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Welcome to BROADCAST

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THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A CERTIFICATE

Are you really conscious about the importance of achieving an English certificate at school? There are more and more students who are encouraged by their teachers and parents to take these exams, they pass them with great marks and appreciate them. Why are these exams so recommendable?

They will help you to use the English that we use in real life. When you prepare your exams, you will improve your English for everyday life, work and study. You will be able to communicate with people from all over the world.

And when you get to a higher level of English, you will deal with most situations and do most things you need to do on a daily basis. The challenge you have is to push yourself further and make the most of it. Having a qualification not only shows that you have that level on English officially, it also shows that you are willing to dedicate time to improve your English.

Apostol Santiago School, your school, will always encourage you to take these exams as this is really involved in the bilingual education from Bedakids to Secondary and Bachillerato. We take off in October with the Ceremony of certificates, we continue with the English mocks and finish taking the exam that you have decided to achieve. So come on, you have got the whole course to make an effort and manage your certificate!!

ENGLISH IS THE KEY

Nowadays, we study English thinking it may be useful some day at some moment; we are wrong. We use English everyday without even realizing it. For example: many people listen to music in English and are able to understand its message thanks to having studied it. Other cultures and other countries are one step closer to not being foreign and communicating with others will not seem as difficult. English will pave the way to the University of your choice where you will be able to study for the job of your dreams. Last, but not least, English is the key to achieving any job you desire; and that, is our future.

STEPHANIE HOFFMAN

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Stephanie Hoffmann is the conversation assistant of secondary and bachillerato. She comes from California, Los Angeles, although she has been here for two years now. Regarding teaching this is the second school she has been to so let´s get to know her and see her opinion about our school.

Why and when did you decide to become a conversation assistant?

I decided to become a conversation assistant because I knew it would be a great opportunity to gain experience in teaching and to live abroad. I always wanted to become a teacher, especially after graduating from university, but I ended up working at a construction company as an assistant project manager. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to move to Spain to teach, and although I was hesitant to change careers, I accepted the position. I'm glad I did because I love teaching!

What do you think of this school? Is there anything different from the other schools you have been to?

I really like the atmosphere of the school. The majority of the teachers are very friendly and open which makes me feel comfortable. I am lucky to have the opportunity to learn from the great teachers that I work with. In comparison to the previous school I worked at, I feel that I have more freedom to plan lessons that are more engaging with the students. In that, I can incorporate different materials and be more creative in my teaching.

Is there anything that has caught your eye about education in Spain?

One major difference that I´ve noted is that the structure of the educational system in Spain is different than in the United States. For example, in California at least, education is compulsory until the age of 18 whereas, in Spain, it is until the age of 16. One minor difference that I´ve seen is that students call teachers by their first names. In the United States, we would never call a teacher by their first name because it is considered inappropriate.

But, in my opinion, calling teachers Mr. or Mrs. is too formal. Students should call teachers by their first name because it´s better for building rapport.

Which levels do you enjoy most when teaching and why?

I enjoy teaching Bachillerato because I can talk about complex topics. I value their opinions and it's interesting to hear their perspectives on the world.

How do you think this experience can enrich your life?

Working and living abroad has enabled me to enrich my life in different ways. I think it is of great importance to travel and to explore the world around you. Because of my time abroad, I have more of an understanding that people are essentially the same. The differences that we share as human beings are simply physical and cultural. I have also improved my Spanish which is incredibly useful in the United States.

What do you think of the level of English that our students have in this school?

Overall, I feel that the students have a pretty good level in comparison to my last school.

MARÍA CARRERAS

INMERSION IN HASTINGS

The English department feels delighted to share with our readers the last immersion trip that the students of our school enjoying last June. Ninety-two pupils visited a nice small city, Hastings a seaside town in East Sussex on the south coast of England.

The town gives its name to the Battle of Hastings. It later became one of the medieval Cinque Ports. In the 19th century, it was a popular seaside resort, as the railway allowed tourists and visitors to reach the town.

The UK has become one of the top destinations to study and spend a week in an immersion trip around the world.It has traditions of excellence dating back hundreds of years, History on every corner, and much more flexibility for young people than many other countries, the United Kingdom has much to offer to international students that other English-speaking countries cannot.

These children accompanied by their teachers could improve and practice their English in their diary classes, living with an English family, meeting people, visiting wonderful places, (Brighton, Rye...) tasting new flavors and learning about the Anglo-Saxons habits, routines, customs and traditions.

Rye is one of the prettiest village in Englang.

Brighton, the English seaside resort with bohemian charm.

Near the Channel, Brighton is proud of its historic past and its seaside atmosphere. At the end of the 19th century, this town already appealed to the British aristocracy and became a thermal resort. Today it suprises visitors thanks to its patrimony of Regency inspiration, facing the beach where elegant buildings are a true spectacle, just like the singer Adèle.

Some of our students have wanted to share their experience, thoughts and feelings.

This school trip has been the best I have ever gone. I really enjoyed it because I have met many new friends and I spent a lot of time with my friends. I would like to go to England next year.

Carlos López 3º ESO D

Going to Hastings was an incredible experience not only because this coasted-village and the country was really beautiful and peaceful and we spent every day doing different things such as learning English in funny classes, practising sports, sightening... but also because I think all the people , every single person that went there, spent a great time together, knowing each other a little bit more and enjoing ourselves and havinf lot of fun.

Natalia Martínez Abad
1º Bach B

FRANÇAIS: ON RIGOLE ET ON APPREND

Yo he escogido francés de optativa porque me parece una lengua muy bonita, mi hermana ya lo cursó y le gustó. Además, en las clases nos lo pasamos un bien y aprendemos un 'montón' de cosas.

J'ai choisi étudier français parce que je trouve que c'est une langue très belle, ma sœur l'a déjà étudié et elle a bien aimé. En plus, nous rions beaucoup pendant les cours et nous apprenons un tas de choses.

INÉS MARTIN POLO 1ºD

Yo elegí francés porque me parece un idioma interesante y con una pronunciación lingüística preciosa.

J'ai choisi français car il me semble une langue intéressant et avec une prononciation linguistique merveilleuse.

MARCOS FERNÁNDEZ DE VELASCO SARRADO 1ºD

Escogí francés porque me encantan los idiomas.

J'ai choisi français parque j'adore les langues.

PAULA GARCÍA CÁCERES 1ºD

Yo he escogido francés porque me gusta aprender nuevos idiomas y mis hermanos me han hablado muy bien de esta asignatura.

J'ai choisi français parque que j'adore parler de nouvelles langues et mes frères m'ont très bien parlé de cette matière.

JORGE LIZARALDE FERNÁNDEZ 1ºE

Me he apuntado a francés porque me apetecía aprender un idioma nuevo.

Je me suis inscrit en français parque j'avais envie d'apprendre une nouvelle langue.

IVÁN CAMUÑAS 1ºD

He escogido francés porque me gusta aprender nuevos idiomas y por recomendación de mi hermano.

J'adore le français et apprendre de nouvelles langues, mon frère m'a recommandé de l'étudier.

ELENA IGLESIAS 1ºE

He cogido francés porque me gustan mucho los idiomas y además mi hermana me lo recomendó.

J'ai choisi français puisque j'aime beaucoup les langues et en plus, ma soeur me l'a recommandée.

PABLO GARCÍA-ARGUDO SÁNCHEZ 1ºE

Francés es una nueva asignatura. Es muy bonita y divertida.

Le français est une nouvelle matière. C'est très joli et amusant.

ALONSO PARLA 1ºD

SURPRISE! NOUS RETOURNONS À PARIS!

Nous sommes tout à fait enthousiastes et impatients pour faire le voyage à la ville francophone de Paris, baignée d'une riche histoire et d'une multitude de lieux d'intérêt touristique. Comme on le dit souvent, l'enrichissement culturel et mental que nous offre la visite d'autres parties du monde et l'utilisation d'une deuxième langue étrangère sont toujours les bienvenus. Nous devons donc nous adresser au département de français, ainsi qu'à la direction de l'école pour nous donner l'opportunité de répéter cette incroyable expérience en première année de baccalauréat. Nous sommes heureux que vous comptiez sur nous pour la réalisation de cette activité.

ÁLVARO RODRÍGUEZ DE GUZMÁN GONZÁLEZ ET JUAN GIRÓN HERRANZ 1°BACH

Les élèves de 1e. Bach. sommes très excités parce que cette année on nous a donné l'occasion de revenir à Paris. L'année dernière, le voyage a été en Belgique et ça a été incroyable avec les étudiants de la 4e. année d'ESO, Nous avons décidé de demandé la permission de voyager à nouveau comme anciens élèves de français. Et heureusement, ça s'est bien passé. Notre premier voyage à Paris a eu lieu en hiver, mais cette année sera en été, donc nous allons connaître un autre Paris.

NURIA SERRANO 1º BACH