



Sage College
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BRITISH EDUCATION SHAPING THE FUTURE

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Our story

Founded some 10 years ago, Sage College has evolved into a fully British Curriculum Primary and Secondary School, **welcoming students from the ages of 18 months to 18 years**. A small, family-oriented school, you will feel the warmth and friendliness as soon as you walk in. Class sizes are small and allow for differentiated teaching throughout the school. Students are given the freedom to express themselves and test their abilities through not only academic work, but through a variety of extra-curricular activities too.

Our aim is to create an academically rigorous learning environment, where students will learn to study in English and become fluent in the language. The teaching and learning is skills-based as well as content-rich and students learn to work independently and take control and responsibility for their own learning. Sage is a truly “child-centred” school where we focus on not only trying to obtain the best academic results, but also encouraging our students to be good citizens of the world. **We believe that we have the opportunity to inspire and motivate our students** and enable them to develop the skills and knowledge which will give them the best opportunities in life.

From the very early years of school life, to the delivering of fully-formed young adults to university, **Sage College offers the perfect nurturing, academic environment where all young people may thrive**. The Sage College community is just that: a group of committed staff, students and parents all working towards achieving the best possible outcomes for our students and providing an enriching environment in which they can work and follow their dreams.



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.



Meet the Team

Sage College is a private International school. We are a non-religious school and have an inclusive admission policy where we welcome families from all over the world. We have a very simple management structure, with an Executive Committee which decides on School policies and the ongoing investment programme.

José Antonio Parra Chairman of the Executive Committee

María Garrido Head of HR & Admissions

David Álvarez Head of ICT and Operations

Alexander Wickham Headmaster

Francisco Soto Head of High School

James Connor Head of Secondary School

Connie Sawyer Head of Primary School



Educational Stages

Early Years Foundation Stage (ages 3 to 5)

Choosing the first school for your child is a big decision, and we aim to give the best, most secure and most confident start to their school life. From these very early stages we nurture a lifelong love of learning. We know that **every child is unique** and that children develop in individual ways, at varying rates. Ultimately they all have the ability to be capable, confident and self-assured learners. By the time they are five, they will have acquired a level of personal, social and emotional development, along with communication and language skills, as well as physical development.

Primary Education (ages 5 to 10)

The Primary school is a wonderfully vibrant department, which aims to deliver an outstanding curriculum, developing the whole child by offering purposeful experiences with a clear progression in subject knowledge and skills.

Subjects are taught by specialist primary and subject teachers and include English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art, Music, Drama, Computing, Physical Education, French and Mandarin. Spanish Lengua and Social Science is also taught to satisfy Spanish Ministry of Education requirements.



Educational Stages

Secondary Education (ages 11 to 16)

In 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, as well as a wide range of other subjects. 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.

In Years 10 & 11 students embark on a two year programme of study, culminating in IGCSE examinations.

These are a vital link to the next stage of study. As well as the core subjects of Maths, Science, English and Spanish, students will select other subjects which interest them to make up a good set of IGCSEs.

Sixth Form (ages 16 to 18)

In Years 12 & 13 our students are able to choose subjects which really interest them. A levels are globally recognized and offer entry to universities all around the world. They offer a high level of in-depth subject expertise, giving students the opportunity to specialise in a smaller range of subjects to a greater level of complexity and understanding, and **prepare them for university**.

All Spanish students follow the Lengua and Social Sciences subjects up to the age of 16, and on completion will enable them to convalidate their studies in order to obtain Spanish secondary graduation.



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Spanish as a second language (ELE)

We recognize that although our student body is largely Spanish, an increasing number of international students are joining the school with little or no knowledge of Spanish.

We offer these students the opportunity to learn the language at their own pace, in very small, sometimes individual, classes. **Progress is fast**, particularly if the student is keen to learn.

Ultimately they will be prepared for the Spanish IGCSE examination in Year 11. Regular progress tests, as with other subjects, will ensure that the student is kept on track. **ELE is offered in both Primary and Secondary.**



Boarding School

We have a very large and well-equipped boarding facility on campus where **students are provided with a safe and stable home, and where they are supported by dedicated house staff**, helping them to be happy and motivated.

We aim to help grow the character and confidence of each student and help them develop both academically and socially. We offer an engaging and enriching programme of activities at the weekends, drawing on the cultural riches of the environment in which we live. Students living on campus will enjoy large airy en-suite bedrooms with views of the city and surrounding countryside.

There is full wifi access throughout the residence, and access to a media and study room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are designed by a nutritionist and prepared in our own kitchens.

Served in a bright, spacious dining room, students have plenty of time to enjoy their food and socialise with each other.



Extracurricular activities

We believe that introducing young people to a variety of alternative activities, and enabling them to discover different strengths, is at the heart of a great education. Developing skills and interests in an after school club will not only enhance their learning, but increase their overall happiness.

The list of clubs on offer is growing all the time, but currently students can choose from a wide variety of activities, including **yoga, flamenco, choir, book club, football, basketball, robotics, engineering club, guitar, art, chess, cub scouts, craft, ballet, judo, Chinese and French.**



School services

Bus routes

The school operates a number of alternative bus routes, bringing students from many different locations outside Jerez. Details of particular routes may be obtained from the School. If you live somewhere that isn't currently covered by our services, please let us know so that we can consider it as a possibility. **Each bus journey always has a school monitor accompanying the students, and the service is provided by a trusted local company.**



School lunch

Nutritious and well-balanced lunches are provided every day in the light and spacious dining room. Everything is prepared and cooked in our own kitchen and has been checked for balance by both the Ministry of Health and our own nutrition expert. Payment is made in advance, along with the school fees, and students are checked against a list each day. **Students may, by arrangement, go home for lunch if they live nearby.**



Student Welfare

Sage College is a family-orientated school where the staff know well not only the students they teach, but also the majority of the students in the school. To that end we extend our care and attention well beyond the classroom, and endeavour to help students who are struggling either emotionally or physically.

A school nurse is on hand to deal with immediate first aid issues, and to tend to students who become unwell, or need medication dispensed. She will be the first contact with parents if a student needs to go home or needs further medical treatment.

The school psychologist works with individual students and sometimes groups, where conflict has been identified. She has an office and is available for students to approach her by themselves. In other cases she will become involved when a teacher has asked for help with a particular student or group.



Parental involvement & communication

Parent Ambassadors

A supportive parent body is vital to the school, and we welcome all parents to be involved in not just their own child's progress, but in a wider sense, helping us to make our school better and better. The school has a group of Parent Ambassadors, who help organize special events, and each year group has a Parent Representative, chosen at the beginning of the school year, who undertakes to keep the other parents informed of school matters.

Weekly Newsletter

Each Friday a newsletter is distributed to all parents, detailing events during the week, and highlighting upcoming dates. This is an important way for the School to keep parents up to date with school matters.

Alexia

Parents can access details about their child via an online programme. Here they can check marks for work completed, and see when their child has received "positives" or "minors". This is also the medium for contacting the school administration.

Class DOJO

This is a mobile phone app which the Primary School staff use to upload and send photos and messages to parents. It is a quick and efficient way for parents to keep in touch with the class teacher.