

37 YEARS OF BRITISH EDUCATION IN GRANADA · SINCE 1989

Almuñécar International School

British education on Spain's Costa Tropical — Early Years to Sixth Form, ages 3 to 18.

PROSPECTUS 2026

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Welcome to AIS

In the 21st century, developments are constantly being made — it's a rapidly changing world that we and our children live in. We aim to prepare them for that future in knowledge, understanding, creative thinking and open-mindedness, so they become not only caring but successful global citizens.

We have implemented the Cambridge International Curriculum in Primary and Secondary, and continue to use the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum for our youngest children to explore and investigate in a supportive environment. In Years 10 and 11 students study for their IGCSEs, and in Years 12 and 13 for their A-Levels — alongside the compulsory elements of the Spanish curriculum, Lengua y Cultura Española.

Our curriculum will continue to evolve to meet the needs of the 21st century. We strive to be an outstanding school in every respect, and to achieve academic excellence. Please come and visit us to see for yourself.

— **Fiona Jacobs, Headteacher**

OUR VISION

Roots and Wings

We give our students roots — the nourishing start, the inner values to guide, the firm foundation on which to build their lives — and wings of independence, to explore, to soar, to find themselves and to achieve their goals.

We do this by creating a safe, happy, respectful, stimulating and caring environment where teaching and learning are exciting, students are ready to learn, and are supported as they develop independence and a love of learning. With determination and resilience, our students become successful yet responsible, caring global citizens who can communicate effectively in at least two languages.

The journey through AIS

Pupils move through one continuous curriculum from their first days in Early Years to their final exams in Sixth Form — each stage building deliberately on the last.

3–5	Early Years	The EYFS curriculum from the UK, blending adult-directed activities with child-led play across the seven areas of Learning and Development.
5–7	Primary 1	Key Stage 1 blends the Cambridge International Curriculum for English, Maths and Science with the National Curriculum, taught creatively through topics, plus UK-style phonics.
7–11	Primary 2	Learning builds seamlessly on Primary 1. Pupils plan activities, research independently and present findings — building ownership of their own progress.
11–13	Secondary 1	Year 7 pupils build social and emotional security while studying a broad curriculum, including Global Minds, a cross-curricular humanities programme.
14–16	Secondary 2	Pupils choose their IGCSE options — including Computer Science, Global Perspectives, History, Business Studies, Art and Sport Science — alongside mandatory subjects.
16–18	Sixth Form	A-Level study, including Computer Science, Global Perspectives, History, Business Studies, Art and Sport Science geared toward the highest grades alongside adult life skills, responsibility and self-discipline.

All pupils also follow the compulsory elements of the Spanish curriculum — Lengua y Sociales / Conocimiento del Medio — to support success in both systems.

A TYPICAL DAY

The school day

The whole school meets at 09:50 in the main playground for assembly before lessons begin.

Time	Primary	Time	Secondary
10:00	Lesson 1	10:00	Lesson 1
10:45	Lesson 2	10:45	Lesson 2
11:30	Break	11:30	Lesson 3
11:50	Lesson 3	12:20	Break
12:40	Lesson 4	12:40	Lesson 4
13:30	Lunch	13:30	Lesson 5
14:20	Lesson 5	14:20	Lunch
15:10	Lesson 6	15:10	Lesson 6
16:00	Lesson 7	16:00	Lesson 7
16:45	Bus	16:50	Bus

The day opens together — a calm, purposeful start — with further assemblies through the year to celebrate good work, kind actions and school events.

WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE AIS

Why join AIS?

- Small, personalised classes
- A team of well-qualified, dedicated teachers
- British / Cambridge curriculum, used creatively to suit our learners' needs
- A happy, caring environment
- Independent learning
- Excellent results
- Determination to succeed

School life & enrichment

Learning outside the classroom

Taking students out of the classroom makes learning memorable — from mathematics outdoors and PE on the athletics track, to farm-school day trips, residential trips to Córdoba or the Sierra Nevada, and exchange trips to France and Germany. Our students love technology, but they also love puddles, building dams, and experiencing first-hand the wonders of the Alhambra.

Creativity & personalised learning

Creativity isn't just art, music or dance — it's a way of thinking: making connections, taking intelligent risks, asking critical questions, and sharing and collaborating. We respect the unique child, differentiate our lessons, and work alongside students to set and review their own targets.

Extra-curricular & enrichment

A varied programme of after-school and lunchtime clubs — including drama, football and gymnastics — sits alongside our Sports Leaders programme, which builds leadership skills in pupils aged 13 and up. We compete regularly against other international schools, with fixtures in cross country, football, athletics and netball.

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Mamma Mia — June 2026

Each year we stage a production in which pupils take on every role — acting, dancing, singing and design.

Exam results

Our results show that we are a good school. We continually strive for excellence and work, through our Development Plan, to become an outstanding school.

Academic year	A-Level pass	AS-Level pass	GCSE 5+ A*–C
2010	93%	65%	91%
2011	80%	59%	71.5%
2012	70%	70%	80%
2013	97%	81%	83%
2014	93%	83%	81%
2015	100%	89%	62%
2016	100%	95%	86%
2017	100%	80%	57%
2018	98% (86% A*–C)	100%	70%

Fully accredited

Almuñécar International School is fully recognised under Royal Decree 806/1993 and by the Government of Andalucía (BOJA Nº 133, 19th October 1995, for ages 3–16; 24th May 1997, for ages 3–18).

The school remains a member of the National Association of British Schools in Spain (NABBS) and is fully recommended by the British Council to operate as a British school in Spain. Periodic inspections are conducted by OFSTED-trained inspectors to ensure required standards are met in teaching, curriculum, facilities and pupil progress. AIS is an authorised examinations centre for Cambridge, AQA and Edexcel.

Uniform & everyday life

Our uniform gives every pupil a sense of belonging and pride in the school. Uniforms are available from the school shop, open weekdays 09:30–10:15 and 16:30–17:15 — ask the office for the current price list.

We encourage healthy snacks — particularly fruit and vegetables — and ask that pupils don't bring crisps, chocolate or sweets. Students bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated through the day, and school lunches are cooked and prepared on site.

JOINING AIS

Admissions

AIS has an open admissions policy and would love to hear from you. Contact us on +34 958 63 59 11 or fjacobs@almunecarinternationalschool.com — your child can spend a “listening day” trying out our system, which also lets us make an initial assessment before they start.

1	Contact the school office to discuss your family's plans and your child's educational needs.
2	Visit the school, see it in action, and arrange a Listening Day for your child.
3	Complete and send the application form with the required documents.
4	Towards the end of March, we'll confirm your child's place. A non-refundable registration fee completes enrolment.

Students can be admitted throughout the year if places are available — the steps above are for a September start. Sixth Form applicants: attend the 6th Form Open Evening, discuss subject options with staff, and note a minimum grade B at GCSE is required for an A-Level course.

Come and see AIS for yourself

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