

Agora International School Barcelona Pre University Programme

The **AIS Barcelona Pre University Programme** intends to guide our students towards their professional future and to help them with their concerns about professional vocation and university degrees.

Secondary and Bacalaureate students confront one of the most important decisions in life, the university degree to choose, during a time when they may not be mature or sure enough or when they do not know themselves well yet. The right decision can help them build a more successful future.

AIS Barcelona wants to guide students towards personal insight. This knowledge will help them to become aware of their abilities and weaknesses, and their strengths and points to improve, in order to lay the foundations of their personal convictions to make the right decisions now and in the future.

It is also our aim to help students develop in the university and professional field. Therefore, we will work on their abilities and the knowledge they need to succeed in these fields.

To sum up, we want our present students to be ready to take part in tomorrow's world, and to contribute with their personal abilities to build a better society.

The **AIS Barcelona Pre University Programme** intends to fully develop our students in all their facets:

Personal development and life skills

A fully developed person who wants to improve every day to do their best at work, and in their personal environment and society. Regarding this point, we will work with the student via one on one meetings at the Guidance Department and the following tools:

Professional preference test and individual guidance (ESO)

The students will fill in a series of test to detect their abilities and to guide them with their professional decisions. The Guidance Department will always respect their personal preferences and values.

In ESO 1 students will fill in a personality test to help them to know themselves better. This test will also give the school valuable information to guide them in this phase.

In ESO 3, before choosing optional subjects, they will complete different professional preference tests to help them choose specific study plans. Furthermore, they will also count on individual counselling.

Expert talks and with skilled professionals (ESO and Bacallaureate)

A wide conference programme about matters related to academics, work, and personal development to motivate our students. Experts from any field and active professionals from different areas will visit our school to bear witness of their experience so that students can benefit from it and learn that hard work can overcome any adversity. For this year, we have planned the following talks:

- First term:
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Social networks and security
- Second term:
 - Sports and personal growth
 - Economy
- Third term:
 - Human resources and brand management
 - Personal and professional vocation

Coaching (Bacallaureate)

Coaching develops human relation processes and works on two motivating factors: self-improvement and self-fulfilment.

Coaching intends to feed the potential development of our students so they can achieve aims and go through deep changes. We will set personal and professional goals and set up the path to achieve them.

In Bacallaureate, each student will have five individual coaching sessions every year. The coach will guide them so they can develop their ability to choose, their self-knowledge, and discover their professional calling.

The sessions will be individual and start in the second term. Each student will follow a schedule and the programme will finish at the end of the school year.

Professional and academic sphere

Nowadays skilled professionals need to develop their abilities to adapt themselves to a changing and uncertain world; they also need to adapt to a variety of professional situations; finally, they need to acquire the abilities and competences to be professionally successful in the modern world. Under these circumstances, we believe Agora students will hugely benefit from receiving education and training which deals with current business affairs and innovation. Therefore, we have included in the school schedule the following subjects:

Entrepreneurship (ESO 3)

This subject aims to discover the most appropriate study programmes for each student according to their skills and preferences; it also aims to enhance entrepreneurial skills at a personal and professional level.

We will deal with matters such as the necessary personal and professional skills to be a good entrepreneur; social skills in the labour sphere; the different economic and activity sectors, labour market and job tendencies. In addition, we will introduce a current curriculum, and consider the advantages and risks of internet networks.

Personal economy (ESO 4)

The subject aims to introduce personal economy management (payrolls and social security, different types of contract, credit cards, payment terms, financial and investment products). We want to lay down an entertaining and engaging vision of finance, so everyone feels comfortable with it.

Leadership (ESO 4)

The subject introduces different leadership techniques to develop valuable skills for the labour market. Emphasis is placed on team work, integrity, positivity, strategic planning, and creativity.

Our students will have the chance to participate in different initiatives and competitions, according to their preferences and their profile.

Oratory and Debate (ESO 4 and Baccalaureate)

Speaking in public and reasoning ideas can prove to be very valuable skills in the professional sphere. Students will form debate teams and participate in the Spanish Debate League organised by CICAIE and university Camilo Jose Cela.

Debate groups will be lead by a teacher who will be the captain and help to guide them in this environment. They will also be trained by other experts along the year.

Incorporation into the workplace

Company internship (Baccalaureate 2)

Our Baccalaureate 2 students will participate in a two-week internship at a company or institution where they will be able to learn by experience what a job will be as according to the university degree they have chosen. They will follow a normal schedule with assigned tasks and a supervisor who will give them feedback once the internship is finished.

At the end of the first term, we will analyse the professional preferences of each pupil so they can organise internship in the second term.

The School is thrilled by the pre-university programme and we keep on working to enrich it with new activities and experiences. Our aim is to prepare our students, developing them into upright citizens, professionally trained, with all the necessary tools to succeed.