



## SAGE COLLEGE

The British International School of Jerez

School type	Private day-school and boarding school
Age of students	Childhood Education to Secondary Education and A-level (2-18 years)
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Total number of students	The school can cater for over 400 students
Number of students in Secondary	190 students. Less than 25 students per class and less in electives.
Percentage and origin of foreign students	Approximately 20% of the students are non-Spanish residents from diverse countries including New Zealand, China, Norway, Italy and Germany.
Duration of a school day	From 08:45 to 16:20 with two breaks: one of 25 minutes and the other of 45 minutes for lunch.
Meals at the school?	Lunch is provided by the school.
Admission requirements	No special requirements. Only if the student needs to get the IGCSE, then an English and Maths exam have to be taken.
Accommodation	Host family or boarding school
School uniform	Compulsory for all grades. Not included in the price.

A great opportunity to study and stay at a British School, but with Spanish weather. Jerez is one of the sunniest places in Spain!



## School description

Sage College was founded in 2006 in beautiful Jerez de la Frontera, Cádiz by two Norwegian partners who were eager to give the city a British International School. In fact, students follow the British Curriculum, and they graduate with the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). Additionally, they have the option to graduate simultaneously with the Spanish Education Certificate.

Built by a lake (Laguna de Torrox) and next to a golf course, the location makes it ideal to practise outdoor activities during Physical Education. A beautiful beach is just 20 minutes away by car or 10-15 minutes by train!

With a vibrant international community made up of local and international students, English is the main language. In this way, students can improve their English while also learning Spanish in one of the sunniest locations in Spain!

The school offers two options: the student can attend the day-school and stay with a host family or they can choose to live at the Sage - Boarding school which is integrated in the same building.

As a true British school, they even adopted the popular house system. That means, that students are placed in one of four houses, Earth, Fire, Water, and Air and throughout the year they will have the opportunity to gain house points via academic excellence and sporting competitions. This system generates a lot of team building skills among the students and most of all, a lot of fun!

## School equipment

Every corner of the school is considered a "Learning Space". Students move from one classroom to another, and the teachers have their own classrooms, like the Canadian or New Zealand school system.

The building was specifically designed to take advantage of all the natural light that comes through huge windows and a central patio. With bright fully equipped classrooms, bright dining hall, science labs, music and drama room, art room, sports courts and even an outdoor swimming pool that uses a centenary olive tree for shade, students enjoy every corner of the school.

The boarding school offers en-suite bedrooms, a common room to chill out, study room, cafeteria, gym, terrace, and recreational areas.



In just one hour by train, students can reach the vibrant city of Cádiz. The nearest beach is just 20 minutes by car!





## Academic information

Since the school follows the British Curriculum, they offer British A Level qualifications and some subjects from the Spanish system.

### Information on subjects

#### Subjects in year 10 (year 11 in the British system):

English, Spanish as a foreign language, Mathematics, Coordinated Sciences (includes Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), PE, Workshops\*, and PSHE\*\*.

Then, they can choose between these pairs of subjects:

- ICT (Information and Computer Technology) or History
- Business Studies or Drama.
- Travel and Tourism or PE.

\*Workshops include academic workshops to help them strengthen their skills for the exams, but also other workshops like career advice, life skills, science and engineering club, fitness, debate club or radio.

\*\*PSHE stands for Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education. It is not a subject as such, but rather a series of sessions with their class tutor to discuss topics which help guide pupils.

#### Subjects in year 11 (year 12 in the British system):

In year 12, students have both subjects from the British and Spanish curricula. Please note that our international students will have an individual study plan tailored from the following subjects.

#### British system

They can choose one subject per block:

- BLOCK 1: Chemistry, Business, IT
- BLOCK 2: Biology, Physics, English
- BLOCK 3: Maths, History, Travel and Tourism
- BLOCK 4: Spanish (as a foreign language)

#### Spanish system

Students will have the following subjects (taught in Spanish, except for English):

- Spanish Literature
- Spanish History
- English

Then, students will need to choose one subject from the following blocks (all taught in Spanish):

- BLOCK 1: Pure Maths or Maths applied to Social Sciences
- BLOCK 2: Biology, Geography, Chemistry, Physics

Like in year 10, they will also have these other three subjects:

- PE
- PSHE
- Workshops

In Year 12, students can organise their own timetable in many respects. If their Spanish is not yet good enough, they can also take some of the Spanish subjects as guest students.



### Spanish Classes

The school offers for an extraprice Spanish classes 2 x per week, plus practice in real situations outside the classroom. The implementation of the course depends on demand, but usually there are enough interested students.

For BOARDING students Year 10 & 11, Spanish classes are included.

### Extracurricular activities\*

The school is offering a lot of attractive activities. Horse-back riding, flamenco, golf and swimming are some of the popular activities.

Please note that the school cannot always guarantee that all extracurricular activities will take place. This will depend on individual schedules and the number of participants.

Students staying in the boarding school will benefit from activities organised throughout the year such as:  
Golf, football, tennis, horse riding, sailing, windsurfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, trekking, swimming, basketball.

### How many reports are sent to parents?

Class teachers always inform parents about the academic performance of students. They use an online platform which parents can access. In addition to this, we send a report that students, host families and the local coordinator must fill in every term to see how the student is adapting to his/her new environment.



Kristin with the director of the school, Alexander Wickham, the director of the boarding school, Richard Lennox, and Evelyn Domínguez, the director of Admissions.

The school is characterised by its pleasant family atmosphere. There are only 10 students in some courses. This allows for a high level of individualised attention.