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Senior School

# September News

*To Grow and To Serve*



## OUR HISTORY

1911



Staff and Student Body at the new building, 1911.

*School Building*

## Message from the Principal

It is with great pride and a deep sense of responsibility that I address you as the newly appointed Principal of our school. Having spent many years here, starting as a Mathematics teacher, then moving into leadership roles as Head of Year, Head of the Mathematics Faculty, and until recently Deputy Principal, I have had the honour of being part of the school's ongoing journey of growth and success.



This school is more than just a place of work for me—it's a community I deeply care about.

As we embark on this new academic year, my focus will be on creating a learning environment that encourages academic excellence, personal growth, and a strong sense of community. Together, we will continue to uphold the values that make this school unique, while fostering new ideas to prepare our students for the future.

I look forward to collaborating with all of you to ensure a successful and inspiring academic year ahead.

**Margarita Constantinidou**



## Year 1: Bonding Activities

The Year 1 students enjoyed an exciting and fun-filled day during a bonding activity organised by the school, designed to help them build friendships and settle into their new environment. Throughout the day, they participated in engaging games, team challenges, and creative activities, working together to strengthen their connections with classmates. In addition to these activities, students were introduced to the wide variety of clubs offered by the school, giving them a glimpse of the many extracurricular opportunities available. The day not only fostered new friendships but also sparked excitement about the many ways they can get involved in school life.

### ! REMINDERS: The school has a very strict policy about mobile devices !

**During lessons:** Students are required to either place their mobile devices on the teacher's desk or keep them securely in their bags. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disciplinary actions. This policy ensures a focused learning environment and minimises distractions, allowing both students and teachers to engage fully with the lesson.

**During recess:** Students are permitted to carry their mobile devices but are not allowed to use them. If a device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and returned to parents by the appropriate Head of Year. This rule is in place to encourage meaningful social interaction during breaks and prevent unnecessary distractions.

## Celebrating European Languages Day

On 26th September during breaks, our Year 2 students showcased amazing posters highlighting the beauty of European languages. We also enjoyed delicious traditional treats from France and Germany while the Radio Club played French and German music. What a fun way to learn and embrace different cultures!



# Academic Counselling

The academic counsellors are eager to collaborate closely with both parents and students to offer comprehensive support in reaching their individual goals. Our primary role is to provide expert guidance in subject selection, university and career readiness, as well as academic support. By working together, we ensure that each student is equipped with the necessary tools and information to make informed decisions about their academic journey and future aspirations.

Our full provision, as well as our contact details are available on our website at <https://www.academy.ac.cy/senior-school/academics/counseling>.

We are very proud to share with you the destinations of our graduates beginning their studies in September 2024:

- 39.5% of our students secured place in the Top 200 Universities with an impressive 13% joining Universities in the **Top 100**.
- The most **popular destinations** are the U.S.A., the Netherlands, Ireland, Greece, Cyprus and the U.K. where 50% of our students are attending Russell Group Universities.
- The most popular course areas are Business & Management (22.7%), Law (15.1%) and Engineering (10.%) while 8 students (6.7%) are starting their Medicine studies.
- **Interesting fact:** 1.5% of Trinity College Dublin's new engineering class are Academy graduates!
- **Interesting fact:** \$320,000 is the value of the scholarships awarded to four of our graduates by the U.S.A. Universities that have begun their studies this year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

Y5 & Y6 | 2:00-3:00

SIGN UP!

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Workshop: Preparing for jobs that do not exist yet.

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ALL YEARS | 1:30-2:30

Mini fair: A selection of U.K. Universities.

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Y7 | 12:45-1:30

SIGN UP!

University presentation: Warwick & Southampton.

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Y7 | 12:40-1:30

SIGN UP!

Workshop: Marangoni Institute. Art&Culture Club members

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Y6 & Y7 | 9:30-9:55

University visit: AUB Mediteraneo

## Duke of Edinburgh

We have proudly offered the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award Programme for many years, recognising its tremendous value in shaping well-rounded students. Through the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, students are encouraged to challenge themselves across various activities, from volunteering and physical fitness to learning new skills and participating in expeditions.

The programme fosters important life skills such as leadership, resilience, and teamwork, while enhancing confidence and responsibility. By engaging in DofE, students not only boost their academic and career prospects but also form lasting friendships and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

In September the following expeditions took place:

- DOE Year 5 Planning for Silver Qualifying
- DOE Year 6 Planning for Gold Practice
- DOE Year 5 AJ for Silver Qualifying
- DOE Year 6 AJ for Gold Practice



# Library Corner

## Library Hours

Our Library welcomes students every Monday-Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

## New Library System

We are proud to announce that our new online library system is set up and ready. Students will soon be able to browse our available titles and manage their loans online from anywhere.

## Scholastic Book Sale

As a school, we are committed to providing opportunities for our students to grow in literacy and a love for reading. Our annual Scholastic Book Sale provides a wonderful opportunity to buy the latest books at discounted prices and free shipping directly to our school! If you wish to order, please go to <https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/american-academy-senior/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online by Wednesday, 27 November 2024. If you order through this special link, the books will be delivered to the school and we will distribute them to your child when they arrive.

Happy reading!

BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS	MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	7:00-7:45	1:00-3:00
	WEDNESDAY	7:00-7:45	11:30-3:30

# SSAT Leadership Programme

At the American Academy we offer all three levels of the SSAT Leadership Programme to our Year 1, 2, and 3 students, providing them with a progressive pathway to develop and refine their leadership skills. This programme equips students with essential qualities such as communication, teamwork, and strategic decision-making through interactive projects, peer collaboration, and mentorship. By participating in the programme, students build confidence, learn to manage responsibility, and become proactive in contributing to both their school and wider community.

In September, two meetings of the Gold Award level took place focussing on "Present with Impact".

## Bookshop

The school bookshop is committed to offering excellent service to both parents and students, ensuring that all their academic and stationery needs are met efficiently. We strive to maintain a well-stocked inventory of relevant materials and provide a smooth purchasing experience. We welcome any feedback or suggestions that can help us improve and better serve the school community.

We would like to encourage you to use our e-shop link [Bookshop | American Academy Larnaca](#)

**Important Note:** The shop will be closed for annual stocktaking from 8.10.24 – 10.10.24.



## October Important Dates

**1/10:** School Holiday: Cyprus Republic Day

**1/10:** Car Wash

**4/10:** Clubs registration

**4/10:** Awards Evening – 7:00 p.m. (Auditorium)

**16/10:** PTE Year 1 | 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**25/10:** Students on Holiday

**28/10:** School Holiday

**30/10:** PTE Years 5 & 7 | 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**31/10:** Brotherhood Party