

IES N º1 DE GIJÓN

INTRODUCTION

Nº 1 Secondary School is state-run school that offers Compulsory Secondary Education at all levels, Bacalaureate, Vocational studies and Occupational and Continuing Vocational Training in the following areas: Business studies, Information Technology, Health Care, Hairdressing and Beauty, Textiles and Child Care. It is possible to attend these vocational classes during the daytime or equally at night. Our ethos and disciplinary code promotes a controlled working environment based upon self-responsability and academic excellence. The EFQM Excellence Model was introduced at the beginning of 2004 as the framework for Self-Assessment in our school.

FACILITIES

Available to students are modern facilities including 36 classrooms, 22 workshops, 4 laboratories, 2 libraries, 2 computer rooms, 2 art studios, a music room, staff rooms, 1 conference room, and extensive grounds shared among 4 buildings. In addition, the students have free access to e-mail and internet between the hours of 8.55 to 22.00.

STAFF

All of our teaching staff (130 teachers) have the specific qualifications necessary for their corresponding subjects, among which are doctors, graduates, engineers, etc..., which guarantees that the students receive appropriate education.

STUDY PROGRAMME

Compulsory Secondary Education (12 to 16 years)

At your disposition are all the subjects and options that are available in other schools. There also exist the following optatives:
1º and 2º ESO. Two Choices: Second foreign language: English, French, German or Asturian Language. & Literature.
3º and 4º ESO. Depending on further studies the students have several options: classic civilizations, Introduction to Health Sciences, Introduction to Personal Image, Introduction to Management and Administration Processes, and Maths and Theatre workshops.

Bacalaureate -A Levels. (16 to 18 years)

The Natural and Health Sciences, and Humanities and Social Sciences options, together with the educational itineraries of the school, all allow for access to the University Entrance Exam and are linked to all university studies (excluding Fine Art), and also if so desired with all of the advanced vocational courses given at the school.

Vocational Studies

In the Intermediate and Advanced courses there are specific subjects for each speciality, in addition to a work placement module equivalent to one quarter of the whole duration of the course. Advanced Courses are recognised in E.U. as professional level 3.

Business

Intermediate Course (1 year):

Administration Management Qualification

Job Opportunities: Finance and Insurance Sector, Public Administration, Advisory Services.

Advanced Course (2 years):

Superior Finance and Administration Qualification

Job Opportunities: Banking Finance and Insurance Firms, juridic and Tax Advisors, Auditing, teaching your specialist subjects in public and private schools.

Information Technology

Intermediate Course (1 year):

Operating Computer Systems Qualification

Advanced Courses (2 years):

Superior Qualification in Administration and Management of Computer Systems.

Superior Qualification in Development of Computer programmes.

Job Opportunities: Computer Services and Data Processing, Banking Firms, Public Administration and teaching your specialist subjects in public and private schools.

Health Care

Intermediate Course (1 year):

Care Assistant Qualification

Job Opportunities: Primary and Community Health Care, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Pediatric care and Mental Health.

Advanced Courses (2 years)

Superior Qualification in Lab Science (Diagnosis Clinic)

Superior Qualification in Environmental Health.

Job Opportunities: Those general to the health sector: Hospitals, Laboratories, Doctor Surgeries and teaching your specialist subjects in public and private schools.

Environmental Consultance and Departments in the public and private sector.

Personal Image

Intermediate Vocational Course (2 years)

Hairstyling Qualification

Intermediate Vocational Course (1 year)

Beauty Esthetics Qualification

Advanced Course (2 years)

Superior Qualification in Beauty

Job Opportunities: Hair stylists, Image Consultant, Beauty Salons.

Textiles

Intermediate Course (1 year)

Clothing Industry Qualification

The course consists of different modules in which they develop a variety of techniques in marking, grading, cutting ... using different material such as leather, denim, cotton etc.

Job Opportunities: Clothes and Textile Cutter, Dress maker, Industrial Ironer, Tailoring...

Child Care

Advanced Course (2 years) : Open learning Optional

Superior Qualification in Nursery Schools

Job Opportunities: Creches, School Canteens, Day Nurseries, Social Work, Leisure Activities, Hospital Nurseries and teaching your specialist subjects in public and private schools.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Students of all ages participate in Exchange Programmes and Work Placements abroad arranged by the School's Euro-Coordinator. Every year an average of 15 students go for up to three weeks to countries such as the USA, Canada, UK, France, Finland, Sweden, Latvia, The Netherlands, Slovakia and Germany. The school regularly takes part in the E.U Programmes Leonardo Da Vinci, Socrates and Comenius. Over 600 students have taken part in different international programmes for the last 15 years.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Finland:South Carelia Vocational College in Lappeenranta, and Vaasan Sosiaali, in Vaasa.

France: Lycee Saint-Ivy in Pontivy, Lycee Hotelier in La Rochele and FIAP Jean Monet in Paris

The Netherlands:Tinbergen Economie in The Hague.

U.K:Graveney School in London, Thomas Danby College in Leeds, Westminster College, Bexley College in London, Motherwell College in Scotland.

Sweden: Virginska Skolan, Risbergska Skolan and Vasaskolan in Örebro.

Slovakia: Zdruzena Stredna Skola Odevna, Puchov.

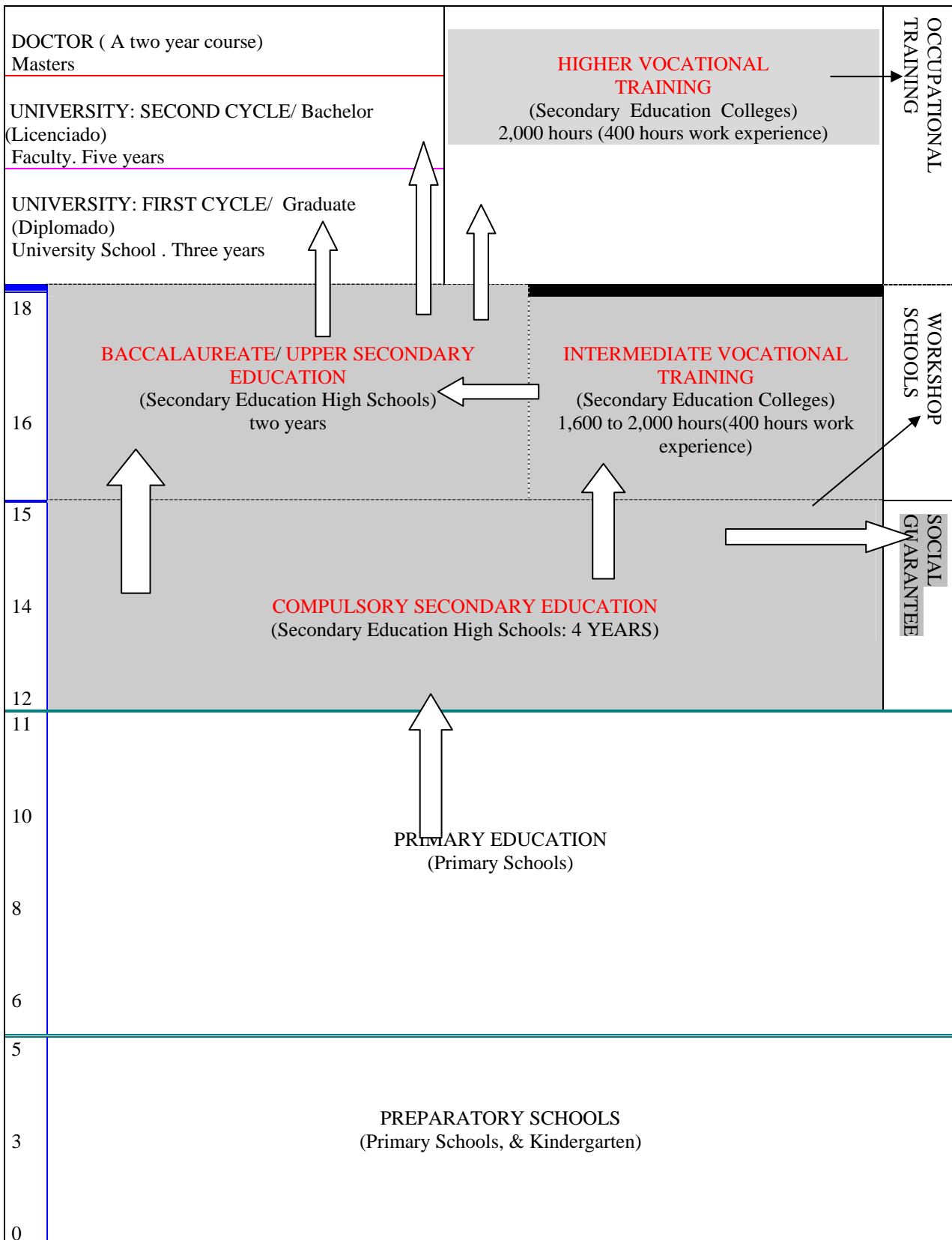
Latvia:P.Stradina Medical College, Bulduri.

The USA: A.D Henderson University School, Boca Raton, Florida.

Canada: Charles Lemoyne School in Montreal.

Germany: Städtische Gemeinschaftshauptschule Ost in Schwelm.

SPANISH EDUCATION SYSTEM 1990



Shaded in grey is what we offer at our College

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- The extension of free compulsory and comprehensive education to age 16, which is the legal minimum age for beginning work.
- The reorganisation of the different educational levels as follows:
 - 0-6 Pre-school Education, it will become an integral part of the education system but will remain optional. It has two cycles, 0-3 and 3-6. 3 to 6 can be free in public/state primary schools. 95% of the children attend this kind of education in Spain.
 - 6-12 Compulsory Primary Education will be divided into three cycles: 6-8, 8-10 and 10-12. The curriculum has been organised into areas of knowledge and experience which will remain the same throughout primary education (even foreign language learning will start from 6, mainly English).
 - 12-16 Compulsory Secondary Education is organised in two cycles, 12-14 and 14-16. Students will move on automatically from one year to the next, Only at the end of the first or second cycles will there be an exceptional possibility of repeating a year.
 - 16-18 Higher Secondary Education. Two years

COMPULSORY SECONDARY EDUCATION:

The 1st cycle (ages 12-14) will offer a common curriculum and optional subjects (10/15% of activities). The 2nd cycle (ages 14-16) will consist of a more complex curriculum structure and optional subjects (25/35 % of curriculum) but should not limit future education choices. There will be one form of certification only at the end, providing access to “Bachillerato” and to specific technical vocational training. The certificate will be accompanied by a record of achievement and guidance on future studies.

The Curriculum will cover the following areas:

Natural sciences, Physical Education, Plastic and Visual expression (Art), Social Sciences, Foreign Languages, Spanish Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music, Religion (optional) and Technology.

16-18 BACHILLERATO/ HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION

This is designed to have terminal value rather than being a mere route to other studies. Evaluation will be by subject. Provision will consist of:

Core Subjects:

Spanish language/literature (language of the Autonomous Community), foreign language, History, Philosophy, Physical Education (First course) and Religion (optional).

4 Main Options:

Technology
Humanities and Social Sciences
Natural and Health Sciences
Arts.

Each option will allow:

- Access to university
- Priority in access to certain university courses
- Access to higher vocational training

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

This will be divided into:

- General education and basic vocational education which will form part of Compulsory Education and Bachillerato (Upper Secondary Education).
- Specific vocational training, which will be a type of education within post-compulsory Secondary Education.

During Compulsory Secondary Education vocational training will be:

1. General technical education for all pupils, as a specific area of the curriculum called Technology. They will be trained in different techniques and they will learn the social and productive environment in which the techniques are applied.
2. Various optional subjects permitting pre-vocational experiences or activities.

Specific vocational training will be organised into **Intermediate and Higher levels** and will prepare students for a wide range of jobs within a profession or group of professions. Responsibility for vocational training will be shared by the Ministry of Education and others such as the Ministry of Labour, Trade Unions and especially industry since much of the training will take place in enterprises and work centres.

1. Access to **Intermediate Vocational training** will take place after the end of Compulsory Secondary Education with the same academic requirements as the “Bachillerato” (Post Compulsory Upper Secondary Education). Candidates who do not fulfil these academic requirements may also have access to this level providing they can demonstrate in a test regulated by the Education Administrations that they can benefit from it. Once they have finished an intermediate vocational programme, if they wish to access Higher Vocational Training they have to study a certain number of subjects in “Bachillerato”.

2. **Higher vocational Training** will be open to students who have passed all the subjects in the corresponding “Bachillerato”. Admission requirements to this level include a specific “Bachillerato” option stream and some specific optional subjects. Candidates aged 20 and over who do not fulfil the normal academic requirements for Higher Vocational Training may also have access, providing that:

- They can demonstrate in a test regulated by the Education Administrations, that they can benefit from it.
- They have work experience directly relevant to the course they wish to take.

The diploma obtained at the end of Higher Vocational Training will give direct access to certain related university courses.