



INNOVATION in EDUCATION

How three schools in the south of France are leading the way in transformative learning



How can schools inspire the next generation to think creatively, solve real-world problems, and thrive in an ever-changing world? Mougins British International School, the International School of Nice and ICS Côte d'Azur Bilingual School are three schools on the French Riviera which are actively engaged in reshaping the educational landscape by integrating innovative teaching methods that foster critical thinking, creativity, and sustainability.

Through dynamic programmes that blend hands-on learning, interdisciplinary projects, and a focus on global challenges such as sustainable development, these schools are preparing students not just for academic success, but for a future where adaptability and innovation are key.

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THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION

Merging innovation with tradition at Mougins British International School

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not just a futuristic concept – it's a present reality that's reshaping how students learn and engage with academic content. Mougins School is at the forefront of this educational revolution, incorporating education and debates around AI into the curriculum, and fostering the growth of alumni-driven AI platforms like MyTutor.io.

The recent collaboration between Mougins School and MyTutor.io, spearheaded by Mougins alumni Anton and Artem Gorelov, exemplifies the symbiotic relationship between education and technology.

MyTutor.io, powered by its AI assistant Quark, offers personalised support to students aged 14-19 in IGCSE and A-Level subjects. What sets MyTutor.io apart is its focus on tailored learning experiences. Importantly, Quark is designed to supplement learning, emphasising explanations and guided practice over providing direct answers.

This partnership underscores the school's commitment to enhancing learning experiences through cutting-edge technology while also nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit of its former students. "As teachers we often dream of the day that we see our students

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making real world impacts and finding ways to support them," says James Wellings, Head of School, Mougins School. "It's difficult and rare to find such a perfect example as is provided with MyTutor. Anton and Artem are two young entrepreneurs that we can help whilst at the same time allowing our students to benefit from a genuinely impressive product."

The journey of integrating AI into education is ongoing, with each step revealing new possibilities and challenges. Mougins School, guided by its ethos of excellence and challenge, embraces these changes to ensure that students are equipped not only with knowledge but also with the skills to thrive in an AI-augmented world.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF NICE'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Making waves across the French Riviera

At the International School of Nice, sustainability isn't merely a concept – it's deeply ingrained in the school's mission to prepare today's learners to confidently embrace challenges as adaptable, empathetic global citizens who will be active contributors for a more sustainable world. ISN students embrace the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, recognising their pivotal importance for our global community.

This year, ISN students and staff participated in the Nice Climate Summit, an international conference focused on addressing climate change, where world leaders, policymakers, and experts gather to discuss strategies and solutions for achieving sustainability and reducing global carbon emissions.

Melanie Laroche, Science, Sustainability and Eco-School Coordinator at ISN, comments: "Participating in the Nice Climate Summit enriches our curriculum, helps students understand the real-world application of their studies, and connects us with global experts, providing valuable resources. The summit's focus on critical ocean issues aligns with our eco-school's commitment to environmental responsibility, promoting community involvement in ocean conservation."

The path to sustainability and global citizenship is a collective journey that demands our unified efforts. ISN director, Mel Curtis aptly states: "Schools cannot be left alone in this mission. It is a societal endeavour that calls for the active participation of media, businesses, leaders, and every individual. To truly succeed, we must embrace inclusive participation, engaging people of all ages, ▶



ISN Science Coordinator, Melanie Laroche, with some of her young students

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genders and backgrounds, and build strong partnerships to magnify our impact.”

Two new learning spaces at the school are also making innovation in education a reality. The Space Centre, dedicated to STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) will provide students with hands-on experiences to inspire the next generation of innovators and explorers. In addition, ISN will also be unveiling a new Marine Learning Lab. This dynamic and immersive learning environment will transport students to the depths of the ocean and the shores of the Mediterranean, fostering a deep connection with marine biology and environmental science.

ICS CÔTE D'AZUR

The bilingual brain - unlocking cognitive benefits in primary education

The benefits of a bilingual brain in children are multifaceted and extend beyond language proficiency. Research suggests that bilingualism enhances cognitive abilities, such as improved problem-solving skills, heightened creativity, and greater mental flexibility.

ICS Côte d'Azur, a bilingual primary school in Sophia Antipolis, near Nice, offers a 50:50 English and French programme for children aged three to 11, for both French and international families. What makes ICS unique compared to other bilingual programmes,

is that all subjects are taught in both languages, including mathematics, so children become familiar with different methods and approaches to learning that set them up for success at secondary school and beyond.

Furthermore, ICS Côte d'Azur offers the IB Primary Years Programme, a comprehensive and inquiry-based curriculum designed to foster critical thinking, creativity and a global mindset among young learners. This programme emphasises holistic development, encouraging students to explore, question and connect their learning to the world around them.

After extensive renovations this summer, ICS has introduced interconnecting doors linking English and French classrooms in both Early Years and Primary. With this ability to merge two classrooms when necessary, the goal is to readily incorporate combined lessons, group activities, and projects.

Gina Bianchi, Head of School says: “The school's main focus will always be on separate English and French lessons with two teachers, but current research shows that there are benefits to bringing students together for short periods of time at specific stages in their learning to expose them to both languages simultaneously.”

This innovative approach not only enhances language acquisition but also fosters a strong sense of community and collaboration among students.

Mougins British International School, ISN Nice and ICS Côte d'Azur host regular open mornings, virtual tours and private visits, and admissions are accepted all year-round when places are available.

If you would like any further information or wish to book a discovery call, you can contact all three schools here: globeducate.com/our-schools/southern-france