

**The new campus forms part of The British School of Barcelona, a leading international school and member of the Cognita Schools Group**

## **The education group chooses Barcelona for the opening of BSB Nexus, a new pre-university campus for sixth form students, and the only one of its kind in Spain**

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**3rd May 2018.-** The [Cognita Schools Group](#), a world leader in education with 69 schools and approximately 40.000 students across Europe, Asia and Latin America, inaugurated [BSB Nexus](#), a **new pre-university campus** and the **only one of its kind in Spain**, at an event held in Barcelona today. The campus, which is the result of a €4.7 million investment, is part of the [The British School of Barcelona](#), a leading international school and member of the Cognita Schools Group.

BSB Nexus, located in Castelldefels, just a few kilometres from the capital of Catalonia, measures **2400 m<sup>2</sup>**. The new centre provides a distinct educational model that not only educates students aged 16 to 18 academically but also helps them develop **21<sup>st</sup> century skills**, including critical thinking, emotional intelligence, communication, and teamwork, to meet the demands of a fast-changing world. The aim of BSB Nexus is to help **students reach their full potential** as they prepare for university and their future careers.

At the BSB Nexus inauguration event held at the school today, **Chris Jansen**, CEO of the Cognita Schools Group, stated, "Our purpose is to continuously improve the quality of education and ensure students have a unique experience. At Cognita we aim for academic excellence and, for this reason, our students' results are exceptional. We are sure that the students at BSB Nexus will continue to do so in the future." The event was also attended by representatives of The British School of Barcelona, and Cognita Group, as well as distinguished guests from political and educational institutions, such as **Annabelle Sproat**, Vice Consul at the British Consulate General in Barcelona and chair of the inauguration event, **María Miranda Cuervas**, Mayoress of Castelldefels, and **Eva Prada**, director of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain.

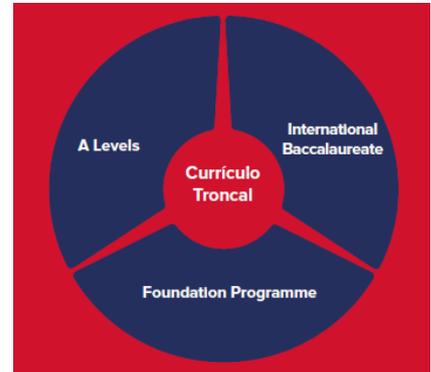
Speaking at the inauguration event, Annabelle Sproat affirmed, "Today we are not just witnessing the opening of the pre-university campus but also recognising the standard of education offered by The British School of Barcelona. The British education system is one of the most rapidly growing industries at present, and its positive reputation is a result of the hard work of all the teachers and institutions involved".

## Educational model

The educational model of BSB Nexus aims to prepare pre-university students for the real world in an environment that allows them to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, through learning techniques that encourage creativity and innovation, resilience, lifelong learning and unlearning for continuous growth. The education the students receive is based on three core aspects: delivering academic excellence, developing character and nurturing a global perspective.

The campus addresses this focus with study areas and social spaces for individual and group projects, and also strengthens personal skills such as initiative and leadership, social skills and the sense of belonging to a community.

The educational offer at the new campus comprises three pathways that share core values: A Levels (British Curriculum), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Foundation Programme (a year-long course that allows students to join the school for post-16 education regardless of their level of English or the education system they come from).



## The British School of Barcelona: the pathway to student success

With close to 60 years of history, The British School of Barcelona and its curriculum are recognised and accredited by both the British and Spanish governments.

The British School of Barcelona's educational success is reflected in that of its students. Every year, graduating students are accepted at the best universities in the United Kingdom, Spain and other countries worldwide. The vast majority are offered a place at their first-choice university, due to their excellent academic achievements and education based on values and personal development.

In addition to BSB Nexus, the school currently has two other campuses located in Sitges and Castelldefels. In total, nearly 1500 students study across the three campuses.

**About The British School of Barcelona**

The British School of Barcelona is one of the most important international schools in Spain, and has been achieving excellent academic results and promoting the personal development of the thousands of students that pass through its classrooms year after year, for nearly 60 years.

The school is formally recognised and accredited by the British government for teaching the English National Curriculum, the Spanish curriculum and the International Baccalaurate. The British School of Barcelona currently has three campuses located in Sitges and Castelldefels, and each year its students, of over 50 nationalities, are offered places at some of the world's best universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College London.

The British School of Barcelona has been a Cognita school since 2007.

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**About Cognita Schools Group**

Cognita Schools Groups is a prestigious education group with 69 schools worldwide, each with their own identity but connected in an inspiring world of education with one common purpose: building self-belief and empowering individuals to succeed. The Group was founded in the United Kingdom in 2004 and is present in eight countries across the world. It employs more than 5,000 teaching and support staff for the care and education of close to 40,000 students. Thanks to the effort and talent of them all, the Group helps tens of thousands of students exceed their own expectations.

Together, Cognita schools provide a uniquely global education that goes beyond grades to develop all-round academic excellence. The Cognita Education Advisory Board supports each of its schools in the continuous improvement of educational standards by building the capacity of its educators to improve the quality of learning, prioritising action and ensuring the sharing of good practice, and establishing partnerships to facilitate innovation within the global family of schools.

The five Cognita schools in Spain are amongst the best international schools in the country, with different curricular options for Pre-University. Every year, an average of 25 students from [The British School of Barcelona](#), [Hastings School](#) and [The English Montessori School – TEMS](#) in Madrid, [El Limonar International School](#) in Murcia and [El Limonar International School de Villamartín](#), in Alicante, are offered places at some of the best universities in the world, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College London.

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