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***Gigas for Schools* starts its third season in support of the entrepreneurs and tech leaders of the future**

Gigas for Schools picks the best business and community-interest ideas in schools throughout Spain

Gigas views education as a key driver of innovation, entrepreneurship and future progress

More than 130 projects from schools all over Spain were submitted for last year's 2nd season

The contest's last season was a hit, involving 700 schoolchildren from 22 provinces all over Spain. The third season of Gigas for Schools, a programme that seeks to train the entrepreneurs and tech leaders of the future in Spain, has now begun.

The venture is a joint effort between Educsci - Educación Jesuitas and Gigas, a cloud computing multinational. Through hands-on competitive education and training, Gigas for Schools aims to encourage upcoming generations (pupils aged 15 to 18 at Educación Jesuitas schools) to embrace tech-driven entrepreneurship. Gigas for Schools especially encourages women to develop their talents in the tech field, where the percentage of female students is currently significantly lower than males.

Students will receive hands-on, guided training in areas such as marketing, business planning, product development, sales and strategy. When choosing the winner of the third national season of the Gigas for Schools contest, the jury will look at each project's technology, market and viability research and overall potential.

Gigas for Schools is designed as an alternative educational experience that promotes values and skills such as teamwork, ongoing improvement, effort, trial and error as a learning tool, and sharing knowledge and skills.

Last year's winning project was 'Eco-city', submitted by pupils at the Colegio del Sagrado Corazón in Logroño, Rioja. This was an initiative that combined social responsibility with environmental conservation by encouraging waste recycling with a simple reward system.

The second staging of Gigas for Schools was made possible by major sponsors such as the PwC consultancy, the restoration group Serunion (Elior), Samsung, Alsa, the publishing houses Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, Alusin Solar and Rock Camp, which contributed talks and presentations, funding and expertise as jurors.

About Gigas.com

Gigas is a Spanish cloud computing company listed on the Mercado Alternativo Bursátil (Spanish Alternative Equity Market or MAB) (GIGA.MAB). Founded in 2011, it has become one of the world's leader providers in the sector, according to Gartner's "Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service" report. Gigas, which offers cloud computing solutions to large corporations and SMEs alike, is widely known for its cutting-edge technology and unrivalled technical support. The company has data centres in Madrid, Barcelona, Miami and Santiago de Chile and offices in Spain, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Miami, Panama and Mexico.

About Educsi – Educación Jesuitas

Educsi is the Education delegation of the Society of Jesus in the Province of Spain. The organisation encompasses 69 brick-and-mortar schools, more than 75,000 enrolled pupils and 6,000 teaching staff. The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) has run educational institutions for more than four and a half centuries, and has a worldwide network of 4,000 schools.

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