Did You Know? A European School Just a Few Kilometres from Brussels Deserves Your Attention!

When people think of the European Schools, the larger campuses in Brussels usually come to mind. But did you know that, just a short drive away, there is another excellent **Type I European School**? **The European School Mol** (ES Mol) is a hidden gem that many families—both newcomers and long-standing members of our community—may not know about.

In the **spirit of supporting our colleagues** and providing the best educational opportunities for our children (as we did already by working with the School or Argenteuil (EE Type II) where thanks to our hard work and lobbying to the Commission they offer now +/- 200 places in the south of the Brussels Region). In the same spirit to present another alternative for our colleagues, the FFPE recently visited ES Mol to discover what this unique school has to offer.

As many families are aware, most Type I European Schools are facing increasing pressure due to growing student numbers. Finding a place close to home has become more challenging, and many students are required to travel long distances every day.

ES Mol offers an attractive alternative. The school welcomes both local and international families living and working in the region. A dedicated school bus service connects Mol with **Brussels, Antwerp and Eindhoven**, making daily travel possible for many families. For those living further away, the school also offers **boarding facilities and host families**, providing additional flexibility without the need to relocate.

With around **750 students representing 53 nationalities**, ES Mol is considerably smaller than most European Schools. This creates a close-knit, multicultural environment with smaller class sizes and more individualised attention for each student.

The school offers:

- **Nursery** (ages 3–6)
- **Primary School** (ages 6–11)
- **Secondary School** (ages 11–18)

There are **three language sections: Dutch, French and English.** Students are taught primarily by native-speaking teachers and follow the European Schools curriculum leading to the **internationally recognized European Baccalaureate**.

The **campus itself is another highlight**. Spread over **20 hectares**, it offers outstanding facilities, including a swimming pool, athletics track, football field, modern classrooms and science laboratories, libraries, well-equipped ICT rooms, a high-quality canteen (also open to parents), and after-school care (garderie).

If you're exploring European School options or simply curious to learn more, why not visit the ES Mol website—or better yet, take a short drive and discover the campus for yourself? You may be pleasantly surprised!

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