



Annual Message from Mr Macrae

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a frenetic summer of building I am delighted to announce that September 2017 sees 4 new Senior School classrooms and a complete restructure of the Nursery classroom to double to 24 students. The Reception class also underwent complete restructure to allow the Nursery changes and enlarge the Reception class. A lovely new Uniform Shop has also been provided. Land purchased to the North of the school has begun to be developed and the area around the new classrooms has meant the North end of the school has a new garden area and a seating area with Astroturf. Eleven new teachers and support staff and the buildings have allowed us to expand to over 470 students. I thank all contractors and particularly our support staff in the preparation of the school which once again looks splendid.

The advice and guidance given to us during and post our BSO Inspection is being implemented across the school. We are determined not to rest on our laurels and I am very proud that Wingate students again outperformed their UK peers in IGCSE and A2 results. Results analysis can be seen in the Secondary section of the school website.

As the leading school in Tenerife using computer technology and the Google Classroom Apps for Learning, we were delighted to offer our advice and support to the Cabildo and other schools in Tenerife.

You will also notice changes to our website www.wingateschool.com. It has become much more mobile friendly especially the opening page. New sections have been added to improve communication, e.g. Policies, Admissions, Calendar, list of staff etc. Please use the website first if you are looking for information. If you then need assistance, contact the office.

Housekeeping – our usual housekeeping requests: please inform us of any changes to email or contact details as soon as they change.

New Terms and Conditions should be viewed on the school website; General Info; Admissions; via the following link <https://www.wingateschool.com/en/enrolmentform>

If any parents **do not** wish for their children's photos to be published on the website or Facebook page, please email the school office.

Mobile phones – remain banned at Wingate School. Students using phones in school will be subject to the school Behaviour Policy. All school policies can be found on the school website.

Attendance – for students to make full academic progress it is necessary to attend school – we strive for 95+%. Below 90% will most certainly adversely affect your child's academic progress. If your child is unwell please advise the school office, before 9.00 am via email to theoffice@wingateschool.com

Uniform – is an integral part of the school identity, your continued support is crucial to maintain high standards.

Prefects – we have an abundance of students willing to take on the responsibility of being a school prefect. This year we have recognised their contribution by identifying them with different coloured polo shirts. I thank them for their valuable support.

School drop off and pick up remains fraught! There are plans to move the main entrance to the North of the school but until this happens all parents should use the one-way system currently in force and try to respect that all parents want to drop their children safely and go. A little consideration would go a very long way to easing the daily log jam. We would like to request that any parents collecting the



Infant children only, leave the car park promptly to ease the traffic flow.

Communication between school and parents is very important. In past years it has been rather "top-down". The first point of contact should always be the **class or subject teacher**. Please contact the Office to make an appointment with the relevant member of staff. There will also be new Parents Information Evenings – dates to be announced, when school leaders will inform parents and guardians of the changes to our school.

Thank you your continued support.

Mr Colin Macrae
Head of Wingate School

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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:

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

They are well controlled and safe and cover all coastal areas from Golf del Sur to Los Gigantes. The full bus routes can be found on the website.

Communication with parents:

Communication with parents will be via email so we would be grateful if parents could check emails on a regular basis.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Gymnastics: Mondays from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm – for the Junior children from Year 3 to Year 6 – 10 sessions – cost €80.00

Boxing: Tuesdays from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm – for the Junior children from Year 3 to Year 6 – 10 sessions – cost €80.00.

Private Piano Lessons: Open to all students from Year 2 - €15.00 for 30 minutes – please contact the school office.

Estrellas Theatre School of Performing Arts Saturday

Estrellas Theatre School commences on Saturday the 9th of September at Wingate School. We are excited to see all our Estrellas children after the summer break as well as welcoming new Wingate children to our classes who would like to try out one of our fun theatre 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

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

Should the school office be able to help with any of the above information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs J. Thompson
School Bursar