



Ithaki

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Welcome from the Director

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **19th edition of the Xenion High School magazine, 'Ithaki'**.

It 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. This year, in particular, it is also important to recognise the way in which our entire school community has come together to cope with the covid-19 pandemic.

I am deeply proud of the way that our school was able to respond quickly and professionally to the shutting down of the country's schools; mostly because we already had the resources and the skills in place to switch, literally instantly, to on-line learning. Our teachers drew on their experience and expertise to adjust their plans and materials to suit the new reality and this had the vital effect of reassuring our students that their learning was not going to be disrupted – just a bit different.



The students, in their turn, responded with maturity and responsibility and, together, we were able to complete our programmes of study calmly and effectively. The level of co-operation among teachers, parents, students and support staff across the school has been commendable and it is this coming together in common cause which has led to a positive outcome in potentially very negative circumstances.

I would like to congratulate all those who made 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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ROAD SAFETY LECTURE

Every year, Mr. George Demetriou, Senior Officer at Famagusta Traffic Division, is one of our first guests and we appreciate his annual visit to our school. He was joined once more by Mrs Lena Mavrikiou, and this year they were accompanied by other representatives of the George Mavrikios Foundation. Their message is a simple yet powerful one – speed and carelessness kill people, especially young people, and driving safely is essential.



GAMING AND GAMBLING: RISKS AND ADVICE

A representative of the Cyprus Gaming and Casino Supervision Commission gave a presentation on the perils of gambling.



PRESENTATION BY UNIVERSITIES

University of Warwick, UK
Radboud University, Netherlands
Cardiff University, UK
Oxford Royale Academy, UK



CYPRUS FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME

We were visited by **Ms Katia Solomidou**, who is the Programmes Officer for this very worthwhile bicommunal endeavour. She spoke about its mission to unite young people in friendship , by focusing on what they have in common rather than on their differences, and work to extend that friendship to their wider communities.



LIFE IN THE SERVICES (ARMY)

Years 5, 6 and 7 were addressed by members of the Armed Forces, who spoke about what life in the services is like.



VISIT BY MS MARIA HIDIROGLOU - NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Ms Hidiroglou is an archaeologist attached to the National Archaeological Museum in Athens. She spoke about the importance of the work done by her Department.



THE CHALLENGES OF ADULTHOOD

Presentation by **Mr Stavros Fotiou**, Professor at the University of Cyprus, to all Year 6 & 7 students.



A LIFE LESSON

We were visited by **Mr Michael Metaxas**, a Xenion High School alumnus, who spoke to students about his career in music and underlined the power of determination and the value of education.



PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Lecture by **Mr Marios Melanides**, Director of Human Capital, PwC, to all Accounting students.

Special Assemblies



YEAR 7 PHYSICS STUDENTS SIR ISAAC NEWTON

Year 7 students and their teacher, **Mr Theo Vrionides**, gave a lively and entertaining presentation about Newton – one of the greatest scientists in human history – and his famous Three Laws of Motion.



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.



THE CRISIS IN SYRIA

A group of Year 6 students presented a moving and sombre description of the effect on ordinary people's lives of the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country.



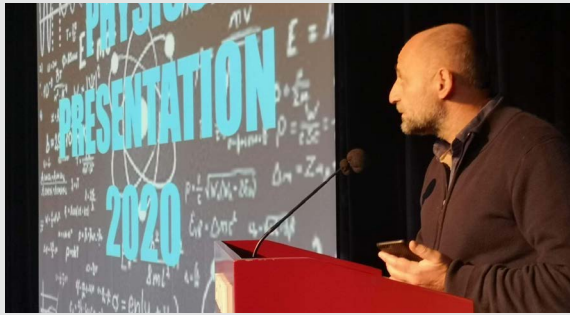
GIVE LIFE TO TRASH

Year 1 raised awareness of the problems caused by the mountains of rubbish that we generate each year and suggested ways that we can help to solve these.



FEBRUARY 4TH WORLD CANCER DAY

Each year, this is an opportunity to raise both funds and awareness in the fight against this dreadful disease.



NIKOLA TESLA & PHYSICS

A presentation by Year 7 students about this strange and wayward genius: a man who foresaw the world of the future yet died penniless in a New York hotel room.



MENTAL HEALTH

We are becoming more aware than ever of the importance of maintaining good mental health and a group of Year 6 students gave a talk about the subject as it relates to teenagers and young adults.



OCTOBER 24TH UNITED NATIONS DAY

This commemorates and celebrates the United Nations officially coming into existence on 24 October 1945. International schools around the world mark this day by celebrating the diversity of their student bodies. At Xenion we had a special presentation from Year 7 students.



NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

Xenion High School is lucky in having an interesting and diverse student body. Some of our students from overseas spoke to their schoolmates about the ways in which the New Year is celebrated in their home countries.



DECEMBER 10TH WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights. It was drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, and was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations. It sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected and it has been translated into over 500 languages. Year 7 students spoke about this ground-breaking event and about the continuing fight to fulfil its promise of universal human dignity.



CAREERS EVENT

Careers Presentation about University Studies to students of Years 6 & 7 and their parents



LECTURE ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST

Students attended a lecture by Mrs Rasel Lolita Angel, a Holocaust survivor.



SEPTEMBER 26TH EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The students of Xenion High School celebrated the European Day of Languages in their own unique way, with displays of words and flags from different countries around the world as well as selling delicacies both sweet and savoury from all the corners of the world to raise money for charity. The day raised a total of **€200**.

The aim of the event was not only to acknowledge the importance not only of preserving our own language but also to encourage and promote language learning.

School Celebrations & National Anniversaries



SEPTEMBER 4TH BLESSING CEREMONY

Our new academic year at Xenion began formally, as usual, with the Blessing Ceremony. This was led by Archimandrite Avgoustinos Karas and his colleague, Father Haracleidios.



OCTOBER 1ST CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY

A presentation by the school's Greek Department and Theatre Club, 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.



NATIONAL HOLIDAY PARADE

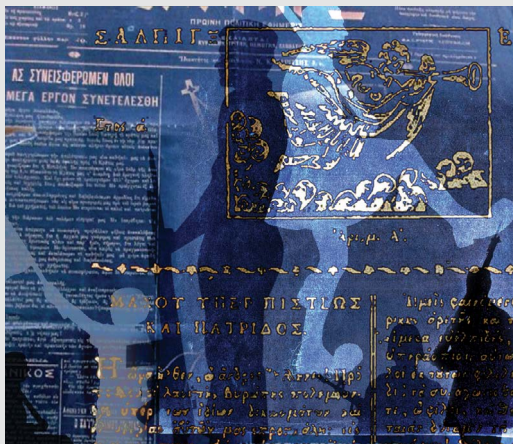
The best of our students, proudly led by the Standard Bearers, took part with dignity and discipline. They represented themselves, their families, their school and their country very well indeed.





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.



MARCH 25 | APRIL 1 CELEBRATIONS OF THE GREEK REVOLUTION OF 1821

THE EOKA CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENCE BEGUN IN 1955

This year, we were unable to celebrate these two national anniversaries because of the closing of schools as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.



JANUARY 30 CELEBRATION OF THE THREE HIERARCHS & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

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

The General Knowledge Quiz, is held at the end of January as a part of our celebration of the Three Hierarchs. This year's winners of this popular annual event were:

1st Prize

Marios Loizides 7C, Elisavet Alkiviadou 5C

2nd Prize

Chrystalla Yiannitsarou 7C

3rd Prize

George Miltiadous 7A, Alexandra Kefala 7C, Ioannis Dimitriadis 2A

Ioannis Dimitriadis won *1st Prize* for the Lower School.



FEBRUARY 20 TSIKNOPEMPTI

Tsiknopemti was early again this year but, luckily, the weather stayed fine and everybody had a great time. Younger students were well catered-for by the ladies in the Canteen, while the older ones showed off their grilling technique. Everyone enjoyed the popular mix of great food, traditional games and good humour which has come to characterise this annual event.



DECEMBER 20 XENION CHRISTMAS SHOW

Year 7 did their usual great job of organising a show which kept everyone entertained with a mixture of music, comedy and dance.

Annual Theatrical Production

"ONCE UPON A TIME... THEY TOLD A DIFFERENT STORY..."

This year's production took a wry look at the 'Big Bad Wolf' and asked if perhaps the wolf has been given an unfair press.

Entitled, 'Once Upon A Time They Told A Different Story' – it was a delightful fantasy in which famous fairy tales, like 'Little Red Riding Hood' were retold from the Big Bad Wolf's point-of-view for a change.



The play made use of a novel court-room setting, in which the wolf was called upon to explain itself and face the charges against it. More often than not, it turned out that the wolf was innocent – or, at least, a lot less guilty than as charged.



Matinee performances were held for children from local schools, as well as evening performances to raise money for good causes. As ever, a huge number of people contributed to the success of this enchanting play.



Produced and directed

by Greek teachers:

Sophia Tsantilla-Phylactou, Margarita Prountzou,
Skevie Kyriacou, Galatia Perikleous

Choreography

by Xenion Junior School teacher:
Eleni Koutsiou

Music

by Music teacher:
Angelika Stavrinou

National and 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

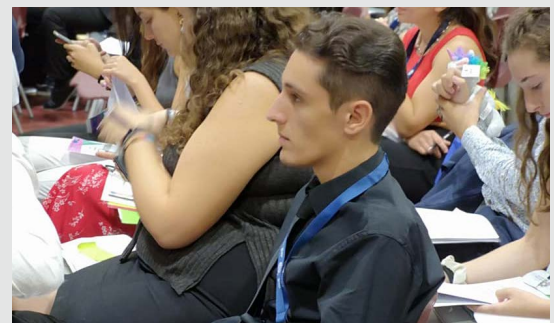
Obviously, the Coronavirus pandemic has severely limited international movement this year but Xenion students have participated as much as possible under the circumstances – especially before movement was restricted. In some cases, students were chosen to take part in events which were, subsequently, postponed or cancelled. However, this does not take away from the pride the school feels in the fact that they were chosen in the first place.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT (EYP) CYPRUS 13TH NATIONAL SESSION

Our EYP team did very well at the Preselection Days in early March and were selected to go forward to the National Session. Our delegates up for selection were:

John Fitsiou, Anastasis Moulazimis and **Constantinos Attouni**, Year 5;
Colleen Demetriou and **Alexandra Melekki** of Year 6,
Chrystalla Yiannitsarou and **Chrystalla Gerolemou** of Year 7.

Penelope Koutsou, Andria Chrysostomou, Marios Loizides and **Alexandra Kefala**, all of whom are in Year 6, were our final delegates at the conference in late August. They were also part of the Media and Organising teams.





EYP PRE-SELECTION

Our students were selected to participate in the 14th National Session of the European Youth Parliament, Cyprus

Year 5

Antonia Michael
Anastasis Moulazimis
Constantinos Attouni
John Fitsiou

Year 6

Ekaterini Hadjipanayi
Alexandra Melekki
Cornelia Kitazou
Colleen Demetriou



17TH REGIONAL SESSION OF EYP CROATIA-RIJEKA

Constantinos Attouni of Year 5 was chosen as a delegate to this regional conference.



CYPRUS YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Special session on Child Poverty with a group of Year 4 students participating.

Year 4

George Kefalas
Rafaella Constantinou
Anna Margarita Spanashi
Antonis Constantinou



THIRTY YEARS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Thirty years ago, world leaders made a historic commitment to the world's children by adopting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – an international agreement on childhood. It's become the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history and has helped transform children's lives around the world. **George Kefalas** and **Rafaella Constantinou**, of Year 4, attended a two-day conference organised by PSEPEP to commemorate this anniversary.



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. Young Cypriots 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.

Students from our school participated in a preparation workshop for the Medi.M.U.N. Conference.



These students were selected to represent Xenion High School at Medi.M.U.N.

Year 5

Anastasis Moulazimis
Antonia Michael
Elisavet Alkiviadou
Maria Kesko
Olga Bunina

Year 6

Alexandra Melekki
Colleen Malvina Demetriou
Kornelia Kitazou
Layan Zentani
Katerina Hadjipanayi



EYP - THE NETHERLANDS

Year 7's **Savvina Nikolaou** was selected to represent Cyprus as part of the Media Team at the 88th International Session held at Breda, in the Netherlands.



EUROSCOLA, STRASBOURG

Each year, students from countries across the European Union are given the chance to attend a special schools session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France.

George Miltiadous, Year 7, travelled to Strasbourg and took part in the Euroscola Youth Parliament Conference after winning 6th Place out of 42 entrants in the European Text Production Competition between Public and Private schools.



eFOLLOWme

Kyriakos Katsiaris, Year 1, participated in the Educational Internet Game Competition, 'EfollowMe', which promotes safe Internet use and is part of the CYberSafety II Project.



CYPRUS FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME

The Cyprus Friendship Programme (CFP) brings together teenagers from both Cypriot communities to promote peaceful interaction and understanding between the two groups. CFP is a two year peace-building and leadership training program in Cyprus, with a four week component in the United States in the summer. By developing cross-cultural friendships, the teens build mutual respect for each other, breaking down the historical stereotypes and mistrust that exist. Upon return to Cyprus, the teens are in a position to share the message with family and friends of their own communities that Greek-speaking and Turkish-speaking Cypriots can live together peacefully. This year, due to travel restrictions imposed as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, it was not possible to host the usual camp in the US, so it was held in Cyprus instead and our Year 5 student **Constantinos Attouni** participated.



PRE-UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Participation in 'The Human Body' summer programme of King's College London, with the outstanding grade of 10/10 for his final assignment.

Year 6

Ioannis Aristotelous



WISE ConsYOUmerism ERASMUS PLUS PROGRAMME

Margarita Kyza - Karavioti, Year 7, was chosen to represent Xenion High School and the NGO, 'Steps for Youth' in this European Youth Exchange Programme and visited Berlin in Germany as part of the programme.



DISCOVER EU

Adamos Adamou and **Kyriaki Tsiolakki**, both Year 7, were chosen to explore Europe by train, as part of the 'Discover EU' programme.



BECOME MEDIA LITERATE: SAY NO TO HATE SPEECH

Several of our students took part in this workshop, which was organised by Famagusta Avenue Garage and Frederick University.

Year 4

Anna Margarita Spanashi
Constantinos Protopapas
Anna Maria Paraschiv
Larissa Zefka
Antonis Constantinou
Anna Kadi
Kalia Irodotou
Stefanos Demosthenous

Year 5

Sofia Georgiadou
Georgios Kefalas
Antonis Christodoulou
Kostansa Kritikou
Antonia Theodora Michael
Elisavet Alkiviadou



DEBATE DISCUSSING 'HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS'

Students from Years 5 and 6 took part in a debate organised by the 'Foni' Council.



CAREERS DAY

'Discover your Talent': Careers Day for Year 3 students



ADDICTIONS WORKSHOPS

Senior students attended a series of important workshops, organised by Perseas Counselling and Mental Health Services.



YOUTH FOR CLIMATE

The whole of Year 7 were part of a silent protest which aimed to raise awareness about the effect of climate change and to call for national and international action to tackle this increasingly acute problem.



VALUE THE DIFFERENCE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Our school took part in the new 'Value the Difference' exchange programme between schools in Italy and Cyprus.

Ten students from Italy were the guests of Xenion students and their families. They seemed to really enjoy the experience and we look forward to returning the visit.



FAMAGUSTA STUDENTS TOGETHER

This was a bi-communal programme in which both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot students participated and collaborated. It was organised by Xenion High School and supported by UNFICYP.



COMMERCIAL AWARENESS BUSINESS GAME DAY

A group of Year 7 students from the Business department participated in the ICAEW Commercial Awareness Business Game Day at P. A. College.



EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK

More than 3000 towns and cities in 50 different countries took part between the 16th and 23rd of September. Here at Xenion we held a number of events designed to get both staff and students up on their feet and moving about more. Among the events we enjoyed were whole-school Zumba in the yard and a very successful Run, Walk, Jog organised by the Xenion Hiking and Running Club.



HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP

The Debate Club held a workshop on Human Rights in conjunction with the NGO, 'Steps for Youth'.

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.

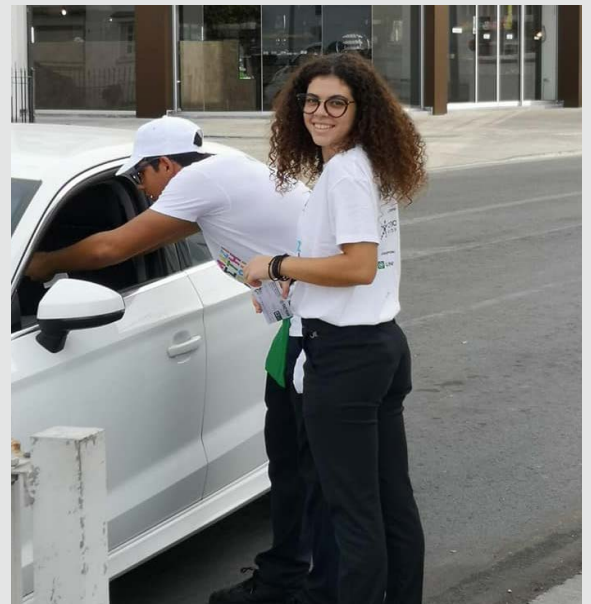


BLOOD DONATION

Senior students and staff were more than happy to offer this simple gift, which can mean the difference between life and death for someone we will never meet. Truly a charitable act.

PANCYPRIAN TRAFFIC FUNDRAISING EVENT BY PASYKAF

On Friday 11th October, Xenion students in the Raising and Giving Club collected **€1394** for PASYKAF in the annual Road Charity. This was boosted by a generous **€118** from Year 1's class fundraising. A total of **€1512** was passed on to the charity.





CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR

Year 2 students organised a sale of crafts and home baking, from which they raised an impressive amount of **€1820** for good causes.

Year 7 boys gave candy to all students around Xenion Junior, Preschool and High School, dressed up as Santa Claus.





HAIRSTYLING CHARITY EVENT

The School Council ran this fundraiser, which has now become a popular annual event. The day generated a total of **€2143**, which was given to charity. During this fun event, students had their haircut or braided for a good cause. Professional hairdressers volunteered to cut the boys' hair, while talented students braided girls' hair in the schoolyard. Drinks and snacks were sold during the hairstyling.



THEATRICAL FUNDRAISER

This year's show raised a grand (very grand!) total of **€3350** from the sale of tickets for evening performances. The money raised was donated to the Diocese of Constantia – Ammochostos, to help them in their work to alleviate poverty.



SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS

Throughout the school year, many events are organised to raise funds for good causes. These include non-uniform days, movie nights, bake sales and a host of other enjoyable ways to do a little good. Our School Council has always been committed to working for the benefit of not only Xenion students but also of the wider community and they have an admirable record of contributing to that community by helping local families in need. This year, a number of annual events; such as Christodoula's March, which takes place each April, could not be held because of the pandemic but our students still managed to raise thousands of euros for good causes.



YEAR 7 BAKE DAY

Senior students raised **€500** from their sale of home-made goodies. The proceeds were added to the Charities Fund which the School Council oversees.



MOVIE NIGHT

The Student Council organised a movie night and the profits, **€334**, were given to charity.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

In times of financial crisis, things like pencil cases and rulers are hard to find money for. A collection of school supplies was made and given for distribution to families by the Diocese of Constantia – Ammochostos.

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AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS

Academic Awards
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Sporting Achievements

Academic Awards

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:



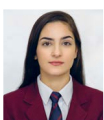
Andreas Kakkou
BEST ACROSS THREE
A Level Biology
A Level Chemistry
A Level Physics



Yuen Chui Luk
TOP IN CYPRUS
IGCSE Mathematics
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT
AS Level Chemistry
AS Level Physics



Maria Vorka
TOP IN CYPRUS
IGCSE Chemistry
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT
AS Level Biology
A Level Chemistry



Louiza Hadjipanayi
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT
AS Level Chemistry
AS Level Physics
A Level Physics



Kornelia Kitazou
TOP IN CYPRUS
IGCSE English as
a Second Language



Nikoletta Petrou
TOP IN CYPRUS
IGCSE Chemistry

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.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Xenion High School and Guangdong Guangya High School. This famous Chinese school has a strong international presence and has a long tradition of excellence, having been founded in 1888.



Xenion High School
Guangdong Guangya High School, China

We were also delighted to forge links between our Junior School and colleagues in the Ukraine.



Xenion Junior School
Happy Nest School, Ukraine

Competitions

DISTRICT MATHEMATICAL COMPETITION

Year 1

Kyriakos Katsiaris

1st Place

Georgia Petrou

Maria Messiou

Marios Economou

Maria Economide

Katerina Polyviou

Elias Andronikou

Commendation

Year 2

Andreas Pakkoutis

2nd Place

Elena Nicolettou

Kyriakos Loizou

Commendation

Year 3

Stefanos Chatzilefteri

2nd Place

John Zhao Hong

3rd Place

Year 4

Georgios Kefala

Commendation

Year 7

Luk Yuen Chui

Petros Kitazos

Commendation

PANCYPRIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Year 2

Andreas Pakkoutis

- Commendation

- Selected to participate in the European Mathematical Competition



Thales Foundation

KANGOUROU COMPETITION MATHEMATICS

Year 1

Kyriakos Katsiaris

Bronze Award

Year 2

Andreas Pakkoutis

Gold Award

Year 6

Panayiotis Kourmouzos

Bronze Award

21ST CYPRUS MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

Year 2

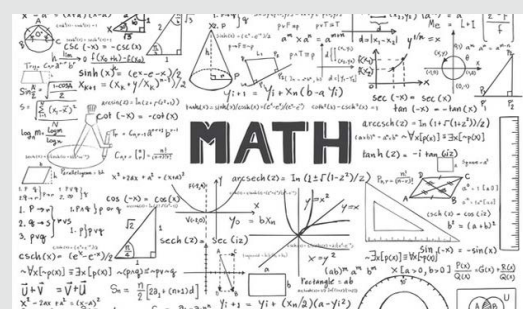
Andreas Pakkoutis

Silver Award

EUROPEAN STATISTICS OLYMPIAD

The Xenion team was in the *top 10* schools.

One of our teams, comprising **Petros Kitazos**, **Christos Theofanous** and **Stavros Tsokkos**, finished in *Fifth Place* internationally.





'ROAD SAFETY' ESSAY COMPETITION

Year 7

Andri Demosthenous

1st Place

Stylianos Vrakas

2nd Place

Year 3

Athena Nikolettou

3rd Place



KANGOUROU COMPETITION MODERN GREEK

Year 1

Kyriakos Katsiaris

Silver Award

Year 2

Ioannis Demetriades

Eleni Charalambous

Bronze Award

16TH PANCYPRIAN 'COSTAS MONTIS' ESSAY COMPETITION

Year 7

Stylianos Vrakas

First Prize



4TH PANCYPRIAN STUDENT LITERATURE COMPETITION IN MEMORY OF MARIOS DEMETRIOU



Year 7

Sofia Eleni Killi

Commendation

CYBER MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2020

Year 5

Olga Kyriakoude

Best Delegate Award



IN-SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

A group of students competed in designing, marketing and selling original products. There was also a competition for 'Best Logo', which was decided by votes cast online by other students.

Year 5

Anna Papageorgiou

Antonis Christodoulou

Elisavet Alkiviadou

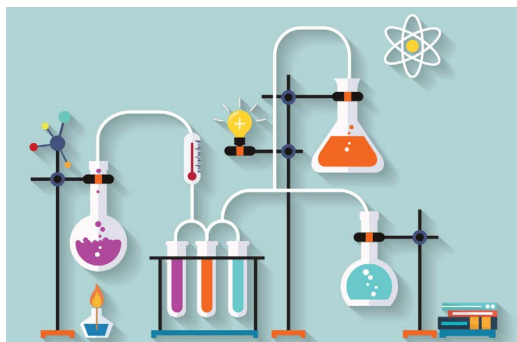
John Fitsiou

Olga Kyriakoude

Yiannis Sotiriou

Konstantinos Loumba

PANCYPRIAN CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD



Year 4

Maria Kesko

Bronze Award

15TH CYPRUS PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Year 2

Kyriakos Loizou

Bronze Award

Year 3

Panayiotis Hadjizacharias

Loizos Koumparou

Silver Award



Sporting Achievements

SWIMMING AWARDS 100M BUTTERFLY

Year 3

Stefanos Hadjilefteris

1st Place



SWIMMING AWARDS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RACE 200M FREE STYLE

PANCYPRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 50M FREE STYLE

Year 2

Christos Kythreotis

3rd Place



CROATIAN YACHT RACE

Year 4

Juliusz Hebel

2nd Place

AYIA NAPA HALF-MARATHON

Year 4

Antonis Varianos

2nd in his age category

5th overall in the Agia Napa 5km race

NATIONAL JIU JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Year 1

Constantinos Kiagia

2nd Place

Theodoros Economou

3rd Place

Andrianos Kadis

3rd Place

SHOOTING COMPETITION

Year 2

Andreas Katsiaris

1st Place

Year 1

Constantinos Mastrou

3rd Place

VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Xenion Volleyball Team

2nd Place



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EDUCATIONAL VISITS & SCHOOL TRIPS

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Educational Visits

Throughout the year, Xenion students make educational visits to a wide variety of institutions and businesses. Here are details of some of them.

UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

In November, a group of Year 7 Economics students attended the Annual Public Lecture by Nobel Laureate, **Sir Christopher Pissarides**. His theme this year was, 'New Technology and the Future of Greece and Cyprus in the European Union'.



Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου
University of Cyprus



DEBATE WITH THE CHIEF OF THE CYPRUS POLICE FORCE

Youth Debate with the Chief of the Cyprus Police Force, Mr Kypros Michailides. The students asked questions regarding road safety, drugs and violence in football stadiums.



M.E.R.A. PROJECT DISCUSSION

Our students participated again this year in the 'Students in Research' programme. The Xenion team, from Year 3, visited psychologist **Nayia Phylactou** in her office in Paralimni, as well as calling on the Dean of the School of Education, Humanitarian and Social Sciences, Professor **Marios Vrionides**, in his office at the European University in Nicosia.

Our team members were:

Thekla Koutsofta, Athena Nikolettou, Omiros Tikkis, Panayiotis Hadjizacharias and **Ioulia Christoudia**. The topic of their research was 'Acceptance of Diversity in Cypriot Society'.



'DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF A HOTEL'

This visit to 'Tofinis Luxury Hotel' was a useful insight for Economics students into the reality of operating a successful business in the Tourism Sector.



THE INSTITUTE OF GENETICS AND NEUROLOGY

Biology and Chemistry students from Years 6 and 7 visited the Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia. The students had the opportunity to attend a lecture on Genetics and Forensic Science, as well as to visit workshops at the Institute.



CYPRUS STOCK EXCHANGE

Students from Year 7 visited the Cyprus Stock Exchange, where they had the opportunity to see how transactions in stocks and shares work here and in other countries.



UCLAN UNIVERSITY

On our whole-school excursion, Year 6 visited UCLAN, Cyprus, before heading off to Finikoudes.



CLAY-PIGEON SHOOTING SEMINAR

FITASC Champion and Coach, Mr Constantinos Constantinou, delivered a lecture to the school's Shooting Club on 'Shooting Discipline and Safety', followed by a practical session at the Paralimni Shooting Range.



'THYLEN SOLAR SYSTEMS'

On a visit organised by the Business Department, upper school students learned about running a business in this growing sector of the economy.



CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION (CYBC)

A group of Year 5 students visited the CYBC studios and the Journalists' Institute as part of their Modern Greek course. Students had the opportunity to tour the radio and TV Studios, watch a TV show being recorded and chat with CYBC staff. At the Journalists' Institute, they were welcomed to the Press Museum and Newspaper Archive by the President of the Editors' Association, **Mr. George Frangou**.



NATIONAL BANK OF CYPRUS, ASTROBANK AND ALPHA BANK

Year 4 IGCSE Business Studies students visited Alpha Bank and the National Bank of Greece in Paralimni, where they had the chance to learn more about the Financial Crisis of 2012-2013 and the daily operations of a bank.



School Trips

DAY - TRIPS

Once each term, Years 1 to 7 go out on day-trips. 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. The whole school decamps on visits to various locations around the island (Nicosia, Larnaca, Limassol, Famagusta).

It is a chance to relax and for students and teachers to get to know each other a little better.

Here are a few highlights from this year's trips. Unfortunately, we were only able to go out during term 1, as the Coronavirus pandemic began just before we were due to go on our term 2 outings. Nonetheless, everybody had a great time.



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**END OF YEAR
2019-2020**

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Graduation Ceremony

This year's Graduation Ceremony was rather different from those which have gone before. Due to restrictions on public gatherings, we could not invite all those who would otherwise have wished to attend. However, we were able to livestream the entire event online, so that teachers and family members could enjoy it at home. It turned out to be a wonderful evening and our pride in our graduates was as great as if they had been before an audience of thousands.

XENION TROPHY

Christos Theofanous, 2020 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.



REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Presentation of the review of the school year 2019-2020 by the Deputy Head of Xenion High School, **Mr George Phylactou**.



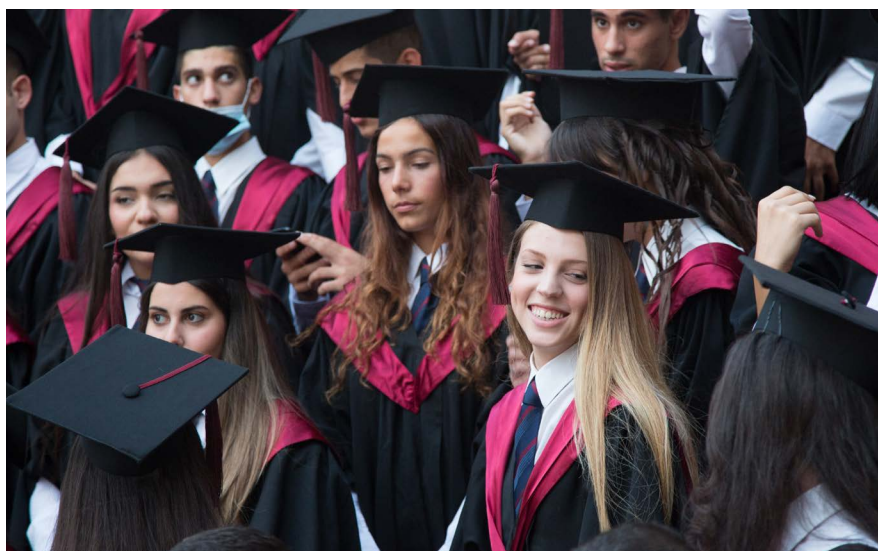
VALEDICTION

The Valedictorian Speeches were delivered by **Andreas Komodromou** and **Christos Theofanous**.

Graduates



Year 7 students celebrating their graduation!



Form 7A



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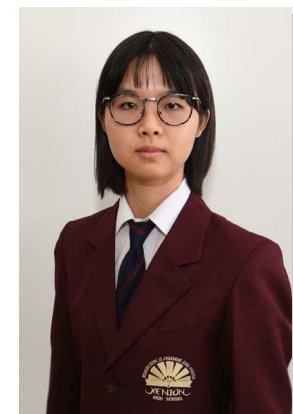
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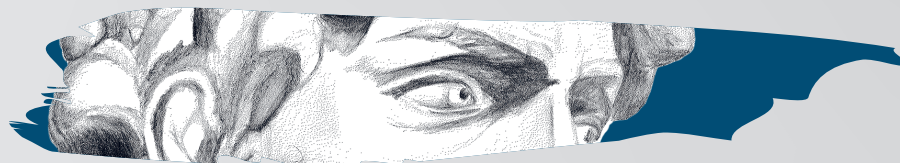


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Quality education is our sole purpose and our mission.

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KATELITSA ZOUVANI - PHYLACTOU



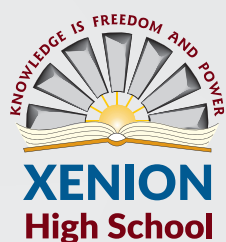
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