



SEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

# INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE



**International Schools**  
Pioneers since 1892

Spain · France · Ireland · Qatar · Saudi Arabia





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Studying at SEK schools is more than simply going to school. A SEK education lays the foundations for learning to work and live in the future. Our educational model was designed in and for the 21st century and has made innovation a tradition, positioning us as leading international schools since 1892.

With schools in Spain, Ireland, France, Qatar and Saudi Arabia SEK Education Group boasts an international learning community made up of over 5,500 students from more than 70 nationalities. SEK students are accepted at prestigious international universities worldwide - Stanford, Georgetown, Babson, Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College and Edinburgh. Furthermore, our SEK Alumni Network has over 100,000 members.

Each school has its own unique geographical and cultural identity, all sharing the same values, vision, tradition of innovation, excellence, language development, sports training and passion for learning.

SEK schools began offering the International Baccalaureate programmes in 1977 and were the first in Spain, and pioneers worldwide, to do so. The International Baccalaureate curricular framework effectively combines a rigorous syllabus with an approach that promotes skill development, international mindedness and the holistic development of students. The IB diploma is recognised by governments and leading universities around the world and gives students a significant advantage when applying to top universities.

The students from SEK International Schools studying their International Baccalaureate Organization (IB) Diploma Programme obtained excellent results in the 21/22 academic year, in which four students achieved the highest possible mark (45 points). **This mark is usually only achieved by less than 1% of students worldwide**, which represents a record in the historical series of our schools. Furthermore, our average score per class is above of 36 points what makes SEK to be at the highest level of international schools in Europe.

# Residential Boarding at SEK International Schools

## The SEK residential experience:

- Provides a caring and supportive environment, where students can grow, thrive and have fun.
- Creates a genuine home-from-home, where students feel safe and relaxed and yet also stimulated and challenged.
- Nurtures independent-thinking young adults who are able to make thoughtful and wise decisions for themselves and the communities in which they live.
- Provides diverse, engaging, multicultural and enriching activities that allows students to find their passion, have fun and excel.

We nurture special relationships between students, residential staff and families in a caring and vibrant community of learners. With a long tradition of boarding, we have seen students and staff develop strong and lasting bonds of friendship that have spread across the world. Our boarders become part of a truly global family.

With carefully selected academic and residential staff and/or host families, we ensure a combination of dedicated care and academic support that enables students to become accomplished well-rounded young adults, ready for the diverse challenges of a modern technological society.

The academic excellence programme offers personalised high-quality teaching to students who do not settle for anything but the best and is based on three fundamental pillars:

1. A personalised, demanding, exciting and motivating curriculum that adapts to the needs, interests and objectives of each student.
2. A first-class teaching team, ensuring students are afforded the highest levels of academic quality in cutting-edge facilities and the latest technology. Teachers ensure students are given the support necessary for their demanding academic expectations, both inside and outside the school day.
3. Guaranteeing a first-rate education: Students are given an outstanding education, providing a solid foundation from which to achieve success in their pre-university studies. Boarders are provided University Career's Guidance programmes for studying in Spain or abroad.

Boarders enrolled in the **Full-time Boarding Programme** (from Monday to Sunday), will enjoy different activities aimed both at enriching their leisure and their personal development: **Sports Activities, Drama, Music, Creative Arts, Reading Club, CAS Activities, etc**





## IRELAND

# Dublin


### SEK International School Dublin


**SEK International School Dublin** is located in a privileged setting, where the landscape of the Irish countryside meets the Atlantic coast, between the cities of Bray and Greystones. The latter was named one of the best cities in the world to live as a family and is only 30 km from Dublin. SEK-Dublin combines architectural tradition with cutting-edge technology, spanning over 250,000 m<sup>2</sup> of grounds and boasting extensive green areas where our students can enjoy all kinds of sports and outdoor activities while enhancing their academic development.

SEK-Dublin is the first school authorised by the International Baccalaureate Organisation to teach the Middle Years Programme (12-15 years) and the Diploma Programme (16-19 years) in Ireland, taught fully in English with optional languages, including German, French and Spanish.

SEK-Dublin opened its doors in 1981 and from the beginning based its success on several factors. These factors include a multicultural team of highly trained teachers; the effective use of learning technologies; boarding with carefully selected local host families or in on-campus high quality accommodation; an individualised programme to cover the educational needs of each student; small class sizes and an outstanding programme guaranteed by SEK schools' standards of excellence.

Aware that education does not only take place in the classroom, we offer residential options with local host families or in our on-campus boarding house, numerous and varied extracurricular and cultural activities ensuring students' holistic personal and academic development. This all-round education serves them well for the rest of their lives, enabling them to become mature and independent individuals, and providing them with lasting memories of their time at school.

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## FRANCE

# Les Alpes

### SEK International School Les Alpes

SEK International School Les Alpes is located in the heart of the Alps, in the town of Flumet-St. Nicolas la Chapelle, spanning an area of 15,000m<sup>2</sup>. Its facilities, blending perfectly with its Alpine surroundings, include two large historic buildings with high-quality residential facilities and the most cutting-edge and innovative teaching resources to ensure students' all-round development.

SEK-Les Alpes broadens the educational concept by developing learning experiences for students from 13 to 15 years of age in three languages (French, English and Spanish) in a holistic programme of formal and informal teaching activities. The incorporation of cross-curricula aspects such as developing future entrepreneurs, leaders and young scientists and small class sizes afford an enriching learning experience.

Skiing and snowboarding are the main sports at the school and are available at one of the best ski resorts in Europe. The Megève ski resort is located close to the school with over 400 km of pistes and Courchevel, Tignes and La Plagne, which hosted the 1992 Winter Olympics, are also easily accessible. All our sports programmes are supervised by official French Ski School instructors.



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**SEK-Les Alpes**  
France



SPAIN

# Barcelona

## SEK International School Catalunya

SEK International School Catalunya is located in a quiet and safe residential area spanning 100,000 m<sup>2</sup>, including a large expanse of Mediterranean forest. The school is in La Garriga, a picturesque town just 30 minutes from the centre of Barcelona, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Europe.

SEK-Catalunya boasts modern facilities and innovative learning spaces and teaches the three International Baccalaureate Programmes. The Middle Years Programme is offered in Spanish and English and the Diploma Programme is offered entirely in English or in both languages. We lead international rankings thanks to our excellent results in Diploma exams.

We also offer international boarding, catering for students from Spain and abroad in modern, comfortable and functional facilities, designed for residents to live together, grow as individuals and develop their personal autonomy thanks to a multicultural environment and a rich offer of complementary activities.



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## SPAIN

# Madrid

### SEK International School El Castillo


SEK International School El Castillo offers an innovative educational model based on early learning stimulus, talent development, creativity and emotional intelligence. We cater for students from over 40 different nationalities, living and learning in an environment of multicultural exchange in a privileged natural setting just 15 minutes from the centre of Madrid.


The school has taught the three International Baccalaureate Programmes for over 40 years, offering the possibility of doing so entirely in English or in a combined English-Spanish bilingual syllabus.

We boast first-rate sports facilities and offer international boarders an incomparable environment for the development of the individual, personal growth and personalised pastoral care provided by specialised school staff, in a very safe and secure environment.

In addition, as a sign of our commitment to sport, we offer a high-performance sports programme, the SEK International Sports Academy, that allows athletes to combine their academic studies with the highest levels of sports training. Students on this programme can stay at the boarding house, allowing them to combine their academic enrichment with high performance sports programmes.



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SEK-El Castillo  
Spain




## SAILING

# Schooner Cervantes Saavedra

This three-mast, 50-meter sailboat is unique in Spain and has served as the SEK Education Group training vessel since 2007, with the capacity to accommodate 30 students.

While on board, students can enjoy the sea as an ideal environment for training, education and learning of both academic knowledge and human virtues and values.

Different projects take place on board the *Cervantes Saavedra* each academic year, affording those students who join the crew a unique experience. The SEK Posidonia Lab was launched in 2019, a project for the conservation of Posidonia seagrass meadows, involving fieldwork in different areas of the Mediterranean. Furthermore, students have enjoyed intensive diving and sailing courses in waters of the Balearic Islands, leading to obtaining an official diving or sailing qualification.

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