



Tamara Gonzalez, President

Tamara Gonzalez holds a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management with a focus on Travel and Tourism from Florida International University. As a Certified Meeting Professional with a background in event

planning, she brings a wealth of experience and creativity to Sage College. Passionate about fostering a supportive school community, Tamara is committed to enhancing the educational experience for all students by organizing initiatives that benefit both students and families. As a dedicated parent of two boys at Sage College, in Years 10 and 13, she deeply values the collaboration between families, teachers, and administrators in creating a positive, enriching environment.



Maria Vergara

Maria Vergara brings a rich blend of international experience and creativity to the Parent Council. Originally from Spain, she worked for over 15 years in Marketing and Advertising before moving abroad to Geneva,



Düsseldorf, and Singapore, where she earned a Master's in Digital Business at ISDI. While living overseas, Maria founded several small businesses - including a children's apparel brand - and became a children's book author, writing and illustrating three titles featuring her original characters, The Wolols. She is also a mixed-media artist, having held private exhibitions abroad and one in Jerez, showcasing her vibrant works in acrylic pouring, quilling, and pop-art style. Now back in Spain, Maria manages her family's olive plantation business. A mother of three, with her daughter in Year 7 and two sons studying in London, she brings enthusiasm, creativity, and an international perspective to the Parent Council.



Richard Carter, Secretary

Hello! I was born and raised in Norfolk, UK, and later moved to the North of England, where I spent 15 years in Leeds. Now, I'm here in Jerez with my Spanish husband, our son, who's in Year 1, and our Labrador and cat. We're lucky to live just in front of the school! Professionally, I have a varied background, mostly in large UK retailers. Currently, I work as Head of Employee

Relations for a company based in Gibraltar, where I handle everything related to the employee experience—from welcoming new hires and supporting their growth to coaching leaders, promoting well-being, and ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. I'm thrilled to be joining the Sage College Parent Council and see this as a wonderful chance to work with Alex and the team, focusing on what's most important for our parents and children.

Belén Acedo

I was born in Madrid but I have lived here for the last 22 years. I have a degree in Physical Therapy and a degree in Nursing, but I have spent 20 years working as a Vocational Training teacher and a headmaster in a public High School. Currently I work in the "Educational Department" making sure that all the educational centres have the human resources they need and students have a correct process in their schooling. I am totally focused on the educational process not only as a worker but also as a mother, so I am utterly committed to the school. My daughter, Celia, is currently in Year 10. She started at school 12 years ago, and we are very happy with all the improvements and initiatives of the school. Being part of the Parent Council is a way to give something back and try to help other families to feel as happy as we are. Thank you in advance for all your support and ideas, we will make a great team!



Alice Lindholm, Treasurer

My name is Alice Lindholm and I am a proud parent of three children at Sage College. We are an Australian/American family and over the past 12 years we have lived in South Korea, Bahrain and Florida, USA. I am excited to help out with many fun and exciting events and activities while support the teachers and students in any way possible.

Nilda Quintana

Hello, I'm honored to serve on the Parent Council. I was born in Rota, Spain, and come from a blended American and Spanish background. Growing up as a military child, later serving in the military myself, and being married to a service member allowed me to experience life in many places and appreciate the value of diverse cultures and community connections. I am currently completing my MBA in Business Administration at the University of Maryland Global Campus. With a background in human resources, I bring strong communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills to the Parent Council. I believe in fostering an inclusive environment where every parent and student feels valued and supported. As a proud mother of Adriana, a student at Sage College, I'm committed to strengthening the bond between families and the school community.



Deniz Sevgili Oña

I am a Turkish-American and grew up in Chicago and Izmir, Turkey. My background is in International Studies. I worked at an NGO in Washington, DC for many years, which promotes cross-cultural understanding and economic empowerment in culturally divided areas of the world by encouraging individuals and communities to work together toward

peaceful coexistence. I lived in Naples, Italy with my family for 6 years before moving to Spain. I have a daughter in Y10 and a son in Y9 at Sage College. I am excited to serve as a bridge between parents and the school and establish a strong network among parents, especially those who are new to Sage College.



Dana Lindsey

I have a daughter in Year 8, moving here two years from Nashville, TN. I work for non-profits in international development and agriculture, while also teaching English at a public school in Cádiz. I am excited to act as an intermediary between staff and parents, build resources, and facilitate dialogue to produce the best outcome for Sage families.

Nicole Rieskamp

I am originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. I have a daughter in year 6 named Hannah, and my husband is Andrew. My background is in the arts, art history, culture, floristry and event design, and I have a background in nursing (3 years). I have been in the EU since 2015: in the Netherlands, Finland, and here in Spain for almost 2 years.

