



SAGE COLLEGE

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VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR AT SAGE COLLEGE

We are very excited to give the children an opportunity to purchase some wonderful English books from Usborne. Next week the school will be visited by an Usborne representative who will run our first ever 'Virtual' Book Fair. The children will have 45 minutes to browse through the books online and will make two choices of books they would like to purchase. In addition to this you will all receive our Sage College Usborne Book Catalogue via email. These books have been carefully chosen and recommended by our teachers and would make fantastic Christmas gifts for your children. We hope the children enjoy the event and reading their lovely, new books..



Message from our School Head:

Dear Sage College families and students,

It seems that the cold has come to stay and we can already breathe in the air that aroma that reminds us that Christmas and of course, the holidays are coming ! This week the entire school has been preparing for the musical performances and plays that will be performed in December.

This year, due to the current situation, these performances will be recorded and transmitted online but we will make sure that not one drop of excitement, warmth and charm of such a special time of the year is lost at school. Who knows, maybe Santa Claus pays us a visit. We will have to be vigilant!

Mr Wickham



HOUSE POINTS



631



774



617



634

EARLY YEARS NEWS

PRENURSERY

This week the “Little Ducklings” have been exploring the story of “goldilocks and the 3 bears”. Through this story, we have worked on many concepts : family members, numbers (1,2,3), sizes (big, medium, small), textures (hard and soft), and flavours (sweet and salty), hot and cold. We have enjoyed making masks, preparing porridge, stamping bear silhouettes with sponges and creating bears with different types of sensory materials (buttons, sequins, pompoms). This story has led to many wonderful learning opportunities.



NURSERY

This week the ‘Friendly Frogs’ have started learning about the story ‘The Gingerbread man’. On Wednesday they had a very special visitor... Ms. Dower! She came to the class to read the story, explore the characters and then (the best activity of all) She showed the children how to make Gingerbread biscuits! Using the baking tools and decorating the gingerbread men was a great way of developing fine motor skills. Thank you Ms Dower for coming and enjoying this wonderful morning with Friendly Frogs!

RECEPTION

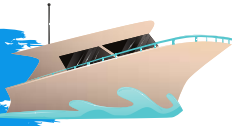
This week the Busy Bees have been developing their outdoor area with an Autumn Mud Kitchen. Busy Bees parents provided old pots, pans, bowls, spoons and lots of kitchen equipment. We enjoyed mixing, stirring, measuring and cooking with leaves, sticks, stones, shells and whatever we found in the garden. The dinosaurs loved it too! Thank you mummies and daddies for such an engaging experience.



PRIMARY NEWS



SHIPS AHOY!



This month year 5 have been learning all about Forces. The children had a quest to design and build a boat that was stream-lined, buoyant and use air resistance to move. After building our boats, we checked that they were following the specifications of the task and some adaptations were made. Finally, we took them to the pool to see how successful they were. Miss Simmons used a leaf blowing machine to create more wind so that we could really test air resistance. It was so much fun. Most of the boats worked really well although we did have some capsize but none sank so their buoyancy was a success! Year 5S managed to finish their races and the overall winning boat was from Mar. However, year 5T encountered a terrible storm at sea and had to abandon ship until next week. Miss Jan was super impressed with all their efforts. Well done year 5. A great engineering and science task.



MEET OUR JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (JLT) - YEAR 5

Hello my name is Irene and I am very glad of being part of the JLT. I will really love to help others and if you need help I will help you at every time. I love doing meetings and I am so excited about that. I have a lot of hobbies like gymnastics. I love to play with my friends, like Celia, Angela and a lot more. I will try to make the school a better place with all my ideas and due to this, thank you for voting for me. You made a very good decision.



Hello, my name is Miguel. My hobbies are playing sports, I especially enjoy horse riding. I love animals and in the past have held an owl and an eagle.

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas



No matter what age, every child loves to listen to a good story. In English across primary school, children have begun their annual Christmas units. These units are always based around a famous Christmas story, 'Rudolph', 'The Nutcracker' and 'The Polar Express' to name a few. The wonderful descriptive writing we see as a result of the Christmas units is amazing and all the English teachers are very proud!



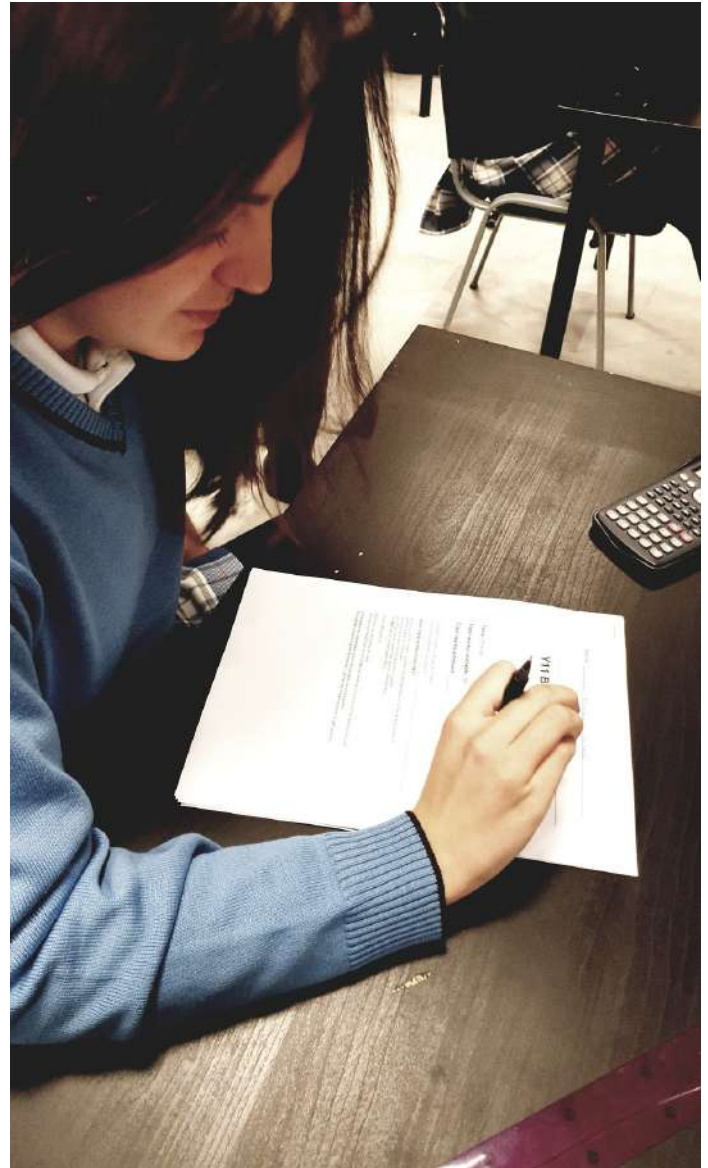
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

EXAMS

Over the coming two weeks, KS3 and Year 10 are going to have end of term exams. For this purpose the Middle School Team has prepared a Middle School test calendar so that exams are properly distributed over the coming two weeks: They have exams in the Key Subjects in KS3 of Maths, Science, English, ICT & Global studies. Y10 students do tests in all their iGCSE subjects in December.



MOCK exams are in January as communicated. This includes those IGCSE AS and A level subjects that students will take externally in the June 2021 examination series. We recommend them to read the external exam guide carefully, which was sent to families last week.



YEAR 7 MATHS

This week in Maths Y7 have been **learning all about units of conversion**. Not only have they been working hard on written methods of conversion, but today they had fun **applying their knowledge to order and compare objects with varying mass**. It's so important for students to learn how to apply their skills to the world around them and find practical uses for their mathematics theory. Great job Y7!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We are reaching the end of the term, finishing November. Thus, our students are starting to have end-of-term exams to assess them properly. Once they get their results, the most important step is to learn from mistakes. This process will help them to improve and be ready when MOCK and external exams arrive. This plus having a positive attitude will make the difference. I hope you have all a lovely weekend.

by Mr Soto

FACILITATING THE ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY

Volunteering and work experience are very important when applying for university. In the best way possible, we give our students the opportunity to have collaborations in different areas. For this reason, some of our High School students have started to collaborate with teachers from Primary School and other subjects.

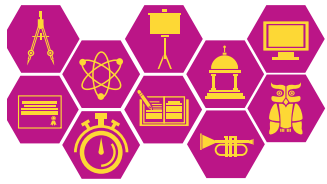
Moreover, this kind of experience allows students to develop other skills that will be important for their future. Of course, all the COVID protocol measures are followed.



ACCESSING ANY SPANISH UNIVERSITY

Our High School students continue progressing in their subjects, completing homework and being assessed. This also applies to those subjects that belong to Bachillerato Sage. **BACHILLERATO SAGE** gives the opportunity to access any university in Spain. Moreover, it is useful to reinforce some parts of the content studied in the equivalent A level subject. This will also contribute to the academic improvement in different areas.





Shaping THE FUTURE

We have already introduced the typical courses and universities our students go to, the general requirements to access universities in countries like the UK, Spain, USA, the Netherlands and others. This week, we would like to continue giving you information, in this case, by **showing an example of how a student can access to Spanish universities to study, for instance, Medicine**. Basically, the student will need to have four A levels with top grades. This is accepted by most of the Spanish universities (to reach the maximum grade in the 1-14 scale). Here we have two advantages of following our system: our students can focus on less subjects, what contributes to increasing the grades and the level of specialization.

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITIES. EXAMPLE

MEDICINE AT PRIVATE AND MOST PUBLIC SPANISH UNIVERSITIES



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	A*	A	B	C	D	E
AS	-	20	16	12	10	6
A level	56	48	40	32	24	16

CASE 2
MEDICINE IN
PRIVATE AND MOST
PUBLIC SPANISH
UNIVERSITIES

BIOLOGY
A LEVEL 1
GRADE A: 48

CHEMISTRY
A LEVEL 2
GRADE A: 48

PHYSICS
A LEVEL 3
GRADE A: 48

MATHEMATICS
A LEVEL 4
GRADE A: 48

192
9.09

UNIVERSIDAD
COMPLUTENSE
DE MADRID

BIOLOGY: GRADE A



$$9.09 \times 0.2 = 1.82$$

CHEMISTRY: GRADE A



$$9.09 \times 0.2 = 1.82$$

12.73

Some Spanish universities ask students holding an international education to complete two subjects in EvAU in order to reach the maximum grade out of 14, and here it is where our new Bachillerato Sage appears to become more important, allowing our students to reach the maximum grade in the scale 1-10 with 4 A levels, and the maximum grade in the scale 10-14 by taking two subjects from Spanish Bachillerato in EvAU:

ACCESS TO UNIVERSITIES. EXAMPLE

MEDICINE IN OTHER SPANISH UNIVERSITIES



CASE 3:
MEDICINE IN
OTHER SPANISH
UNIVERSITIES

BIOLOGY
A LEVEL 1
GRADE A: 48

CHEMISTRY
A LEVEL 2
GRADE A: 48

PHYSICS
A LEVEL 3
GRADE A: 48

MATHEMATICS
A LEVEL 4
GRADE A: 48

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UNIVERSIDAD
DE GRANADA

ESPECÍFICA 1:
BIOLOGÍA



$$9.50 \times 0.2 = 1.90$$

ESPECÍFICA 2:
QUÍMICA



$$9.50 \times 0.2 = 1.90$$

12.89

BACHILLERATO SAGE

TIPS FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST



Kindness is contagious and sometimes simple changes like the suggestions listed below can make such a big difference. Be the change that you want to see in others.

Remember: **BE KIND** is an important part of our values.

Try to change these messages and observe how everything changes too!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN?

YOUR WORDS MATTER

INSTEAD OF...

TRY

Be quiet

Can you use a softer voice?

I explained how to do this yesterday

Maybe I can show you another way

Stop crying

It's ok to cry

It's not at hard

You can do hard things

We don't talk like that

Please use kind words

@albanpsychie

MEET OUR STAFF



THIS WEEK...

Ms Dadd

ABOUT ME...



Hello Sage Family! I am one of the Year 1 teachers at Sage College and this is my first year here. Before Sage I taught in England throughout the Primary phase. I haven't always been a teacher though. I trained as an actor at the Arts Educational Schools, London and have had roles in theatre, radio, and on TV in a series with Stephen Fry. I've also worked as a researcher for television and in the fitness industry! My love of education grew out of having three children of my own and remembering with affection the teachers who have inspired me. As a child I lived in Malta and the USA, which started my love affair with travel and here I am in another part of the world enjoying the culture, the friendly people, and the sunshine!

HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

I love to keep fit, spend time with my extended family and friends, food, and taking photographs. I still enjoy going to the theatre and the cinema, where I sometimes see old friends' performing. I have a passion for music and can often be found at festivals, concerts, or simply turning the volume up and dancing around the house...

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US!



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