

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF GAVÀ

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School's regional authorisation number: DOGC 7323/17

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Inspection Team:
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Reason for the Inspection: to evaluate the suitability of a new extension to the present building, provided to accommodate children from Year 7 to Year 13.

Overall Recommendation:
The new school premises are recommended for authorisation from Year 7 to Year 13 for 300 pupils.
This is in addition to the current authorisation which the school has for Nursery to Year 13.

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1. History and Context of the School:

- 1.1 The British College of Gavà was founded in September 2015 and forms part of the Excellence in Education group. The school provides a British education for pupils from Nursery to Year 13.
- 1.2 There are currently 308 children on roll of whom 128 are of secondary age.
- 1.3 Forty per cent of the pupils are Spanish and the other nationalities include Russian, British and French.
- 1.4 The official inauguration of the new building is planned for January 2020.
- 1.5 The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate the suitability of the new extension to accommodate children from Year 7 to Year 13.

2. Accommodation and Resources:

- 2.1 The new extension consists of one very spacious building on three floors. This building connects directly with the current school building.
- 2.2 On the ground floor there is a very large sports pavilion with seating facilities for up to 128 people. There is a large sports storeroom, male and female changing rooms with incorporated toilets, and a sports staffroom. The attractive gymnasium has plenty of natural light, which helps create an attractive environment.
- 2.3 There are five offices and a meeting room on the ground floor as well as an auditorium which can seat up to 138 people.
- 2.4 The spacious dining-room can cater for up to 312 people and meals will be cooked on site in a well-equipped kitchen.
- 2.5 On the first floor there are nine spacious classrooms. Toilet facilities are adequate and include toilets for pupils with disabilities. The library is in a central position, allowing easy access for research and studying.
- 2.6 Wide corridors ease movement within the school and children have sufficient space to move freely around the classrooms.
- 2.7 Many new teaching resources have been acquired for this new building allowing for full implementation of the National Curriculum. In addition to this, all existing resources and furniture used in the current secondary school will also be used here.
- 2.8 In general, the accommodation is outstanding and each area in which learning takes place is exceptionally well designed to ensure a stimulating environment for teachers and pupils alike.

3. Specialist facilities:

- 3.1 On the second floor, there are three laboratories for biology, physics and chemistry. The latter laboratory has a spacious storeroom adjacent to it and houses the fume cupboard and adequate storage facilities.
- 3.2 The music room is an attractive, spacious room with four smaller sound-proofed rooms connected to it, for musical practices. The school also boasts a large drama room, a computing room and an art room.
- 3.3 All specialist facilities are suitable learning environments for secondary pupils.

4. Play areas

4.1 The school's outdoor space surrounds the building and provides well for outdoor play, as well as containing a small farm and orchard. Plans for the extensive grounds are not yet fully completed as trees have still to be removed and local authorities' regulations carried out. There is ample space available for further recreation facilities to be provided as pupil numbers increase.

5. Health and Safety

- 5.1 All areas of the building comprise a safe and adequate environment for learning.
- 5.2 All three floors are accessible by a wide, safe staircase. Handrails and ramps have been installed to aid children with mobility impediments. There is also a lift which goes from the ground floor to the second floor.
- 5.3 The building has two points of access which are electronically controlled, ensuring the safety of pupils, staff and visitors.
- 5.4 There is heating and air-conditioning throughout the building and the large windows are secure and fitted with blinds.
- 5.5 Health and safety issues are given appropriate attention and the school policy outlines important priorities and procedures.

6. Conclusion

The new premises of The British College of Gavà in Gavà, Barcelona, fully comply with the requirements of the National Curriculum. In terms of accommodation and resources, the new building fulfils the expectations of British schools.

7. Recommendation

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