



We hope that you had a happy holiday!

Thank you to our teachers and staff !

# Almuñécar International School

What a wonderful year we had!

- ◆ Students learning happily and successfully
- ◆ Exchanges to France and Germany
- ◆ Teacher research projects
- ◆ A new school learning garden
- ◆ New phonics groups
- ◆ A magical production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

..... and so much more!!!!

Thank you to Mrs Burnley and Mr Evans who have both retired this summer. We will miss them both as will the students. We wish them every happiness in this new phase of their lives!!

We also thank Ms Gulhati who has gone back to the UK and then moves to Costa Rica with her family. Happy landings!!

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Back to School ! We had a great start back to school on September 4th. It was lovely to see the smiling faces and enthusiasm of our students as they greeted their friends and teachers.

We have 38 new students and 3 new teachers: Mr Morgan- Chemistry/ Geography, Mr Watt- English/Media, Mrs Butcher- Year 5. I would like to welcome you all and hope that you will be very happy in our school community.



## A FEW REMINDERS

Each school day begins at 9:50 down on the main playground for a short assembly. Please ensure that if you bring your child to school that they are down on the playground at the start of the day.

They will be registered as late if they are not in their class by 10.00 a.m. All latecomers must go sign in the late book at reception.

Please inform us in writing the previous day (whenever possible) if your child has to leave early for a medical appointment. Pupils may only be collected for such appointments at [break time or lunch](#)

[time](#) as we cannot interrupt the learning of

## Transport

Please be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the arrival time. Please don't keep other families waiting.

If you need to change transport plans please inform us in writing the day prior to the change. If the change is for the same day



all of the other pupils.

Please remember to sign your child out in the book in

Reception and back in when they return.

Pupils may not leave school early for ANY other reason. If you feel that you have a

**GOOD** reason then please make an appointment to discuss it with me. Likewise absence for holidays

please go directly to the busline and sign a paper for the bus monitor in the line. You **MUST** park on the upper level and access the line by the school stairs **NEVER** by the bus gate as it is dangerous to do so.

etc is not permitted during term time. If your child has to be absent for any reason other than illness please come to discuss it with me.

## CURRICULUM EVENING

Thursday

24/9 5-7 pm

All primary age children need to be handed over to and collected from the bus monitor. If you need someone different to collect your child, please inform us in writing and provide us with a photocopy of their ID card.

Pupils are allocated to ONE bus and may not change to another bus.

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## Secondary Key Stage 2 Lockers

All Secondary students have a locker in school to keep their books and belongings. If they lose their locker key they will have to pay 5 euros to have a new lock fitted. Please encourage them to have a key ring and to look after their key

## lockers

All Key Stage 2 pupils are allocated a locker in which they should keep their PE kit and their school bag. School bags should be fairly small and bags with wheels are NOT allowed. Please encourage your child/ren to keep their bag LIGHT and not to carry any unnecessary items.

Studies show children should not carry any more than 10 per cent of their body weight and that anything over 15 per cent can be damaging. Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2144429/Is-childrens-school-bag-harming-spine.html#ixzz3loffn3GY>



## The Office

## CURRICULUM EVENING

Thursday

24/9 5-7 pm

- ◆ Presentations
- ◆ Work displayed
- ◆ Meet the teachers
- ◆ The Curriculum
- ◆ Information about support, clubs, reading, the future at AIS
- ◆ Please come !

Our school office is a very busy place. Please try to phone only when really necessary. Most communication can be done by writing a note in the planner or by e-mail.

Uniform hours:

Every day from 9:15—10:15 & 16:15-17:15

We cannot sell uniforms to parents or pupils outside these hours as we need to

have our telephone manned in case of emergency. Secondary students will need to have their planner signed by a member of the management team authorizing a medical appointment. The office cannot pass telephone messages to students during the day unless it is a real emergency!



## OUR TEACHERS LEARN TOO!

At the end of June, when the students had started their holiday, our teachers came in to give a presentation , by group, about their action research and lesson study cycle.

All teachers have been working with a group on a project which researches an aspect of learning. They have also observed each other teaching.

The presentations were fantastic and showed how much the teachers had enjoyed their projects and working together.

One project was on the teaching of phonics, another on the use of ICT to motivate learners, another on roles of responsibility in group activities in Year 7.

We hope to build on the success of the project so that we continue to improve our teaching and learning.

**WE NEVER STOP  
LEARNING!**

**Our website:  
[www.almunecarinternationalschool.org/](http://www.almunecarinternationalschool.org/)**

## EXAM RESULTS 100% A2 PASS RATE

We are very proud of our Year 13 final A level results. All of our Year 13 are able to follow their dream. They are all continuing to Further education or University. A special mention to:

**Bethany Clyne:** gained A levels in Maths (A), Biology, Chemistry, Spanish (A) and an AS in Physics. She is going to study Immunology and Microbiology at University of Strathclyde in Glasgow.

**Connor Matthews:** gained A levels in Maths (A), Chemistry, Physics (A), Spanish (A) and an AS in Further Maths (A). He is going to study Aeronautic and Astronautic Engineering at Southampton University, England.

**Juan Maldonado Rodriguez:** gained 5 A levels in Business, Maths, Physics, German & Spanish (A\*). He also took Matematicas and Economia (8) for Fase Especifica. He is hoping to study Economia y Derecho (Economics and Law) at Carlos III university in Madrid.

We also had some excellent AS results and GCSE results. Students who worked hard and were determined really excelled:

Inma gained 12 GCSE 's including 7 A\* and 2 A grades, Signe gained 12 GCSE 's including 3A\* and 7A grades, Jordan gained 11 GCSE 's including 2A\* and 3A grades.