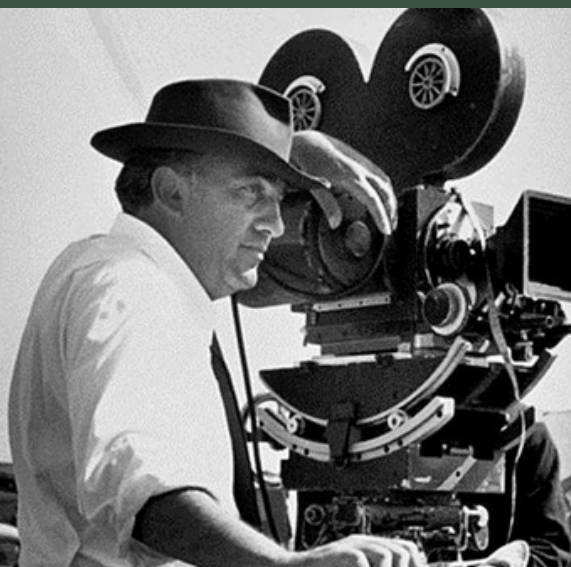


# SS Headteacher's Newsletter

## JUNE 2025

### QUOTES OF THE MONTH



'There is no end. There is no beginning. There is only the passion of life.'

Frederico Fellini – Italian film director

## **SS HEADTEACHER**

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Not so long ago, I joined the Senior School and have enjoyed every opportunity that has presented itself in driving the school forward in so many ways. Back in September 2022, I stated in my first newsletter that 'I have enjoyed immensely the inevitable challenges which have arisen and have been at the same time in awe of the maturity, confidence and ambition of so many of our students. It has been a pleasure to meet such a range of interesting and talented individuals with a real sense of pride in their school. And, I would be remiss in not mentioning my colleagues – teaching and non-teaching – who have been wonderfully supportive and professional in these opening weeks. I would, in these lines, like to congratulate the staff for their dedication in aiming for the very best we can in support of every child and young person.'

This statement still stands. I am delighted that we have during the past three years seen a reinvigoration of Pastoral Care in our school and a rigorous more systematic approach to quality assurance as well as a supportive coaching approach to teaching and learning. A firmer and clearer line management structure that forms the backbone of the ecosystem of the school aligned with a strategic approach to planning, including action planning at all levels have laid the foundations of our success as we moved towards our inspection by the ISI as a British School Overseas. The outcome was excellent for our school. It was the result of careful planning, collaboration and a focus on improving all aspects of school life. That process continues, as it should do, and we are now very much looking at developing further our emphasis on student centred learning and the nurturing of active learners in our classrooms. This is essential as we continue to aim to further improve outcomes for our students both academically and in terms of personal and social development.

On a broader note, I am hopeful that the recent proposals on a new constitution for the school and a revamped governance will be passed so as to allow the school to move forward. The school has in the past 20 years grown and we now know that to be fit for purpose a system of governance will need to be set in place that will be centred on strategic planning and financial sustainability. With our incoming new Principal, Dr Dan Moore working alongside my colleague, interim Headteacher, Ms Eithne O'Riordan, I am confident that the school is in safe hands and that the operational leadership of the school will continue to move towards greater levels of success.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of my colleagues. The staff of our school are outstanding. Staff are professional and dedicated to their roles and are the lifeblood of a successful educational institution. They have been magnificent in support of all of our students. Despite some bumps in the road, we all recognise that we are an important part of the story of the Senior School and with determination and teamwork, we have made impressive leaps in establishing our school as a premier school on the island of Cyprus.

I would also like to convey my gratitude to the SS PGA who have been supportive and generous. They are important partners in assisting the school to continue to thrive and have been fundamental in enriching the social experience of our students during their journey with us.

I would, finally, like to express my admiration for our students. They may occasionally complain when things are not quite what they would like them to be! However, in my mind there is little doubt that there exists a strong sense of pride in and loyalty to the school. This is reflected in so many ways, but more recently, it was made evident in the large number of Year 12s who put their candidacy forward to become a student leader. At this point, I would like to congratulate the following on their appointment:



**Head Girl:** Leonie Weiderud

**Head Boy:** Nestoras Ioannou

**Deputy Head Girl:** Melina Louca

**Deputy Head Boy:** Andreas Panayiotou

The appointed student leaders will have a tough task ahead, but we are in no doubt they will be amazing ambassadors for our school!

Many congratulations and well done also to the remaining outstanding candidates for student leadership: Selina Elia, Christina Ellinas, Thalia Michaelides, Andreas Aloneftis, Louca Jose Demange and Stefanos Kallis. They also exhibited immense maturity and leadership potential in their applications and demeanour during the appointment process. I am certain there will be many more opportunities for these fine young people to shine in other leadership roles in school that will arise very soon.

# OUTSTANDING NEWS FOR OUR SCHOOL!!

The Junior and Senior School has been selected as one of the **Top 10 Schools in Europe** to receive the prestigious Entrepreneurial School (TES) Award by Junior Achievement Europe.

40 countries nominated their most innovative and impactful schools in terms of entrepreneurial education. Our school will now proudly represent Cyprus at the Gen-E 2025 Awards Ceremony in Athens, Greece, from July 1–3, 2025.

This incredible recognition celebrates our long-standing commitment to entrepreneurship education and our students' passion, creativity, and drive to make a difference in the world. Many congratulations to the Business faculty and all students who have participated over the years! And best of luck in Athens!



# EYP Success

Well done to our Senior School's European Youth Parliament (EYP) delegation — Stepania Clappa, Athena Landa, Mya Petrides, Anna Theocharidou, Alexandros Demetriades, and Aviv Hadad—on their outstanding achievement in qualifying for the National Debates, which will take place in the last week of August. Their impressive skills in research, resolution writing, and parliamentary debate, combined with their committed and skillful teamwork, ensured they stood out and were rightfully recognised by the panel of judges.

We wish them the very best of luck as they prepare for the national stage and encourage them to continue striving for excellence.

We look forward to seeing them succeed and hopefully represent Cyprus at the international EYP events in 2026!

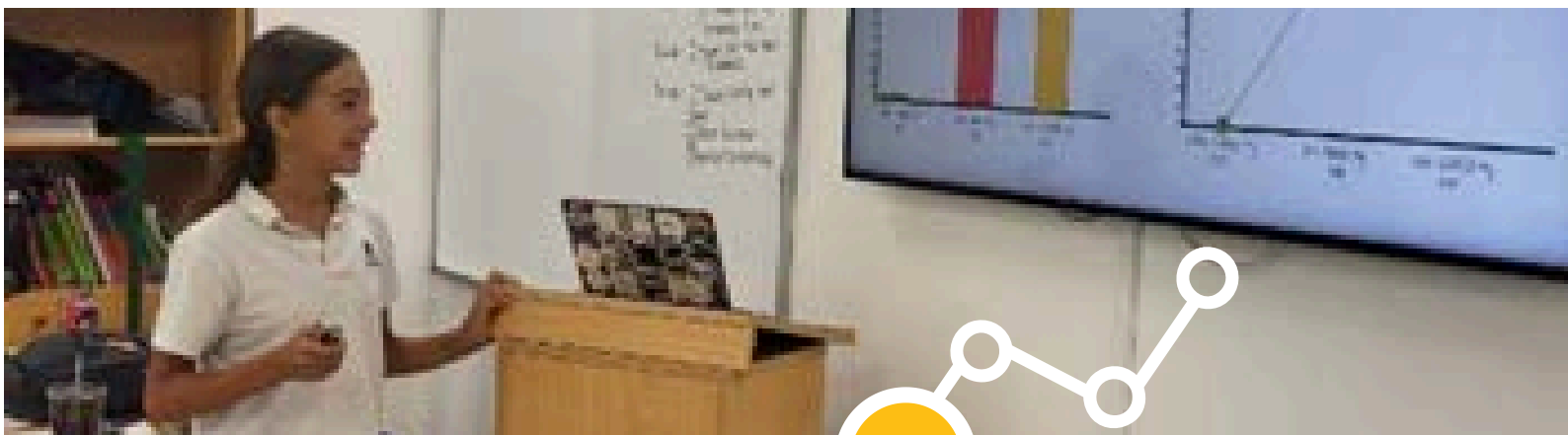


# YEAR 7 GET TO GRIPS WITH STATISTICS!

In Maths, Year 7s were asked to research and present their findings on the question: "What is Statistics?"

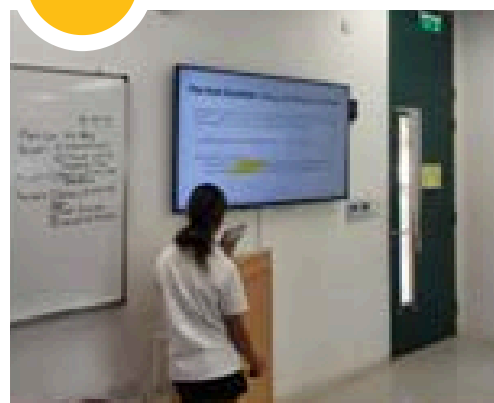
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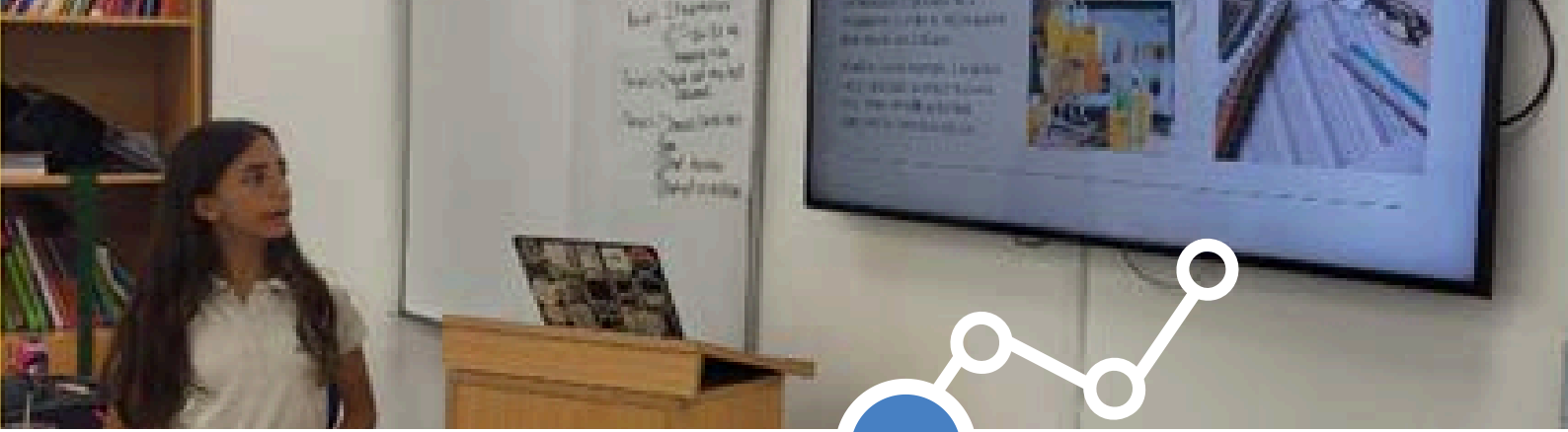
- A clear, student-friendly definition of what statistics is, and an explanation of its importance in everyday life.
- At least two real-life examples of where statistics are used (such as in sports, weather forecasting, or public surveys).
- A short personal reflection about the relevance of statistics to their own lives.



## WHAT IS STATISTICS?

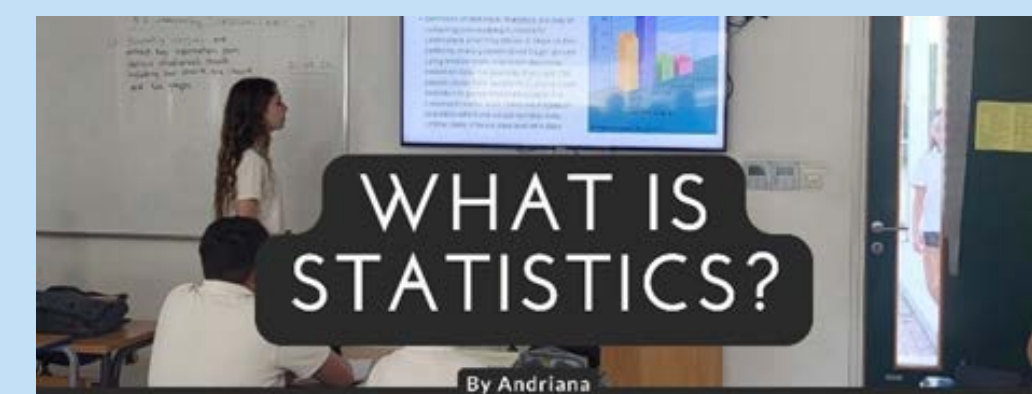
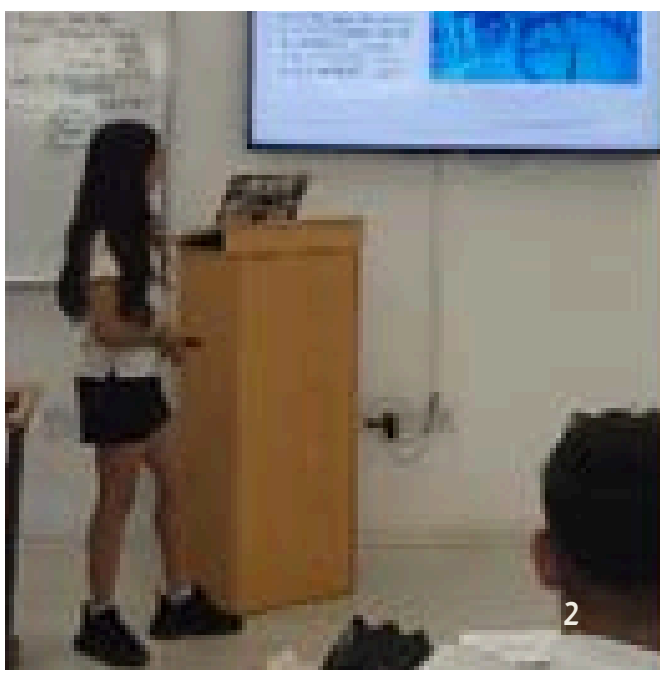
By Nayia





# WHAT IS STATISTICS?

By Nicole



# WHAT IS STATISTICS?

By Andriana



The students did an excellent job presenting their work in class, showing both creativity and a solid understanding of the topic. It was a great way to build engagement and set the stage for the upcoming chapter on Statistics. Many thanks to Ms Niki Demetriou for sharing this!



# SS STUDENT'S ROCK BAND



Senior School student and drummer Raphaëla Eleftheriou (Year 10) and her band House of Treason, have officially released their debut metal album, consisting of 7 original songs! The album, *Alarm*, was presented at this year's Make Music Festival in Nicosia on the 21st of June, where they performed alongside other Cypriot local metal bands.

The band was formed in the Summer of 2024, releasing one song each month since November 2024.

House of Treason recently joined another 16 metal bands from across Cyprus at the Metal to the Masses event/competition was held at Kyklos Mousiki Skini in Limassol. Raphaëla (16) was the youngest musician to take the stage at this year's heavy metal competition.

She performed on the same stage as highly experienced musicians and more than held her own! Well done, Raphaëla!



Antranik at the ceremony, accompanied by our PE teacher, Mr Vynides

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ANTRANIK!

On Friday, May 30th, 2025, at the Olympic Hall in Nicosia, the Award Ceremony for Outstanding Student Athletes for the 2024–2025 School Year took place.

We are proud to report that our graduate student, Antranik Sarkis Ashdjian, was recognised for his outstanding performance at the ISF U18 World Gymnasiade in Bahrain.

Antranik achieved an impressive 3rd place worldwide in the Boys' Triple Jump, with a huge jump of 15.03m — a testament to his exceptional talent, determination, and discipline.

His achievement firmly places The Senior School on the international stage of track and field, bringing pride and recognition to our entire school community. Well done, Antranik!

# SS CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL

# Yoga Day



In collaboration with the Indian High Commission in Cyprus, the Senior School joined in the marking of International Yoga day!

As we approach the end of the month, I would like to wish all Senior School families a very restful and productive summer break!

*Thank you*

Yiannis Georgiou  
Senior School Headteacher

