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BRITISH EDUCATION SECONDARY Foundation Stage

Shaping the future
From 11 to 15 years old





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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an **outstanding international education founded on a nurturing, family-centred, challenge-driven learning environment**. Ours is a holistic culture of excellence in which all contribute.

We are committed to **inspiring and empowering students to succeed in fulfilling their individual potential at school**, university and beyond, and to help them grow into respectful global citizens who take a leading, active role in positively shaping the future of our changing world.



Values



RESPECT

We respect the needs and rights of each member of our community. We encourage listening, understanding and supporting alternative points of view. We show care, kindness and compassion to others. We treat well the environment inside and outside of our school.

EXCELLENCE

We have a desire for excellence: for being outstanding both personally and academically. We encourage forward-thinking and thinking outside-the-box. We provide outstanding teaching supported by thorough learning plans tailored to students' individual needs. We develop confidence based on acquired skills and abilities. We are responsible, accountable and honest in our actions.

INTERNATIONAL

We embrace diversity. We recognize the cultures, languages, perspectives and experiences of our local and global communities. We ensure a strong level of international awareness, engagement and understanding. We embrace every opportunity to connect to our local community.



English is the language spoken throughout the school except in Spanish lengua and Sociales lessons. Students are expected to use English as their preferred language and practise as much as possible because high proficiency in the language will ensure that they are able to excel in all subjects.

The Secondary Department is divided into three KEY STAGES, in line with the UK school system. They are:

- Key stage 3 - Year 7-9
- Key stage 4 - Year 10-11 (IGCSE)
- Key stage 5 - Year 12-13 (A Level)



Key stage Three

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) students follow a **broad and balanced curriculum** which covers a **wide range of academic areas**, but ensures a deep development of understanding in the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. All core subjects are taught in mixed ability groups as research has shown that students do better taught in this way. Within the class students are taught at a level and pace that suits them. **Students are given individual attention according to their needs, and second language considerations are taken into account.**

Students also study the following subjects:

Global Perspectives; ICT; Physical Education; Personal, Social and Health Education; Drama; Art; Lengua and Ciencias Sociales (compulsory for Spanish Nationals). **Spanish as a Second Language is offered as an alternative to Lengua**, and these students will also have an introduction to Spanish culture.

All students will also choose a further language, either French or Mandarin.



British education focuses on the acquisition and development of skills, alongside knowledge, encouraging pupils to take ownership of their own learning. **Key stage 3 is an important stepping stone for students** to prepare themselves for the challenge of external examinations.

The introduction of a new programme in Key Stage 3, Global Perspectives, **helps our students to develop the skills of research, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration and communication.** It further strengthens the links between English, Mathematics, Science and the Humanities.



Key stage Four

There is a strong pastoral ethos in the school and issues are addressed through the **PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic)** programme and school assemblies.

PSHE education helps students to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society. From making responsible decisions about alcohol to succeeding in their first job, **PSHE education helps students to manage many of the most critical opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face growing up.**

By the end of this important period in the school, students are well-prepared for the rigours of Key Stage 4.

The transition into Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) allows students to specialise by choosing certain option subjects, as well as continuing with the core subjects. **IGCSE courses are two year programmes studied in Years 10 and 11, leading to external examination at the end of Year 11.**

+ Compulsory core subjects:

English; Maths; Double Science; Spanish; Lengua and Ciencias Sociales (compulsory for Spanish Nationals)

+ Students then choose two further subjects. The options include:

English Literature; ICT; Travel & Tourism; History; Business; Global Perspectives; Spanish Literature.

We also offer both Study support, for students who may need extra help, and Extended science, which is for students who know they want to study sciences at A level.



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The IGCSE is the international version of the British GCSE exam and has been the most widely recognised international qualification for over 25 years. Prior to starting year 10, students are given in-depth introductions to the options they may choose and are given guidance to ensure they pick the best subjects for them.

Four passes at IGCSE, including two of either English, Maths, Science or Spanish will allow students to gain their ESO certificate. **Five passes are needed for access to the A level courses and university level education.** In order to continue a subject at A level, students need to attain grade A* - B in that subject at IGCSE.

The courses run for two years. In the Spring term of Year 11, students take mock exams to practise the skills needed for the final exams taken between May and June of that year.

It is worth noting that the majority of the course material is studied in Year 10 and, in some cases, coursework (work completed and supervised by staff at the school that represents a percentage of the final grade) is completed at different points in the course.

Sage College is an examination centre for Cambridge International Exams (CIE) and Edexcel (part of the Pearson group), both globally recognized as benchmarks of excellence in education.