

SAGE COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!!



New Year's Eve Party 2024!!

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HOUSE POINTS



1890



1967



2001



1865



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Sage College 2030: Education for a Future of Intelligence and Integrity

At Sage College, we believe that the future is not just about technological advancements but about the people who will use them. Artificial Intelligence is a powerful tool, but in the wrong hands, it can be misused. That is why our primary mission is not just to educate students but to form individuals of character, integrity, and purpose.

Beyond Knowledge: Teaching Students to Think

In an era where AI can generate answers in seconds, true education is not about memorizing information but about questioning, analyzing, and understanding. We train our students to be critical thinkers—capable of distinguishing truth from manipulation, wisdom from mere information, and ethics from convenience.

Our curriculum is designed to challenge assumptions, encourage debate, and promote intellectual curiosity. Whether through philosophy discussions, case studies, or Socratic seminars, we teach students to think deeply and independently. In a world overflowing with data, discernment is more valuable than knowledge itself.

Character First: AI in the Hands of Good People

We strongly believe that intelligence without values is dangerous. AI is an extraordinary tool, but its impact will depend entirely on those who wield it. That is why we emphasize moral integrity, empathy, and social responsibility as much as academic excellence.

At Sage College, students learn that being good people is more important than simply being successful people. We cultivate:

- Empathy and kindness through service projects and community engagement.
- A sense of responsibility by integrating ethical dilemmas into every subject, from AI bias in technology to moral questions in history and business.
- Respect and open-mindedness by fostering a multicultural environment where diverse perspectives are valued and understood.

Our goal is not just to produce high-achieving students but to raise future leaders who will use AI and innovation for the good of humanity.

Education as a Moral Compass

As AI takes over more technical and repetitive tasks, the true power of human intelligence will lie in its ethical and creative capacities. This is why our students are trained not just to be thinkers but to be ethical decision-makers.

In our school, academic achievement and moral character go hand in hand. A student who excels in STEM but lacks compassion is incomplete. A future CEO who understands finance but ignores ethics is a risk to society. The future will not be shaped by AI alone—it will be defined by the character of those who control it.

A Future of Hope and Responsibility

As we look ahead to 2030, I am confident that Sage College students will be among those who shape the world for the better. They will not fear AI; they will master it. They will not be passive consumers of technology; they will be its ethical architects.

AI in the hands of a wise, compassionate, and ethical generation will be a force for good. At Sage College, we are building that generation—one student at a time.

*Alexander Wickham
Head of Sage College*

Parents Coffee Morning!

BUILDING
CONNECTIONS IN THE
SAGE COMMUNITY

REGISTER!

FRIDAY 31ST JAN. 9-10AM

SAGE CAFE



Sage College

The British International School of Jerez

EARLY YEARS NEWS-

How was Christmas time in Early Years?

This past December, *The Friendly Frogs* were buzzing with festive cheer as the children immersed themselves in **the magic of Christmas!** Through hands-on activities and creative play, **our youngest Sagers explored the traditions and joys of this special celebration.**

The children showcased their artistic talents by designing and creating their own **Christmas baubles and ornaments**, which adorned their classroom and the school. Each decoration was a beautiful reflection of their unique creativity and excitement for the holiday season, allowing them to develop their artistic side through process art.



They also kept busy wrapping presents, an activity that helped develop their fine motor skills and encouraged thoughtfulness as they imagined giving gifts to others. To top it all off, **the children wrote heartfelt letters to Santa Claus**, sharing their holiday wishes while practicing their fine motor skills in a fun and meaningful way.

These activities truly brought **the spirit of Christmas** to life in Early Years, **fostering joy, creativity, and a sense of community.** We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work during the festive season!

From all of us in Early Years, we hope you and your families had a magical Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

Lunch time!

The Busy Bees have been developing their independence and life learning skills. During lunch time they are learning to use a fork to cut fish and meat. When they have finished, they very carefully take them to the cleaning station, where they put their cutlery, cups and plates in the appropriate space. These skills are very important to help with increasing their self-esteem.



A Positive Start to the New Term for our Reception Class!

The children are full of curiosity, enthusiasm and smiles

Our Reception Class has had a fantastic start to the new term! After the Christmas holidays, the children have settled quickly and are already diving into exciting learning activities.

With their new teacher, Ms Morion, leading the way, the class is happy, eager, and ready for all the fun ahead. **The children have been practising exercises to improve their handwriting, helping their fine motor skills.** They've also been making playdough, exploring textures, quantities, and learning how to take turns—a great mix of creativity and teamwork! In maths, they are working on **recognising numbers and confidently counting up to 10.** It's wonderful to see the children enjoying school with their friends and being so enthusiastic about learning. There are so many exciting activities planned.

Here's to a joyful and busy term for Reception Class! Keep up the great work, everyone!



- PRIMARY NEWS -

Year 3 Take a trip to the Stone Age! Our first term trip to Era Cultura

Year 3 were very lucky to be able to take a trip back in time **to learn about the Stone Age**, which tied into our topic for this term. The children listened to the guide talking about all of the different parts of the Stone Age and how they evolved over time before heading out to complete some activities.



We all had a go at **making a pot using clay** and then using tools that were similar to those used in the Stone Age to carve and add detail to the pots. After we made our pots we learned about **Cave painting** and all of the different ways they used to make paint from the natural resources they had. We then had the opportunity to paint and get even messier!

We enjoyed our snacks in a shelter that had no walls or windows just like in the Stone Age!



We all had a wonderful day and learned even more about the Stone Age.



TRASH FASHION

INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

WEAR YOUR
HOUSE T-SHIRT

**24.01.
2025**

STAR
PRIZES

BRING YOUR
RECYCLED
MATERIALS



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- PRIMARY NEWS -

How was Christmas time in Primary?



The final week of term was a joyful celebration of the festive season and a fitting conclusion to a remarkable year.

In Primary, the Christmas spirit was alive and well, with students putting their hearts into preparing for the much-anticipated **Christmas Show**. The event was a resounding success, dazzling audiences with its imaginative performances, festive songs, and truly heartfelt moments.



The **Christmas Fair** was another highlight of the week. The atmosphere was electric, with bustling stalls, fun-filled activities, and a wonderful sense of community as families came together to celebrate. It was a testament to the strong bonds within our Primary community and the shared joy of the season.

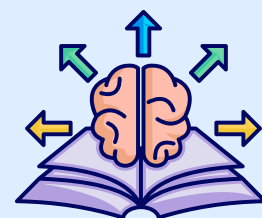


The week ended on a **high note with festive end-of-year celebrations**, where students, staff, and families reflected on the incredible achievements of 2024 and looked ahead to the opportunities of the new year.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and enthusiastic students who made this festive season so special. It was a time filled with joy, togetherness, and memories that will last a lifetime.

- PRIMARY NEWS -

New Term- New Enrichment!



Children are getting into the swing of their new clubs!

Welcome back to the new term. A fresh set of eyes and a rested mind helps us with our learning. At the end of each school day children have the opportunity to be enriched further in their school journey. This term the children have a number of different activities that they can do. This term on offer we have Chess, Origami, Memory Games, Art Skills, Textiles, Arts and Crafts and Choir. All of the children are in their new enrichment groups and have hit the road running!



Choir



Around the world



Chess



Memory Games



**Arts and
Crafts**



Origami



Art Skills Textiles

RECEIVE YOUR MONTHLY SOLIDARITY FRESH BASKET WITH SEASONAL ORGANIC PRODUCTS

**Delivery at Sage College
Tuesday 28 th January at 4:20 PM
(Price: 15€ includes 6-7kg)**

How can I get mine? (dead line 24th January)

Bizum:

Option to "MAKE A DONATION TO AN NGO," choose the NGO Fundación La Vicuña or enter the code "02730" (concept: full name + Sage College)

Bank Transfer:

**FUNDACIÓN LA VICUÑA
CAIXABANK
ES98 2100 2288 1902 0020 2838**

This month's basket will contain the following organic products:

- Extra Virgin Olive Oil 0.5 liters
- 1 Green Cabbage or Cauliflower
- 2 Lettuces
- 1 kg of Leeks
- ½ Dozen Eggs



-SECONDARY NEWS-

Year 8 Exploring Ancient Greece: A Cross-Curricular Journey (Literature and History)

This week, Year 8 students have been diving into the world of Ancient Greece in “Geografía e Historia”. They are going to explore how Greece’s unique geography shaped its city-states, trade, and culture, while also studying key historical events and figures.

To enhance their learning, we’ve connected these lessons with Ancient Greek literature. Students have also embraced Greek theatre by designing and crafting masks inspired by those used in Greek tragedies.

We’re proud of their enthusiasm and creativity in bringing history to life!



Year 10 Becoming a journalist!

In their Spanish Language class, Year 10 students have been exploring the world of journalism by creating their own school newspaper. As part of the project, they learned about the various sections of a newspaper, from news and opinion pieces to sports and cultural reviews, gaining insight into the structure and purpose of each.



This hands-on experience allowed students to develop their writing, research, and teamwork skills while unleashing their creativity. The final product is a testament to their effort and talent—an impressive showcase of budding journalists in action!

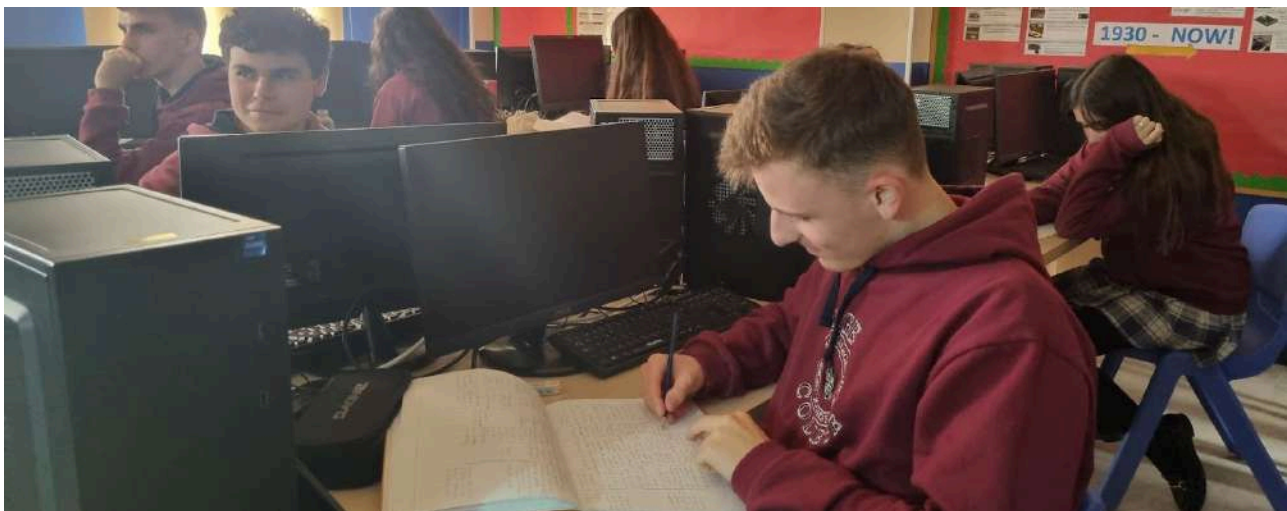
-SECONDARY NEWS-

Media Studies

Understanding how media works

Our Media Studies group undertook an exercise to **test their analytical abilities in preparation for their final exam**. They were tasked with **analysing a media text**, specifically an extract from a film series, to explore what is represented and how the director employs various techniques to convey meaning. **This involved examining camera shots, mise-en-scène, editing, and other elements such as narrative and representation.**

Beyond helping students become familiar with the official exam format, this activity also serves to enhance their writing skills and foster a deeper understanding of media from an active, critical perspective.



Spanish Department

Trip to Cádiz

The Spanish Department organised an educational trip for Year 11 and Year 12 students to attend a theatrical performance of **La Casa de Bernarda Alba**, one of the most iconic works by Federico García Lorca. This play is a cornerstone of the Spanish A-Level curriculum and a mandatory reading for the program.

The performance, presented by the renowned group TransEduca, was followed by an interactive discussion with the actors. During this session, students had the unique opportunity to ask questions and gain insights into how the actors bring the story's most memorable moments to life.



This enriching experience allows students to engage with a key work of Spanish literature in a dynamic and immersive way, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of the play.

-SECONDARY NEWS-

Welcome back to Sage!

I would like to wish all of the families a very Happy New Year and I hope that you have had a fantastic holiday with your families.

Term 2 at Sage College is a time for reflection, making plans and taking action!

At Sage College we believe in a growth mindset and the belief that everyone can succeed as long as they are on the right path.



ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH?

During form time this week students will have time to reflect on their current progress and plan what their future success will look like.

- **Not everyone succeeds the first time!**
- **Failure is part of life**
- **We learn from our mistakes**
- **Sometime we have to change the path we are on**
- **All students do not share the same path**
- **What areas do you need to change/improve?**
- **Make a plan**
- **What will your success look like?**
- **Take Action: Change your path!**

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions or concerns that you may have regarding your child's education and journey to university!

Regards

Mr Stephanides
Head of Keystage 5

-PARENT COUNCIL NEWS-

Building connections in 2025

Exciting plans, community events, and your chance to have your say

We're excited to embark on our first full year as your new Parent Council. As we continue to grow in our role and strengthen our collaboration with the school, we're looking forward to making 2025 a fantastic year for everyone.

We've already held our first monthly meeting, and it's safe to say there's plenty to look forward to. **From planning community-building events to exploring new ways to enhance the parent experience, we're excited about the year ahead and the positive impact we can create together.**

This term, our focus will be on creating events to help build our parent community, connect with one another, and prioritize wellbeing. Whether you've recently joined the Sage family or have been with us for some time, we're here to support you. Keep an eye on your Weekly Agenda email for details about upcoming Parent Council events!

A huge thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey we sent out in 2024!

Your insights have been incredibly valuable, and we're grateful for your input. If you haven't had a chance to share your thoughts yet, it's not too late! Please take a few moments to complete the survey [Click here to complete survey](#). It's a great opportunity to have your say and contribute to shaping our plans for the year ahead.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make 2025 a wonderful year for Sage College families.