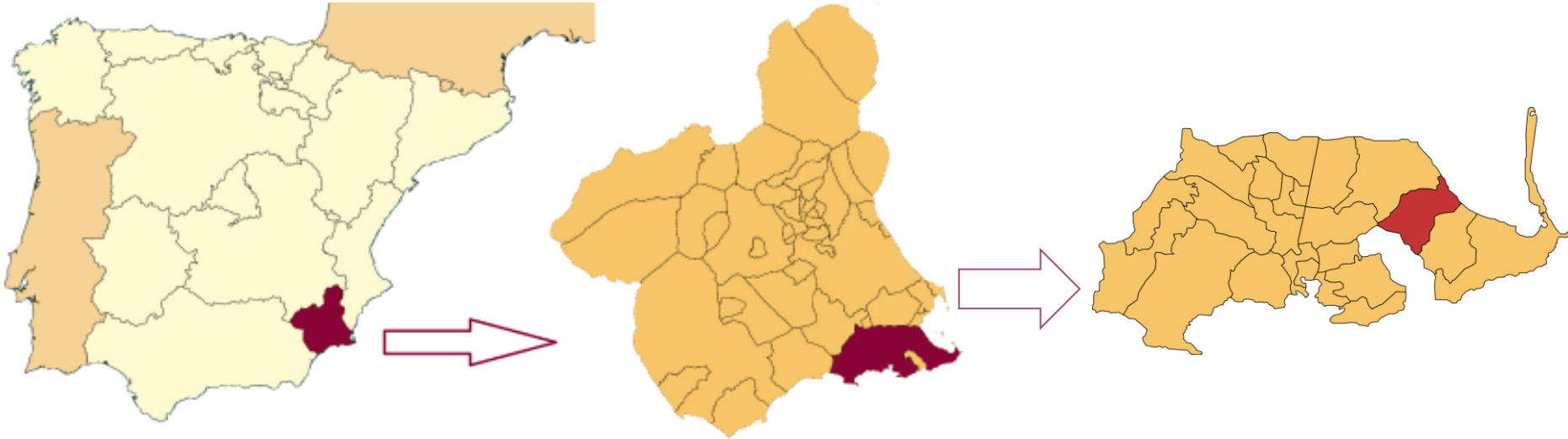


OUR HIGH SCHOOL: I.E.S PEDRO PEÑALVER



LOCATION

Our high school, is in a small town called El Algar. It is near Cartagena, which is a city in Murcia in the southeast of Spain.



HOW BIG IS THE HIGH SCHOOL?

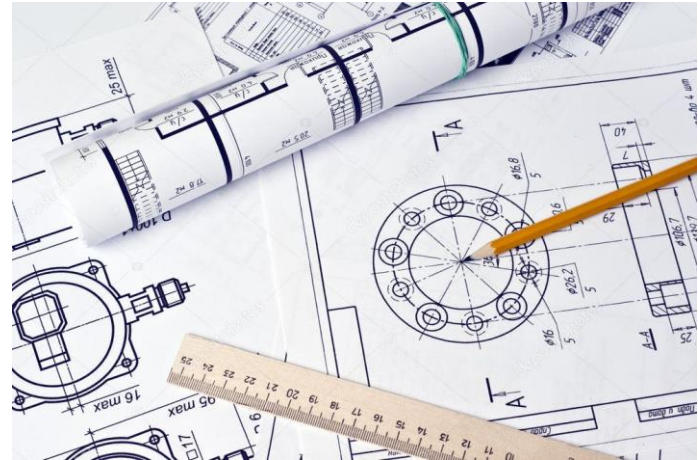
There are around 500 students and 60 teachers here.

We have 4 grades of ESO, the age of the people there goes from 12-16, if they don't repeat; and 2 grades of Bachillerato, which you can choose between different sorts of Bachillerato, like Sciences, Social Studies or Humanities, depending on what you want to study in a near future. There, people are between 16 and 18.

SCIENCE BACHILLERATO

In this Bachillerato you can choose between Health or Technological Science.

In the first one, you have subjects such as Biology and Chemistry, whereas if you choose the Technological one you will have Physics and Technical Drawing.



SOCIAL STUDIES BACHILLERATO

In this Bachillerato you have some interesting subjects such as Economy and Geography and History, in which you can learn about business world and human activities.



HUMANITIES BACHILLERATO

Students who chose this Bachillerato must be those who want to study something related to languages and things like that, so they don't have Maths, however they are taught the languages, Latin and Greek.



BASIC PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

There is a Gardening Basic Professional Training too, which you can access at the age of 16. The reason for the people there is that they want to complete ESO in an easier way, so they can go onto studying any Mid Vocational Training course they want. While they are learning a profession.



FACILITIES

The high school is a two floor building.



There is a nice kitchen and a small canteen, everyone can buy a pizza or a sandwich if they want to.



And there is a library where you can borrow books which are fantastic.



It's got 2 physics and chemistry laboratories and 1 biology laboratory, where students can learn about how a real laboratory is and learn that subject in a different way.



Also it has got 4 ICT classrooms, where there are plenty of computers that are useful to do some projects.



Furthermore, there are two big sports courts and a pavilion for PE classes.



And finally, two Art classrooms and another two Music classrooms.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Santo Tomás de Aquino

On 28th of January, we celebrate the Saint Tomas de Aquino´s day, who is the patron of catholic schools and education. This day we do different activities through the day. For example we play “tug of war”, hide and seek and we play jump rope...

Also, we take part in contests about different subjects like Maths and Biology.

At the end of the day, all the students and teachers meet in the playground and we eat doughnuts and chocolate while we listen to music.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



World Book Day

On the 23rd of April, it is a tradition in our school to set a market where students give books that they have already read or do not want and other students can take them home for free.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Mandarache Awards

During the course all the students of Cartagena schools read books, then, we vote on the one we liked the most and at the end we go to a conference with the author of the book that has won. In this conference, the students listen to the author's explication of the book and also ask questions.

It is a very enjoyable and learning experience.



LANDMARKS

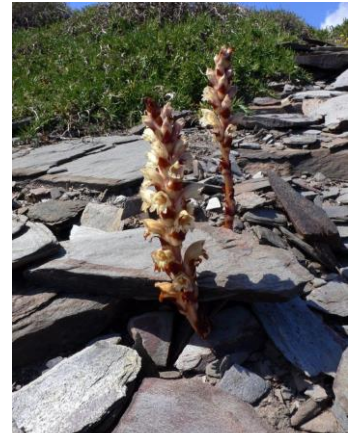
Murcia is located near the Mediterranean Sea. Our institute is very close to very important places due to their diversity and how visited they are. Here we're going to talk about two landmarks we considered the most remarkable:

- *The Calblanque, Monte de las Cenizas and Peña del Águila park:*

It is located in the eastern sector of the Cartagena-La Unión mining range, near the Mar Menor and Cabo de Palos, between the municipalities of Cartagena and La Unión.

Due to the importance of its biological diversity and the presence of numerous botanical endemisms, it is protected by the legislation of the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia as a regional park.

This space presents a great ecological and environmental diversity: it has systems of dunes, sandbanks, salt marshes, salt ponds, coves and cliff.



LANDMARKS

- The Cabo de Palos and Hormigas Islands marine reserve:

Is a protected underwater natural area located in Cartagena, and covers a territory of about 19 km² between the Cabo de Palos lighthouse and the Hormigas Islands.

It is characterized by its great biological diversity and the good state of conservation of its funds. The large posidonia meadows are very remarkable, as well as the coral colonies that make up the habitat of numerous plant and animal species.

On the other hand, the beauty and good conservation of the seabed has made this area one of the favorite destinations for scuba diving in Spain.

