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MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

A few weeks ago, we all experienced something truly unexpected—when much of Spain, Portugal, and other parts of Europe were suddenly thrown into a technological blackout. For a brief moment, it felt as if the world had been transported back 200 years. At Sage College, what could have been a day of disruption quickly turned into a testament to our community's adaptability. Teachers and students alike embraced the challenge, switching seamlessly to pen and paper, finding joy in creativity, and showing remarkable patience and resilience. It was a powerful reminder that, even in the absence of digital tools, learning and collaboration can flourish.

This spirit of adaptability and togetherness is what makes our community so special. Every day, we benefit from the richness of our international environment where cultures, languages, and life experiences come together to create a truly global education. Our children are growing up with an understanding of difference, empathy, and openness that will serve them far beyond the classroom.

As we approach the final stage of the academic year, a new wave of emotions starts to build particularly among our Secondary students. This is a time when excitement and nerves mix: final assessments are approaching, students are preparing to prove just how much they've learnt, and many are facing the transition into a new year group. At the same time, there's great anticipation for the joyful end-of-year traditions that bring us all together graduations, camps, outings, Sage Fest, and our much-loved Talent Shows.

I also want to take this moment to thank you, our families, for your continued involvement and support. Whether you attend events, volunteer your time, or simply encourage your children from home, your presence makes a difference. Education is strongest when it is a shared journey, and I am truly grateful that we are on it together.

Alexander Wickham
Director of Sage College



SAGE MUSIC WEEK

12TH-16TH MAY 2025

LUNCHTIME JAM SESSIONS



PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP



KARAOKE DURING BREAKS



BUILD YOUR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



BILINGUAL BEATS MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR EYES



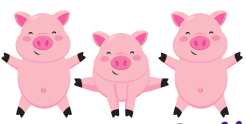
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Sage College
The British International School of Jerez



-EARLY YEARS NEWS-



Building Big Dreams: Little Pigs, Big Creations!

Little Builders at Work!

The children explored **The Three Little Pigs** through hands-on play, using **real and toy tools**, designing their own piggies, and constructing with blocks and shaving foam.

From Story to Structure!

They became builders, experimenting with tools and materials as they recreated the world of **The Three Little Pigs** through sensory play.

Building, Creating, Learning!

The children **designed their own piggies and built structures** using blocks and shaving foam, bringing The Three Little Pigs to life in a fun and interactive way.



Space Week in Preschool Off to the Universe!

The children enjoyed an **exciting space adventure**, learning about **astronauts and the universe through fun, hands-on activities**.

In Maths, they **built rockets** using simple materials and learned about construction and time by measuring with hourglasses. In English, they practiced tricky words like I and go, forming simple space-themed sentences such as I go to the moon.

Creativity shone in Arts and Crafts as **they made helmets and spaceships**, decorating them with enthusiasm.

It was a fun-filled week of discovery, helping the children explore space while building skills across subjects.



-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

From the Earth to the Moon

We had an exciting exploration of the Solar System!

The children learned about the planets, their unique features, and their place in our universe.

To add some hands-on science fun, we also conducted an **experiment with vinegar and baking soda** to witness chemical reactions in action. It was a fantastic way to connect our learning about space with some bubbly, fizzy science experiments!



An exciting visit from a real police officer

Our EYFS children had a **special visitor—Manuel and Carmen’s mum, who is a police officer!** As part of our topic on **Community Helpers**, she came to talk about her important job. The children learned about the uniform she wears and the tools she uses to help keep everyone safe. The most exciting part? She brought a **remote-controlled police car**, and everyone got a turn to drive it! We had so much fun and learned a lot about how police officers help our community. Thank you for visiting us!



-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

Reading Buddies!!

Our Reception class had a wonderful time celebrating International Day! We explored **different countries, cultures, and traditions from around the world**, learning how people live in other places. One of the highlights was a special visit from Year 6. The older students read stories to us, and we shared some of our favourites too. **It was a joyful session filled with books, laughter, and new friendships.** International Day was full of fun and learning—we already look forward to next year's celebration!



- PRIMARY NEWS -

FROM SEA TO SOAP

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed a fantastic **educational trip to Las Salinas**, where they immersed themselves in the unique environment of the salt flats. During the visit, they learned about the traditional process of salt production and its ecological significance, gaining a deeper understanding of how the area supports local wildlife.

The hands-on activities were a real highlight! **The students had the opportunity to make their own algae soap**, discovering how natural ingredients from the sea can be used sustainably. They also got creative by crafting delicious chocolate lollipops with a twist—infused with marine salt!



It was an unforgettable day filled with learning, creativity, and fun, allowing the children to connect with nature and explore new skills.



Trip to El Bucarito cheese farm

We had the privilege of visiting the Cheese farm as well as showing off our acting skills to our parents.

We arrived at the cheese farm and were given coats, a hat and shoes so that we could walk around the inside of the cheese factory. We saw how the cheese was made and we even got a chance to make our own cheese!

After we finished in the factory we got the chance to see **animals on the farm**. We saw some **goats** and we held some kids. They were very small! We held piglets and saw horses. We all got to stroke an owl and a falcon landed on our arms. It was an amazing experience!



- PRIMARY NEWS -

VOYAGE BACK IN TIME: OUR VIKING ASSEMBLY ADVENTURE!

Year 3 presented the class assembly to their parents and the rest of Primary. We have been learning all about the Vikings this term and we wanted to show everyone what we had learned. We found out about **who the Vikings were and where they came from**. We learned about the raids and what happened in them. **We learned about daily life and the differences between men and women!** Who would want to be a Viking woman?! It was lots of fun!



Voices That Share Experiences!

The Importance of Oral Expression in Action

In Spanish classes, words have taken center stage. We have dedicated time and effort to working on **oral expression**, discovering why it is much more than simply speaking. **It is the key that opens the doors to effective communication.**

By sharing their own experiences, our Year 6 students have put valuable techniques into practice when presenting their projects. With enthusiasm and preparation, **each one stood in front of their classmates to share their experiences.** We witnessed how they used clear structures to organize their explanations, how they employed precise vocabulary to convey their knowledge, and how they maintained eye contact and a confident posture to connect with their audience.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 speakers for demonstrating that your voices have a lot to say!



-SECONDARY NEWS-

Exam Weeks

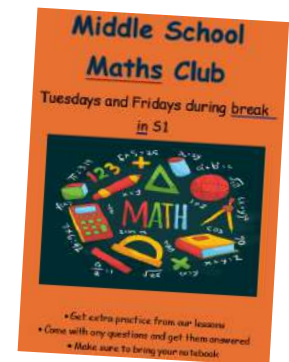
The Middle School students worked hard and finished their maths exams this week after doing a great job of preparing the previous week. Students from all three year groups came to our **Maths Club leading up to the exams for extra practice and to ask questions.** This gave them more confidence going into the assessment and helped them try their best!



Middle School Maths Preparation Week



Middle School Maths Exam Week



Outdoor reading sessions, relaxing sessions after assessment week

Thanks to the weather that is getting better, **outdoor reading gives us the opportunity to find an outdoor reading space to gather together for reading aloud, group reading sessions or individual reading.**

Reading is an essential skill in life and its benefits are many. Some of the most important are: **it exercises your brain**, improves your concentration, teaches children about the world around them, improves a child's vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills, develops a child's imagination and helps kids develop empathy. Reading is a great form of entertainment and children who read do better at school. So let's keep working on it!



SPANISH SLD

This week, our **SLD students have been exploring the world of news** in its many forms.

We've been creating podcasts, recording news programmes, and writing newspaper articles. It's been a fun and engaging experience, and the results have been truly impressive!



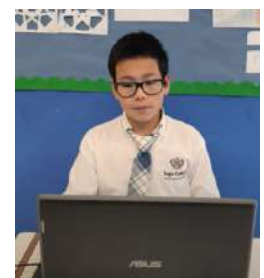
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-SECONDARY NEWS-

The Future of English: A Global Perspective from Y13 Students

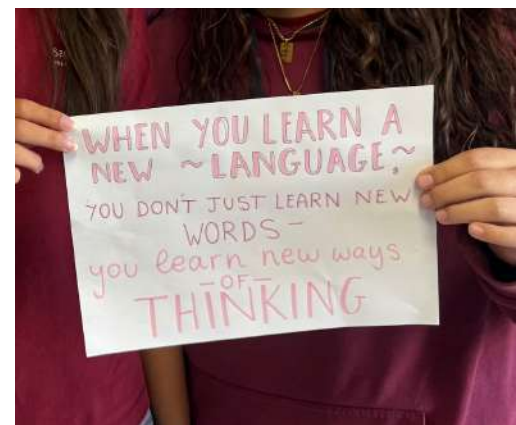
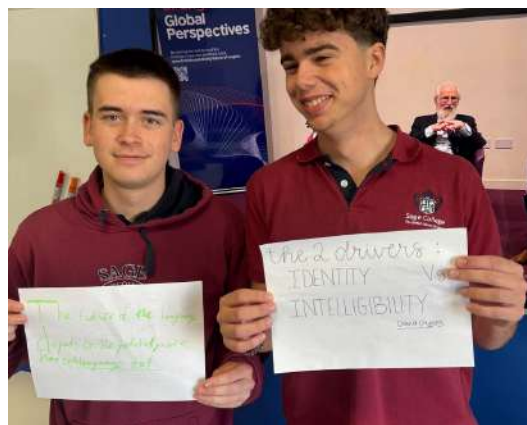
Exploring identity, opportunity, and multilingualism with linguist David Crystal

Y13 English Language A level students are pictured here with their guru, 83 year old David Crystal. They attended an online lecture with him recently on *The Future of English*, a subject important for everyone at Sage where we share English as a global community.

Vladimir Petrovichev has a strong academic interest in this subject given his own diverse linguistic heritage, "English has afforded me new educational opportunities, which would not be available if I was a monolingual person". He believes that the future of Global English "looks positive".

Sergio Fuentes Sepulveda learnt from Dr. Crystal, that the twin motivations or drivers of language are identity and intelligibility. Many Sagers are expert "code shifters" for this reason as they smoothly transition between languages through the day.

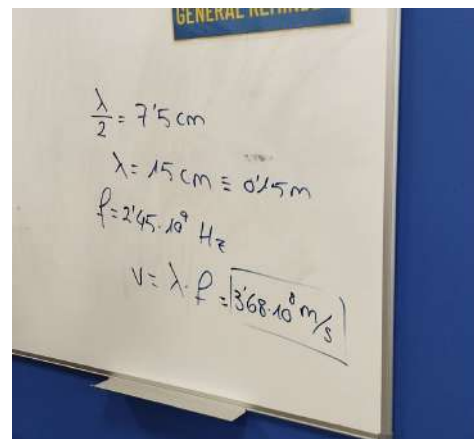
Finally, Y13 has learned the **enormous educational benefits of bi and multilingualism** for thought itself.



Chocolate at the speed of light

Calculating the speed of light using chocolate and a microwave

Year 12 Physics students explored the **speed of light using a microwave and a chocolate bar.** By removing the rotating plate, they identified melting points on the chocolate to measure the wavelength of microwaves. Multiplying this by the microwave's frequency gave an estimate of the speed of light (around 300,000 km/s). Though not perfectly accurate, **the experiment helped students understand scientific methods** and the limits of experimental accuracy.



- PARENT COUNCIL NEWS -

International Day Recap

A Celebration of Culture and Community

On Friday, April 25, 2025, our school came alive with the sights, sounds, and flavors of the world during our very **first International Day!** The event brought together students, families, and staff to **celebrate the rich cultural diversity** that makes our school community so unique.



The day began with our **Primary students** taking part in a special **“Walk Around the World”** activity. Each classroom was decorated to represent a different country, and students carried their own little passports, visiting each room, learning about new cultures, and getting a stamp at every stop. It was a joyful and interactive way to kick off the celebration — and the excitement on their faces said it all!



Later in the day, the main event featured **20 countries represented by families** at beautifully decorated tables. **Countries included Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Hungary, South Korea, Mexico, USA, France, and many more.** Each table offered a special glimpse into its country's traditions, cuisine, music, and customs. From colorful displays to delicious food and festive attire, our families truly went above and beyond to share their heritage. A huge thank you goes out to our incredible parent volunteers, who made this event possible. Your creativity and dedication were on full display at every table. We also want to recognize the **Parent Council** and school staff for supporting this new initiative and helping bring it to life.

As we wrapped up the event, one thing was clear: **International Day wasn't just about exploring different cultures — it was about celebrating the ways we come together as one community.** We're already looking forward to making this a new tradition!



- PARENT COUNCIL NEWS -



SAGE PARENT COUNCIL BRUNCH

A FUN-FILLED SUNDAY BY THE SEA

On Sunday, March 30th, over **25 Sage College families** enjoyed a beachside brunch in **El Puerto de Santa María**. With great food, weather, and a relaxed vibe, it was a perfect day for parents to connect while kids played on the beach. **Our next event, "Brunch & Swap," is coming soon**—join us for brunch and bring items to exchange, like clothes, books, or toys!

Parents in the El Puerto/Rota area can join the Sage Parent WhatsApp group by contacting parentcouncil@sagecollege.eu. We're also seeking volunteers to run groups in other cities.

We look forward to seeing even more families next time!

