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PRESS RELEASE

IEP Group joins the Dukes Education Family

[IEP](#), a group of schools located across Spain, joins the Dukes Education family. **Colegio Inglés de Zaragoza**, it's a proud member of IEP. Following the partial acquisition of 3 schools in the Valencian community at the end of 2016 IEP was founded in May 2018 with the objective of becoming a major provider within the Spanish private schools market. IEP has grown to become a group employing 450 teachers and educating 4,800 students from 1 to 18 years old. This partnership with Dukes Education will enable IEP to begin the next phase of its development.

IEP Group met Aatif Hassan, the founder of Dukes Education Group, during their extensive research into the global world of international education. A perfect match was found between their common values for education for the future and they decided to bring IEP into the Dukes family. There is mutual respect from both IEP and Dukes for what they will learn from each other and these are the first schools in Spain to join the Dukes family.

Dukes is an exciting, innovative organisation with pupils, students and teachers at its heart. It is a family united by a strong common purpose – to give young people an outstanding start in life. With their partnerships, they have provided a gentle hallmark of quality to the schools, nurseries, colleges and educational services that they have integrated into their education group. Including IEP, Dukes Education now has 49 brands supporting 17,000 pupils and nearly 4,000 staff.

Within the Dukes family of schools, “IEP” will maintain its name into the future. IEP schools have developed an excellent reputation for high-quality, British, bilingual education with a strong focus on digitisation, innovation, social awareness and a holistic approach, and this will continue under the guidance of the Dukes Family. IEP will be a flagship in Spain for the Dukes Education Group and the IEP leadership team is looking forward to leading IEP into the next chapter of its life as part of the Dukes family.

Students at IEP will benefit enormously from international exchange and summer camp opportunities, as well as sports competitions. Dukes has superb career counselling, internship and college counselling experience and platforms for students wishing to go to universities in the US, Europe or the UK. Teachers will gain access to the world-class leadership and professional development offerings of Dukes. Parents with children at IEP stand to gain from a huge network of like-minded families and learning opportunities within the Dukes community.



Aatif Hassan, Chairman and Founder of Dukes Education Group said, “I am delighted that our first step into Spain is marked with this partnership with IEP. Our common values and commitment to providing the highest quality education possible will ensure the future success of our partnership”.

Tim Lakin, CEO, IEP Group said, “We are delighted to lead IEP into the next chapter of its life as part of the Dukes family. We have found a common set of values, vision and purpose with Dukes and are excited by the tremendous potential for IEP with the benefit of their world-class people, reputation and infrastructure. We are absolutely sure that IEP will be a great flagship for the Dukes family in Spain and we are looking forward to working closely with the Dukes Education Group to avail of synergies and opportunities offered in this partnership to benefit our community of students, teachers, staff, and parents. With Dukes, we will preserve our ethos and personality while embracing their collective expertise and renowned strive for quality.”

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