



Overview

School name	Agora Portals International School – First school in the Balearic Isles which offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) option. (The IB can be taken in English)
School type	Private. Beside the IB, students can complete the Spanish 'Bachillerato'. Please note that students opting for the IB must stay for two years
Age of students	Childhood education to Secondary Education and Baccalaureate (2-18 years)
Location	Carretera Vella, Ctra. Andratx, s/n, 07181 Portals Nous, Balearic Islands
Website	https://www.colegioagoraportals.com/
Student capacity	The school can cater for over 1000 students
Number of students per class	138 students in total of which 109 attend IB, 29 the Spanish Bachillerato. 4 to 25 students per class in Bachillerato.
Percentage and origin of foreign students	Approximately 40% of the students are non-Spanish resident and hail from approx. 30 different countries such diverse countries as Germany, England, Ireland, France, Sweden, Poland, China, Russia, India, Australia, USA,
School hours	Secondary School: 08:20 to 17:05 with two breaks: one of 20 min and the other of 1h for lunch. Bachillerato: 7.55 to 15.20 with two breaks: one of 20 min and the other of 30 min for lunch.
Meals at the school?	Lunch is provided by the school
Admission requirements	For IB, students should have an average mark of B (+/-) in Secondary Education (global assessment based on all subjects). For the IB, depending on their subject choices, either in English or Spanish students should have achieved level B2.
Accommodation	Host family
Special offer for our students	International students attend 3 hours of Spanish second language lessons This service is free of charge .
Special feature of this school	In addition to an excellent academic education , Agora offers intensive promotion in the areas of sport, music and art .



School description



Agora Portals International School, opened in 2008, is set on a magnificent, fully-equipped site and located in the beautiful coastal area of **Portal Nous**, just above glamorous Puerto Portals Marina, where one can find a lively atmosphere with many bars and restaurants. It is just ten kilometres away from the capital Palma.

It is the largest private school on Majorca, with a capacity for 1000 students. Since the beginning Agora Portals has been providing a high-quality, tri-lingual academic education, whereas our students, if they wish, can be exempted from Catalan. It is the first school in the Balearics to offer the **International Baccalaureate**. Here you have **the option of choosing only subjects that are taught in English**. A high level of Spanish is therefore not a requirement for admission.

All teachers are bilingual or trilingual and there are children of various nationalities in each class. The school has developed its own teaching methodology to facilitate learning in multiple languages, and non-academic classes are interspersed with academic classes, so as not to overburden students. In addition to this, the school has three tutors whose exclusive work is to enhance both the personal well-being of students and teachers and emotional evolution of students whilst undertaking their studies.

The Director Rafael Barea summarises the objectives of the school:

“Our curriculum is based upon an innovative teaching and learning methodology which, inter alia, focuses on developing fluency and confidence in English, promotes a wide range of co-curricular subjects including Music, Sport and the Arts and incorporates cutting-edge technologies.”

School equipment

The buildings and facilities are bright and spacious and adapted to meet the needs of all pupils. Agora Portals has well-designed, purpose-built classrooms, laboratories, computer rooms and digital classrooms equipped with the latest technology. The school also has extensive recreational and communal areas, a theatre, dining rooms and outstanding sporting facilities, including an indoor swimming pool.

Does the school offer different types for Baccalaureate?



In addition to the **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma** students can also follow the National Spanish Baccalaureate, which offers three main academic strands: **Science, Humanities and the Arts**.



Which subjects are taught in English?

National Spanish Baccalaureate:

4. de la ESO (10th grade)

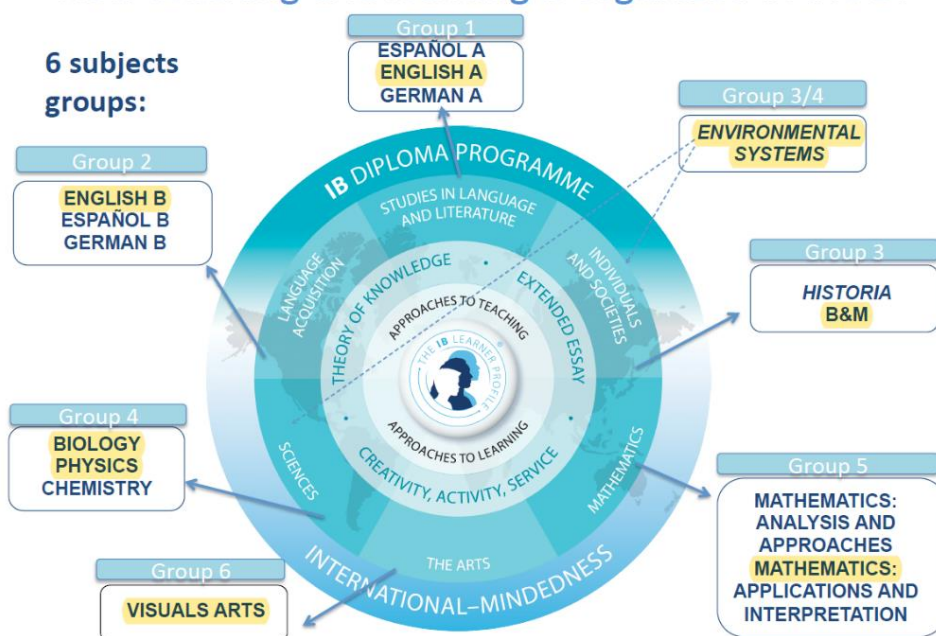
English, Physics, Chemistry, Business Management, Scientific Culture, Art, Physical Education.
60% of the classes are taught in English, 40% in Spanish.

1. del Bachillerato (11th grade)

Whereas the education until 4. de la ESO is **completely bilingual**, in 1. de Bachillerato, as students has to get prepared for the final Spanish Exam, English is the only subject taught in English.

International Baccalaureate:

How teaching and learning is organized in the DP



This picture shows the six different fields of learning (Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Art) and the languages in which the subjects are taught. (Yellow stands for English, blue for Spanish).

One subject must be selected from each field. If a student does not wish to choose Art, it can be replaced by another subject. Environmental Systems can be used as a joker and taken instead of another subject.

More information about LANGUAGES at Agora Portals:

National Spanish Baccalaureate:

Until 4. de la ESO (10th grade) **German and French** are offered during the main school curriculum.

Extracurricular language offer:

The **Language Academy** of Agora Portals offers classes **English, Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Russian.**



SPORTS



For pupils at Agora Portals International School, sport forms an essential part of the curriculum. They have a covered sports area and 25-metre indoor swimming pool, along with tennis, basketball and handball courts, a football pitch, an international chess school and over 20 qualified specialist instructors and teachers.

During **Physical Education** the students learn about the following team sports. Baseball, Hockey, Rugby, Sports-Acrobatics, Dodgeball, Badminton, Ping-Pong, Ultimate Frisbee, Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Handball.

Extracurricular Sports offer:

- Sports Clubs: Tennis, Judo, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball and Chess, Swimming, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Athletics, Rugby. There are Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball and Swimming teams who compete in local federated leagues.
- Thanks to the beautiful coastal area in which the school is situated, the students get privileged access to the **Puerto Portals Sailing School**.



MUSIC:

At Agora Portals, Music forms an integral and important part of the main school curriculum and all students study at least one musical instrument. Our students also have the opportunity to join the **school choir or orchestra**.



Extracurricular Music offer:

The offer is complemented by the specialist Music Academy, where students can enjoy, among others, the following **musical activities**:

- Classes in Music Theory and Harmony, Modern and Classical Music, Chamber Music, Spanish Guitar and Drum Lessons.



School uniform

It is obligatory to wear a uniform. It costs approximately 350 €.

How many reports are sent to parents?

Students will receive a termly report - which will detail progress and grade attainment.

Included in the price:

Enrolment fees • School fees • Accommodation in a well selected host family • Full board • 3 hours of Spanish lessons per week • One weekly extra sport or music activity • Accident insurance.

Not included in the price:

Extra-curricular activities • books (approx. 400 € for students of the Spanish Curriculum, approx. 600 € for two years of IB) • uniform (approx. 350 €) • pocket money.

