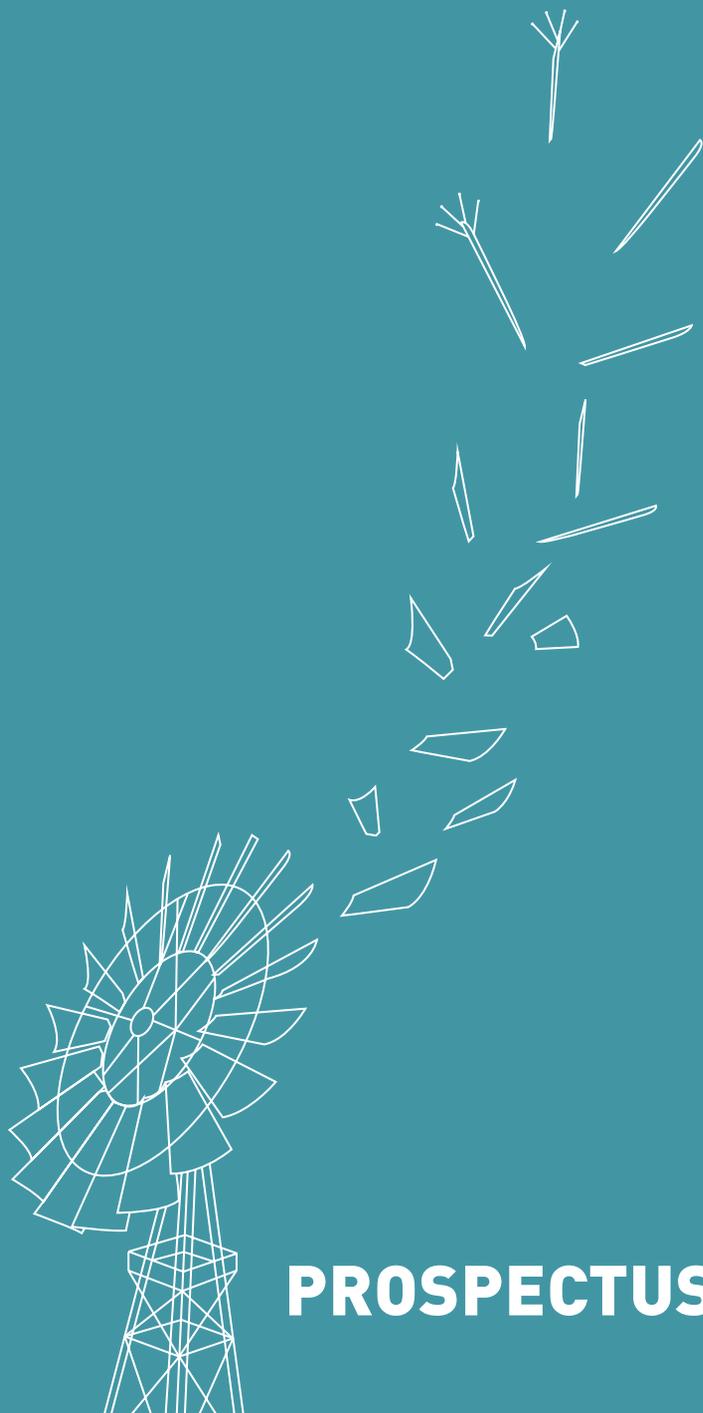




XENION
Junior School

INSPIRING
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PROSPECTUS

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WELCOMING MESSAGE

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NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY



The near-universal use of information technology; the continual migration and movement of people; multiculturalism and multilingualism are some of the factors that have contributed to the creation of a 'world culture'. In this day and age, schools are responsible for equipping students with the tools they will need to ensure a secure future for themselves and for their community.

As well as passing on the knowledge, moral values and sound principles that have always been at the heart of good education, we now need to teach more skills, and higher level skills, than ever before. In order to do this we must re-examine the role and purpose of schools in Cypriot society, which means a re-evaluation of the curriculum at all levels of education. New times demand new thinking and at Xenion Education we are very aware of this and are ready to meet the challenge.

Xenion Junior School is a dedicated Preschool and Junior School, established with great care and attention to detail to serve both the needs of students in the Famagusta area and those of international students. For almost four decades, we at Xenion have been delivering world-class education through our language institutes and our flagship secondary school, Xenion High School. During those years we have become aware of an increasing demand for an alternative to state primary schools, based on a growing public awareness of the need for a more European dimension in Cypriot primary education.

We have been carefully gathering knowledge and experience of how best to deliver the highest standard of education for students aged four to twelve. We have also spent time building a team of experienced, fully-qualified educators and administrators who can realise our vision of a primary education for the twenty-first century yet rooted in the best traditions of teaching and learning. Graduates of Xenion Junior School will be ready to move on to secondary education anywhere of their parents' choosing, whether at an international school in another country or here, in Cyprus. Wherever their future lies, they will be well-equipped to take on any challenge as they build their future and that of their homeland.

*Xenion Junior School has been created with the future in mind
and with a passion for excellence.*

Kind Regards,

Xenia Phylactou-Monoyiou
Director



XENION EDUCATION



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- > TOP EDUCATIONAL PROVIDER ON THE ISLAND
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— PRESCHOOL

— JUNIOR SCHOOL

— HIGH SCHOOL

— BOARDING SCHOOL

— INSTITUTE

— INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP

— THE CYPRUS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

— SUMMER FUN CLUB

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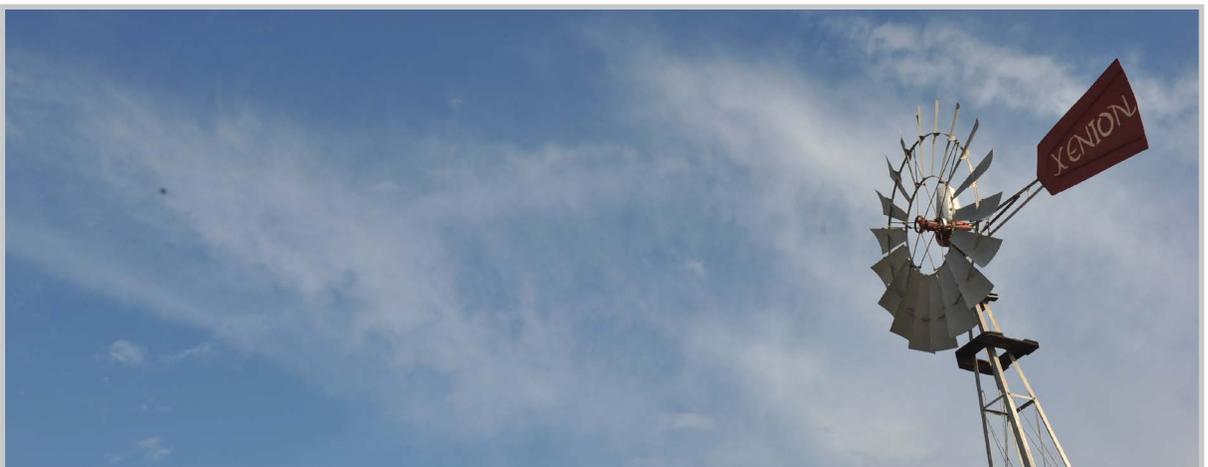
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is freedom
and power





ESTABLISHMENT & PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ Xenion Junior School was established and functions under the supervision of the **Ministry of Education and Culture** and in accordance with relevant educational statutes.
- ▶ The school offers to students in the Famagusta area and to students from abroad, an alternative to state preschool and primary education.
- ▶ Students complete a **Preschool programme**.
- ▶ Students complete a six-year, fully-comprehensive **Primary course** and are enrolled provided that they satisfy the entrance requirements.
- ▶ The school was set up in order to satisfy the needs of students and fulfill parents' expectations of a **high-quality education**, for the modern world.
- ▶ The Junior School is based upon the same philosophy which has allowed our senior school to achieve, year after year, results which are truly world-class. The founding motto of Xenion Education "**Knowledge is Freedom and Power**" informs everything we do.
- ▶ We aim to promote, through quality education, the **values and characteristics** that should distinguish the new European citizen, able to take their place anywhere in the world but retaining their national identity.





SCHOOL AIMS

Xenion Junior School aims to help our students become **young people** who can think **rationally**, who are **responsible** and **caring**, are **broad-minded, tolerant** and aware of **justice** but most of all **curious** and **motivated to learn**.

Educational Aims:

- ▶ The provision of a **broad-based primary education** which will prepare young students for their future studies at any school of their choice, eliminating the need for extra lessons.
- ▶ Creation of **fluency in English**, as well as **Greek**.
- ▶ Development of the ability to take full advantage of **new technology** and the Internet.

Development of 21st Century citizens:

- ▶ Providing knowledge that promotes **respect** for the people and cultures of the world.
- ▶ Fostering understanding of similarities and **acceptance of differences** among people of all nations.
- ▶ Creating awareness of the **cultural ties** and **values** that unite Europe.
- ▶ Raising **environmental awareness** and urging students to take action and initiatives.
- ▶ Engaging in national and international **educational projects**.

Development of ethics and traditional values:

- ▶ Observance of **all main festivals**.
- ▶ Emphasis on virtues of **honesty, responsibility** and **co-operation**.
- ▶ Highlighting of the value of **family, nation** and **international community**.

Development of personality:

- ▶ Emphasis on the need for **co-operation** and **teamwork**.
- ▶ Encouragement of **creative** and **original thinking**.
- ▶ Building of **confidence** and **self-esteem**.
- ▶ Creation of a **sense of belonging** and worth.
- ▶ Creation of a **positive attitude** towards learning.
- ▶ Development of **aesthetic sensibilities**.
- ▶ Encouragement of **emotional** and **spiritual growth**.





PASTORAL CARE

- ▶ Our aim is to help parents in the **development** of their **children's character** by providing models of care, respect and co-operation.
- ▶ The welfare of our students is **paramount** and close attention is paid to their **emotional well-being**. We have a **'Zero Tolerance' policy** towards any form of bullying and strive to ensure that the time your child spends at Xenion Junior School is not only **stimulating** and **productive** but also **SAFE** and **HAPPY**.



DEAR STUDENTS,
 WE BELIEVE IN YOU • WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
 You are **CAPABLE** of great things
 You are **respected** • You are **listened to**
You are unique
 YOU ARE WORTH IT • WE EXPECT GREAT THINGS
 We will never give up on you
We care about you
 We are all members of Xenion family



COMMUNICATION

Communication Folder

In this folder students/parents will receive all announcements from the school.

Engage Portal & Tapestry

These systems are used daily by the staff and they are the most effective ways for parents, to contact the teachers, the Reception, the Deputy Head and the Director.

Calendar & Monthly Agenda

This agenda informs parents and students regarding any events, field trips, celebrations etc.

Visiting Hours

Visiting Hour is a 40 minute period every week. During this time parents can visit the school to speak to any teacher or call any teacher available during the indicated times.

Email

Parents can communicate with the child's teacher by using email.

Social Media

Xenion Education uses Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to upload any news and events. Everyone can easily access our page by writing Xenion Education in the search area.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

- ▶ The Junior School year starts on the 2nd Monday of September and runs to the third week of June. The school day is from 07:45 until 14:15.
- ▶ Children are supervised during breaks and lunch breaks as well as while coming in or going out of school.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

| TIME | PERIOD | DURATION |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 7:45 - 7:50 | Registration Time | 5' |
| 7:50 - 8:30 | Period 1 | 40' |
| 8:30 - 9:10 | Period 2 | 40' |
| 9:10 - 9:30 | 1st Break | 20' |
| 9:30 - 10:10 | Period 3 | 40' |
| 10:10 - 10:50 | Period 4 | 40' |
| 10:50 - 11:05 | 2nd Break | 15' |
| 11:05 - 11:45 | Period 5 | 40' |
| 11:45 - 12:25 | Period 6 | 40' |
| 12:25 - 12:55 | Lunch Break | 30' |
| 12:55 - 13:35 | Period 7 | 40' |
| 13:35 - 14:15 | Period 8 | 40' |
| | School Day Ends | |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | CLUBS (optional) | 45' |

PRESCHOOL

| TIME | PERIOD | DURATION |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 7:45 - 8:15 | Integrated Activities | 30' |
| 8:15 - 8:55 | Period 1 | 40' |
| 8:55 - 9:30 | Period 2 | 35' |
| 9:30 - 10:05 | Breakfast Break | 35' |
| 10:05 - 10:45 | Period 3 | 40' |
| 10:45 - 11:25 | Period 4 | 40' |
| 11:25 - 12:05 | Fruit Break | 40' |
| 12:05 - 12:45 | Period 5 | 40' |
| 12:45 - 13:20 | Period 6 | 35' |
| 13:20 - 13:55 | Lunch | 35' |
| 13:55 - 14:15 | Story Time/Assembly on Mondays | 20' |
| | School Day Ends | |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | CLUBS (optional) | 45' |



CURRICULUM

- ▶ The main curriculum of Xenion Junior School is a modified one which includes **the best of both the Cypriot National Curriculum and British Key Stages 1 and 2**. A sensible balance of the two ensures that our Cypriot students cover the National curriculum every bit as fully as their peers in state schools. In addition, Xenion Junior School offers a **broader education**, including **fluency in English** and other languages, with a wider, more European character that **meets the needs of our international students**. A Preparation Course is offered to international students who speak neither Greek nor English, in order to prepare them for their studies.

Students at **Xenion Junior School** follow a continuous programme in the following subjects:

- ▶ Mathematics (Including Daily Mental Maths)
- ▶ English Language (Reading/Writing/Speaking/Listening/Handwriting/Literature)
- ▶ Greek Language and Culture
- ▶ Foreign Languages (Russian/German) - in Year 6
- ▶ Environmental Studies (History/Geography/Science/Social Studies)
- ▶ Physical Education (Dance/Fitness/Games/Gymnastics)
- ▶ Expressive Arts (Art/Music/Drama)
- ▶ Design and Technology
- ▶ Religious Education
- ▶ Computing and Robotics
- ▶ Hygiene, Personal and Social Education (H.P.S.E.)
- ▶ Brain Gym (Problem Solving/Thinking Skills)
- ▶ Homework and Independent Study Programme

Students at **Xenion Preschool** follow a themed-based programme for every month of the school year, which promotes and develops the **Seven Categories of Early Years Foundation Stage:**

- 1 / Personal, Social & Emotional Development
- 2 / Communication & Language
- 3 / Physical Development
- 4 / Literacy
- 5 / Mathematics
- 6 / Understanding the World
- 7 / Expressive Arts & Design

Sample of themes:

- ▶ Me, Myself and I
- ▶ The Farm
- ▶ Up in Space
- ▶ All about Christmas
- ▶ Transport/Literature Month
- ▶ First Discoveries
- ▶ Healthy Living
- ▶ Mythical Creatures
- ▶ Creepy Crawlies
- ▶ Shells and Boats





TEACHING METHODS

- ▶ Learning and teaching at Xenion Junior School are rooted in **experiential learning**. Students are encouraged to experiment through **carefully monitored play** and **independent discovery** and all intelligences, including kinaesthetic, spatial and emotional, are developed.
- ▶ There is a **hands-on approach** to all lessons which helps the students to become confident learners, less likely to rely on 'spoon-feeding' by the teacher.
- ▶ Teaching at this school is firmly **child-centered** and we take advantage of every new and exciting pedagogical method, while always retaining foundations rooted in approaches which have withstood the test of time: **we blend the best of the new with the wisdom of previous generations.**



- ▶ **Linguistic improvement** is a major aim of our curriculum and is developed every day in both oral and written work.
- ▶ We also focus on the improvement of **mathematical skills, knowledge** and **understanding**; developing this through practical work, mental maths and more formal, written exercises.
- ▶ All aspects of the curriculum are approached with equal care and **attention to children's needs**, allowing each pupil to express themselves creatively, intellectually and emotionally while developing their talents across the board.
- ▶ **Limited class sizes** ensure that each child is given the attention they need to do well and student assessment is formative; designed to support and encourage improvement rather than merely generate grades at the end of the school year.
- ▶ Children are not only grouped by age; we also take into account individual abilities, so that our flexible and responsive teaching can enable every child to **fulfill their potential**.





TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ One of the most exciting innovations in modern teaching has been the increasing use of computer technology across all areas of the curriculum. This has, in many ways, **revolutionised teaching methods**. Xenion Junior School has embraced new technology because we know that **if we seek to create 21st century citizens, we must have a 21st century school.**
- ▶ Every classroom at Xenion Junior School has an **Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) and projector** as well as **tablets** for the students, enabling the use of an extensive library of e-books, interactive learning materials, educational games and puzzles as well as on-line resources. The IWB also allows Xenion students access to '**Gnositechnia**', an interactive one-to-one learning programme based on Ministry of Education materials.
- ▶ The most exciting technological innovation is **Robotics**: the process of creating computer controlled machines in order to carry out a particular task. Robotics is the perfect combination of creativity, design and practical making skills.
- ▶ Robotics teaches not only Technology and Computer Science but encourages **critical thinking, planning, logic and problem-solving** and, because the materials are designed to be used in pairs or small groups, the childrens' ability to communicate, co-operate and delegate is extensively developed.
- ▶ **Technology is also an essential part of our communication process.**





DISCIPLINE

- ▶ At Xenion Junior School we believe that children must be helped to develop **self-discipline** and **respect for themselves and for the people and places around them**. This is a major theme in our HPSE syllabus and is reinforced in every aspect of our daily teaching. Lack of discipline and poor conduct affect students' progress and are not acceptable at our school.
- ▶ Our rules are simple. They are designed to create conditions which allow everybody to learn and teach in a civilised environment and we help children to understand that these rules must be followed. In addition, we operate a **Merit and Penalty points system**, which **encourages and acknowledges achievement and good conduct** but also serves, if necessary, to impose sanctions on those few students who do not behave as they should.
- ▶ Our policy is to concentrate on **encouraging positive behaviour** and to create an ethos in which bad behaviour does not occur. However, if punishment is appropriate, parents will be fully informed.

JUNIOR SCHOOL



PRESCHOOL





EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

- ▶ We celebrate all **major national and international celebrations**, festivals and events within the timetable. Groups of students are encouraged to work together to create presentations on a wide range of subjects.
- ▶ We take part in a variety of **national and international events and competitions** organised by both the Ministry of Education and european educational organisations and a variety of **educational school trips is arranged each year.**





FIELD TRIPS & EXCURSIONS

- ▶ The school organises **termly excursions** for which a charge is made. The cost includes entrance fees, lunch and coach transportation. Usually all children and staff are involved in the excursion, making it a wonderful experience.
- ▶ Individual teachers organise **local field trips which enhance the curriculum** by giving children **hands on experiences**. These trips are usually within the local area and are usually free of charge or subsidised by the School or the Parents' Association. Parental permission will not be asked for field trip excursions as they are part of the school curriculum. More details are added on the monthly agendas.





PREMISES

- ▶ The **Junior School** is accommodated within its own wing of the Xenion Education Block A. It has its own access and space for parents to drop children off at school and pick them up in the afternoon. The Junior School has its own yard for break-times and students are **supervised** at all times.
- ▶ The **Preschool** is located in Block C, close to the Junior School entrance.
- ▶ **All classes** are equipped with **air-conditioning, Interactive White Boards** and **internet access** and they look directly onto the yard, which is closed off from the nearby road with a gate which is locked during school hours.
- ▶ The Junior School has access to all the school's facilities and students at the Junior school quickly become familiar with their wider surroundings, enabling those who wish to continue their education with us to make a **smooth transition** to the High School at a later date. Xenion Junior offers **safe and secure surroundings** to all its pupils. There is also a comfortable Reception area where parents can meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress.
- ▶ **The safety of our students is paramount.** Xenion Junior School has a **Safeguarding Policy** to ensure every child is **safe** and **protected** from harm. The full policy is available on the School website. To this end, there are set times and places for parents picking up or dropping off children. If a parent is going to be late or early for any reason they should contact the School so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Under normal circumstances, no-one is allowed to enter the school without an appointment and all visitors must report to the school receptionist.



- ▶ Full-size amphitheatre and concert space
- ▶ Extensive library
- ▶ Courts for Volleyball, Basketball and Tennis
- ▶ All-weather, five-a-side pitch
- ▶ Zumba & Dance room above the amphitheatre
- ▶ Fully-equipped Science laboratories
- ▶ Music room
- ▶ Art and D&T room
- ▶ Computer suite





CLUBS

Junior School

- ▶ In the beginning of the year, you will receive the Xenion Junior School Club Programme and a Club Analysis document, which is an explanation of each club for Xenion Junior School students. These documents are both emailed to parents prior to the beginning of the new school year.
- ▶ **Tuesday club is compulsory** for all students of Xenion Junior School. All other clubs are **optional**.

Our clubs finish at **3.00pm** on a daily basis. At this time all children go home.

- ▶ Some of the clubs offered are:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| > Beginner Robotics | > ICT |
| > Advanced Robotics | > Maths |
| > Chess | > Ball Sports |
| > Cooking | > Football |
| > Creative Arts | > Jujitsu |
| > Dance | > Zumba & Aerobics |
| > Drama | > Optional Homework |
| > Music | |

Preschool

- ▶ Parents receive the list of clubs during the first week of term.
- ▶ Preschool students have separate clubs to the Junior School which are organised and run by Preschool staff. **Clubs for Preschool students are not compulsory.**
 - > Sports / Outside play / Dance
 - > Amazing Activities (Art/Crafts)
 - > Fabulous Football / Amazing Activities
 - > Bob The Builder Construction Club (Bricks/Lego/Duplo and more)



LUNCH & CAFETERIA

- ▶ **Xenion Cafeteria** prepares all the school meals. It also offers **fresh, home-made** sandwiches and salads as well as a wide range of snacks, drinks, home baking and fresh fruit.
- ▶ Lunch can be either a **packed lunch** brought from home or a **cooked lunch** from Xenion Cafeteria. Packed lunch must be prepared and sent in with the child at 7.45am.
- ▶ The **Monthly Lunch Card** is given to all Junior students on their first day at school.
- ▶ The payment regarding lunches can be made either **weekly or monthly** for **Junior School students**.
- ▶ Breakfast and **lunch are included** in the fees for all **Preschool students**.
- ▶ Breakfast and lunch are served in our lunch area daily.
- ▶ Please ensure that the school is made aware of any allergies relating to your child.

JUNIOR AND PRESCHOOL - MONTHLY LUNCH MENU / SAMPLE

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Fishfingers with side salad | Traditional Cheese Ravioli | Chicken Wrap with cucumber | Pasta Bolognese | Beans with carrot and potatoes |
| Week 2 | Jacket Potato with tuna & sweetcorn | Village pasta with halloumi cheese | Meatballs with bulgur wheat and salad | Roast chicken with potatoes and salad | Homemade Pizza |
| Week 3 | Fish Burger in a Bun with Salad | Chicken Nuggets (cooked in the oven) with Chips | Gemista Koupepia - vegetables filled with pork mince | Homemade beef burger in a bun with salad | Black eyed peas |

PRESCHOOL

| DAY | BREAKFAST | DRINK |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday | Cornflakes with fresh milk | Milk / Juice |
| Tuesday | Turkey & halloumi sandwich and cucumber | Chocolate Milk / Juice |
| Wednesday | Ham & cheese sandwich and cucumber | Milk / Juice |
| Thursday | Cornflakes with fresh milk | Chocolate Milk / Juice |
| Friday | Jam & cheese sandwich | Milk / Juice |



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

- ▶ The **Committee of the Parents' Association** is elected during the first meeting of the school year and its term of office is one year. **All parents are automatically members of the association.** The elected committee meets once a month unless there is a need for an additional meeting.
- ▶ The Association aims to give the school practical help in its work and to serve as a **bridge of communication** between school and parents. It contributes to the smooth running of the school in a number of ways and offers a lot to the students.
- ▶ The fee for the parents' association is per family and covers **insurance, parties, presents, awards** and some **subsidies** towards school excursions, performances, events, field trips and other school based activities. **All subscriptions are fully utilized for the benefit of Xenion Junior School students within the school year.**





- ▶ As well as term-time provision, we also have **Xenion Summer Fun Club**, which provides a programme packed with supervised activities. This is a well established service which is **very popular** among parents and children.
- ▶ Children between ages of **4 to 12 can be enrolled**. They are grouped in small teams according to their age and are constantly supervised by experienced teachers. The programme runs weekly Monday - Friday from 7:30 - 14:00 with **breakfast** and **snacks**. Xenion Summer Fun Club runs from the end of June to the end of August.





REGISTRATION & LEVELS

- ▶ All students interested in joining Xenion Junior School or Xenion High School are assessed in **Maths, English** and **Greek** (if applicable) according to the class and year group they are interested in joining. Meetings with parents and students with members of the Management are also planned prior to registering. Parents of students who successfully pass the exams and wish to register their child, need to bring with them all the **necessary documentation** as follows:
1. A copy of the child's Birth Certificate
 2. A copy of the child's ID card (if they have one)
 3. The child's most recent school progress report (if available)
 4. Any recent evaluation(s) regarding medical issues or learning difficulties (If applicable)
 5. A passport photograph
 6. Photocopies of passports or ID cards for both parents/guardians
 7. Vaccinations Coverage Certificate signed by a Paediatrician (this document is given to you on the day of registration) and a photocopy of child's medical booklet
 8. For overseas applicants, we require proof of a permanent home address in Cyprus. Two of the following original documents must be produced; Driving Licence/Council Tax Receipt/Utility Bill, e.g. water or electricity bill

Please note that Xenion Education has an **electronic registration** system and the registration procedure is conducted online, using computers which are available in the school lobby. Completion of the registration procedure needs to be carried out by one of the two parents or guardians. Reception staff is available to assist with this procedure.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Step 1 / Meeting with Members of Management

Step 2 / Documents to the school secretary

Step 3 / Payment of the registration fee and the first instalment of fees

Step 4 / Payment of the Parents and Guardians' Association membership fee

Step 5 / Completion of the electronic registration form

Step 6 / Signing the printed registration form by both parents/guardians
in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Culture



TUITION FEES

- ▶ **Discounts** on tuition fees are available when more than one child from the same family is enrolled at Xenion Junior School or Xenion High School.
 - 20%** of the total amount for the 2nd child (for 2 students)
 - 30%** of the total amount for the 3rd child (for 3 students)
 - 50%** of the total amount for the 4th child (for 4 students)
- ▶ **A further discount** is allowed, on net tuition fees, only when the entire fees are paid before September of the new academic year.
- ▶ All discounts apply even if the older children have graduated from **Xenion Junior School** or **Xenion High School**.



We are always available for personal meetings throughout the year. You can use the information below to book an appointment.

For further information or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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