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# Welcome to Adriatic College

A private international school  
Montenegro, Budva  
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# We invite children and parents to **join** the friendly team at **Adriatic College**

Adriatic College was established in 2014. It is the largest private international school in Montenegro. Today, the school has more than four hundred students, and we continue to grow, continuously launching new programmes.

Adriatic College offers national and international educational programmes for children of all ages. The school is accredited by the Montenegrin Ministry of Education and is an accredited centre for the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), Pearson Edexcel Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary education, and the IB DP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme). We provide children with an education that meets the highest international standards.

Adriatic College is a team of modern, experienced education professionals. We are united by our belief that school should provide deep knowledge, allow students to freely express and develop their viewpoints, help uncover their talents, and encourage initiatives.

Active extracurricular activities - electives, studios, trips, and cultural events make life at Adriatic College vibrant.

Adriatic College is located in a stunning location on the Adriatic coast. The school takes pride in its modern, bright building with outdoor sports facilities, spacious indoor areas, a large gym, and a cosy library. In addition, the school windows offer stunning views of the sea and mountains.

# Values Uniting Adriatic College

In identifying the core values of our school, we aimed to foster trust, mutual respect, and assistance among students, educators, and parents.

*Today, our school upholds and actively embodies the following values:*

## **The Ability to Learn**

Our school doesn't teach repetition learning or accept rules and postulates as dogma. In the modern world, it's vital to foster in students the need to seek new information, process it, continuously learn new things, and not be afraid of making mistakes. Only by doing so can we be confident that children will be able to realise their potential and adapt to new conditions, new professions, and new challenges.

## **Independent Thinking and Intellectual Honesty**

By developing our students' ability to think independently, we help them gain independence and security in any circumstance. Understanding the laws of logic and critical thinking skills will help a child realise that in this world, it's often difficult to find an objective judgement; bias can vary, but the ability to assess the level of bias helps guarantee successfully choosing the correct position.

Intellectual and academic honesty involves recognising the contributions of others, aiming not to copy or cheat but to work independently and contribute individually to the collective knowledge and experience.

## **Openness to Diversity of Viewpoints and Cultures**

The world is vast, and our students learn to appreciate its diversity. We teach them that diversity is a value that should be preserved and that a peaceful environment is conducive to creativity and development. One doesn't necessarily have to adopt another culture or viewpoint but should be ready to study, understand, and accept them respectfully.

## **Freedom of Thought, Expression of Views and Identity, Respect for the Individual**

Independent thinking is a foundational value of our school. We support students in their desire to express their ideas, thoughts, and opinions openly without infringing on the rights of others. An atmosphere of open discussion fosters the

development of an individual's creative spirit in a peaceful environment.

## **A Safe Environment, Empathy, and Mutual Support**

A safe environment gives children the confidence to freely express their viewpoints without fear of censure, as long as they do not harm or infringe on the rights of others. Our goal is the emotional health of children and education based on the principles of empathy and mutual support, as these principles benefit any social group.

We cultivate an environment in our school where there is no place for bullying, trauma, or complexes. Psychologists assist teachers in this effort.

## **Health**

The value of preserving and maintaining health is indisputable. Physical and mental health depend on many factors—from the conditions in which you study and the safety of the environment to monitoring the physical condition of students. These indicators are critical to us; we pay great attention to them, while never forgetting the importance of disease prevention.

These values are the foundation for personal growth and learning for students. They promote the development of critical thinking, independence, and information-

processing skills, preparing them for life in a modern, diverse society.

For parents, the school's values confirm that their children are in a safe environment where the focus is not solely on academic education but also on nurturing a well-rounded individual.

We take pride in our values, which not only unite us as a community but also reflect our collective vision that modern education should be nurturing and supportive of every student in their pursuit of knowledge, self-improvement, and self-expression.

Adriatic College warmly welcomes all who share our values. If you are drawn to the ideas of continuous learning, respect for diversity, freedom of expression, and care about psychological comfort and the health of your child, you will find like-minded people here!

Our school is where every student is valued as an individual and helped to develop and contribute to the common cause.

# Adriatic PreSchool (Ages 5 - 6)

At Adriatic PreSchool, we offer a curriculum that will introduce preschoolers to the basics of school life and teach them how to interact with other children and teachers.

## Why Adriatic PreSchool?

- Small group classes
- Qualified teachers
- A tutor in every class
- A combination of group and individual lessons
- Free trial lesson

## Curriculum

Thanks to a gentle and comprehensive preparatory programme, students quickly adapt to entering Year 1.

*The Preschool programme includes:*

## Play Therapy and Neuropsychological Preparation

The programme will help the child identify their zone of proximal development, ease socialisation, teach self-control, and plan learning activities in a playful manner.

## Speech Development and Literacy Training

The programme aids in developing fine motor skills of fingers and hand muscles, teaches writing in print, expands and activates vocabulary, and forms the ability to ask questions on topics of interest freely.

## First Steps in Mathematics

The lessons will introduce the child to numbers and basic mathematical concepts, developing logical thinking.

## Understanding the World

The lessons will familiarise the child with the surrounding world, teach them how to interact with objects, and develop an interest in observing nature.

## English Language

The course will allow the child to get acquainted with English letters and words and lay the foundations of spoken language.



Our goal is to ensure a smooth transition from play to learning and uncover and develop each child's individual abilities.

# Primary School (Ages 6 – 11)

Adriatic College offers ideal conditions for each student's holistic development. With experienced teachers and diverse teaching methodologies, extracurricular activities, clubs and CRAFT circles, and extended day programmes, we have everything to make learning comfortable, interesting, and, most importantly, never dull. We aim for every student to love learning as an ongoing process of discovering something new and exciting.

## A Playful Approach to Developing Social Skills

Our primary school teachers actively use playful teaching methods: presentations on lesson topics, vivid visual materials, group work, and organised games during lessons. All these activities develop children's communication skills.



## Choosing an Educational Path: National and International Learning Programmes

Adriatic College offers two programmes for primary school:

### International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for students aged 6 – 11

The International Primary Curriculum, developed by the International Curriculum Association in the UK, is used by over 1,000 schools worldwide.

A key element of the IPC is the harmonious integration of various subjects into interdisciplinary modules, which allows students to see and understand the connections between different areas of knowledge and their significance in the modern world.

### National Montenegrin Programme of General Primary Education

The school strictly adheres to Montenegrin educational standards, which are based on the Russian educational programme and the officially approved programme for Montenegrin schools.

### Pupil Support

We offer a comprehensive student support system, personalised attention, and additional elective courses. In electives on core subjects, students can delve deeper into a subject of interest or discuss a challenging topic with a teacher.



At Adriatic College, primary school is a time for learning, discovery, and joy. We strive to create an environment where every child can unlock their potential.

# Secondary School (Ages 11 – 16)

## Educational Programmes for Secondary School at Adriatic College

### National Curriculum

Students explore a wide range of subjects, from natural sciences to humanities in Russian, following the curriculum approved by the Montenegrin Ministry of Education. We pay special attention to updating and adapting syllabi to provide our students with a contemporary and high-quality education.

Students receive a state-standard document at the end of each academic year - a certificate recognised in Montenegro and abroad. At the end of Year 9, we issue a Montenegrin secondary school leaving certificate, enabling our graduates to continue their education in any country worldwide.

### British curriculum with Pearson Edexcel

The education programme from Pearson Edexcel includes two main age categories and offers English-medium instruction, making it ideal for preparing students for the international academic and professional arena.

For students aged 11 to 14, our school implements the Pearson Lower Secondary Programme, focusing on core subjects and the development of critical thinking. This stage prepares them for a deeper understanding of chosen disciplines.

The Pearson Upper Secondary Programme is designed for students aged 14 to 16 and prepares them for the International GCSE exams. Upon completing this programme, students may continue their education in the IB Diploma Programme at Adriatic College.

### Preparation for the IB DP

A feature of the secondary school at Adriatic College is preparing students for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme with the PreDP course included in the Year 9 curriculum. The course covers English and mathematics, which are essential for admission to the IB DP programme. The course prepares students for the international educational environment, as successfully passing the International Baccalaureate exams provides an opportunity to apply to universities worldwide.



The secondary school at Adriatic College is a stage of developing academic and social maturity. Students enhance their research, critical thinking, and analytical skills, as well as their independent learning skills.

# Senior School (Ages 16 - 19)



**Adriatic College's senior school** offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP), a two-year course designed for high school students and aimed at their comprehensive development.

The diploma awarded to students of the IB DP programme upon successfully passing international exams and completing course work is recognized by universities worldwide, opening additional opportunities for admission to higher education institutions in various countries.

The programme involves choosing subjects from six groups: native language, foreign languages, humanities, natural sciences, mathematics, and arts. The choice of subjects is determined by the student's interests and future education plans. Students study three subjects at the standard and three at the higher levels.

The Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course is an essential part of the programme, which fosters both critical and interdisciplinary thinking. The CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) programme offers opportunities for creativity, physical activity, and volunteering, contributing to personal growth and the development of social responsibility.

The subject programmes and courses of the International Baccalaureate are relevant and regularly updated, on average, every five years, reflecting current trends in science and education. They are profoundly academic yet closely linked to real life, motivating students to continue studying their chosen disciplines.

# Implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB DP) Programme at Adriatic College

At Adriatic College, the International Baccalaureate programme offers students a wide selection of subjects, allowing them to tailor the curriculum to their interests. The school pays significant attention to the choice of quality educational materials.

The educational programme at Adriatic College is aimed not only at obtaining an international diploma but also at the comprehensive academic preparation of students. Great emphasis is placed on developing critical thinking skills, scientific analysis, and independent research, facilitating successful admission and study at prestigious universities worldwide.



# Extracurricular Activities

Adriatic College is not just a school but a community of like-minded individuals, a cohesive team of children and adults, where each student feels like a member of a large, friendly team.

We aim to create a unique educational environment where students can unlock their potential and acquire life skills beyond school.

## The Concept of “This is YOUR Place”

At Adriatic College, we implement the concept of “This is YOUR Place,” suggesting that in our school, children find themselves exactly where they need to be, where they are valued and welcomed, and where they attend with joy. We believe that school should be a “place of power” for every student—where children can demonstrate their abilities, gain knowledge, interact with friends, and relax.

## School Events

Every event at Adriatic College has a meaning, value, and idea. We organise events with the students that stimulate creative thinking, teach teamwork, and help everyone express their individuality. It's essential for us that the preparation process be engaging, helpful, and fun, and the outcome be high-quality and inspiring.

### Support for Creativity and Initiatives

Instead of the traditional rigid format of competitions, we focus on supporting and developing the creative beginnings in each child. We conduct festivals and exhibitions, during which each student has the opportunity to reveal their unique

talents. Our educators assist students at all preparation and project implementation stages, gently guiding and supporting them.

## Our Traditions and Thematic Weeks

Adriatic College has beautiful and beloved traditions - the annual Spring Ball, New Year's Charity Festival, Festive Concert on September 1st, and Student's Day.

Additionally, the school hosts thematic weeks with various themes: health, etiquette, communication, and others. For these weeks, we invite experts and conduct thematic games, lectures, and class hours for students and teachers. The variety of such events helps children form a conscious personal attitude towards life.



Our philosophy is to educate, inspire, and develop the abilities and talents of each child.



# Health and Safety

Understanding the importance of physical and mental health and safety, we pay special attention to organising the relevant services.

## Medical Service

The medical service at Adriatic College is designed to monitor the health of students and staff.

It is important to emphasize that medical assistance are regulated by specific regulations.

## Psychological Service

School is more than just an educational institution. It is a place where a student's personality is shaped and developed. The psychological service occupies an important place in Adriatic College's system. The department's key tasks include caring for students' emotional states, assisting them in critical moments, and supporting them during the adaptation phase.

The school employs two qualified psychologists who are available for consultation by students, teachers, or parents on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All meetings with psychologists are free of charge. Whether discussing personal matters or just taking a break from the noise and people around you, the psychological support room is always quiet and very cozy. Our psychologists are not

just qualified specialists but friends with the students.

## Security Service

At Adriatic College, we pay the utmost attention to security issues. The safety of students and school staff is an absolute priority.

Security at the school is provided by a state security officer, whose presence is mandatory for all accredited Montenegrin schools. One of the administrators is always on duty at the school's reception. Access to the school for guests and parents is strictly regulated. On days of holidays, festivals, and school events, parents are admitted to the school based on lists provided by class teachers.



# School and Environment

Adriatic College is not just a school; it's a large, cosy world. A space of beauty and tranquillity, inspiration, and learning.

It's well-known that any subject is better absorbed at peace, and the school's surroundings are beautiful. The school's modern, spacious, and bright building has become a second home for our numerous students. A lovely inner world is created amidst mountains, with views of the Adriatic Sea and the authentic historical centre of Budva!

It's the perfect place for stimulating creative thinking and inspiration.

## Learning in Harmony with Nature

Adriatic College fosters learning skills and cultivates respect for the environment. Thanks to the school's location, we successfully integrate care for nature into the educational process, forming a responsible and conscious attitude in children towards the world we live in. We have also reduced disposable plastics, and our students are participating in eco-projects in Montenegro.

## Outdoor Lessons

Given that the school building is located on a hill, Adriatic College teachers and our students enjoy conducting some lessons outdoors, in the extensive shaded schoolyard or on one of the two equipped outdoor sports fields. The school's infrastructure allows us to make the most

of Montenegro's beautiful climate and nature.

## Hiking

"The walk conquers the road." The mountain of Adriatic College may seem daunting, but it is not. We've found that 25% of our teachers prefer to walk to school. About 20% of students follow their example, especially many athletes from grades 5 to 9. Hiking is both a physical activity and an opportunity to enjoy panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea and the city of Budva.





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Saturday

**9:00 AM - 15:00 PM**



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