

2.- INDUCTION TUTOR

Hi! I'm Blanca, the Induction Tutor at school. As an immigrant pupil recently arrived in Spain, I will be one of the first teachers you will meet. My job is to help you, to look for all the ways in which to make your integration into the school that much quicker. In order to do this, I co-ordinate with the other teachers, we see the subjects that interest you and we see what help or which options we can provide you.

One of the most important tasks in my job is the induction protocol when you start school. I don't know whether you are familiar with it, but I'll sum it up for you:

When you get to school, you first meet the porters, then administration, and from there they call the head of studies as well as myself and one or both of us come out to welcome and greet you.

Then we show you the facilities at school: we show you around so that you can see both the general classrooms and those for specific purposes, such as Technology, Music, other labs... We also take you to the library. All this is so that you can find your way around on your own. We also give you your timetable and any other information which may be of use to you.

The school is not only for academic purposes: we also offer extracurricular activities, and we would be delighted if you took part in them because they are ways to meet new people, to start new hobbies.

Apart from talking to you when we show you around, we interview you because we want to know you a bit better so that we can help you: we want to know things about your country, about you, about your family, about why you have come, what differences you can see. All of this has the same objective: to help you.

Aside from the school's resources, we also inform you about the resources that you can find in your neighbourhood, and which could come in useful for you and your family. In case they wish to learn Spanish, we'll tell you where you can find lessons, or about which other hobbies you can take up.

We also test you to know your academic ability. Thus we can place you in the course in which it will be easiest for you to perform well.

Sometimes we have students at school who have also come from your country and who speak your language: they help us as translators, and, maybe, you too can be one of them in the future.

Throughout the school year, my task is also to keep on co-ordinating with the teachers to see how you are going on both with your studies, and also socially; Don't forget I'm at school to help you: you can come to me for help whenever you need it.