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SMALL CLASSES

**A BESPOKE SCHOOL OFFERING
QUALITY INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION IN THE ALGARVE FOR
CHILDREN AGED 3-18 YEARS OLD**



A welcome from the Directors

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to find out more about AIS. We are a popular, caring and happy international school for both girls and boys aged 3-18 years.

At AIS we foster values of honesty, respect and tolerance whilst encouraging an atmosphere in which each and every child can become the best version of themselves. Our team of teachers strive to enable all pupils to fulfill their potential, explore their individual talents and learn to appreciate, nurture and protect their environment.

Along with our terrific teaching team we pride ourselves on the quality of our work and the care that we extend to all our pupils.

Our teachers teach to engage, providing challenging and stimulating learning opportunities, both within the classroom and through a wide range of activities outside of it, thus enabling each child to grow in confidence and develop correct attitudes and skills towards the challenges they face in today's world.

As school directors, we are all accessible on a daily basis after school to talk about any issues relating to your child. As parents you will have our full commitment, time and respect. Our priority is to enable students to shine through whatever talent and abilities they possess and to support their learning on the journey through the education system.

The decision of which school to send your child to is extremely important and we hope this prospectus helps to inform you further.

If you are interested in your child joining AIS, it is encouraged that prospective students spend up to three days of trial at our school in order for all to gain a better insight and experience both how we operate and how the school day runs. This experience will also enable prospective parents to meet and connect with both staff and other parents.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our AIS school community.

Yours sincerely,

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About our school

12 pupils per class.

Small class sizes at AIS coupled with highly qualified teachers enable a happy, more thorough and solid education. Limited class sizes mean that our students receive the maximum amount of attention for their needs.

A school that genuinely cares.

One of our most important USP's is that we care. We have the time to care, the space to care and an ethos that is built around care.

At AIS small class sizes enable all students to feel valued and cared for.

Over 20 qualified teaching staff.

AIS has an incredibly strong team of over 26 qualified teachers. Some part-time, most full-time. They bring a plethora of experience and skills to the school.

Follows the UK curriculum.

Whilst our Primary division has 50% of their curriculum in English and 50% in Portuguese, our Secondary School focuses on the UK curriculum entirely in English.

From pre-school to a-level.

In September 2023 AIS will introduce its pre-school for children from as young as 3 years old. The pre-school is planned to be situated at the current B-block.

At the opposite end of the scale our Year 13 students are working hard completing A-levels for University entry.

A prestigious location.

Situated on 'Estrada Vale do lobo' The Algarve International School boasts a fantastic location in the heart of the Algarve's Golden Triangle. A five minute drive to popular beaches, to luxurious golf courses, tennis academies, horse riding facilities, a plethora of top class restaurants plus being on the doorstep of the wonderful Ria Formosa nature reserve.

An official pearson edexcel centre.

We offer academic qualifications that are globally recognised. The iGCSE and A-level examinations are governed by UK's largest awarding body.

EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

At AIS we truly take time to get to know our students on a special level, our small class sizes and caring nature of our staff enable this. The healthy relationships that are cultivated at school provide extra support and guidance resulting in all parties feeling respected, encouraged and considered.

Academic, social and emotional education, wellness and providing a friendly school community are all paramount and offer students and parents a real sense of belonging.

When our students feel well in body, mind and soul they are more likely to become happy learners.

We understand that every child has unique needs and with the implementation of Mindfulness and PSHE lessons, weekly, we hope our students will grow confidently.

Our goal is to not only follow the curriculum but to teach strategies and techniques that will equip students with a comprehensive set of tools to overcome any area of worry, fear or anxiety that may occur relating to school or life itself.

We encourage our students to adopt a growth mindset and a 'can do' attitude. If a child believes they can achieve, with determination, work ethic and perseverance, they will do just that.

AIS students gain life skills that serve them beyond the classroom, such as self-care, communication skills, community involvement and the ability to foster positive connections with all others.



Happy children become happy learners.

AIIS Primary



OUR PRIMARY BILINGUAL PROGRAM....THE ENGLISH CURRICULUM LEARNT THROUGH BOTH THE PORTUGUESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

Primary aged children learn best when subject matter is related to content that engages and excites them. Teaching inspiring topics which reinforce basic skills and lead to high achievement for all is certainly the best way to ensure progression. The attention given to our Primary students is plentiful, with some classes benefiting from an assistant, depending on the need for one.

Students in year groups 1-6 will learn through our Primary Bilingual Programme, so they will learn the content of the British Curriculum through both the Portuguese and English languages.

Our Primary teachers, all bilingual, use a variety of strategies and techniques such as visual cues, songs and gestures to model and repeat the Portuguese language for students. This is to assist students as they acquire new sound structures and vocabulary for the development of a new language skill.

The aim is for all primary students to grasp a better understanding of Portuguese so that they have the chance to integrate well into the Algarvian society and for our Portuguese students to keep on top of their language progress.

AIIS Secondary

THE SECONDARY CURRICULUM AT AIS IS BASED ON THE ENGLISH NATIONAL CURRICULUM.

At AIS we pride ourselves in employing the best subject teachers; creative and inventive educators who find ways to deliver content that will engage and challenge our students. This, along with our smaller class sizes, is the key to our success.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9), we avoid over-reliance on text books and ensure that lessons are delivered in ways that appeal to learners using a variety of teaching strategies and learning activities.

In key stages 4 and 5, our students begin to study for iGCSE and subsequently A level examinations. AIS is accredited by Pearson Edexcel to offer both of these qualifications, this means that external students can sit their examinations at our campus.

AIS offer a wide range of subjects at both key stages, please refer to our website for current choices.

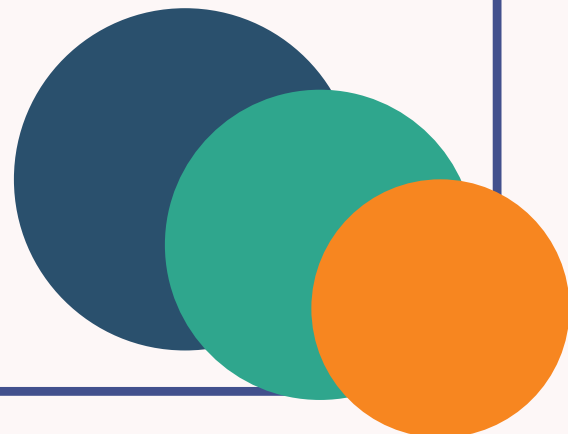
The secondary school day is structured so that traditionally academic lessons take place in the morning, whilst more pastoral subjects such as PE, music, art and drama, to name but a few, are timetabled for the afternoon.





THE SCHOOL DAY

TIME	PRIMARY	TIME	SECONDARY
9:00 - 9:15	Form time	9:00 - 9:15	Form time
9:15 - 10:15	Lesson 1	9:15 - 10:15	Lesson 1
10:15 - 10:30	Break	10:15 - 11:15	Lesson 2
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11:30 - 12:30	Lesson 3	11:30 - 12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	12:30 - 13:30	Lesson 4
13:30 - 14:30	Lesson 4	13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Lesson 5	14:30 - 15:30	Lesson 5
15:45 - 16:45	After school clubs	15:45 - 16:45	After school clubs



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TO IGNITE...

an interest in the world around us
and teach all students
to be global citizens.

TO INDIVIDUALISE...

learning
through
small class sizes
and a bespoke approach.

TO BALANCE...

exam success with sport, creativity and
music.

TO ENCOURAGE...

the use of information and
communication technology in daily
life as a modern and forward thinking
school.

OUR MISSION

TO CREATE...

a supportive, nurturing environment
in which
every child will thrive and flourish.

TO ENSURE...

a lifelong love of learning
in every child by guaranteeing that
each child experiences success.

TO DEVELOP...

interpersonal skills
such as maturity, responsibility,
leadership,
communication and collaboration.



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PRICES

- Polo shirts - available in four colours; blue, mint, salmon and lemon - 20 euros.
- Blue Zip up Hoodie - 25 euros.
- Grey Hoodie - 35 euros.
- Baseball cap - 10 euros

We ask that all students wear suitable and comfortable attire on their bottom halves. in Summer shorts worn must be respectable and of mid-thigh length.



**GIVING YOUR CHILD
THE OPPORTUNITY
TO THRIVE.**

School info

Homework.

We would like you as parents/guardians to be active in your child's school work, to discuss relevant assignments and chat with your child about the unit of inquiry or project at hand.

In Primary our students have very limited homework, it may be a case of reading, learning new words or a task you can complete together at home as a family.

We do not give homework for homework's sake.

In Secondary, students will receive homework which supports and aids their learning. In key stage 3, 4 and 5 (the AIS secondary division) setting relevant homework enables the teacher to gauge whether each student has gained comprehension of the current work or module. In key stage 4/5, our exam years relevant homework will be set to support the course being taken.

Extra-curricular activities.

Our AIS After-school Club schedule will always run unless Governmental regulations advise differently.

Each day Monday to Thursday there will be a designated club for both Primary and Secondary.

The current after-school schedule will be sent out via email at the beginning of each term.

Teacher meetings.

Other than meeting with your child's teachers at our organised Parent Evenings every term, you can easily make arrangements to meet with any of the AIS teachers. If you have a query about your child please email admin@algarveinternationalschool.com and we will then put you in touch with the relevant staff. Most school year groups in Primary have a class Whatsapp group where teachers can easily be contacted.

AIS Community

Our plan is for the AIS Community group to become an active part of school life.

We would like as many parents as possible to volunteer to join in with activities at AIS, Planning for fundraising, organising social events, providing funds to improve the school experience for parents and children and working in partnership with the school are just some of the duties our AIS Community group can undertake.

We hope to bring together the parents and teachers at AIS who are interested in supporting the school. It will also provide us all with the opportunity to exchange views, work together and to develop mutual trust and confidence.

So many of our parents at AIS possess different talents and skills they can bring to our school and its community.

Whether it's baking for a bake sale, an ability with something like graphic design, or web design, business, computers or the commitment to run the weekly football training, please do let us know and become involved.

Medical.

If your child has been prescribed medication of any type which they are to take during school time please inform the school office. All medication should be handed in to the office and administered safely from there or by a teacher only.

In the case of a child becoming ill whilst at school, we will assess whether they need to go home. Parents will then be contacted by the school office to ask if they are able to collect their child.

Drop off and pick up.

We ask that students do not enter the school before 8:30am, AIS school supervision begins from 8:30am.

All students should arrive no later than 9:00am. Registration is taken at 9am and classes start at 9:15am.

When dropping off your child we ask that cars circulate the car park in an anti-clockwise manner.

For safety reasons all parents must use the utmost of care and a slow speed when driving a vehicle in the school car park as there may be younger children in the near vicinity.

Opening hours.

The AIS day begins at 9:00am for student registration. Timetabled classes commence at 9:15am. We ask that all students make their way to their tutor classrooms for registration by 9am. Late arrivals must either notify their form teacher or sign in at the school office at A-block.

The school day finishes at 3:30pm with after-school clubs running from 3:45pm until 4:45pm.

Behaviour.

We aim to provide a safe and happy environment in which children can develop self-esteem and show respect for all others.

AIS values that we encourage and guide all students to adopt are trust, kindness, cooperation, respect, honesty and fairness.

Bad language, swearing and answering back to teachers is not allowed under any circumstances.

The AIS behaviour guidelines, which should be adhered to at all times, can be summarised as follows:

- Respect yourself and your work.
- Respect other pupils.
- Respect all adults in school.
- Respect the school.

Bullying.

AIS has a zero tolerance to bullying and is adept at tackling such issues extremely quickly and productively.

As a small school we are able to recognise any such behaviour and deal with it, in a positive, constructive manner, very swiftly. However, if any undesirable behaviour goes under our radar and your child is effected we ask that you notify us immediately.

Attempts to bully will quite predictably happen at our school as in any other.

If a case of bullying is apparent or reported we will always take time to diffuse the action, speak with all parties involved and find the solution. Pupils who bully are usually doing so because they are unhappy; at AIS we aim to stop the behaviour but support the bully as well as the victim.

All pupils have the right to enjoy their education in safe and secure surroundings.

Attendance and Absence.

AIS does not encourage absence for reasons other than ill health, medical or hygiene appointments, or necessary family commitments.

Should it be necessary to take a child out of school, for these or any other reasons we ask that prior notification is given via email to admin@algarveinternationalschool.com.

Work can be provided for students in their absence from school if it is feasible. Google Classroom will be the platform used to access Secondary work and Tapestry for Primary.

Valuables and jewellery.

It is the responsibility of pupils to look after their own personal possessions in school.

If money is brought into school it must be kept securely in a purse or wallet within the student's bag. Larger sums of money should be handed to a teacher or into the school office.

Students are permitted to wear jewellery, however it must always be removed for PE or other activities where it may pose a hazard.

We would like to make it clear that if expensive items such as mobile phones, ear pods, other tech or jewellery are brought into school, AIS will not be responsible for the loss or damage of these items.



Mobile phones

No mobile phones are allowed for primary school pupils.

Students in Secondary are permitted to bring their phones to school.

Mobile phones are sometimes a useful learning tool. They will be allowed to be used in lessons with the teachers express permission and under their supervision. Secondary pupils will be allowed to use phones in break and lunchtimes, however it must be stressed that this is a privilege that can be revoked at the Directors' discretion. Misuse of phones or other electronic devices will result in confiscation.

Sports/PE wear

The AIS Sports T-shirt must be worn in all Physical Education lessons. Ideally this will be accompanied by shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Jeans are not appropriate attire for sport. Pupils maybe prevented from taking part in PE lessons if they are dressed unsuitably. Trainers or plimsols must be worn to ensure safety. Clothing that enables movement is expected to be worn for all sports lessons.

A visual glimpse



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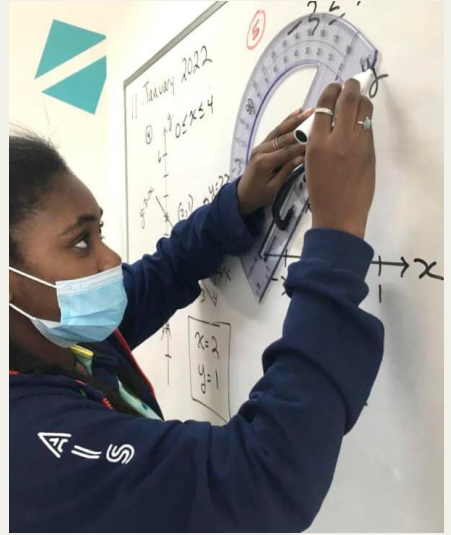
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EDUCATION IN THE ALGARVE'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE



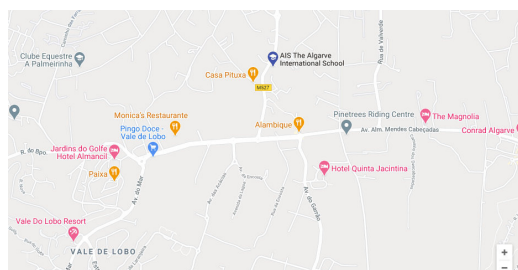
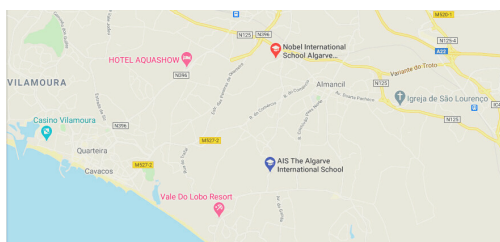
LOCATION

Our school has a fantastic location in the heart of the Algarve's golden triangle, a five minute drive from luxurious resorts of Vale do lobo and Quinta do lago. Your child can conveniently study from the age of 3-18 years, with the best teachers, neighboured by some of Europe's best Golf courses, golden beaches, the Ria Formosa Natural Reserve, Michelin star restaurants and elite real estate opportunities.

With a plethora of possibilities for future expansion, the site is as prestigious as the school's reputation has become.

The Algarve International School shares an address with The Algarve Tennis and Fitness Centre. Being a stone's throw away from superb sports facilities including great tennis courts, a basketball court, padel courts, a foot-golf course, bowls pitch and fitness studio is an absolute bonus.

The AIS school campus is spread across three buildings. The Primary school are based in the largest building 'A-block' (centre photo), the Secondary students travel between all three, with the exam years being based in 'C-block' at the car-park level. Expanding all the time, the school has six classrooms at the car-park level.



THE AIS CAMPUS

A-BLOCK

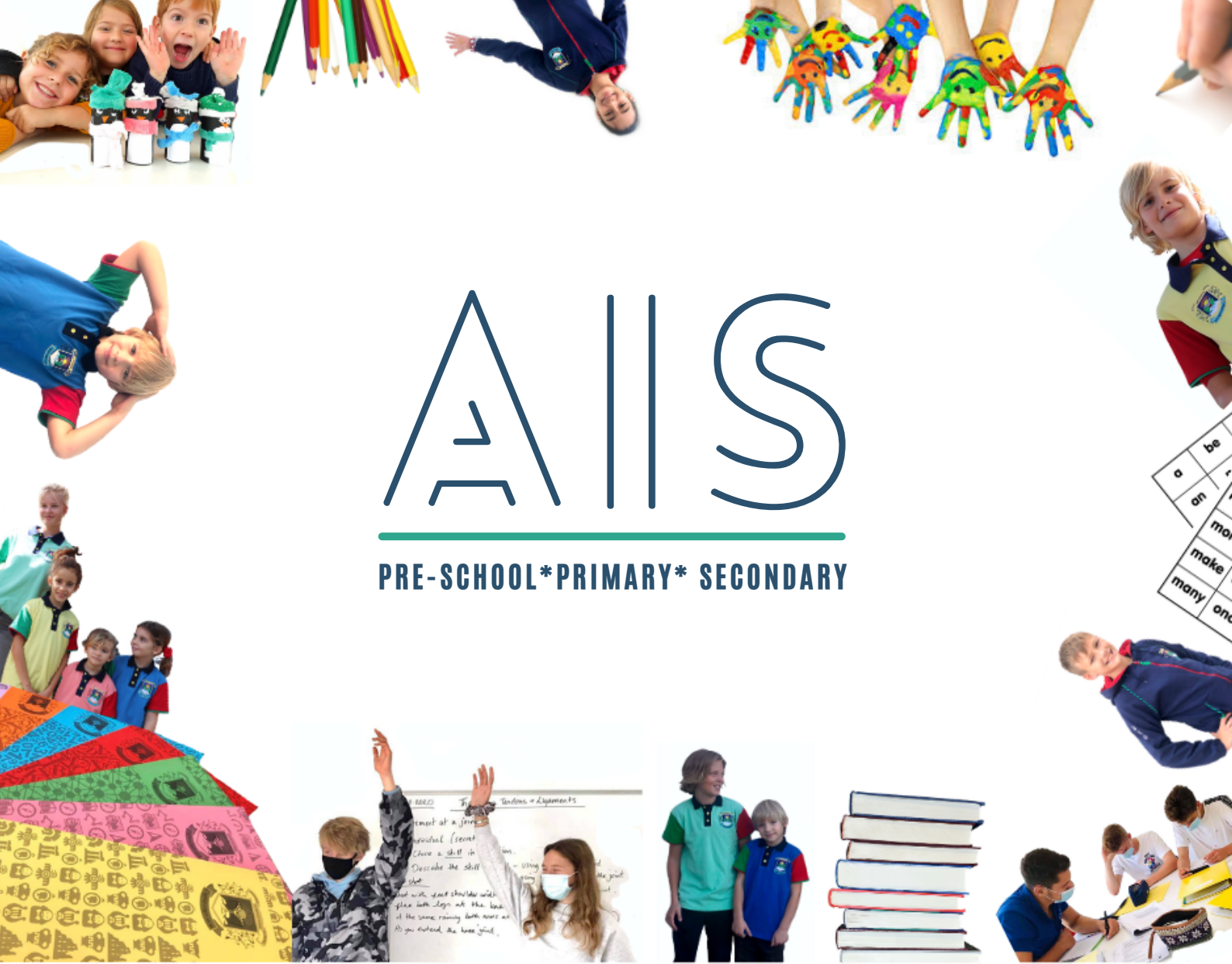
the AIS A-block houses Primary year groups 1-4, the school Art room, ICT room and Music room.

B-BLOCK

B- block is currently used as the school Science area with plans for it to be changed to house the new AIS Pre-school for the new academic Year in September 2022.

C-BLOCK

As one drives into the school car-park and drop off area there are a total of six classrooms for Secondary students. In addition there are several outdoor teaching hubs. Being on this level our Upper Secondary students have access to the Soul food Cafe at The Algarve Tennis and Fitness Centre for daily snack lunches.



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PRE-SCHOOL*PRIMARY* SECONDARY

AN OFFICIAL EDEXCEL SCHOOL

- AIS is a school that cares about each and every one of our students.
- Teachers at AIS promote self belief, ambition, inspiration and achievement.
- All students are encouraged to reach their full potential.
- AIS teachers are qualified teachers with experience and possess the ability to engage with the students.
- Our staff truly find out where each child's light shines and will aim to make it shine brighter.
- AIS as a school concentrates on educating the whole child, the personal, interpersonal and pastoral.
- A school where each child is supported to excel in their own unique way.
- Our teachers operate with passion and care to motivate a love of learning.