

# STATEMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF HM THE KING

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## COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOUSE OF HM EL REY

Their Majesties the Kings announce that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Asturias will study the International Baccalaureate program of the United World Colleges (UWC) educational institution at the UWC Atlantic College in Wales, United Kingdom.

Princess Leonor has undergone the entire selection process required by the Fundación Comité Español de los Colegios del Mundo Unido (UWC Spain), which consists of an initial pre-selection phase, developed anonymously by each candidate, and a phase final, carried out electronically with different tests.

The academic program is developed in two courses (2021-2022 and 2022-2023) and includes both science and literature subjects. This program is completed with a common interdisciplinary course on theory of knowledge, a research monograph, as well as a special program on creativity (theater, music, art, etc.), action (sports) and an activity that involves a service to the community (support in local schools, work with children with intellectual disabilities, the elderly, first aid, maintenance of nearby coasts and forests, control of environmental pollution indices, care and recovery of animal species, maritime rescue, coast guard, etc.) .

Joining the school is scheduled between the end of August and the beginning of September. Princess Leonor will reside, like the rest of the students, in accordance with the boarding school that the UWC Atlantic College has established within its campus, where it has several houses in which the students are distributed by groups of nationalities, origins and confessions. different, who live with teachers and employees of the center.

The cost of the international baccalaureate that the Princess of Asturias will study will be paid in its entirety by Their Majesties the Kings with their annual allowance and amounts to the amount of 67,000 pounds sterling.

The Princess of Asturias will make this period of her education compatible with the progressive development of her institutional commitments in Spain.

United World Colleges (UWC) is a global educational movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. It is characterized by its open and critical spirit. It does not have any religious, political or other conditioning. Its only ideology is that of its own ideals and pedagogical foundations: an education for peace that believes in intercultural coexistence. In its centers all ideological or confessional options are respected, as long as they are based on respect for those who think differently from their own.

UWCs provide a challenging and transformative educational experience to a deliberately diverse group of young people, to inspire them to become agents of positive change in accordance with

UWC's core values: international and intercultural understanding, respect and appreciation of diversity, responsibility personal and integrity, mutual respect, spirit of service, respect for the environment, sense of idealism, action, challenge and personal example.

UWC schools become a small international community in which young people from all over the world have the opportunity to live and study together. Thus, in a school there may be about 80 nationalities, with students from various economic strata. Students are selected on the basis of the merit and potential of the candidates. Their economic condition is not decisive in the selection process. 75% of the students have a full or partial scholarship.

His Majesty the King informed the President of the Government of this new period in the education of the Princess of Asturias.

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