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Dear Sage College students, families and friends,

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD



It gives me immense pleasure to celebrate our Newsletter's 100th edition, which reflects the hard work, progress, and learning we have accomplished over the past three years. I am proud of every one of you who has contributed to this milestone, whether by writing articles, editing, designing, or simply reading and sharing the newsletter with your friends.

As we reflect on our journey, it's evident that our school has become a hub of knowledge, creativity, and innovation. Our dedicated teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a learning environment that inspires, challenges, and supports our students. We have embraced new technologies, teaching methodologies, and resources to enhance our teaching and learning experience which was shown during the NABSS Inspection. We take pride in the fact that our school is the best place for our students to learn and prepare themselves to become future citizens of a wider world. Our curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills that will help our students thrive in the dynamic and ever-changing global landscape. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you who have contributed to our school's success, whether by your dedication to your studies, your involvement in extracurricular activities, or your unwavering commitment to making our school a better place.

As we look forward to the future, let us continue to strive for excellence and work together to achieve our goals. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we can build a brighter future for ourselves and for generations to come. Congratulations once again on our 100th Newsletter edition!

Sincerely,
Mr Wickham

-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

THE FRIENDLY FROGS DISCOVER THE SIGNS OF SPRING!

The **Friendly Frogs** are **discovering the signs of spring in their environment**. So we went out into the garden and **observed the change in the trees**, which are now not only sprouting leaves but also beautiful and fragrant flowers. **In the garden the seeds that the Primary students planted are starting to grow** and we can hear many **more birds singing** and also some insects fluttering around. They have also had the opportunity to **plant their seeds** and are taking care of them, making sure they have enough water and light to grow.

On the other hand, the Nursery students are very excited about learning more about the **life cycle of silkworms**. They have magnifying glasses and information material to support what they are observing day by day and the changes that are taking place—they can't wait for them to metamorphose into butterflies!

Spring has arrived with lots of changes and we can't be enjoying them more...



-EARLY YEARS NEWS-



INTERNATIONAL BOOK DAY EARLY YEARS ENJOY BOOKS AND FUN ACTIVITIES

The **celebration of International Book Day in Early Years was full of fantastic activities.** All our little Sagers came in their **pyjamas**, bringing their favorite teddy bear and English book. They had fun **reading in the dark with their torches** lying on their blankets. Their Primary **“reading buddies”** also read books to them in the garden. All the Early Years children **shared a healthy snack** too among many other exciting events. We are books lovers!!



Grandparents Day '23

at Early Years

*Join us for breakfast
and fun activities*



Friday, 5th May 9:15 - 10:30h



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The British International School of Jerez

- PRIMARY NEWS -



"TELL ME A STORY" SHOW

BRILLIANT INTERNATIONAL BOOK DAY!

Primary students have enjoyed a **supercalifragilistic week of books, reading and story-telling!** They had **reading buddy sessions** with secondary where they have shared their favourite stories and had the opportunity to read out loud together in both English and Spanish.

In Drama and Music, they have been busy preparing for the **International Book Day Assembly on Friday to celebrate International World Book Day** -an important day annually in our Sage calendar as students celebrate the pure joy of story-telling. During the performance on Friday we were treated to an array of **familiar characters from Matilda to Peter Pan**, and many more between, who all have a **special place in our British culture**. We hope you enjoyed the show!



- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

HOW DID THE ISLAMIC EMPIRES CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORLD TODAY? YEAR 7 DECIDE!

Year 7, who have been learning about the **Islamic Empires of the Middle Ages**, are **preparing posters** to show how these empires have contributed to our lives today. As we reach the end of this topic in History class, students have been working in small groups – they asked themselves how, after so many centuries, **have the Islamic Empires affected our world today?** After deciding together on the most significant contribution to our lives, they are now making posters, which they will present to their classmates. Their posters will be on display in the corridors, so keep your eyes peeled next time you are in school!



YEAR 8 STUDENTS GIVE MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES AGAINST SLAVERY

Since the beginning of term, **Year 8** have been learning in History class about the origins, development, and eventual outlawing of the transatlantic slave trade. This week students had to imagine a scenario in which they themselves were slaves, and what they could do to try to escape. They used the knowledge they had acquired to **make preparations and then gave speeches to motivate their fellow classmates to fight for freedom.** Their fellow classmates then voted on who gave the most convincing speeches!



COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR IN YEAR 9

Year 9, after having finished learning about the Second World War and the Holocaust, are now diving deep into the **Cold War**. As they look at how the world was split into two main spheres of influence, they have the opportunity to ask themselves how these events are felt today. As part of this chapter, this week Y9B have been working on a **collaborative learning project about the Vietnam War**. In this project, students have been working together to **teach one-another about specific areas of the war that they have researched.** This allows them to develop their organisational, creative and critical thinking skills in an engaging and dynamic manner.

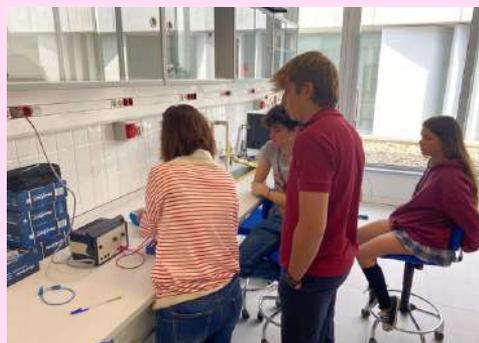


-HIGH SCHOOL NEWS-

OFFICIAL EXAMS

Working towards the future

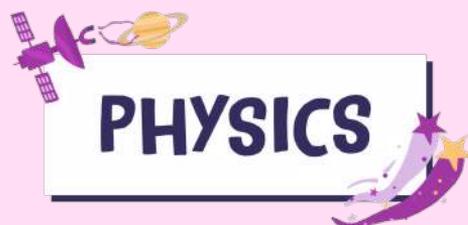
Our High School students have started their **official IGCSE, AS, A level and EvAU exams**. They are working very hard to show all their potential. The results of these exams will define the degree they access and the university they can go to. We wish them all the best!



COLLABORATING WITH UNIVERSITY OF CÁDIZ

Learning by doing

Our **Year 13 Física EvAU students** have collaborated with **Physics research groups at University of Cádiz**, where they were able to put into practice different skills they learnt during this school year. We would like to thank the University of Cádiz for this opportunity.



THE JOURNEY SO FAR And the push to exams



The boarders were asked about their experience in boarding so far. These are a few of the things that they said:

"I like that we support and care for each other"

"I've been able to adapt well and have learnt a lot about myself in the boarding school"

"I appreciate all that is done for us to make us feel at home"

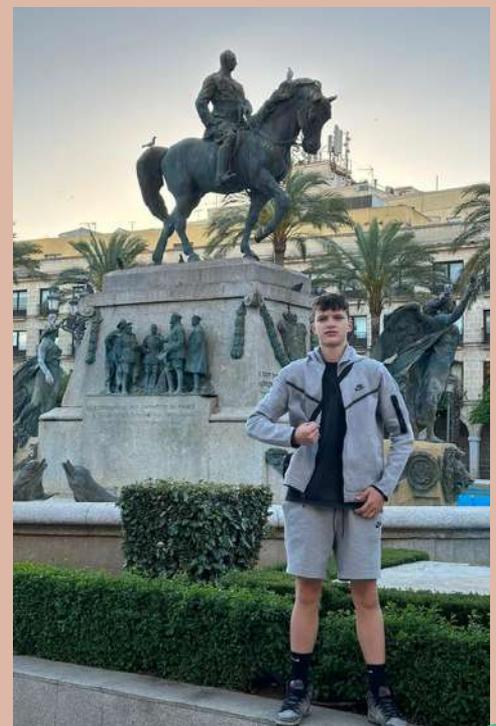
"Boarding is really fun. It is like living with your friends"

"I'm close to people from all over the world that I would never have had the chance to meet"

We are delighted that the boarding has grown this term and would like to **welcome Martina from Tarifa and Vladimir from Russia. The international family continues to grow. Next year, we are expecting another 15 boarders from all over the world to join our happy family.**

With exams around the corner, we are now into extended study sessions on weekends, but are looking forward to experiencing some of the wonderful things Jerez has to offer over the next few weeks. Feria outfits are being bought and the excitement is rising!

I would like to **wish our boarders all the best for the upcoming exams** and I am certain that the hard work that has gone into their preparation will reap the rewards they deserve



- PASTORAL NEWS -

BOOK PRESENTATION

El lienzo de la vida

We are pleased to share **this emotional event in which Setefilla García**, mother of our former pupil **María Barrera**, who presented her book **"El lienzo de mi vida"** (The canvas of my life).

The Canvas of My Life is a moving work in which the author reflects on the purpose of her life, marked to a large extent by her love for her three children. Her bond with them is not based on genetics, but on the ties of love. Its pages take us to China, Mali and Algeria, the countries where María, Míriam and Hamma come from, to learn about their heart-rending stories and to show us how they are all connected.

The **values shown** in it are the ones we try to transmit every day to our students in our school. We are extremely proud to have been part of your lives.



Value of the Month: **HOPE**

"If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough"

This month, Sage has been focused on the value of hope and, more specifically, **goals and dreams for the future**; whether this is the kind of person they wish to be as they grow up or what their ambitions are for future studies and careers after leaving school.

At Sage, we encourage our students to aim high, to believe that everything is achievable and we will continue to help and push them to **make their own dreams a reality**. Even if they are scary!





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