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“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”.

Malcolm X



Year 6 making the word RESPECT with their bodies

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD

Once the School Year has started with strength and immersed in a new universe of safety and hygiene measures, I can proudly say that it is being a successful start. Students and teachers seem very happy as normality of face-to-face teaching and learning is now back at Sage College. We see how responsibility and commitment is taking effect.

This week one of our star proposals for this year started: the Clubs and Workshops. Our students have had the opportunity to access varied learning experiences with their teachers throughout the week in different settings. Nothing more motivating than seeing how teachers share their hobbies and passions with their students. This week we have seen how Ms Sawyer unrolled her Yoga mat in the garden, Mr Connor refined his lenses and flashes in the photography club, how Mr Arroyo philosophised in his philosophical Coffee Club or how Mr Ambrose showed his table-tennis skills as a former UK team in international competitions.

We will be sharing many more of these experiences with students and families throughout these weeks and are confident that they will enrich our learning at Sage, cultivate interpersonal relationships among members of our community and enhance our educational project.

A special thanks to all those who make it possible for students, teachers and families to make use of the school's facilities and services safely, starting with David Álvarez our Director of Operations, followed by Toñi, our nurse, the administration team, cleaning staff, kitchen staff and maintenance. Together we are all Sage College!

Mr Wickham



Mini News!!

Squelch... Squish... Splat...

The best way to help settle children after a very long vacation or starting a new school is to **keep them engaged and having fun!**

In Early Years over the first few weeks, as well as getting to know each child, we have made sure the children have had **LOTS of sensory play** to encourage settling in and making relationships with their teachers and friends.

Kids just love getting mucky and making a mess – whether that’s squishing jelly through their hands, smearing mud across their faces or crunching rice krispies between their fingers! We understand at Sage the importance of this type of play from Pre-Nursery to the end of Reception!

It provides children with an **exciting, tactile and sensory experience** that inspires their curiosity, allows them to **explore the world** around them and enhances their learning, language and creativity. Children learn through **experimentation and discovery**, and **Messy Play** encourages children to explore new textures and manipulate different materials through touch. Not only does Messy Play enhance their cognitive development and learning, but it also improves a child’s physical development as well!

Have a look at what we have been up to this week in our **Sensory Gallery!**





Values education underpins much of what we do here at Sage College. Hence, every month we explore and celebrate a new value in detail. The monthly value for September is **RESPECT** and children have been sharing some insightful and meaningful ideas about what respect means to them.

“Respect is about treating people good”

Marta Year 4

“For me respect is important because if you respect others, others will respect you back and this will help you go far in life”

Roberto Year 6

Primary Clubs & Workshops

After being such a wonderful success last year, this week **clubs are running again**. They are a wonderful chance for children to engage in a range of **different activities that stimulate their creative, body and movement and social/emotional development**. It is an enjoyable way to finish the day of academic lessons. Although children can not choose their clubs (during the COVID protocol) we see this time as a great opportunity for children to interact in activities which they may never have chosen previously.

Thus **expanding their horizons** and opening doors whilst leading to the **discovery of new passions**.



Middle school Workshops

A smorgasbord of creativity and support in our school! This week we launched our workshops and support classes. Why are these important? Life and learning is not just science, maths and languages; it is the ongoing development of curiosity, general knowledge and alternative perspectives. Extra-curricular opportunities for students should also not just be smartphones and the internet.



Examples of opportunities are: explorations into the world of cameras and artistic expression through photographs and others about environmental responsibility with different initiatives. Some are expressing their imaginations to their peers via storytelling. Other clubs explore the world of cinema and film as a captivating form of art. For students who require the expansion of their boundaries in some academic disciplines such as English or French, we have also organised workshops to help them to achieve it.

We will be reviewing our workshops and clubs frequently, adapting them to new interests and situations that arise. putting our effort in offering attractive options for all the interests of our students.





High School Workshops



At Sage College, it is one of our priorities that our students reach their goals when they finish the stage at school. Universities have IGCSE and A level qualifications as the academic entry requirements that students need to meet to be able to access university. Moreover, it is really valuable if students have completed other courses and activities as a complement to their education. For that reason, we give our students the opportunity to enrich their curriculum. Some of the **workshops and activities** offered will be for the whole academic year. However, others will be changing on a termly basis, which will give them the option to access a broad variety of activities to enrich their curriculum. With this, they will be able to enjoy a student-centered, holistic and international education that will open doors to the future.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT, STUDY SKILLS AND CAREER ADVICE

Our intention and compromise is to continue helping students to reach the goal. One of the most important areas for our High School students is **language and exam techniques**. Nothing better to face an exam than having the appropriate skills. These skills are trained in every subject, but our program of language support and study skills will extend these training process and will help our students.

On the other hand, our students need to get advised in terms of their future university and degree, and how to prepare the different documents and application needed. Our **career advice program** is here to help our students with this access-to-university process.



Finally, here we have our **Bachillerato Sage program**. The subjects of **biología, física, matemáticas and química** chosen by our students are starting. We welcome our new fantastic teacher for this purpose, Marta Gómez, who we are delighted to have in our team. Those students participating in this program will keep open the **opportunity to access any university, including all the Spanish public universities**. Furthermore, they can have the opportunity to reinforce the content of their equivalent A level subject(s). Without any doubt, a **unique offer in this area of Spain**.



Dates to remember

→ **Mon. 21**
World Peace Day

→ **Mon. 21**
Early Years and Primary
School Welcome
Meeting

→ **Th. 24**
Local holiday



MEET OUR STAFF

THIS WEEK... **Ms SAWYER**

ABOUT ME...



Hello Sage Community, for those of you who I have not had the pleasure in getting to know over the past 3 years, here is a little bit about where I have come from. I was born and raised in Australia. This is where I got my Double Degree in Early Years and Primary Education and later my Masters Degree in International Education. Australia is also where I met my husband and had my 3 beautiful children. As Australia is so far away from much of the rest of the world, I discovered my love of travel from an early age when I took a year off to travel around the world with my husband. This resulted in me catching the travel bug, and once my children were born we decided to pack up our lives into 5 suitcases and we left Australia to start our traveling adventure. Since then I have lived and worked in Canada, the UK and now Spain and enjoyed the opportunity to use these places as bases to explore their local areas. This is my fourth year at Sage College and I am proud to say it is my third year of leading Primary. I am very excited about the future of the school and I am deeply committed to seeing and supporting this amazing project grow and develop.

HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

Besides from travelling and exploring the great outdoors with my family. I have a passion for all things music, whilst I do play guitar I prefer to watch live music whenever I get the chance. In addition to this I am very passionate about health and wellbeing and through this I developed a love of running and yoga. I practice yoga daily and am very proud to say that in 2019 I ran 2 marathons and 1 half marathon. I love sharing these hobbies with students and you will often find me leading a running group or a yoga club.

Don't forget to follow us!



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