



Message from the Principal



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have returned feeling energised and very excited for all that 2023 will bring. On a personal note, I'm delighted to share that I gave birth to a healthy baby boy last week - we are both doing very well, thank you to all those who sent their well wishes. I will continue to send out the monthly newsletter throughout my maternity leave whilst the Senior School is in the excellent hands of the SMT. Please contact them, your child's Head of Year or info@academy.ac.cy, for anything you may require.

Georgina Michaelides
Senior School Principal

THIS MONTH

This month we have been very much looking towards the future. Having returned from a restful Christmas break, many of our students are now thinking about what lies ahead. Students had the opportunity to attend the Ministry of Education's Annual Careers Fair and our Year 3 and 5 students have started thinking about their choices for next year, with the support of their teachers and counselling team. Our teaching staff have been busy planning taster lessons that showcase the broad range of subjects we have on offer, and students had the chance to attend the Options evening and Education Fair with their parents to better inform their decision. Students in Years 3, 5 and 6 also attended careers presentations during assembly.



Geography Field Trip

This month our GCSE Geography groups attended a fieldtrip where they investigated the effectiveness of coastal breakwater barriers along the Larnaca coastline and the environmental quality of the region. Students had the opportunity to see geography in action, and reflect on the impact that the elements have on their local environment. The world really is our classroom!



Academic Counselling - Guest Speaker Dr. Marios Adonis

As Psychology is a popular subject amongst our students, and there is a lot of interest and queries relating to the areas of specialisation, our Academic Counsellors organised an insightful presentation with Dr. Marios Adonis. As an AAL alumni, Dr. Adonis is a great example of how our graduates are prominent for their outstanding achievements while living in Cyprus, remaining a leader in research, while also practising and serving others with utmost care and professionalism.

Annual Careers Fair

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, accompanied by our Academic Counsellors, attended the Ministry of Education's Annual Careers Fair in early January. Students had the opportunity to visit stalls and speak with experts from various professional bodies, as well as attend subject-specific lectures, such as medicine and accounting, where they were able to gain insight into the studies and day-to-day life of these professions. The event really helped to inform the students decisions regarding their future education and careers.

"Talent wins games, but
teamwork and
intelligence wins
championships".

-Michael Jordan, Former Basketball Player





SSAT Leadership Award

This month, 50 Year 1 students signed up to work towards the SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation. This programme allows students to showcase and celebrate their leadership skills and gain recognition through their portfolio. One of our real strengths as a school, for which we are very proud, is the level of self confidence, teamwork and community spirit that we instill in our students. This programme gives students the opportunity to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold by demonstrating their skills in 'Developing myself', 'Working with others' and 'Contributing to my community'. We wish all participants the best of luck and look forward to seeing the programme continue to grow.

Wellness and Self Care Club & The CooBa Club

On Friday, 5th December and 20th January, the students of the Wellness and Self Care Club & The CooBa Club had the opportunity to find out more about healthy eating habits to improve their diets and achieve their maximum potential! The workshop was delivered by a graduate of the AA, the Clinical Dietitian-Nutritionist Vasilina Kouppanou, who helped end our week in an informative, but most of all, fun and delicious way!

Visit from Grant Thornton Ltd

We recently welcomed Grant Thornton (Cyprus) Ltd to give a presentation to our Business Club students and get them thinking about 'if they are ready to write their story'. The students were informed about the various paths they could take to become Chartered Accountants, Certified Accountants, or Certified Financial Analysts. Students were informed about job opportunities (including student internships) in Cyprus and abroad, as well as opportunities for secondments and training in various countries around the world. Overall, it was an excellent opportunity to connect our students with professionals, bringing real-world learning to them and providing first-hand information about a popular, prestigious, and well-paid profession - all from Grant Thornton professionals.



FEBRUARY 2023

KEY DATES

16 - Tsiknopempti
22 - Year 5 Options deadline 1
22 - Sports Day

23-24 - Mid Semester Break
27 - School Holiday: Monday of Lent
28 - Year 5 Final Exams begin