



## Annual Message from Mr Macrae

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This summer saw us install a new wireless system throughout the school ready for the chrome books. All students in the seniors are now using Google Classroom and Google Apps for Learning. Junior classes will also have access to a set of chrome books. Over the next 2 years all subjects in the Senior school will gradually move over to the Google platform. The students are very excited with their new chrome books and look very smart with their new school back packs.

Our other very exciting news is that we have purchased a large piece of land to the East of the school adjacent to the Senior's playground wall. This will allow us to grow in the coming years, to improve and expand our school.

I thank all our support staff in the preparation of the school which once again looks splendid.

We welcome a number of new staff: Miss Morris is the new seniors Geography teacher with some PE; Mr Hammet in Year 6; Miss Kennedy in Year 4; Miss Brown in Year 1; Mr Macdonald in Seniors Maths & Science; Mrs Everitt returns as our Music teacher; Mrs Garcia as Junior Support & PE and Mr Hudson as our volunteer Seniors Support teacher.

Please look in the Secondary section of the website for our exam results which again, compare very favourably with UK averages. However, in my opinion, a better statistical indicator of our progress is shown in the improvement in exam results over the last two years. As last year, comparing our results to those in UK does not really give any sort of indicator as we had a maximum of 28 students this year but PE for example only had 3 students.

You will also notice a change to our website very shortly. It is to become much more mobile friendly especially the opening page. If you see areas where we could improve communication, please email me or the Office and offer your suggestions.

## Our New Mission Statement:

We decided late last year that Wingate needs a clear, succinct mission statement. After much discussion, whenever we tried to explain our continued success, invariably we said "well, it's .....

### **"The Wingate Way"**

***"Wingate School aims to develop the whole student by instilling family values, knowledge and skills to become an independent, self-reliant learner with the strength of character to make positive contributions to an ever changing World."***

I hope you like our statement and I welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Our usual housekeeping requests: please inform us of any changes to email or contact details as soon as they change; if your child is ill please email the Office who will then inform the relevant teachers.

Car parking at drop off and pick up times is always fraught and we request that all parents show consideration to others and be especially aware of child safety.

As always, if you have any concerns, contact the Office to make an appointment with the relevant member of staff, Head of Infants or Juniors or Key Stage leader. However, the class Teacher/Tutor or the subject teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Thank you your continued support.

Mr Colin Macrae  
Head of Wingate School



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Coming to school and Parking:

**PLEASE DRIVE VERY SLOWLY IN CABO BLANCO AND OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMITS.**

The voluntary one way traffic system has greatly improved the flow of cars to and from the school but it would be further improved if parents did not unload cars on what is essentially a through-road area of the lower car park. The amount of traffic could also be reduced if parents opted to make use of the school buses. They are well controlled and safe and cover all coastal areas from **Golf del Sur** to Los Gigantes.

#### **Some simple Rules:**

Drive very slowly and carefully through the streets near the school.

Follow the one-way system when you approach and leave the school.

Do not stop at school gates not even "for a few seconds".

Escort younger children across the road to the school gate.

Keep all entrances and exits free (especially the lower dirt road exit).

Do not park on yellow lines.

Reverse with great care and very slowly.

Please make allowances for other drivers, especially new parents who will not be aware of parking conventions.

Please return to your car as soon as you have seen your child into school to ease the parking problems for parents still arriving.

#### **School Bus Service:**

Costs have remained at the reduced rate for this next academic year for children using the service in the mornings and evenings.

If you are interested in using the bus service please contact the school office for further details.

**SAVE** having the extra driving stress of the morning and evening school run

**SAVE** on fuel and costs of car wear and tear

**GAIN** on child supervision time – each bus comes complete with a bus supervisor

**REDUCE** congestion in Cabo Blanco and by the school

### Gymnastics:

*Will commence in January 2017*

### Estrellas Theatre School of Performing Arts Saturday:

Estrellas Theatre School's new term will start on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, in the Hall. We are excited to see all our Estrellas children after the summer break as well as welcoming new Estrellas children to our classes. At Estrellas, we are one big family, where emphasis is on children learning in a fun and caring environment.

We offer the three disciplines of the performing arts; dancing, singing and acting, all taught in English by native teachers, for children from 3 years to 17 years. Additionally there are extra classes on offer including hip-hop, ballet, baby ballet and tap, as well as LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) acting and musical theatre lessons with the opportunity to sit an exam and obtain a LAMDA certificate at the end of the term which awards points for University entrance in the UK. Non Estrellas students are also welcome to join in our extra classes only should they wish. To book your free trial class please call us on 647 844 794 or email us at [mo@estrellastheatreschool.com](mailto:mo@estrellastheatreschool.com)

The benefits of a theatre based activity for children include the following:

- A natural and fun way to learn the English language
- Develop the artistic side of children
- Act and become a team player
- To grow and improve self esteem, imagination and empathy
- Improve concentration, communication and problem solving
- Increase the level of fitness, social awareness and aesthetic presentation.
- Learn to enjoy, relax and cultivate trust

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