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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy one at the Senior School. We have started our programme of trips and visits now that we are once again allowed to do so, whilst taking every precaution for Covid safety.

The week began with our Year 7 classes enjoying an adventurous trip to Kyperounda, tackling outdoor activities and getting to know their new classmates. *In groups of 6, the students worked together to complete the two main activities: Laser tag and Orienteering.* Students had to find their way along unfamiliar courses located between checkpoints, running or walking, all the while determining the best route to complete the set course in the fastest time, using quick decision making and navigation skills. Through laser tag, students were taught essential skills such as teamwork, decision making and strategy. This was followed by a trip to Larnaca, to the Larnaca Biennale for those of our students studying Art in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The students gained a great deal from the experience and will be able to use it as inspiration for their Artwork going forward.

We have also been busy in school, the Y11 have begun the process of choosing their A level subjects with workshops to support and inform their decision making. I was so impressed to see their thoughtful and articulate approach; they have clearly been thinking hard and researching their options and I look forward to the next stage of the process with the 'Online Options Evening' next week on 25th November for both Y9 and Y11.

Yesterday we hosted Natalie Haynes in school. She gave an assembly to the whole school followed by a writer's workshop for the Y12 and 13 English Literature students. We were extremely lucky to have this opportunity to find out more about the women in Classical Myths, with the assembly focussing on the story of Penelope.

Our first Y13 Drama A level performance for some time took place yesterday evening and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the performers and our Drama Department for their wonderful ideas and hard work. We look forward to more, starting with the Talent Show at Latsia Municipal Theatre on 10th December.

On Monday morning we will begin the process of electing our Student Councillors. There is still time for the students to submit their video applications should they wish to take a leading role in providing a voice for the school. We need good ideas to help make the School a better place for all! Nominations and entries will continue to be accepted until 5pm on Sunday. I know that our students have a lot to offer the school and I would encourage them to help to make it, to put themselves forward for Student Council. They can find the instructions for submitting their video application on their form team.

We are very pleased to announce the Mr. Papadopoulos has been appointed as GMAT coordinator for the Senior School working with our more academically able students. Mr. Papadopoulos is a member of our Mathematics department, he has guided students to several Mathematical competitions and international conferences such as the National Mathematical competition, the Mathematical Olympiad and Euromath/Euroscience where our school was awarded second place internationally for the first time ever this year. He is also an Instructor at the Centre for Talented Youth (CTY Greece, associated with Johns Hopkins University), and has been involved in teaching and coaching gifted and talented students in the field of Mathematics, Game Theory and Cryptology. He is looking forward to transferring the same energy to our school's new Gifted & Talented Programme.

Rapid Testing

Please be aware that students who need a rapid test for their safe pass will need to get one over the weekend to attend school on Monday. Next week the testing unit will be in school on Tuesday 23rd November and Friday 26th November.

Kind Regards,

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