



King's College
The British School of Panama



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King's Group to make multi-million dollar investment in educational infrastructure of Panama

Panama, 5th August 2019 – King's Group, in an effort to continue to provide exceptional education, while following the guidelines and standards of the National Curriculum of England and Wales, recently announced that it has begun the construction of what may be the largest investment in private educational infrastructure of a foreign group in Panama, with the construction of a modern educational campus, located in the Clayton area.

"With this new project, we demonstrate once again our commitment to the Panamanian community and the future of the country, especially its children and young people. It is a commitment that has been evident since 2013, when we signed an agreement that remains today with MEDUCA to offer training to Panamanian teachers" commented Sir Roger Fry, Chairman & founder of King's Group.

"Since being welcomed to Panama in 2012, King's Group has shown a keen interest in leaving a positive footprint in the country. Proof of this is the recently award that the school here in Panama received from the Ministry of Education noting us as a "School of excellence". King's College Panama is the first International to have received such acclaim" said Nicola Lambros, Headteacher of King's College, The British School of Panama.

The investment reaching the sum of \$17 million, involves the construction and operation of a modern educational campus, which will be inaugurated in 2021, and will mark the difference in education for 900 students from the ages of 3 to 18 years old. The buildings that make up the academic structure have been designed to adhere to the highest standards



of urban intelligence and environmental adaptation. A key principal and core value that the Group is keen to demonstrate.

The learning facilities themselves will consist of 58 classrooms, 8 fully equipped science laboratories, several playgrounds and an auditorium, while for sports there will be a gym, a football pitch, a basketball court, a tennis court and a Semi-Olympic swimming pool.

For the new building construction and operation, the following aspects have been taken into consideration:

- Full adherence to the implementation of all necessary legal requirements, including a detailed environmental impact study, which was approved in 2019.
- Strategic distribution of buildings, in order to respect the location of the vast majority of trees, especially those with a trunk diameter exceeding 40 cms.
- Planting of a 'green fence' approximately 50 cm. from the edge of the school land which has been implemented as a protection measure, and an additional demarcation to clearly separate the school from the limits of the Camino de Cruces National Park.
- A comprehensive reforestation, revegetation, protection and relocation of wildlife plan
- An infrastructure forecast for the collection of rainwater, solar energy and drinking water storage tanks, that will be of use particularly in times of low community demand
- Implementation of technological sewage and solid waste treatment system
- Construction of two traffic lanes within the College grounds, approx. 1.2 km long, which will reduce vehicle congestion in Demetrio B. Lakas Street.

Currently, the British school has on roll 380 students and is located in the Clayton area. The school boasts a team of British native and British trained teachers, whom since 2013 have cooperated voluntarily with the MEDUCA teacher training agreement, helping to train



other teachers from local State schools, with new approaches to teaching and learning of the English language.

Similarly, since 2018 the school has offered a scholarship programme for Panamanian students demonstrating academic excellence, which can be taken from Primary school (Year 2) until the final year of school (Year 13). Scholarship coverage is 100% of tuition and a total of 3 scholarships have been delivered to date. The selection of students is done through a test, as well as an interview with the governing body and evaluates the average & potential of the student.

“The academic offer from King’s College helps our students to prepare for their IGCSE and A Levels, and has contributed to the high-level of educational training of many of our students. We have alumni who have managed to achieve entrance to many of the best universities across the globe, such as Cambridge, Oxford, Berkeley and Harvard. With this new school we seek to continue to raise the level of education here in Panama and allow more people to be able to go on to access the best higher-education institutes while contributing to the development of the country.” Concluded Lambros.

About King’s College

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, King’s Group is one of the most prestigious educational institutions internationally, currently operating a total of 10 schools in the UK, Spain (Madrid, Alicante, Murcia and Elche), Germany (Frankfurt), Latvia (Riga) and Panama (Panama City). The Group was founded in 1969 by Sir Roger Fry, knighted in 2012 by Queen Elizabeth II for promoting British education internationally.

King’s College schools offer pupils a quality British education based on the National Curriculum of England & Wales, which emphasises strong academic values through experiential learning. Pupils from the age of 18 months to 18 years old are taught by native British and UK trained teachers. The educational model of the schools is characterised by its rigorous, broad and balanced curriculum, its interdisciplinary approach and its emphasis on practical learning, creativity and the active participation of students.



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Testament to the exceptional academic and pastoral standards that the schools embed is the recent recognition as “Private Education Group of the Year” by Education Investor, one of the sectors most prestigious publications.

Moreover, King's College schools in Spain are the only schools in their respective regions to offer a British Curriculum from 18 months to 18 years accredited by the Department for Education (DfE) as "Excellent" in every category.

To be recognised by the DfE, a British school overseas (BSO) must have an inspection report which shows that their performance against all the BSO standards is at least satisfactory. This reflects the standards required for continuing registration as a school in England. Following a successful BSO inspection, schools are allocated a unique reference number on the UK's national school reference system, Edubase.

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