Ministry of Education to complement the lessons.

AULA INTERNACIONAL



WHERE WE ARE

- 25 different locations across Greater London and the South East.
- 2 Schools in Dublin (North and South)
- We are based in primary or secondary schools.


Bletchley
Bicester
M1
A1(M)
Stevenage
Braintree
Aylesbury
Witney
Oxford
Cowley
Harlow
Springfield
Chelmsford
High Wycombe
Abingdon
M11
Basildon
Swindon
Hartslock
Maidenhead
Slough
M4
Reading
Dartford
Petts Wood
Gillingham
Newbury
Basingstoke
M2
Andover
Maidstone
M3
M25
M23
Winchester
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Horsham
Southampton
Fareham
Waterlooville
Ringwood
Portsmouth
Brighton
Hastings

ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS TO THE SPANISH EMBASSY EDUCATION OFFICE

- Some schools where we are offer their facilities for a very low price or free of charge and they get the following services from the Spanish Embassy Education Office:

- **Talks about Spanish and Latin American topics for their students.**
- **Free copies of all teaching resources and promotion materials (posters, etc) published by the Spanish Education Office.**
- **Participation of our language advisors on any event they may organize related with the Spanish language and culture.**
- **Support for their Spanish teachers.**
- **A study visit to the Spanish school in Portobello Road (transport to the school not included)**

- **Priority for grants offered by the Spanish Department for Education on the Spanish Universities.**
- **Free registration at the Spanish Workshops organized in June in London by the Spanish Education Office.**
- **Preferential treatment for all courses and activities organized by the Spanish Education Office.**
- **Participation of language advisors in any event they may organize related with the Spanish language or culture.**
- **Placement for work experience practice for their students at the Spanish Education Office.**

OUR WEB SITE
http://www.educacion.gob.es/exterior/centros/alcereinounido/es/home/index.shtml



THANK YOU VERY MUCH
MUCHAS GRACIAS

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