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Welcome from the Director

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **17th edition of the Xenion High School magazine, 'Ithaki'**.

This publication reflects our school's commitment not only to fully meeting the aims of the Ministry of Education but also to providing a multi-dimensional education that prepares our students for life as active citizens of the twenty-first century world.

'Ithaki' is a gazette; a record of the tremendous work undertaken during the past academic year by all our teachers and students. It records not only their prowess in academic endeavours but also the initiatives and events that have developed their creativity and strengthened the vital human qualities of respect, empathy and love of the arts that they will carry with them long after they leave us. Its pages demonstrate our fundamental belief that learning does not begin and end at the classroom door but encompasses every aspect of human experience. The contents of this journal chronicle the diversity of learning experiences that we at Xenion offer our students and the way in which they have risen to meet every challenge and taken every opportunity to excel.



I would like to congratulate all those who make this possible. I congratulate the teachers on their dedication and commitment to providing the best possible learning experience to our students. Most of all, however, I congratulate the students. They are the ones who bring our school to life. They are the ones who make all our efforts worthwhile. They are the ones whom 'Ithaki' celebrates.

The Director

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Katelitsa Zouvani Phylactou

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Visitors & Guest Speakers



ROAD SAFETY LECTURE

This is an important annual event in the Xenion High School calendar, reminding us all of the terrible cost of ignoring road safety. The talk was given by **Mr George Demetriou**, Senior Officer at Famagusta Traffic Division, who was joined by **Mrs Lena Mavrikiou** of the 'George Mavrikios Foundation' – a lady who, tragically, lost her son in a traffic accident one New Year's Eve.



THE PROSPECTS FOR NEW JOBS IN CYPRUS

In November, we were delighted to welcome **Mr Constantinos Christophides**, the Dean of the University of Cyprus, who gave an inspiring talk to our students about future job opportunities in our country.



STUDYING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A representative of King's College, London, gave a speech to our Year 5 and 6 students about all aspects of preparation, including applications and interviews, for universities in Britain.



INTERVIEW WITH AN AUTHOR

Not all visitors are Assembly guests. Some are invited by individual departments. This was the case with author **Frixos Michaelides**, who writes books for young readers. He was kind enough to come to the school so that Year 1 students of the Greek department could interview him.

CAREERS WEEK

Every year we are delighted to welcome representatives of various professions as guest speakers during the Careers Week. This year we had the following guest speakers:



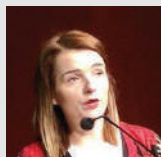
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'Naval Studies'



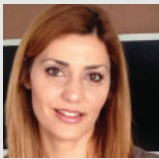
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'Accounting & Auditing'



William Demetriou
'Computer Science'



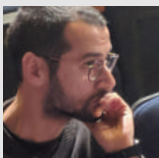
Maria Flouri
'Dentistry'



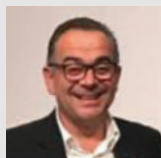
Elena Michael
'Pharmacy'



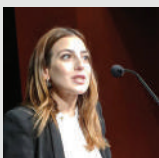
Christos Efstathiou
'Tourism & Hospitality'



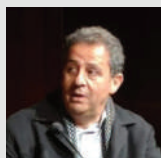
Marios Liogris
'Veterinary Medicine'



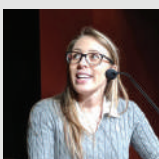
Panayiotis Neos
'Business Administration'



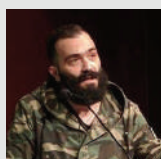
Emily Soteriou
'Law'



Christos Kitazos
'Medicine'



Sophia Pieri
'Education'



Tasos Vattis
'Physiotherapy'



LIFE AS A JOURNALIST

Another visitor, this time to the Greek Club, was Mr Marinos Pavlika, who gave a presentation about Journalism.



KOFINOU REFUGEE CAMP

In March, we were joined by voluntary worker, Mr Anthony Ellis, who spoke about the work being done to help Syrian refugees at Kofinou refugee camp.



LIFE IN THE ENCLAVED AREAS

On the 19th April, Mr Demetris Kotsiekkas, researcher at the University of Cyprus, spoke to the whole school about what life is like for Greek Cypriots in the enclaved areas of the North.



PHD DISSERTATION PRESENTATION: 'THE MILITARY & POLICE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, 1959-64'

This was the subject of a fascinating lecture, given in November by Dr. Lambros Kaoullas, on the political tensions and paramilitary organisations which existed in Cyprus during the early sixties.



DIABETES DAY

World Diabetes Day is the primary global awareness campaign of the diabetes world and is held on November 14 each year. At Assembly on the 8th of the month we had a talk by a nutritionist, who explained what diabetes is and how it can be prevented and treated.



ADDICTION AND DRUGS

Clinical psychologists, Ms Ioanna Theofanous and Ms Emily Pitta, from the 'Positivum' multi-disciplinary centre, gave an informative talk on drugs and their effects.



THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET

Xenion alumna, Demetra Skapoullarou, who is now a dietician and nutritionist, spoke in May about the Mediterranean Diet and how it contributes to a healthy lifestyle.



THE DANGERS OF 'SUPERFAST' WEIGHT-LOSS PROGRAMMES

Ms Maria Koletsiou, a dietician, spoke to students about the importance of maintaining a balanced diet – even if you are trying to lose weight. She pointed out the perils of eating disorders and the dangers of malnutrition through over-enthusiastic slimming diets.

Special Assemblies



OCTOBER 4TH EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

This was marked by a short presentation by English teacher, Ms Kendra Loizou and some of her Year 6 students.



OCTOBER 24TH UNITED NATIONS DAY

A presentation by Year 7 students who are taking A Level History, directed by their History teacher, Mr Michael Charalambous



NOVEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE DAY

There was a presentation explaining the significance of this date followed by a two-minute silence in remembrance of the fallen.



NOVEMBER 15TH UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

It is particularly appropriate that we should mark this day at school, since its essential message is that, "Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. It teaches children how to become good citizens. Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone. It is a fundamental human right."

Ban Ki-Moon – Secretary General of the United Nations, 2007–2016



DECEMBER 10TH WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

At Assembly on December 6th, we took time to acknowledge the continuing battle for human rights. On the same day, Year 7 Economics students, led by Anthony Charalambous, gave a presentation on Gambling and Games of Chance.



FEBRUARY 14TH VALENTINE'S DAY

Year 6 presented an amusing film about the 'Science of Love'. Turns out it's just Chemistry after all!



"WHAT GOES IN THE OCEAN GOES IN YOU"

In March, students gave a salutary presentation about the dangers of dumping waste plastic at sea.



APRIL 13TH INTERNATIONAL MOTHER'S DAY

Ms Elena Chrysostomou's Year 1 students gave a charming presentation for Mothers' Day at a special assembly in mid-May.

School Celebrations & National Anniversaries



SEPTEMBER 5TH BLESSING CEREMONY

The academic year began formally with the Blessing Ceremony, conducted by Pater Avgoustinos, assisted by his colleagues, among whom was Pater Antonis, of Sotira, who is the most elderly priest in our District.



OCTOBER 1ST CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY

A presentation by the school's Greek department, remembering in words and music this important anniversary, which commemorates the date in 1960 when Cyprus officially became an independent country.

OCTOBER 28TH NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY OF 28TH OCTOBER 1940

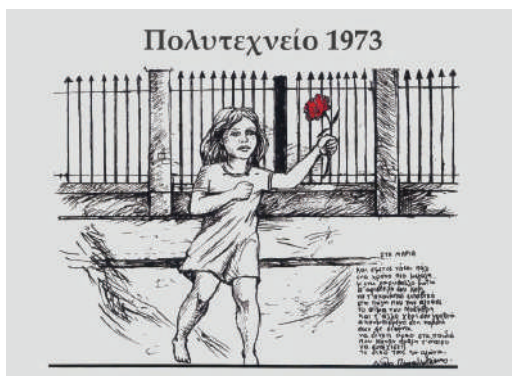
The anniversary of the occasion upon which Metaxas, the ailing Greek Prime Minister, refused to give in to the Axis powers and chose, instead, to join the fight against fascism. As part of this event, the school banner and the Greek and Cypriot flags were presented to their bearers and the Honour Guard was sworn in. This year's commemorative presentation and ceremony was co-ordinated by Ms Margarita Prountzou.





NOVEMBER 15TH DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND CONDEMNATION OF THE PSEUDOSTATE

The Student Council delivered to UN representatives a letter of protest at the continuing occupation of Cyprus by Turkish forces and members of the Theatre Club gave a performance at the amphitheatre related to the Condemnation.



NOVEMBER 17TH POLYTECHNIC REMEMBRANCE DAY

A special presentation was made in commemoration of the student uprising of 1973 at Athens Polytechnic.

DECEMBER 8TH ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PLAY

As a special treat this year, the English Drama Club put on a brilliant Christmas Play: 'Sing Us A True Christmas Song'. The acting was excellent; the songs were great and everyone involved is to be congratulated – especially Ms Kendra Loizou and Ms Anna Michael, who brought the whole thing together. Evening performances raised €535 for charity.





JANUARY 30TH CELEBRATION OF THE THREE HEIRARCHS

A celebration of three giants of letters and learning presented by students, with Religious Education teacher, Ms Angelika Kyriacou.

FEBRUARY 8TH TSIKNOPEMPTI

This is always a very popular and enjoyable celebration and this year was no exception. Lower School students were catered for by the lovely staff in the canteen while the Upper School cooked up a storm of traditional Cypriot barbecue. It was a day of delicious food, great fun and good company.



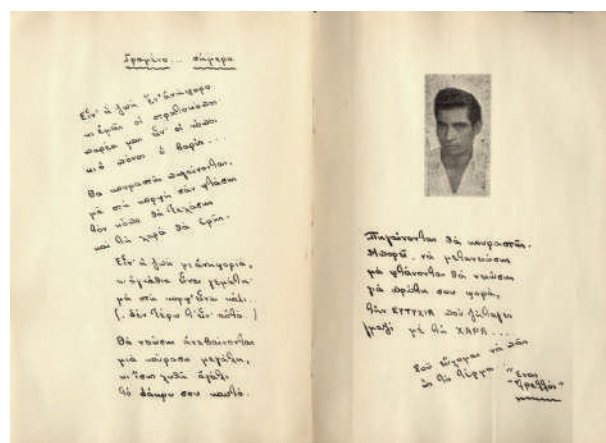
FEBRUARY 21ST INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

A presentation by Sophia Tsantila-Phylactou, Head of the Greek Department at Xenion High School.



MARCH 14TH INTERNATIONAL POETRY DAY

A presentation by Sophia Tsantila-Phylactou, Head of the Greek Department, about the poet and EOKA hero Evagoras Pallikarides, took place in the amphitheatre.



MARCH 25TH & APRIL 1ST CO-CELEBRATION OF THE GREEK REVOLUTION OF 1821 & OF THE EOKA CAMPAIGN BEGUN IN 1955

We marked both these national anniversaries at a special assembly on Friday 30th March. The joint celebration of these two important national holidays was marked by a beautifully performed production in the amphitheatre. Greek Independence Day is celebrated on March 25 in commemoration of the start of the War of Greek Independence in 1821. It coincides with the Greek Orthodox Church's celebration of the Annunciation to the Virgin, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would bear the son of God. The anniversary is traditionally marked by a schools parade, in which schools carry their school flags together with the Cypriot and Greek flags. Events on the 1st of April remember the beginning, in 1955, of the fight for independence from British rule, in which the EOKA organisation played a leading role. In the parade on the 25th, our standard bearers led their fellow students in a dignified and proud representation of our school – as always.



Annual Theatrical Production

'LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME' (THE BOURGEOIS GENTLEMAN) BY MOLIÈRE

Molière's, 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme', satirizes attempts at social climbing and the bourgeois personality, poking fun at both the vulgar, pretentious middle-class and the vain, snobbish aristocracy. The title is meant as an oxymoron: in Molière's France, a 'gentleman' was by definition nobly born, and thus there could be no such thing as a 'bourgeois' gentleman.



M. Jourdain is a middle-aged 'bourgeois' whose father grew rich as a cloth merchant. The foolish Jourdain now has one aim in life, which is to rise above this middle-class background and be accepted as an aristocrat. To this end, he orders splendid new clothes and is very happy when the tailor's boy mockingly addresses him as "my Lord".



He applies himself to learning the gentlemanly arts of fencing, dancing, music and philosophy, despite his age. In doing so he continually manages to make a fool of himself, to the disgust of his hired teachers. Madame Jourdain, his intelligent wife, sees that he is making a fool of himself and urges him to return to his previous middle-class life and to forget all he has learned.



A cash-strapped nobleman called Dorante has attached himself to M. Jourdain. He secretly despises Jourdain but flatters his aristocratic dreams. For example, by telling Jourdain that he mentioned his name to the King at Versailles, he can get Jourdain to pay his debts.

Jourdain's dreams of being upper-class go higher and higher. He dreams of marrying a Marchioness, Dorimene, and having his daughter Lucille marry a nobleman. But Lucille is in love with the middle-class Cléonte. Of course, M. Jourdain refuses his permission for Lucille to marry Cléonte.

Then Cléonte, with the assistance of his valet Covielle and Mme Jourdain, disguises himself and presents himself to Jourdain as the son of the Sultan of Turkey. Jourdain is taken in and is very pleased to have his daughter marry foreign royalty. He is even more delighted when the 'Turkish prince' informs him that, as father of the bride, he too will be officially ennobled at a special ceremony. The play ends with this ridiculous ceremony.



Produced and directed
by Greek teachers, Skevie Kyriacou and
Sophia Tsantilla-Phylactou.

Choreography
by Eleni Koutsiou, form teacher
at Xenion Junior School

International Participation

Xenion High School has always encouraged students to be active on the international stage, as befits young people who wish to take their place in the wider world. As a result, our school, our town and our country are well represented in many international settings by Xenion students – both in teams of delegates and as individuals. The value of the life-skills, such as problem-solving, negotiating and planning, that are learned from such experiences cannot be overestimated and the understanding, tolerance and insight that students gain from international experiences are vital qualities in those who will lead our country in the future.

Political bodies such as the European Youth Parliament foster an understanding of the relationship between state and citizenry and an appreciation of the complexities of government. Through numerous initiatives, students work with their peers from other countries in the building and promotion of friendship and co-operation and the mitigation of prejudice and insularity.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT (EYP) CYPRUS

Maria Christina Michael, Antonis Antoniou, Savvina Nicolaou, Prodromos Petrou of Year 5 and Cornelia Kitazou of Year 4, participated in Pre-Selection days for the European Youth Parliament.



Anthony Charalambous, of Year 7, appeared on Ant1: talking about his role as the Head Organiser of the EYP Pre-Selection days for 2018 and about the 12th National EYP Session.



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT (EYP) GEORGIA

Petros Kitazou and Alexandra Kefala of Year 5, were selected by the National Committee of EYP Cyprus to attend the 87th International Session.



COUNCIL OF EUROPE STRATEGY FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Maria Theocharous, of Year 2, has been selected to participate in this important initiative, which seeks to promote and protect the rights and welfare of children across Europe. To do this, they take heed not only of the opinions of adults but of those of children themselves.



GREEK YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Andreas Komodromou, of Year 5, was chosen as one of the best 300 candidates to participate as a Young MP at the Greek Parliament in July.



YOUTH COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Andreas Laoutaris won the 1st Prize in the Pancyprian European Student Essay Competition for Secondary Lyceum Students. As a result, he then participated in the Youth Council of Europe at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, where 500 students from 22 countries were divided into 6 groups which discussed, analysed and submitted contributions on various issues concerning today's Europe.

STRUCTURED DIALOGUE

Seventeen students from Years 4 to 7 took part in a workshop organised by Cyprus Youth Council and the European Commission.





MEDITERRANEAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS (Medi. M.U.N.)

Medi.M.U.N. offers a unique experience to young people as they meet and debate issues of real importance in today's world. They are asked to represent the interests of countries and communities other than Cyprus. The insights they gain into how the wider world has different needs and priorities from their own, together with the confidence in their ability to put forward a point of view in a cogent and articulate manner that they develop as a result of their participation, are assets that will serve them well in their future studies and careers.

Sixteen students from our school participated in the 13th Annual Medi.M.U.N. Session. It was held at The European University in early February, 2017. One of our delegates, Fotiana Zouvani of Year 6 was chosen to chair one of the General Assemblies, Committee number 4.



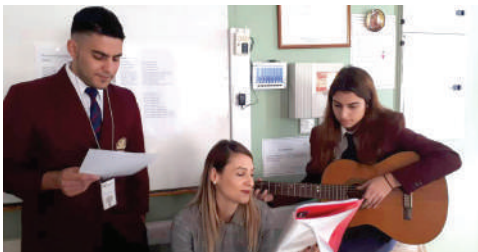
CYPRUS SUMMER YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON D.C.

Cornelia Kitazou, who is in Year 4, was chosen - as one of only fourteen individuals selected from a field of 260 applicants - to participate in this ten-day event, which was held over the summer.



14TH STUDENT CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE, TECHNICAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN FAMAGUSTA

A group of Year 6 students participated in an experiential conference and workshop for all high schools in Famagusta area. The main subject of the conference was, 'School and school life and how to empower new generations through Education, Culture and Learning'. Each school had to choose one aspect of the main subject and discuss it in groups. Our school's topic was 'Cultivation of human ideals and social cohesion through voluntary and creative activities'.



TWINNING

Xenion High School is twinned with the Liceo Artistico Tramello Cassinari in Piacenza, Italy. The schools run an exchange and cultural programme which is very successful.



The Italian students visited us in September, 2017 and we returned the visit in February, 2018. This year we held a cultural evening for our Italian guests. This was a full-on production; with music, dance, audio-visual presentations and food. It was a huge success.



Good Causes & Charitable Giving

Xenion High School is more than just a school. It is a part of our local community, our town, our country and our world. Our students realise that they are, in many ways, lucky to have all the advantages that they do and that not everyone is so lucky. This understanding underlies the school's long-standing and enthusiastic commitment to raising both funds and awareness for a wide range of good causes. Our school has, indeed, been so successful in charitable fundraising that we have been presented with a certificate by the Pancyprrian Volunteerism Coordinative Council in recognition of our outstanding charity work throughout the years.

CHRISTODOULA'S MARCH

This event is held each year in memory of a remarkable woman from Famagusta. The aim of the Christodoula March is to raise public awareness of issues surrounding cancer and to raise the funds needed to continue financing the various services offered to cancer patients by the Cyprus Anticancer Society. Our school is proud to take part each year in this important event. The Raising and Giving Club raised **€970** from various school activities and sponsored the organisation.

PANCYPRIAN TRAFFIC FUNDRAISING EVENT BY PASYKAF

The Raising and Giving Club managed to raise a total of **€1820**. This comprised €256 collected at Xenion High School, €178 from the Junior School and €1386 collected during the 'Road Charity' event. A cheque for €1820 was handed over to a representative of PASYKAF at an Assembly in October.



'ONE DREAM - ONE WISH'

Each year we are delighted to be able to support the 'One Dream One Wish' foundation: the Cyprus Association for Children with Cancer and Related Diseases. This year, a total of **€450** was raised by the Junior School and the High School together. A cheque was presented to the riders when they visited the school in March.



ARMISTICE DAY

Throughout the week leading up to the 11th November, a range of red poppy items was on sale. The poppy has become the symbol of remembrance of those who lost their lives in war, especially the two World Wars, and all money collected went to organisations which support ex-service personnel. On the 11th a two-minute silence was observed to mark the anniversary of the war which was meant to "...end all wars."



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Raising and Giving Club members visited 'Apostolos Varnavas' Centre in Liopetri, where they presented the story, 'The Lion Who Knew How to Fight', which was written by our Greek teacher, Christina Kourouma.

A group of Year 7 students, together with RE teacher, Ms Angelika Kyriacou, also visited Apostolos Pavlos school for adults with special needs. The visit was organized by the Red Cross.





HAIRSTYLING CHARITY EVENT

The School Council ran this novel fundraiser, which generated a total of **€1312**. €1000 was given to the Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society and the remaining €312 to the Radiomathon.

During this fun event students had their hair cut or braided for a good cause. Professional hairdressers volunteered to cut the boys' hair while talented students braided girls' hair in the school yard. Drinks and snacks were sold during the hairstyling. Special thanks to Ms Evanthia Aresti and Ms Sophia Tsantilla-Phylactou, who helped to organize the event.



Giving the €1000 to the Cyprus Anti-Cancer Society and €312 to the Radiomathon.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

Students from Years 4 to 6 volunteered as models in this fundraising event for the Anti-Cancer Association of Famagusta and our own Ms Sophia Tsantilla – Phylactou was the presenter. They raised **€1000** from the show.



MOVEMBER

This year, proud moustachioed students raised **€350** to help this global charity, which is the only one to specifically address men's health issues as diverse as suicide and male cancers.



WORLD CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Sometimes it's not just about money. Sometimes the help that is needed involves raising awareness or bringing an issue to greater public attention. Eight of our students did just that, by spending their free time handing out leaflets in the centre of Paralimni.



THEATRICAL FUNDRAISER

Evening performances of this year's production, 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme', raised a total of **€2000**. This money was used to help local families in need.



BAKE DAY

Year 5 organised this break-time event, which raised a total of **€400** for various good causes, including giving €225 to help a local mother who is battling cancer while raising five children. A total of **€530** was offered to this lady by Xenion.



PANCAKE DAY

Organised by Year 6 students to raise funds for Apostolos Varnavas school for children with special needs. They managed to collect **€600**.



CHRISTMAS SHOW

A wonderful production by the English Drama Club which raised **€665**. A collection was taken at the door at evening performances.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

During the Christmas show, Year 2 students sold handmade Christmas gifts to raise money for good causes. Special thanks to Ms Evanthia Aresti, the form teachers and the Head of Year 2, Ms Margarita Prountzou, for their help. A total of **€1335** was raised.



CAROL SINGERS

Just before Christmas, our Year 1 choir went carol singing with Ms Angelica Kyriacou, Ms Athena Lianou and Ms Skevie Kyriacou. As well as cheering the hearts of a great many people they also raised some money for good causes. Well done!

The money raised by the Carol Singers, the Christmas Show and the Christmas Bazaar was divided between the Metropolitan Diocese and KEPA.

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS

Throughout the year various events raised **€1050**, which was donated to seven families in need.



EASTER CANDLES

Members of the Art Club hand-decorated Easter candles. These were sold and raised **€85**, which was given to a family affected by cancer.



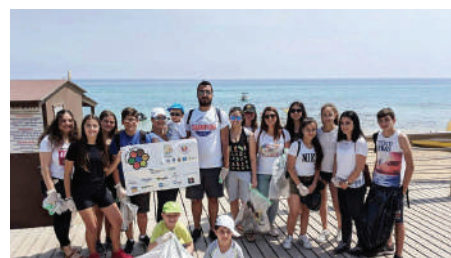
BLOOD DONATION

The gift of life cannot be over-valued. This was the gift our Upper School students and teachers were happy to give when the Blood Transfusion Service visited us on the last day of the Easter term.



CYPRUS CLEAN UP DAY

There can be no better cause than caring for our environment and our planet. 'Let's Clean the World in One Day' may be a bit ambitious but, at the end of April, a Xenion volunteer team of students and teachers did make a difference to our little corner of the world when they cleaned up beaches at Protaras.



30 HOUR FAMINE

This was by far the biggest fundraiser this year, raising an amazing amount of **€5037**. Year 3 students and their teachers and supporters spent more than a day without food and proper shelter, in order to experience how many of the world's children live. This is the first time that Xenion students have taken part in this international event, which is organised by World Vision – a Christian humanitarian organisation. The money was raised from sponsorship, collections and generous gifts from Year 1 students and students at the Junior School. Those involved did not only go without food for more than a day but took part in games and activities designed to teach them just how hunger and lack of resources impact the lives of children around the world.



KOFINOU REFUGEE CAMP

The Student Council, together with Physics teacher, Mr Theo Vriionides, raised more than **€200**, when Mr Theo ran in the Larnaca Marathon. All moneys raised went to help people at the camp. As well as raising money, students donated much-needed items, such as winter clothing, which the Student Council delivered in mid-December.



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Academic Awards

Our students are encouraged to strive for excellence in all aspects of their education. One area in which Xenion High School is pre-eminent is in academic achievement. Each year our students win numerous academic awards and accolades.

OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS

These are given each year to students who have distinguished themselves by a very high level of performance in the Cambridge International Exams.

This year our Cambridge winners were:

Antri Mousicou – Year 6
High Achievement
in IGCSE Foreign Language German

Maria Vorka – Year 6
Top in Cyprus
in IGCSE Chemistry

Mark Torochkin – Year 6
High Achievement
in IGCSE Economics

Eva Spanachi – Year 7
High Achievement
for both AS Biology and AS Chemistry

Maria Christou – 2017 graduate
High Achievement Award
for A Level Chemistry

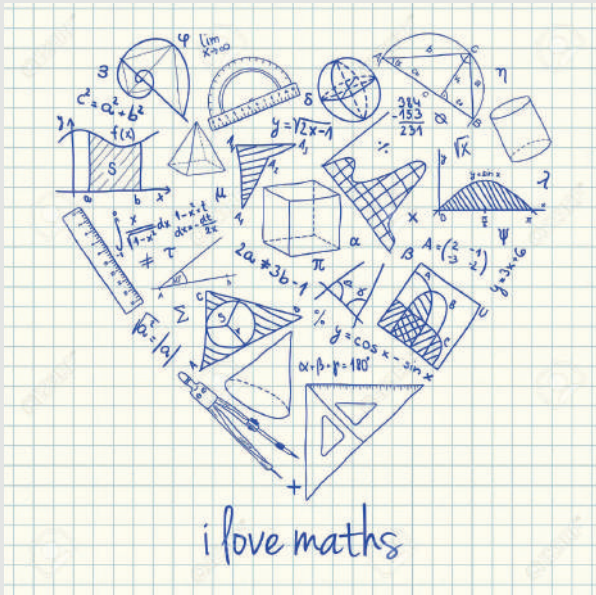


We were also honoured to be the only school asked to provide musical accompaniment to the award ceremony.



In addition, **Fotiana Zouvani** got the *highest mark in the world* in the Modern Greek A Level – a remarkable achievement.





Our winning
mathematicians –
well done all of you!

Mathematics Competitions

DISTRICT MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year a number of our students did well in this event. The winners were:

Year 1

Panayiotis Hadjizacharias – *1st Prize*

Stefanos Hadjilefteris – *3rd Prize*

Omiros Tikkis – Commendation

Year 2

Giorgos Kefalas – *2nd Prize*

Nayia Dorotheou – Commendation

Nicholas Ntzagides – *Commendation*

Year 3

Nicholas Siokouros – 3rd Prize

Year 4

Gigi Luk – 3rd Prize

Andreas Siokouros – *Commendation*

Year 5

Maria Christodoulidou – *Commendation*

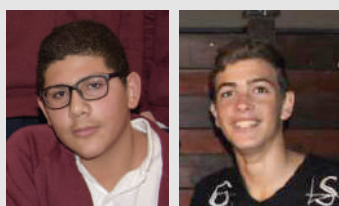


PANCYPRIAN AND INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

Gigi Luk of Year 5, not only won a *Distinction* in the Pancyprrian Mathematics Competition but also passed the first selection stage for the International Mathematics Competition. Well done Gigi!



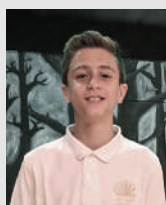
KANGOUROU MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



Year 1
Stefanos Hadjilefteris
Bronze Medal

Year 4
Panayiotis Kourmouzos
Bronze Medal

19TH PANCYPRIAN MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD



Year 1
Panayiotis Hadjizacharias
Bronze Medal

MATHEMATICS RELAY

Although our team did not win this competition, they made it into the top 15, out of 100 schools in Cyprus, and did quite well against some very stiff competition. Our entrants were:

Year 1
Stefanos Hadjilefteris
Panayiotis Hadjizacharias
Omiros Tikkis

Year 2
Nayia Dorotheou
Giorgos Kefalas
Nicolas Ntzagides

Year 3
Elisavet Alkiviadou – Team Leader
Maria Kesko
Nicolas Siokouros

EUROPEAN STATISTICS COMPETITION

Year 6 students took the *5th Place Internationally*. Team members, seen here with their teachers, Mr Marios Phylactou and Ms Elena Hadjarou, were: **Antonis Christou, Constantinos Lambrou** and **Maria Vorka**. Xenion entered three teams of three for this event.



ICT and Science Competitions

5TH PANCYPRIAN ROBOTICS COMPETITION

In this, national, stage of the World Robotics Championship, the Xenion team won *First Place* in the Junior High School category. Our team members were **Elisavet Alkiviadou** and **Antonia Michael** from Year 3, together with **Andreas Alexandrou**, Year 4. Well done!



CYPRUS PHYSICISTS' SOCIETY COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Year 2 students, **Ana Maria Paraschiv**, **Anna Spanashi**, **Rafaella Constantinou** and **Maria Koukli**, who won a *Bronze Award* in this competition.



14TH PANCYPRIAN PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Year 2

Omiros Tikkis – *Bronze Award*

Stefanos Hadjilefteris – *Bronze Award*

Panayiotis Hadjizacharias – *Silver Award*

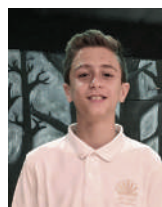


10TH PANCYPRIAN CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Two of our Year 3 students were among the top winners in this competition.

Maria Kesko won the *Bronze Medal* while **Elisavet Alkiviadou** took the *Silver Medal*.

4TH NATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 'THEOFRASTOS 2018'



Well done again to **Panayiotis Hadjizacharias**, of Year 1, who won the *Bronze medal*.

MEERA COMPETITION

This year we fielded a team of eleven students from Year 3. Their project centred around the recycling of electrical appliances. The young scientists focused on the behaviour of people living in the Famagusta area and how this is affected by factors such as education, mass media and social media.

With the guidance and supervision of teachers, the whole team conducted their research in a thorough and professional manner. Research questions and hypotheses were defined and the team constructed a questionnaire that would help them gather the necessary data, while they also conducted interviews.

After gathering data from a sample of 250 residents of Famagusta district, the students wrote a report including their findings and conclusions and presented it to the assessment committee.

Although our team did not take the top prize, they did win the *Second Commendation* and a *cash prize of €300*.

The Xenion team comprised:

Elisavet Alkiviadou
Yiannis Fitsiou
Antonia Michael
Lorainee Themistocli
Konstantinos Attouni
Antonis Christodoulou
Marcos Evangelou
Maria Kesko
Maximos Leontiou
Michalis Savva
Loukas Stavrou

The teachers who supported and guided them were Mr Andreas Philippou, Ms Charalambia Charalambous and Ms Maro Pambou.



At the recycling plant



Presenting their results

Duke of Edinburgh International Award (DoE)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, which first started in 1956, is active in 114 countries for young people between the ages of 14 and 25. The DoE Award equips the youngsters with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and the world. They experience adventure, acquire new skills and make new friends. The Award programme consists of 3 levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

A number of our students received their *Bronze Awards*:

Year 5

Sophia Killi
Andria Chrysostomou
Evangelia Evangelou
Alexandra Kefala
Andreas Komodromou
Maria Michael
Xenia Spanachi

Year 6

Eleni Kyriacou
Loukia Eracleous
Nektarios Machattos

In addition, **Georgia Charalambous**, of Year 6, got her *Silver Award*. Our congratulations to all of them.



Junior Achievement Competition



A team of Year 5 students participated in the Junior Achievement Cyprus Competition. The concept of this competition is that the students develop a product and sell shares in their company. They use the money to buy the materials they need to make their product, which they then sell. Finally, they return the profits to the people who bought shares in the company.

Our Business Department fielded two teams : **'Chocolatte'** and **'G.L.E (Give Light Everywhere)'** They had to design, produce and market a new product. They first gave a presentation to the school and then had to demonstrate their products to the public at the Mall of Cyprus. Unfortunately, despite a tremendous effort by all our entrants, they just missed being in the final. Never mind – there's always next year!

Literature & the Arts

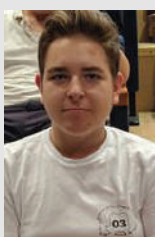
S.T.E.K. ESSAY COMPETITION

In a Greek Essay Writing contest organized by the Ministry of Education and S.T.E.K. (The Association of Cyprus Tourist Enterprises), **Anna Spanachi**, Year 2; **Elisavet Alkiviadou**, Year 3 and **Constantinos Vrakas**, Year 4 all won *First Awards* while **Anna Kadi**, Year 2, won an *Honorary Award*.

The entrants were asked to write an essay describing the beauties and attractions of Cyprus. Our other entrants got Certificates of Excellence and Participation.



21ST PANCYPRIAN STUDENT COMPETITION



John Fitsiou, of Year 3, participated in this competition promoted by the municipality of occupied Kyrenia and won a *Commendation* in the 'Visual Arts' Category.

2ND PANCYPRIAN LOWER SCHOOL COMPETITION OF MODERN AND ANCIENT GREEK LANGUAGE

Five of our Lower School students won *2nd Place* in this competition.

The winning students were:

Maria Theocharous, **Antonis Varianos**, **Xenios Arnaoutis** and **George Kefalas** of Year 2 and **Maria Kesko**, of Year 3. Well done, all of you!

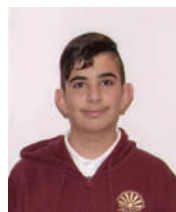


HOLY ARCHBISHOPRIC OF CYPRUS: PANCYPRIAN ESSAY COMPETITION



Alexandra Tsielepi, Year 6 student, won an *Award of Excellence*.

KANGOUROU ENGLISH COMPETITION

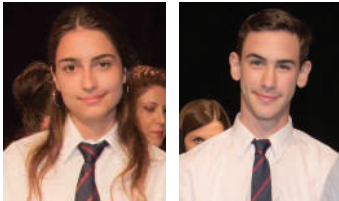


George Kefalas of Year 2, won the *Gold Award* in this contest.

UNION OF GREEK WRITERS COMPETITION

Although it's called a 'writers competition', this annual contest is a celebration of more than just the written word and Xenion students did well in this year's event.

Maria Vardaki, Year 6, won *2nd Place* in the Lyric Poetry category. Meanwhile, **Michalis Pieri**, also Year 6, won *1st Place* for Film Soundtrack and *2nd Place* for Orchestration. Well done, both of you!



PANHELLENIC POETRY COMPETITION



Christos Theofanous, of Year 5, achieved an *Honorary Award* at this event, which was held in Kalavryta, Greece.

SECOND PANCYPRIAN POETRY CONTEST IN MEMORY OF MARIOS DEMETRIOU



Maria Vorka, of Year 6, won a *Commendation* in this contest.

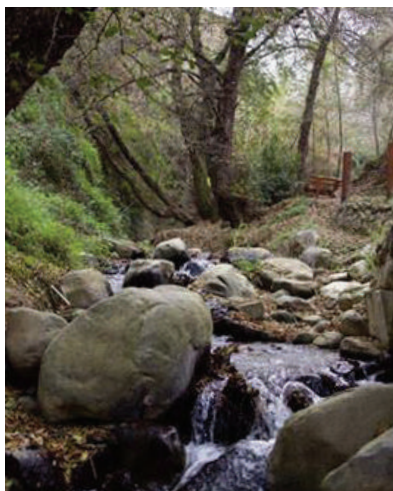
'PHILELEFTHEROS' SCHOOL NEWSPAPER COMPETITION

Lower school students and their Greek teachers co-operated superbly to win a *commendation* in this Pancyprian competition for Lower Schools.



SECOND PANCYPRIAN COMPETITION "STORIES FROM AMMOCHOSTOS"

Our Year 6 students **Maria Vardaki**, **Maria Vorka** and **Andreas Laoutaris** with **Pavlina Andronicou** from Year 3, developed a short film for this competition and won the *3rd Place*.



SECOND PANCYPRIAN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST "CYPRUS, NATURE, CULTURE AND CIVILISATION"

This contest was organized by the Pancyprrian Federation of Parents' and Guardians' Associations of Private Schools. Seven of our students participated in the event:

Year 2

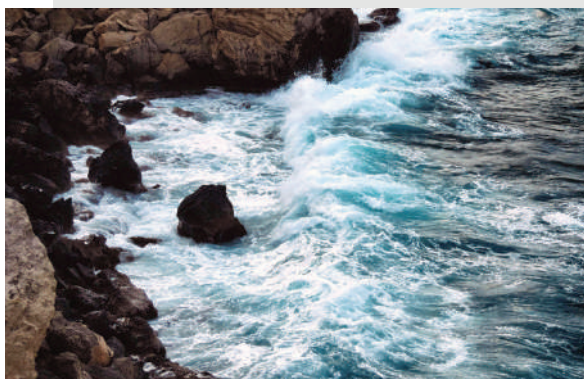
Sonia Adamou
Ioanna Panayiotou

Year 5

Alexandra Kefala

Year 6

Loukia Eracleous
Orestis Avraamides



19TH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ART COMPETITION "ALWAYS BLUE, ALWAYS GREEN"

Andreas Aristodemou, Year 7, was chosen to exhibit this work, created by manipulating a photograph, in this prestigious exhibition of Graphic Art.



FIFTH PAN-HELLENIC AND PANCYPRIAN LITERARY COMPETITION FOR POETRY AND SHORT STORIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS



This was an event organized by the Association of Greek Writers. In it, **Maria Kesko**, of Year 3, won *Third Prize* for her poem, 'The Odyssey of a Refugee' and **Xenia Spanachi**, of Year 5, got a *Commendation* for her work, 'Louna Piena'.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In a Short Story Competition organized by the English Department, the prize-winners were as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL:

1st Prize – Year 3, **Antonia Michael**

2nd Prize – Year 1, **Rafailia Fokki**

3rd Prize – Year 3, **Lorainee Themistocli**

UPPER SCHOOL:

1st Prize – Year 5, **Maria Papakleanthous**

2nd Prize – Year 5, **Sophia Killi &**

Chrystalla Yiannitsarou

3rd Prize – Year 5, **Andreas Komodromou**

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

This was organised by the School Council, just before Hallowe'en. Large and small gourds of every description were carved, dressed, decorated and displayed with pride. The winner of '*Best Pumpkin*' was **Andreas Komodromou**, Year 5, and in *2nd Place* was **Xenia Spanachi**, also in Year 5.



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Pavlina Andronikou, of Year 4, took part in the International Music Festival in Moscow and the group she belongs to, Romiosini Cultural Society, took *First Prize*. Well done Pavlina.



'LITTLE STARS' DANCE COMPETITION

Sisters **Elisavet** and **Eleni Tsiouti**, who are in Years 6 and 4, danced their way to success when they won *2nd Place* in both the 'Little Stars' International Contemporary Competition, held in Cyprus, and the 'Little Stars' International Ballet Competition, which was held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

PANCYPRIAN STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION FOR LYCEUM STUDENTS

Our student from Year 6, **Andreas Laoutaris** took *First Prize* in this event. His prize was a trip to Strasbourg in France, where he took part in the Youth Council for Europe at the European Parliament.



THE XENION 'READERS IN ACTION' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

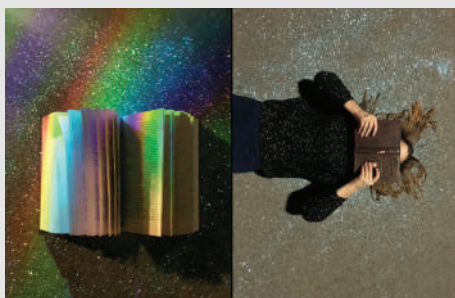
An in-school competition, where the entrants had to find the most interesting or unexpected place to read and then photograph themselves doing so. There were some really beautiful entries and, in the end, the following students were chosen as winners:



Daphne Koutsofta – Year 2



Anna Papageorgiou – Year 3



Yiannis Fitsiou & Olga Bunina – Year 3



George Pieri – Year 1

Sporting Achievements

FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEETING

We fielded a number of individual winners in the District Competition:

Year 2

Daphne Koutsofta

First Place - 1000m

Year 5

Andreas Theocharous

Second Place - 100m

Year 2

Rebecca Arampampaslis

Fourth Place - 300m

Year 2

Dorothea Antoniou

Fourth Place - 600m



PANCYPRIAN SWIMMING COMPETITION



Stefanos Hadjilefteris, of Year 1, took *3rd Place* in the 200m Freestyle at the Pancyprian Swimming Competition.



Anthimos Odysseos, of Year 2, and Year 3's **Demos Lysi**, got their *Intermediate Level Life-saving Certificates* from the Cyprus Life-saving Federation. **Giorgos Hadjizacharias**, of Year 3, got his *Bronze Level*.

CYPRUS SAILING FEDERATION

Our students, **Julius Hebel** and **Daphne Koutsofta**, of Year 2, took *Third and First Places* respectively at the Cyprus Sailing Federation 2017 AESR, held in late September.



JUN JITSU BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Margarita Kyza-Karavioti, Year 5, took the *Fifth Place* in the Ju Jitsu Balkan Championships, held in Montenegro.

Congratulations are in order to **Eva Epiphaniou**, who graduated in June 2017. She won the following medals for Ju Jitsu in various weight and age classes:

Bronze – Palesmata, under 18s

Bronze – Palesmata, under 21s

Bronze – Kato Pagkratio

Gold – Semi-contact fighting, 48kg



Margarita Kyza-Karavioti – Year 5



Eva Epiphaniou – 2017 Graduate



TENNIS

Stefanos Savva, of Year 5, enjoyed numerous victories throughout the year. He won *First Place* in the Hellenic Bank – Masters Tennis Academy and followed this up by winning the I.T.F. Under18s Agia Napa/Protaras Tennis Tournament. He completed his hat-trick by winning *First Prize* in the Under 18s category at the National Tennis Tournament. Well done, Stefanos – it's been a great year for you!



Meanwhile **Konstantinos Koshis**, Year 2, achieved *Second Place* in the Tennis Europe Ranking, Under 14s.

TENNISTOO

Although it is not strictly an award or a competition victory, our heartiest congratulations are due to **Lefteris Neos**, who graduated this year. After a long and successful run in junior tennis and with numerous wins to his credit, Lefteris has been offered a Tennis Scholarship by the University of Portland in the United States.



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EDUCATIONAL VISITS & SCHOOL TRIPS

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Educational Visits

VISIT TO PRESIDENTIAL MANSION

On Citizens' Day (14th November), a group of Xenion students visited the Presidential Mansion for a meeting of the Council of Ministers.



UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS, IT DEPARTMENT

A group of our students participated in the computer workshop for high schools and technical schools.



VISIT TO THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY & GENETICS

Upper School students spent an interesting and instructive day at this centre for research and excellence.





UCLAN UNIVERSITY BECOME A LAWYER FOR A DAY

A group of Year 6 and Year 7 students visited Uclan University in Pyla with their Law Teacher, Mrs. Anna Michael and had the opportunity to be 'lawyers for a day'. The event was very informative and they had the opportunity to see law in action and experience law lectures and seminars at university level.



VISIT TO KOFINOU REFUGEE CAMP

A group of Xenion students visited Kofinou Reception Centre and gave smiles to small refugees, on 20th March - the World Day of Happiness!

VISIT TO ACCOUNTANCY OFFICE

On the 9th of May, Year 4 students taking Accounting visited A. Triaros, Neos & Co Ltd, which is a company specialising in auditing and accountancy. They were given the opportunity to get a glimpse of how the business world works! The students were accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Manolia Panayiotou.



School Trips

DAY - TRIPS

Every year Years 1 to 6 go out for the day and Year 7 students go on a three-day trip. The trips are designed to be fun but also to contain experiences of cultural, aesthetic and historical interest. This might be a visit to a gallery or museum, a visit to an historic site or an experience of the traditional Cypriot culture and way-of-life. Here are a few highlights from this year's trips.



Year 3 in Larnaca in October.



Years 5 and 6 visited Paphos and stopped by the Kourion Ancient Amphitheatre on the way. Later they went to the Tombs of the Kings.



On the 22nd of February, the whole school decamped for a two-day trip to various locations around the island. It was a chance to relax and for students and teachers to get to know each other a little better. Everybody had a great time. Here's Year 7 in Limassol, before heading for the mountains.

YERAKIES SUMMER CAMP

Every year, the school organises a summer camp full of activities and road-trips at and around Yerakies village.



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END OF YEAR 2017-2018

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Graduates
Awards Ceremony

Academic Staff



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Graduation Ceremony

XENION TROPHY

Sara Kallis, 2018 winner of the Xenion Trophy, which is presented to the graduate who has maintained the best academic performance throughout their seven years at Xenion High School.



XENION SPIRIT AWARD

Eva Spanachi, winner of the Xenion Spirit award. This is presented to the student who has most shown a positive attitude and ethic, participated significantly in the school community and made a meaningful voluntary contribution to the local community during their seven years at Xenion High School.



VALEDICTION

The Valediction was delivered by **Sara Kallis** in English and in Greek by **Antonis Theodorou**.



Year 7 students celebrating their graduation in the traditional way!

Graduates



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The graduates who finished highest in their class were -
Joint First: **Antonis Theodorou** and **Sara Kallis**; Second: **Eva Spanachi**
and Third: **Andreas Yiasoumi**.

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Karapashis Loizos



Keli Maria



Kourmouzos Demetris



Markoullis Pantelis



Nikolaou Elena



Pyrellis Andreas



Spanachi Eva



Stavrou Antonios



Theodorou Antonis



Zacharia Maria

Award Ceremony

On Thursday 22nd June the academic year came to its formal close. As usual, this was combined with the giving of Awards to students in Years 1 to 6 who had distinguished themselves academically, creatively or athletically.

Several of our Year 6 students achieved very impressive IGCSE results when they sat the examinations last Summer. First among them was **Myronas Koulas**, who garnered no fewer than eight A/ A* passes, seven of which were at A*. This was a truly outstanding achievement.



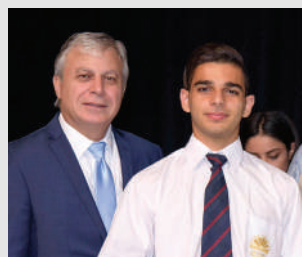
A number of Myronas' classmates achieved seven A/A* grades in the same exams: **Georgia Charalambous, Andri Mousicou** and **Andreas Kakkou**.



A further six students earned six A/A* grades. They are **Chloe Andronicou, Maria Vorka** and **Antonis Christou, Louisa Hadjipanayi, Constantinos Lambrou** and **Fotiana Zouvani**



Maria Vorka



Antonis Christou



Constantinos Lambrou



Fotiana Zouvani



Our students, including **Elisavet Alkiviadou**, **Andreas Alexandrou** and **Antonia Michael**, met with success in a number of Science and Technology competitions, including winning a place at the 5th Pancyprian Robotics Competition.



Photographer and essayist, **Andreas Laoutaris** – who won First Prize in a national writing competition - is just one among many Xenion students who won acclaim in the world of Literature and the Expressive Arts this year.



Xenion students, including **Margarita Kyza-Karavioti**, were also well-represented in the world of Sporting achievements.

A great many students won awards for their talents in a great many fields. Unfortunately, we cannot include all of them here but we offer all of them our heartfelt congratulations and we hope that they know how very proud of them all we are. Bravo, all of you!

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SOLE PURPOSE AND OUR MISSION.**

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