

Press Release

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Globeducate Acquires IB and Bilingual School and Pre-School in Milan

Globeducate - one of the leading K-12 premium bilingual and international school groups worldwide with 55 schools, and online programmes, in nine countries – has acquired Bilingual European School (BES) and the British American Pre-School (BAPS), Milan. The move strengthens Globeducate's presence in Milan, joining ICS Milan and becoming the group's fifth school in Italy – along with ICS Milan, RIS Rome, Southlands British International School and the Canadian School of Florence.

Founded in 1987 British American Pre-School specialises in Early Years, offering education for children aged two to six. The Bilingual European School, founded in 1999, is the leading bilingual primary and middle school in Milan, located just north of the city centre. It is the only provision in Milan to integrate the Italian Ministerial Programme with the IB Primary Years Programme, both in Italian and English. BES has proved popular with parents in Milan because of its innovative teaching and learning, inclusivism and bilingualism. Designed by an internationally renowned architect, all learning environments and spaces were created with children at the centre and are modern, colourful and light, with attractive communal areas. These learning spaces are landscapes, where every student has the opportunity to invent their own journey into the world of knowledge to help shape the world.

Like other Globeducate schools, BES has worked with LEGO® Education and offers after-school and extra-curricular activities such as LEGO® Education StoryStarter, We-Do, and Robotics. A rich and diverse activities programme, a feature of all Globeducate schools, helps to develop children's self-confidence, social skills and knowledge — from martial arts and ballet to choir and football. Drama and the arts are as important as digital technology at BES, and the school hosts a permanent Bruno Munari® art laboratory and its accredited LEGO® Education Innovation Studio.

Luca Uva, CEO of Italy and Globeducate, said: "BES had all of the qualities we look for in a Globeducate school and was a natural choice for our expansion in Milan. The school offers an outstanding level of education and I would like to thank Luca Paloschi, Managing Director of both schools, for working with us on beginning the journey of integrating the schools with Globeducate. We share a vision and are very pleased to start this new journey together."

Deborah Chilver, Executive Head of the British American Pre-School and a member of the Bilingual European School leadership team, said: "Joining the Globeducate network was an easy decision for our leadership team. Our teachers share the Globeducate vision of developing students to be global citizens, to shape the world and, as an IB school, we believe in learning by doing. At the core of everything we offer an authentic, outstanding bilingual school experience and a child-centred philosophy with a global perspective. Our whole school community is looking forward to joining together with other Globeducate schools as part of global competitions, festivals and learning communities."

About BAPS and BES

The British American Pre-School (BAPS) and Bilingual European School (BES) are located north of the city centre of Milan. BAPS, founded in 1987, specialises in Early Years education for children aged two to six and BES, founded in 1999, is the leading bilingual primary and middle school in Milan. Combined, the schools provide an international education to more than 500 students.

BES is the only provision in Milan to integrate the Italian Ministerial Programme with the IB Primary Years Programme, both in Italian and English.

Classroom spaces in BES were designed by an internationally renowned architect and the school has an accredited LEGO® Education Innovation Studio and a permanent Bruno Munari® art laboratory.

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About Globeducate

We prepare each student to be a global citizen who can shape the world.

Globeducate is one of the leading international K-12 education groups in the world, a network of 55 premium bi-lingual and international schools, as well as online programmes, educating 28,000 students in nine countries.

Globeducate schools ensure that our students develop skills and abilities beyond the purely academic. Our students learn how to play their part in shaping the future; how to tackle the unprecedented social, economic and environmental challenges that are reshaping our global communities. Our teachers, counsellors and partners prepare this generation for jobs that have not yet been created, for technologies that have not yet been invented, and to solve problems that have not yet been anticipated.

A Globeducate school creates opportunities to connect with students from our schools across the world to come together, in person or online, for sport, music, arts, academic challenges and to work with others to help build a more equal, fair and sustainable world.

A crucial part of providing an excellent education, Globeducate teachers inspire our students to find their voice in this world. They encourage them to understand world events and to think about their values and what is important to them, and to challenge ignorance and intolerance.

Image captions:

1. The BES campus in Milan's city centre and is modern, with green space
2. Students at BES Milan work on a Design Technology challenge

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