



TEACHING ENGLISH IN MADRID

AT THE **ENCARNA MÁRQUEZ SCHOOL**

PLACEMENTS FOR LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS **2022-2023**

Why not come and join us for a great year?



There are excellent opportunities for undergraduates to spend the 2022-2023 academic year teaching in Colmenar Viejo, Madrid.

The Encarna Márquez School of English is an after-school programme that specializes in teaching English to children aged 2-12. Grammar and conversation classes are also offered to Secondary school students and adults. It employs its own methodology, combining a range of rhythmic, multisensory and communicative approaches.

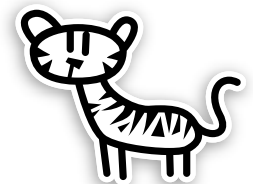
The selected candidates will become "Language Assistants", with an official Placement Agreement at this English Language School, in Colmenar Viejo, a growing and prosperous commuter town to the north of Madrid, close to the Sierra. Furthermore, Madrid, one of Europe's most vibrant cities, boasting an incredible range of activities, cultural attractions and a fantastic night-life, is easily accessible by train, bus or car.

The staff work together in a friendly, happy atmosphere full of fun and creativity, where they spread an enthusiasm and taste for adventure and innovation in teaching foreign

languages to young children. Having fun and learning through play is essential to the school's ethos, and Language Assistants will be encouraged to teach using games and fun activities, making the lessons as enjoyable as possible for both students and teachers alike.

We have a proven track record for excellence with students from the Universities of Bath, Manchester, Oxford, Exeter, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Durham, Warwick and Newcastle.

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Placement experience
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Position: Language Assistant

Placement length:

9 months (from the middle of September to the end of June).

Responsibilities and work placement description:

- The Language Assistants will work with groups of up to 16 children between the ages of 3-12, helping to teach them about the English language and culture through play, rhythm, music, movement, dance, theatre and expression.
- They will also help with some groups of Secondary school students and adults in conversation classes.
- Chosen candidates will be trained continuously by Encarna Márquez throughout the placement at the school. This will consist in the explanation of the techniques and strategies necessary for teaching a foreign language to small children, including constructive observation, the use of different teaching resources, lesson planning, pedagogical understanding, regular reviews of progress and other support and advice as necessary.
- The Language Assistants will be able to count on Ms Márquez's help and advice at all times.

Timetable:

Encarna Márquez School of English: an "after school programme":

4 days a week (from Monday to Thursday):

Monday/Wednesday 17:00-21:00 and Tuesday/Thursday 16:00-21:00

Four or five hours per day (depending on the number of children enrolled)

1 day a week (Friday): From 17:00 – 18:30

Maintenance Aid for Studies and Turing Scheme Grant:

Language Assistants will receive a Bursary or Maintenance Aid for Studies based on the hours they work each week in the sum of 12€ per hour, in addition to the money they are entitled to through the British Government's Turing Scheme Funding.



Candidates are required to:

- Be an English native speaker.
- Be enthusiastic about teaching. They must have a sincere interest in teaching their native language and culture to Spanish/foreign students.
- Have good knowledge of Spanish (at least B2 / Upper Intermediate level).
- Be enrolled on or have completed a BA, BSc, MA or MSc degree.
- Obtain a Student Visa ([via an Internship Agreement](#)) (Please note that the whole process takes around 5 months to complete).
- Be in possession of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) - if valid for the duration of the placement period OR a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which provides health cover in EU countries.
- Have proof of being fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Personal attributes required:

Must demonstrate the ability to communicate and interact sensibly and effectively with children.

The school is looking for sociable, happy, energetic, fun people who can control a class, communicate well with children and who like action, playing, singing, dancing, energetic work and vibrant rhythm.

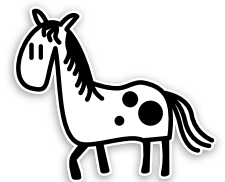
The school needs enthusiastic, strong and hard-working candidates, who want to learn, help and teach and like the idea of working with children in a school such as this one.

Previous experience required:

It would help if candidates had some experience working with children.

Additional requirements:

Must exhibit a passion for teaching and working with young children and have the energy and enthusiasm to contribute to their learning.





Accommodation and Travel:

It is the Assistants' responsibility to pay for travel and accommodation.

Insurance:

Necessary and appropriate insurance is in place to cover any legal liability.

Holidays:

Assistants will have the same school holidays and bank holidays as Spanish teachers.

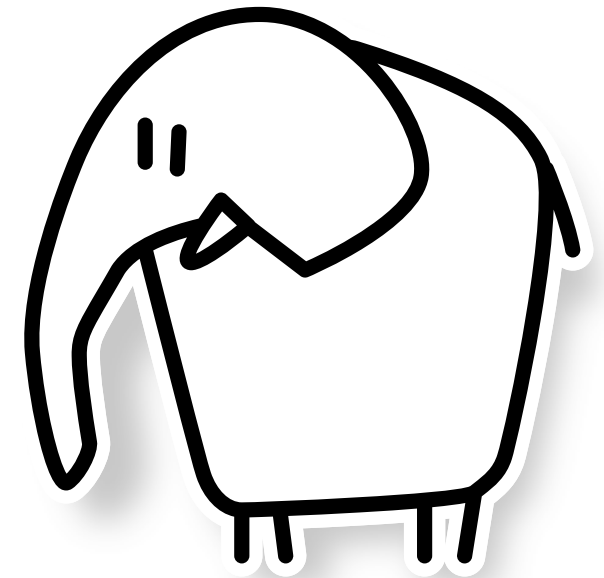
Comments:

The Language Assistants will be helped with their learning of the Spanish language as much as possible. Despite the fact that their work will consist of "playing in English" with the students for various hours per day and, in general, speaking and interacting with them in English, the Spanish-speaking staff at the school will make an effort to ensure their placement is a genuinely intensive course in Spanish.

Covid-19 safety measures

The health and safety of our students and staff is our priority. Our measures have been designed and implemented to minimise any risk of transmission

following the advice of the health authorities and government in Spain.





Selection Process:

- If you believe you have the personal qualities and enthusiasm, as well as the desire to hone your Spanish, contact Encarna on **director@encarnamarquez.com** attaching a CV.
- There are 3 vacancies for 2022-2023.
- Applications are now welcome and will be acknowledged. You will then be informed if you are needed for an interview.

Come and Visit us:

Candidates are welcome and indeed encouraged to visit our School of English in Colmenar Viejo, Madrid, at any time during teaching hours in order to meet the staff and get a feel for its atmosphere and ethos.



CHRIS TURTON (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: FEB-JUNE 2021)

Whether you aim to become a teacher in the future or not, being guided by Encarna and working in such an exciting and dynamic school of English is the best placement experience you could wish for. The methodology implemented by Encarna for teaching children English should be an example for how all languages should be taught – it's engaging and fun for the students and their constantly improving levels of English are a credit to that. Living in Madrid, being part of Encarna's friendly team and forming rapports with the classes I taught are a few of the reasons why I would repeat my placement experience in a heartbeat and is why I am looking forward to visiting the school soon.

CHLOE PENNINGTON (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL: FEB-JUNE 2021)

My placement at Encarna Márquez School of English has been an amazing and rewarding experience and I am so grateful to have been a part of the school. From before I even arrived at the school, Encarna was caring and welcoming and I already felt like a valued member of the team. Everyone is so kind-hearted and helpful and I really felt supported during my time there.

With Encarna's guidance and dynamic teaching style, I learnt what it takes to be a hard working, passionate and enthusiastic teacher. Throughout my time at the school my confidence grew massively and I was able to be flexible and adapt to new challenges that we faced day to day. This encouraged me to be innovative and open-minded and it was so gratifying working with the children and seeing their language skills improve. I would go back in a heartbeat!

JULIAN WARD (UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM: SEP 2020-FEB 2021)

My time at Encarna's school was an unforgettable and unique experience that I am sure I would not have had elsewhere. I was part of the first team of teachers at the school after the first wave of the pandemic, going into what was then an unknown new style of teaching. It was a safer, socially distanced method that, with a big effort from a dynamic, creative team, managed to maintain a fun learning environment that I am so happy I was a part of.

The school supported me to employ many different styles of teaching using movement, song, flashcards and games. Yet, in addition to this and perhaps more importantly, I left Encarna's school a much more confident person. Encarna and the team were very welcoming, placing lots of confidence in me and my ideas, which helped me to flourish as a teacher. All of this, in turn, helped me to form a positive and productive relationship with the students.

I must say as well that the school is ideally located just outside of Madrid, giving me the opportunity to spend time in what has now become my favourite city. I will always cherish the memories I made in both the school and the city, and hopefully I can return very soon to see everyone again!

ELIZA DENTON (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL: OCT 2020-JAN 2021)

Encarna Marquez School of English is such a lively and fun school and I feel honoured to have been part of the team. Thank you Encarna for your constant support and generosity throughout my work with you. The atmosphere has always been enthusiastic and I have learnt so many valuable skills, which I know I will take away with me. Thank you team Encarna Marquez!

TOM BLACKBURN (UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM: JAN 2020-MAR 2020)

“The experience I have enjoyed at the Encarna Márquez School of English has been one of the best of my life, and one that I will always remember fondly. Encarna and her team were unbelievably accommodating, enthusiastic and passionate about not only the learning of the students in the school, but also the personal and professional development of the teachers. The emphasis on dynamism and creativity led to a learning environment that was full of fun as well as being educational. The people I have met will become friends forever, and the experiences I have had will always stay with me.

The city of Madrid is beautiful; there is so much to do and see. With the school close by, it has been the ideal combination of exploring, studying and teaching. The way that the school has continuously adapted to change really is emblematic of the culture there. The passion to teach, the passion to overcome challenges, and the passion to innovate is clear as day.

Although my time in Spain was brutally cut short by COVID-19, my mother always reminds me: “Don’t be sad that it is over. Be glad that it happened.”

KATY MILLS (UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE: SEP 2019-MAR 2020)

“My time in Encarna’s school of English was incredible and unforgettable. I learnt a lot about what it takes to become a good, dedicated and thorough teacher, and my confidence in myself grew enormously! Encarna’s unique style of teaching allows for lots more fun in the job whilst still giving productive lessons. Encarna also gave us continuous guidance and help with our Spanish throughout the year was a great help to improving my own language skills!”

ROSE COCKS (UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK: SEP 2019-MAR 2020)

“Working for Encarna at her school was the best decision I could have made for my year abroad. The school is such a vibrant and energetic environment, and I was constantly given guidance as to how to improve my teaching, as well as support with my own Spanish learning. Every single day was different, and it was such a pleasure watching the children progress and improve their confidence and language skills. I have absolutely loved my time working as part of such a passionate team, and cannot wait to return to Madrid!”

TARA BEASLEY (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: SEP 2019-MAR 2020)

“The experience I gained at the Encarna Marquez School of English is one I will never forget. It was both challenging and very rewarding. I had to think on my feet, get creative and be patient, all valuable skills that will stay with me. It taught me a lot about team work and helped me develop key communicative skills as well as teaching me a lot about different teaching techniques that I would never have otherwise been aware of. The school uses a unique methodology that is super effective at helping both children and adults learn English. Encarna and the rest of the team are incredibly welcoming, hard working and compassionate about both students and staff. They were also remarkably dedicated to helping not only the students improve their English, but also helping the teaching assistants improve their Spanish. Overall it was a fun and enriching experience and it was a privilege to work along side a fantastic leader like Encarna.”

REBECCA MURRAY (UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD: SEP 2018-JUN 2019)

"Working as part of Encarna's team at her School of English was a dynamic and fun experience that I will never forget. It equipped me with the skills to teach in front of a class of students both on my own and in a team and helped me grow in confidence. The children were a pleasure to teach and it was so encouraging to see how they progressed throughout the year. Although challenging at times, the job was very rewarding and an exciting and incredible opportunity."

EMILY DRUMMOND (UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH: SEP 2018-JUN 2019)

"My time at Encarna's School of English was exceptional and I shall never forget it. Don't get me wrong, it is challenging, you have to put the effort in, but it becomes extremely rewarding, especially once noticing the kids progression from the beginning to the end of the year.

Working alongside Encarna and being taught all her tricks of the trade was eye-opening. Her techniques were remarkable, with the use of instruments and differing objects to aid in the children's learning. It's an incredible tactic and extremely effective.

Getting to know a different culture, living in a spectacular city and spending my time with such lovely, kind and caring children were definitely some of the highlights. Most of all, the friendships I made with the students and teachers created such a family community, that I will cherish forever."

LUCY MARSHALL (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: FEB-JUN 2019)

"Working at Encarna's School of English is an experience like no other. I arrived as a student and left as a teacher! Prepare to be challenged and work hard, but it will be a truly rewarding experience thanks to the amazing children and Encarna's support."

MAX GERGEL (UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH: SEP-DEC 2018)

"The age range of the pupils, from toddlers to adults and everyone in between means there is always a new challenge at the school. Each age group, that required different skills and pedagogical methods, rewarded us in such a unique way. The school is so energetic and there truly isn't a more exciting place to work!"

WILLIAM KEY (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: NOV 2017-JUN 2018)

"Working at the Encarna Márquez School of English was one of the best, and certainly the most rewarding experiences of my life. Who wouldn't want to wake up in the capital of Spain and enjoy their day before coming into work with all of the lovely people from the school. From the children to the teachers, to the Encarna and the other staff everyone is very special - this is a completely different experience to any other school in the best way possible. Encarna takes you under her wing from the moment you arrive in Madrid; not just in the school but outside of school hours as well to help with the rest of your integration into Spanish life - the kindest of people, genuine care for everyone. This then moves onto the training in Encarna's unique pedagogy which she lovingly instils in all of the teachers on a relaxed training week before the term starts and that's where the fun starts applying these theories in practice! If you want something different something entertaining and a way to integrate yourself into spanish life - this is the place for you. Best. Year. Of. My. Life."

MARTHA HIPKIN (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL: SEP 2017-JAN 2018)

"The Encarna Márquez School of English is such an accelerated and progressive environment. I admire and commend Encarna's original and unique teaching style, as it is completely different from anything I have witnessed in a classroom. Instead of using textbooks, we use our imagination and creativity so that our teaching environment becomes a linguistic seventh heaven for students of all ages. In my view, it was a privilege to witness, participate and regurgitate this exclusive methodology during my 5-month placement in Madrid; the best 5 months of my life. I don't want to leave!"

ELLIE STEVENS (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: SEP 2017-JUN 2018)

"Working at Encarna's School of English during my year abroad is an experience that I would recommend to anybody! It was lovely to have the opportunity to work in such a vibrant, energetic and friendly environment... and in such a beautiful city! Thank you!"

YSSIS SCOTT (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: FEB-JUN 2018)

"I had a great time during my placement! Whether you want to be a teacher or not, there is so much to be learnt from Encarna and her methodology that you won't learn in an ordinary English school. Encarna Márquez School of English is like no other!"

FLORA SCORER (UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD: JAN-JUN 2017)

"My experience at the school was unforgettable, challenging and rewarding. It required me to think on my feet, work in a team, develop key communication skills and I learnt something new everyday. The school is a really friendly and welcoming environment and building rapport with different students and classes was my favourite aspect of the placement. The team are amazing at what they do, and the unique methodology is far more dynamic than conventional teaching experiences offered by other placements".

ANASTASIA KOROTKOVA (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2016-JAN 2017)

"Working at Encarna's school, I have been given a unique perspective on teaching existed and I have seen how her focus on non-traditional methodology is so effective on both children and adults alike. I have had such a great experience and feel that I have learnt so many transferable skills that I can use in the future".

JONNY MACAULAY (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2016-JAN 2017)

"My experience at Encarna's school was great in terms of my professional and personal life. Working in a small team meant that I was able to get to know Encarna and her team well and they are all extremely welcoming. At the same time, being a teacher of kids from the age of 2 to people the age of 70 was excellent as it meant I had to be flexible and be able to improvise. Also, my communication skills have improved a lot during the term, being at ease talking to children or adults of different ages and backgrounds".

JAMES TURLAD-PIERSON (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: FEB- JUN 2016)

"I had a thoroughly enjoyable and defining 5 months at the School. It struck me immediately, firstly that the School prides itself on a totally unique method of teaching and communication which provides not only the students, but also the teachers with a new type of working and learning; secondly that many of the students themselves show an outstanding ability and enthusiasm in English that is hard to generate in regular sit-down lessons. Despite the relatively short amount of time each of the teachers spend on the placement, it became evident to me that the School is not looking for natural-born teachers. Instead what they look for are people with good communication skills and ability to enforce discipline but most importantly, flexibility and readiness to adapt to their trademark way of teaching. For me it was an exciting (if at times intense) challenge! "

BEN MATHEWS (UNIVERSITY OF EXETER: FEB-APR 2016)

"Working at the Encarna Marquez School of English was an incredible experience which I thoroughly enjoyed and also learned a great amount from. The school's principals encourage kids to learn English from a very early age, and also provide the opportunity for adults to improve their linguistic skills. As a result I was exposed to a wide range of ages which was great as it provides you with the opportunity to teach a huge variety of people.

Encarna and her team at the school are incredibly welcoming, very generous, fully invested in the personal development of their teachers as well as their pupils and committed to helping new teachers improve their own linguistic abilities. The working environment is relaxed and collaborative, which encourages teachers to constantly strive to think of new ideas and innovative ways to best teach the pupils. I would thoroughly recommend this placement for anyone who is motivated, passionate and driven. It is an opportunity to both challenge yourself, experience a unique working environment, and develop your own language skills through communicating with various people in the school, Madrid and Colmenar Viejo."

CLAIRE MALLETT (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2015-JUN 2016)

"After 9 months at the school I feel like I have gained a massive range of invaluable, transferable skills. Working with Encarna has taught me the value of improvisation, spontaneity and flexibility when adapting to new situations. I have been blessed to work with many different students (from age 2 and a half to adult) within a range of classroom scenarios (small/ medium groups to individual classes) and with a diverse spectrum of abilities (beginners to advanced). It's been a comprehensive overview into the world of teaching and it's been an eye opening and fantastic experience. I feel like I have gained knowledge that could not only be transferred into possible future teaching roles but transferred to any job I undertake. The school is a place of great fun, creativity and shared ambitions. I have been taught how to get the most out of the short time the children spend in my class and how to keep them interested and captivated for the time they share with me. The methodology is second-to-none with an oral and interactive focused learning instead of the traditional pen and paper counterpart. The children's aptitude for learning is only increased by the diverse and dynamic games and range of teaching techniques that make the classroom an ever changing and interesting place. Throughout the year I have worked closely with a diverse range of colleagues which has meant collectively we have learnt teaching techniques from each other - enriching the whole process. All of this coupled with Madrid being so close meant that this was the perfect placement for me."

ALEX CLAY (UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER: SEP 2015-JUN 2016)

"I've had an unforgettable year at a truly unique and innovative school. Thanks to the methodology of the school the work is enjoyable and a lot of fun. A great environment to

work in and I could not recommended spending your year abroad here more. The school itself is different to anything you'll be used to. Because of the method of teaching the work is fast paced and never stops. You need to be willing to be flexible and think on your feet especially with the younger children. We also have classes preparing for the Cambridge exams, these classes are extremely enjoyable so don't be nervous about teaching grammar. But remember you speak English so you're the expert!"

DAISY WELSH (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2015)

"Working at Encarna's school of English has been a unique and enriching experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed adapting to the ever changing and diverse environment. Having the possibility of working with children and adults of different ages was one of the many positive aspects of teaching at the school. I will never forget all of the rewarding moments throughout my time here, and the amazing team I had the pleasure of working with."

ELLIE DAVIES (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2015)

"At Encarna's school of English you will be welcomed, you will learn, you will be challenged, you may even be pushed out of your comfort zone. But you will never be alone! The team set up at the school gives you a fantastic support network and gives you the opportunity to discover and develop your own individual strengths. A placement at Encarna's school is far from an ordinary teaching placement. Brightly coloured walls, copious amounts of toys and games and even soft play equipment enable an atmosphere in which the children are willing to partake in activities and learn. This placement can be highly rewarding and the more you put in, the more you get out!"

BETH HAMPTON (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2015)

"My time at Encarna's School of English was an interesting and unforgettable experience. I gained great insight into teaching English as a foreign language and learned a lot from Encarna's unique methodology. It was a steep learning curve and gave me great experience working in a fast-paced and flexible environment. I have taken with me many happy memories working with the fantastic team and the wonderful children at the school."

SAVANNAH DAVIES (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: JAN-JUN 2015)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at the Encarna Marquez School of English. I have learnt a lot and gained valuable and relevant work experience. We have all received a lot of support from Encarna and the Spanish members of staff. I would be more than happy to work here again and I would definitely recommend this placement to future University of Bath students."

ROB MORGAN (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: JAN-JUN 2015)

"I have really enjoyed my time at Encarna Márquez School of English. It has given me an insight into the challenges and rewards of being a teacher. It is a fast-paced job in a lively and fun environment and the children respond really well to the school's unique teaching methods. Encarna and the team are so friendly and supportive and have helped at every stage of my time here. It has been an unforgettable experience and one that I would thoroughly recommend."

RORY HUDSON (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: JAN-JUN 2015)

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the school and getting to know Encarna, Aránzazu and Cristina. I learnt a lot though teaching and my Spanish improved greatly. I would definitely recommend this placement to other students looking for placements in the future."

KATIE COLE (UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL: DEC 2014-JUN 2015)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Encarna and her team in such an energetic and engaging environment. It has been a pleasure to see the level of each child's English increase in such a short period of time. A great placement that would be recommended to anyone that wants to see a teaching experience in unique but effective light."

KATE TAYLOR (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2014-JAN 2015)

"I can only think of positive things to say about my placement at 'The Encarna Márquez School of English'. Not only was it a fun and energetic environment to work in but the placement was also challenging, in the way that it helped me to develop certain skills, such as public speaking and leadership skills, and to boost my confidence and feeling of self-assurance within the workplace. It was also good to work in a small and friendly team, where everyone helped each other. I really feel as though I got a lot out of my experience teaching at the School and that Encarna valued the work I did, so overall, I could not have asked for a better placement!"

JESSICA GWYNN (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2014-JAN 2015)

"Working at the Encarna Márquez School of English is a fantastic opportunity to grow as a person and develop new skills; the mix of students is so diverse in terms of age and ability that working at the school is a constant exercise in preparation, organisation, and public speaking. From day one you are given the freedom to use your own ideas and are encouraged to create and introduce new games and teaching methods into the curriculum. Encarna and her team are right behind you throughout the whole experience and are available for help and advice whenever you need it, furthermore they always speak to you in Spanish so your language quickly improves. You really are a valued member of the team who will receive the unique opportunity to experience firsthand what it is like to be a teacher, from planning the lessons to executing them on your own! Thank you Encarna!"

ALLY BIANCHI (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2014-JAN 2015)

"Encarna Márquez School of English provides a vibrant and dynamic learning environment full of energy and run by a strong and professional team. Their unique teaching method is both intriguing and fascinating. The increasing number of students is proof of their dynamic development and success. Teaching at this school has been an incredible and enriching experience."

CAT CLAY (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2014-JAN 2015)

"I was working for Encarna's team for five months from September 2014 until January 2015. The experience I had at the school was special; I have previous experience teaching English but I had never seen the didactic methods used in the school before. The work was very demanding whilst also being very rewarding. You need to have a lot of energy and the desire to teach in order to be a good teacher. During the first semester I also witnessed the students greatly improved their English."

The school always offered us plenty of support and the organization was exceptional.”

ANOUSHKA LAKHANI (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: JAN-JUN 2014)

“Teaching at Encarna’s School was a wonderful ‘life experience’ and so much more than just a work placement - I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. I gained a range of invaluable transferable skills from working with students of many different ages and of a different culture too. I also learnt so much about School’s unique methodology, a multi-sensory approach which focuses on developing the students communication skills by using a range of didactic techniques- students primarily learn through games, movement, music and theatre. I was always impressed by the students linguistic abilities, which is a clear reflection of the effective methods used at the Academy. Encarna is an extremely dedicated Director, with a true passion for teaching, watching her teaching in the classroom as well as the opportunity to work with her was a truly inspiring experience. It’s really rewarding to see you’re contributing to the students learning process as well as the fun they have at the Academy- whatever their age, big or small! It was a great privilege to work with Encarna and her team who will welcome you with open arms and support you throughout your Spanish adventure! And of course it’s a fantastic opportunity to develop your language skills, as you speak Spanish with the team on a daily basis and you even have the opportunity to live with lovely Spanish host families. If you’re motivated, enthusiastic, creative, enjoy working with children, and are looking for a really special year abroad experience then teaching at Encarna’s Academy is an opportunity that you can’t afford to miss out on!”

FLORENCE CHUI (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2013-JAN 2014)

“I have truly enjoyed myself working with Encarna and her team in the past four months. Encarna’s unique teaching methods have given me a first taste of teaching. This placement has been a wonderful experience and I would definitely recommend it.”

JOHN ROBINSON (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2013)

“I have had an amazing time here at the school. I have loved working with the team and all the children and I have learned so much! I want to stay!”

OLIVER HEAD (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2013-FEB 2014)

“I completely agree with the approach and philosophy of the school. Learning by doing, through games and fun, is the best way to learn. The methods used (for example through music and games) creates an environment in which the children want to participate and subsequently they learn. I have had a great time here because I like being with children, but more importantly, because Encarna and her team have created such a pleasant environment to work in that it isn’t an effort coming to work.”

SARYA RICKE (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: JAN-JUN 2013)

“It was really great to work here. My fluency in Spanish improved a lot throughout my placement. I loved how dynamic the work was and for most of my time here it didn’t feel like work as I enjoyed coming in and teaching every day. Working in the school has given me more confidence working with children, being more assertive and has also enhanced my creativity.”

DEBORAH OSHUNTOLA (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: 2012/2013)

"Working at Encarna's School has been an enjoyable experience. Teaching the children is great, as they're learning in a fun way using Encarna's unique methods, and Encarna's team is wonderful, helping you with anything you could possibly need. The transferable skills developed as a language assistant are very useful and my Spanish has improved greatly, preparing me for final year. Overall, working with Encarna is probably the best placement on offer!"

LOUISA AMROUN (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: 2012/13)

"Working at the academy in Colmenar is a challenging and very rewarding experience. Watching the children progress and learn so quickly through games and activities in English is one of the things I enjoy most about the job. Life in Colmenar is very straightforward thanks to the team of staff at the school who are very helpful with paperwork and finding accommodation. This job is perfect, for an outgoing, energetic person who likes working with children."

ZOE KING (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2012-JAN 2013)

"My placement at Encarna Márquez School of English has given me an insight into what teaching involves, and I have learned many interesting and effective techniques which differ from the standard 'text-book' style of learning. It has been a pleasure to work with such bright and enthusiastic students, and watch them grow and develop their understanding of the English language. Being a part of their learning experience and witnessing my guidance improve their language skills has been fantastic. I would recommend this placement to anyone who is very energetic and enjoys a job which brings something different every day."

NATASHA STEWART (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP 2012- JAN 2013)

"I spent 5 months working at the School of English and really enjoyed teaching as an experience. It was a great opportunity to get to know a wide range of people in a really friendly Spanish community. It's a brilliant placement for anyone who enjoys hands on work and is passionate about learning. Working here has given me an incredible insight into teaching and the immediate benefits of an English academy like the Encarna Márquez School. Being a creative person, I found that my skills were appreciated and put to their best use within the school. I would recommend this placement to anyone who is passionate about languages, both English and Spanish. The support I was given during my time at the school meant that settling into life during my year abroad was really simple and enjoyable. This is the perfect placement for anyone who is bright, energetic and just enjoys having fun!"

JAMES TROTMAN (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2011)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed living and working in Colmenar Viejo. The variety of teaching that I have completed over the last four months, both with children and adults, has been very interesting and educational. I was given extremely helpful training and mentoring by Encarna (the Academy Director) into her multimodal teaching styles. I can only wish that I could have attended a similar academy when I was younger. As well as my time spent teaching in the Academy I have played for a multilingual Rugby team alongside with other teachers. This has allowed me to continue practising my French as well. As a whole, my time in Spain has been fantastic, meeting new people and making great friends both in work and socially. I was definitely made to feel very at home and part of the family being given a warm welcome into the Academy. Most important however, my Spanish language skills have developed dramatically in preparation for my final year."

BYRON MASSARELLA (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: SEP-DEC 2011)

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at the academy and I would definitely recommend anyone to do the same as me. Encarna and her team are one of the nicest people you will ever meet and they are always willing to help you out if you have any problems. The job itself is wonderful and I have had so much fun whilst teaching, everyday is different in the academy and this is what makes the job so enjoyable. Encarna's teaching methods are great as she uses games, music and dance in order to teach English, so not only do the children have a great time but the teachers do too. This has been an unforgettable experience and one of which I will carry with me forever."

CELINE DIJKSTERHUIS (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: 2009/10/12)

"Since beginning here in September I can honestly say that no two days are the same. The speed and energy of the classes never ceases to amaze me. Encarna and the other staff have created a family environment, not only for the teachers but also the children, and her teaching methods are new and innovative. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and look forward to another year working in the school."

TIM KRAUS (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: 2008/9 AND 2010/11)

"The majority of the children are far more motivated to learn as a lot of them want to be there and, due to Encarna's methods, they genuinely enjoy the classes. Encarna is a very talented and experienced teacher, extremely helpful and a superb boss. She is the ideal person to have around if it is your first time in a foreign country where you don't know anyone. I am taking something out of every day I spend here and I genuinely enjoy the job I am doing."

CINZIA PORQUEDDU (UNIVERSITY OF BATH: 2007/8)

"Working at Encarna's school has been a special and rewarding experience for me. The children love coming to school because they are learning through games, songs and activities rather than out of the textbook. They simply have a great time and do not realize how quickly they are learning English just because they are not sat at a school desk. As a result you end up having a good time with them. Encarna has made me feel at home from the very first. She was very helpful, found us accommodation and helped us sort out the necessary documentation to work and live in Spain. Her positive attitude, skills and methods of teaching still fascinate me every time I am in the classroom with her. I strongly recommend anybody who is full of enthusiasm and also hardworking to apply for this opportunity." placement has been a wonderful experience and I would definitely recommend it."



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