

MARBELLA MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Welcome to our regular update on our new eco school on the Costa-del-Sol, Spain



PROGRESS OVERVIEW:

- Land identified for new development
- Architects commissioned
- Feasibility study completed
- Topographical survey completed
- Concept designs approved
- Developed design currently in progress



A New Name

We have taken the big decision to change our existing branding for the new school to provide a more up-to-date image and to accurately reflect our unique approach to education. The new name will be announced as soon as the trade mark registration has been completed early this autumn.

What is Alternative Education?

Alternative education is one which is primarily learner centred as apposed to adult led as found in main stream and international schools. It develops the whole child, not merely focusing on the academics but also the development of personal, emotional and social skills. Although the majority of the different philosophies, Montessori, Waldorf, Reggio Emilia where developed over 100 years ago, there is increasing realisation by educationists, parents and employers that whilst good qualifications remain essential, children must also acquire soft skills to ensure their success and happiness in the 21st century.



Sustainable Construction

A fundamental requirement of our brief for the new school was that it must be of a sustainable form of construction. This will be achieved through the use of an engineered timber structural frame known as glue laminated timber (GLT) which has been used in numerous prestigious developments worldwide, including Spain. In addition to its excellent eco-credentials, it also has the advantage that as it is manufactured and partly assembled under factory conditions, considerable time is saved on-site during the construction programme.

Although the majority of manufacturers are located in Northern Europe, we are currently in discussions with several companies in northern Spain to additionally reduce our carbon footprint.



Outstanding Sports Facilities

The new school will provide outstanding sports facilities including an all weather multi-purpose court for football, basketball, hockey, netball, tennis etc, a 400m running track, facilities for gymnastics and martial arts, an outdoor swimming pool and yoga studio. These will be in accordance with worldwide recognised standards.

This will enable the majority of sports to be undertaken by all age groups on site as part of the curriculum, enjoyed as after school clubs and to enable us to participate in local and national competitions. The sports programme will also include rugby, cricket, water sports and horse riding at local organisations.

