



MONTALVO
INTERNATIONAL

Loulé, Algarve,
Portugal

iGCSE
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SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

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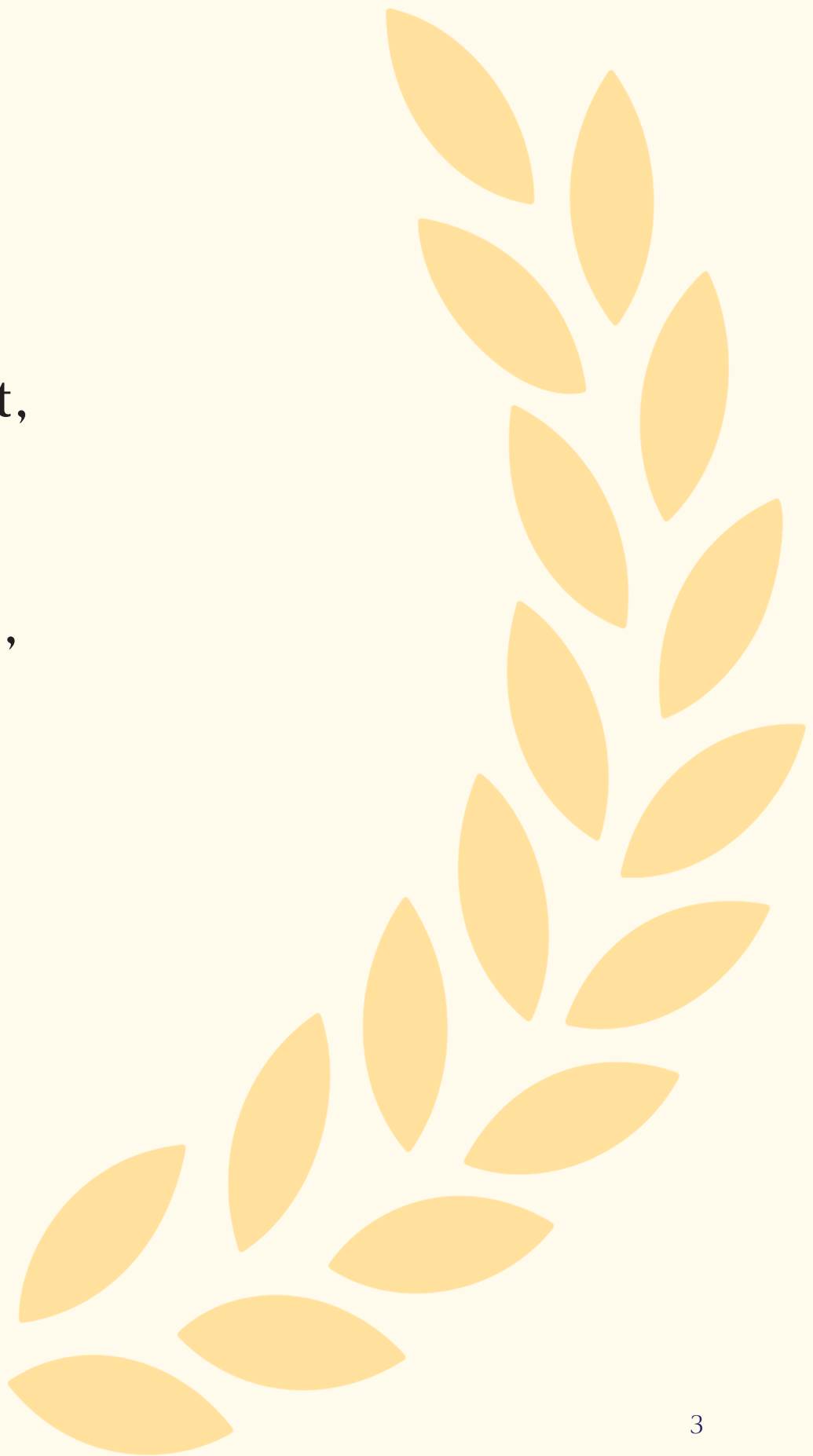


**Teaching our youth
develops the pi**

**Teaching our youth
upholds the spi**

with how to count,
pillars of society.

with what counts,
spirit of humanity.



Montalvo opens its arms



A warm welcome,

Join us for a small introduction,

Welcome to Montalvo International School. As the Director, it is my pleasure to introduce you to our educational community. At Montalvo, we will be committed to creating the conducive environment that raises the standards of education in the Algarve. We want a school that encourages intellectual curiosity, promotes personal and academic growth, and cultivates meaningful relationships in the community we find ourselves in. We hope that with these important aspects in place, we can ensure the success of all our students where each pupil achieves their personal best.

Our duty to a holistic educational approach is more than just academics. We want our range of extracurricular activities, cultural exchange programs, and community integration to broaden our students' horizons and give them the opportunity to learn both in and out of the classroom. With this comes the added benefit of learning Portuguese immersed in the community.

This will be made possible with the Montalvo Partnership Program that will be developed in the coming months. In short, the MPP is an initiative to promote collaboration between businesses and to allow our own community to gain benefits within the local market.

We understand that selecting a school is a significant decision, and we are here to support you in the process. We invite you to read our prospectus, explore our website, meet our dedicated team, and learn more about how and why we approach Education the way we do. I look forward to meeting you, and wish you success in your search for the right school.

Walter Montalvo Martinez Lopes Mendonça

Founder and Director

Our reason to be,

Why does Montalvo exist? What is our purpose?

We hold a vision for Montalvo, one where the 3 pillars of all educational communities are tended to, taken care of and valued. Students, parents and teachers are what create the school body and turn it into a living, breathing community with its own personality and traits.

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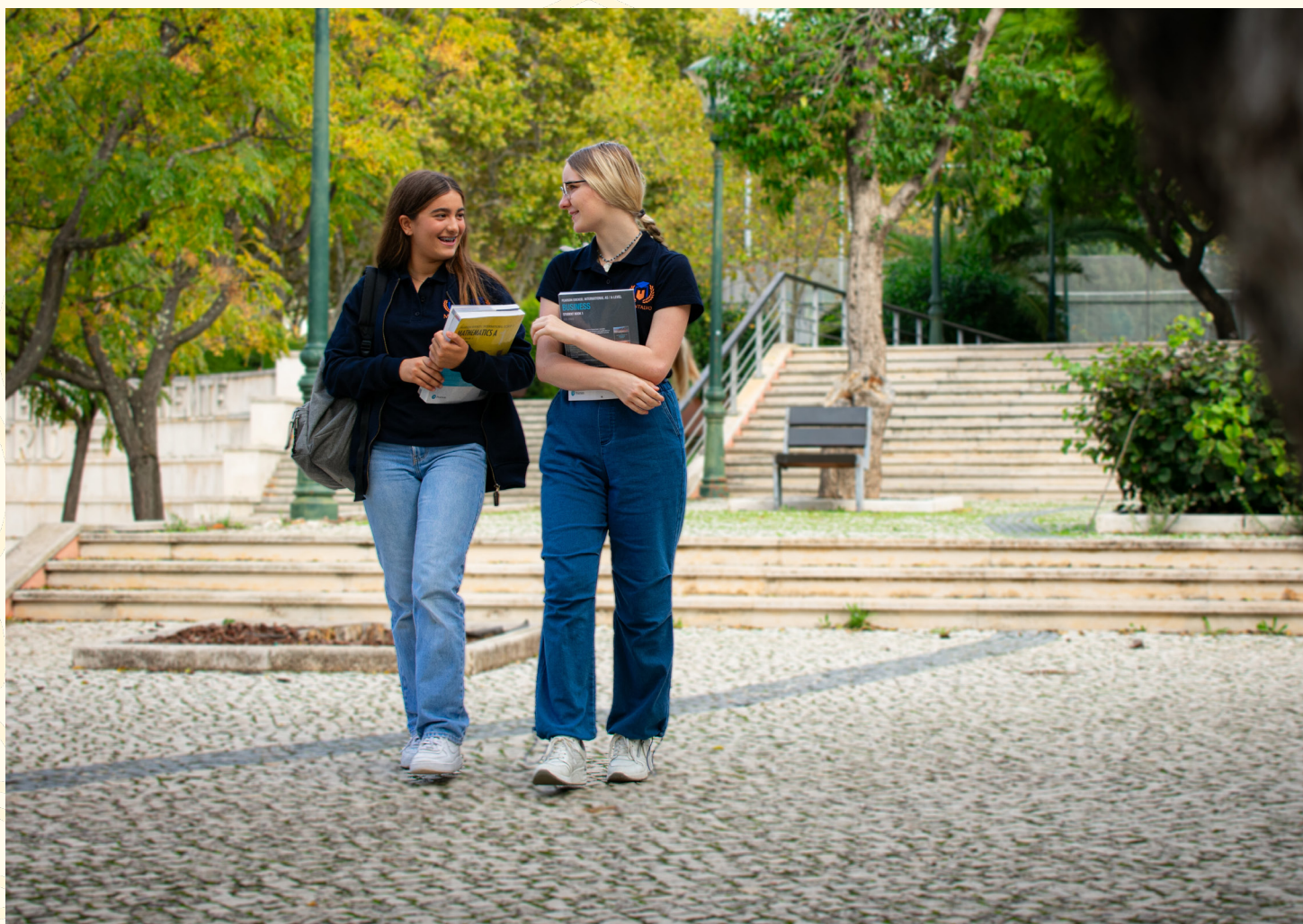
Drifting from your ideals can happen quickly and silently, which is why building the framework is so important at the start. Equally, working with the Government, Ministry of Education and local municipality is paramount to delivering the service our students deserve.

At Montalvo we want to become an institution that cherishes each individual and helps them achieve their goals, whether they are immediate or long-term. Beyond merely imparting lessons, we aim to guide and mentor our students, molding them into independent global citizens. Through our hard work and belief in our system, we hope some become the leaders of tomorrow.

THE IMPACT OF A TEACHER STRETCHES TO ETERNITY, FOR WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR INFLUENCE ENDS.

If, as an institution, we are able to hold true to this message, then our purpose and reason to be will have been accomplished.

Enriching students' lives



Access Higher Education



Our Curriculum

How does Edexcel work? What are your options?

At Montalvo we are proud to offer the Edexcel curriculum, a comprehensive, flexible and forward thinking program. The adoption of the Edexcel Curriculum brings both the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (iGCSE) and Advanced Level (A Level) programs; 2 globally recognized qualifications that will open doors to all our students.

Our iGCSE program, designed for students aged 14-16, offers a diverse range of subjects, allowing pupils to explore their interests and talents in Year 10 and 11. Following the iGCSE, students progress to A Levels in Year 12 and 13, where they delve deeper into their chosen subjects. This stage is crucial for students aged 16-18, preparing them for university and future careers. The A Level program at Montalvo offers a broad spectrum of subjects, providing students with the opportunity to specialize in areas they are passionate about.

A distinctive feature of the Edexcel curriculum is its modular examination system. This approach allows students to take exams in stages, rather than all at once at the end of the course. This modular structure has several advantages:

- **Reduced Pressure:** By spreading exams over different stages, students experience less stress and can focus more effectively on each module.
- **Flexibility in Learning:** Students can tailor their study schedules more efficiently, accommodating their individual learning styles and paces.
- **Immediate Feedback:** Modular exams provide early indications of performance, allowing for timely interventions and support if needed.

Montalvo Partnership Program

We want parents, students and teachers to explore Loule and integrate with the community

The MPP is an initiative aimed at creating symbiotic relationships between Montalvo International School and establishments in the local community. We want to be an integral part of the community and to foster a sense of togetherness. We hope that with MPP, we can bring members of the foreign and expat communities to try and explore what Loulé has to offer. Here are some ways our community will benefit from the MPP.

- **Integration with the Community:** By encouraging our school community to engage with local businesses, we promote a sense of belonging. It ensures that our students and staff don't just live in the community; they actively participate and integrate in it.
- **Real-world Learning:** The program can offer students real-world learning experiences, such as internships, job shadowing, or even entrepreneurial opportunities. For instance, a partnership with a local tech firm could provide students with firsthand insights into the tech industry.

One of the key aspects of MPP is promoting sustainable initiatives. We prioritize partnerships with businesses that have eco-friendly practices or are looking to transition towards sustainability. This not only supports the global mission of environment preservation but also educates our students on the importance of sustainable living.

The Montalvo Partnership Program isn't just a business collaboration; it's a community-building initiative. By intertwining the growth of our school with the progress of the local community, we're ensuring that as Montalvo flourishes, it reverberates through the entire region, and becomes a lasting, recognized supporter of its surroundings.

Bringing the community together



Explore our space



Our Facilities

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Unique experience in the Heart of Loulé

To ensure that everyone performs at their best, more is required than just constructive criticism and encouragement. A well-equipped environment is essential to provide students with the resources they need to supplement their studies.

Our three main classrooms are spacious, accommodating up to 16 children, with the smallest room comfortably fitting 12 students. The two larger classrooms are equipped with a state-of-the-art 75" Promethean interactive board, ushering our teaching methods into the 21st century.

For our science enthusiasts, we offer a compact laboratory furnished with specialized equipment ranging from microscopes and acids for Biology and Chemistry, to springs, weights and magnets for valuable experience in Physics.

Every student will receive a personalized key card with their name, photograph and academic year of enrolment. This card grants them access to the school building and also records daily attendance, along with entry and exit times. Additionally the card will allow the students to receive the discounts at establishments that are associated with the Montalvo Partnership Program.

Lastly, each student will have a locker to store their valuables, stationery, and other items. These lockers come with a keypad security system. On their first day, students will be provided with a unique code to access their designated locker.

Our Students

Our students are exemplary members of the community

At Montalvo International School, our students are the heart and soul of a vibrant, diverse community. They are an extension of what we stand for and pride ourselves in their achievements. They are not just learners within our classrooms; they are active, engaged members who contribute positively to the community.

The inclusive environment encourages students to be themselves, while celebrating what makes us unique. This diversity is our strength, offering a learning experience that goes beyond textbooks, where students prepare for the greater challenges in life such as, despite encountering different cultures, ways of thinking and opinions, we must be able to collaborate to solve a common problem.

Our students are known for their empathy, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference. Whether it's through community service projects, participating in local events, or engaging in environmental initiatives, they consistently demonstrate a deep understanding of their role as global citizens.

Meet Mia Maurel, SRC President and Student Ambassador.

- Her leadership skills and commitment to help others are seen through the various events she's organized through the year. Some of them being, the collection of bottle caps and donation of clothes during Christmas for those in need.
- With her subject choice of Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Business, Mia aims to attend Medical School after finishing her A Levels. During the summer Montalvo has set up an Internship position at a Health Clinic to help her gain experience in the industry.

What is the Montalvo Profile?



Beyond the



e classroom

Explore the town of Loulé

Studying in Loulé will give you the opportunity of participating in several types of sport and activities. Loulé reserves a special place for music, sports and culture in its heart, and as such provides various facilities to pursue the different extra-curricular activities available.

From Music to Art, and Rugby to Tennis, there are numerous options available to further a skill, passion or craft in Loulé.

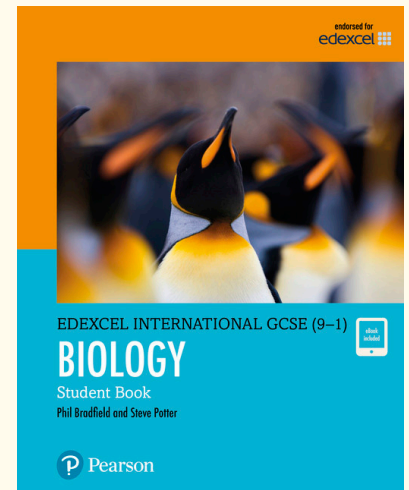
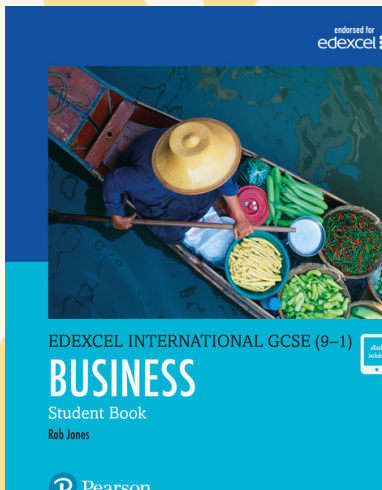
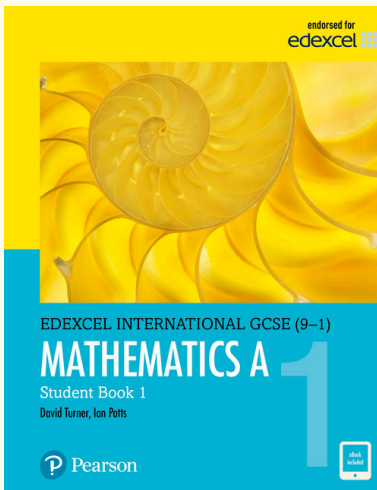
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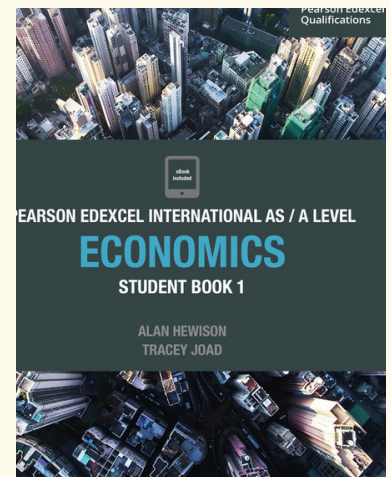
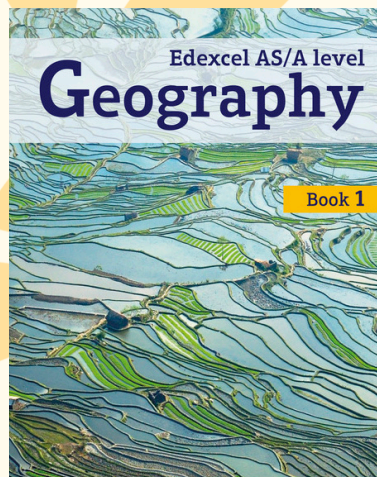
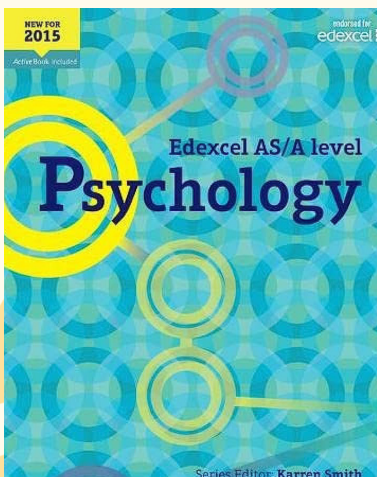
A Selection of our Subjects

Choose the disciplines that align with your career path

iGCSEs



A Levels



More subjects available on our website

Subjects that motivate you



Make an informed decision



University Guidance

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Andy Hargrave

UCAS Specialist
IB & Edexcel Examiner

Rob Colbert

AQA Examiner
25 Years Careers Teaching



Meet the Montalvo Team



Founder & Director

Walter has been teaching in the Algarve since 2016 after concluding his preliminary studies. Having helped found a school in 2019, he aims to select the best practices from his past experiences, to ensure Montalvo is the school he always envisioned it to be.

Walter Montalvo



Business & Economics

Andy is an experienced Economics and Business teacher who has worked on a wide range of A Level-equivalent qualifications in the UK and overseas.

As an Economics examiner in A level and equivalent qualifications, Andy can provide appropriate guidance to students preparing for exams.

Andy Hargrave



Physics & Chemistry

Petro has over 22 years of experience in teaching – both in South Africa in Public and Private Schools and the United Arab Emirates, and has taught the OBE, NQE, CAPS, IEB and Cambridge Curriculums.

Petro Snyman



Portuguese & French

Maria Rebelo is our resident Portuguese and French teacher. She has extensive experience in both Language and Literary aspects of the subjects. She sees herself as one to work with all students to ensure they perform at their best.

Mila Rebelo

Our Staff and Teachers

Geography & Careers

24 years' experience teaching in England and working at senior management level before moving to Portugal. Rob is passionate about students reaching their potential and leaving education ready to be an active member of a global society.

Rob Colbert



Biology

Yvette Stembridge is a South African who moved to Portugal two years ago. She holds various degrees which include: BCUR Education, BCUR Administration, BA Nursing Science, BA Theology and MA in the Philosophy, Science and Theology of Religion.

She loves being able to help facilitate a student's journey as they grow and develop their knowledge.

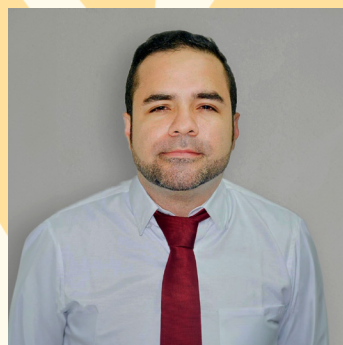
Yvette Stembridge



Spanish & Filmography

Carlos' one of the biggest passion is to teach and encourage students to involve in the lovely path of knowledge. More than 10 years experience teaching in several south and Central America countries. Spanish and English teacher with bachelor degree, journalist and professional broadcaster. Besides, he has finished a Master degree from the Atlántico university in Spain.

Carlos Mujica



Mathematics & Computer Science

Iuri is a High School and University Maths, Physics and Computer Science teacher. Teaching within the International framework has been an objective Iuri has managed to achieve in recent years. The transition has given him the strength of both systems.

Iuri Rosa



Admissions Process

It is your path to take, but we'll help you along the way

The 5 step admissions process at Montalvo serves to ensure all the students understand their purpose while enrolled. The procedure helps make sure the school, parents and students are aware of what is expected of them.

Through the admissions process we are able to tailor our teaching approach and support methods to best guide our students to their academic and personal success.

Fill the Enrolment Form

Complete the Montalvo Learner Profile Assessment

Provide the requested Academic Documentation

Attend the Interview

Wait for the Invitation to Study

Welcome to Montalvo

Notes

Note down the main points during your research for your next school.

Schools you liked:

1)

2)

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Subjects to take into account:

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