

GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023



ST. CATHERINE'S
BRITISH SCHOOL





The academic year 2022 – 2023 began with a series of challenges for St Catherine's British School following significant changes at Board level during the summer and autumn of 2022. However, these challenges provided opportunities for growth and resilience. The Interim Board swiftly stepped in and played a crucial role in supporting the school leadership as we prepared for the ISI Inspection scheduled for the spring of 2023.

Following the February half-term break, we welcomed an ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) Team for the first time since November 2016. Their feedback, delivered on Thursday, 9th March 2023, filled us with immense pride in our staff and students. The Final Report, published in April, judged the school as fully compliant meeting all the standards for British Schools Overseas whilst both the quality of the pupils' learning, and achievement and the quality of the pupils' personal development received the highest rating – Excellent.

At the end of the academic year, both our IB and GCSE students achieved excellent results in their public examinations, despite the return to pre-COVID assessment norms. The implications of Brexit continued to see a shift in the Higher Education destinations of our IB graduates, with approximately 50% of the cohort opting for institutions outside the UK, reflecting a broader trend across Europe.

The academic year 2022 – 2023 also marked significant milestones in our new building's utilization. Our magnificent theatre provided an exceptional platform for showcasing the talents of our students, spanning all ages. Hosting our second Model United Nations event, themed "Education and Gender Equality," was a source of great pride. Additionally, our budding musicians and actors revelled in the opportunity to perform in a space where sound and lighting perfectly complemented their abilities. Notable productions such as "An Inspector Calls" and "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" captivated audiences, while the collaborative Upper School Spring concert with St George's School in Rome left a lasting impression with their students expressing a desire for an Upper School experience akin to ours! Rome featured again as our Year 7 & 8 team achieved victory in the Senior COBIS Games hosted by St George's in the "eternal city". Finally, our inaugural Alumni Social Event held at Christmas was a resounding success, drawing over 250 former students back to reconnect with old friends and teachers, and pledging to return in the future.

A distinguishing characteristic of St Catherine's British School is our exceptionally low staff turnover, a rarity compared to other international schools worldwide. This serves as a testament not only to the school's inherent strength but also to the undeniable appeal of living in Greece. At the end of the year, we bade farewell to several colleagues who have contributed significantly to our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Grace Corbetis, a longstanding Upper School Mathematics teacher, whose retirement marks the end of an era. Additionally, we said goodbye to Evangelia Stavrinaki, Head of Business Studies & Economics, and Dimitris Trigatzis, a dedicated member of our Science team. In the Lower School, we also saw the departure of Daniel Fletcher and Jamie Hodgson, two popular teachers who have decided to continue their careers back in the UK. We express our sincerest appreciation to each of them for their invaluable service to St Catherine's.

Throughout the year, significant strides were made in enhancing the facilities of the Lower School. Notably, a state-of-the-art Science Laboratory was installed by the same company responsible for the Upper School Science Department, greatly enriching the delivery of the Lower School Science curriculum. Additionally, the Lower School library underwent expansion and received upgraded internal furnishings, empowering our librarian to elevate literacy provision across the entire Lower School. As each year progresses, our commitment to the ethos of "Better than Before" becomes increasingly evident. The culmination of the year witnessed the demolition of the remaining derelict Upper School buildings, alongside the renovation of the canteen, paving the way for the commencement of our ambitious "Green Spaces Project". These developments reflect our unwavering dedication to providing an environment that nurtures growth and innovation.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Interim Board. Their unwavering commitment supported us through not only the ISI Inspection but also the establishment of a new Full Board of Governors. The entire school community owes a debt of gratitude to the dedication and leadership of Chair, George Drimiotis, alongside Andreas Gavrielides, Katerina Kantartzis, Daniel Yakovee, and Christina Pistofidou. Their contributions have been instrumental in steering St Catherine's British School through a period of transition and ensuring its continued success.

Stuart Smith
Headteacher



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OUR MISSION

St. Catherine's endeavours to foster a love of learning through a well-taught, appropriately challenging, clearly defined, broad and balanced curriculum. Our aim is to fully develop pupils' intellectual, social, physical and creative potential, in anticipation that they will develop into sensitive, informed, decisive and capable global citizens of the future.

OUR VISION

Character building and interpersonal skills are honed through a variety of relevant educational experiences and extracurricular activities. As proponents of global citizenship, St. Catherine's students are encouraged to cultivate problem-solving abilities, conflict resolution techniques, negotiation tactics, and an appreciation of multicultural, multi-faith, and multi-racial perspectives within the framework of cultural pluralism. Students are tasked with addressing environmental and ecological

challenges while actively promoting wellbeing and philanthropy, thereby exhibiting responsibility and fostering sustainable practices for global, European, and national citizenship. Moreover, they are encouraged to recognize the significance and advantages of personal, social, and health strategies. We maintain that through inquiry, hands-on learning, and the nurturing of emotional intelligence within a supportive environment, all students can achieve mastery in knowledge, skills, and comprehension.

"Students display excellent respect for diversity and demonstrate sensitivity and tolerance to those from different backgrounds and traditions, in a school where a wide range of cultural backgrounds are represented"

ISI Report 2023





Dear St Catherine's Community

The academic year 2022-23 will come to be viewed as a major transition point in the journey of our school. The beginning of the year found our school without a functioning Board of Governors after the resignation of all governors in the period leading to the start of the academic year. Despite what happened that led to the events in the summer of 2022, we need to acknowledge all the former governors that served during a period that included

the Greek financial crisis, the COVID pandemic as well as the building of our new Upper School. We are grateful for the time and skills they devoted to our school during their tenures.

I would also like to acknowledge our school's leadership team for their incredible dedication to the school this year. Led by our Headteacher, Stuart Smith, the leadership team and the entire staff dealt with all the challenges and showed admirable resilience in managing the first full year of operation of the new Upper School, educating and guiding the Interim Board, getting our school through a successful ISI inspection and delivering another year of great academic successes. I would like to thank all the staff of St Catherine's for the work they did during the year.

As an Interim Board we had one key priority during this period. To establish a new full Board with governors with the appropriate skills and willingness to serve the school and the community. We wanted to do this in a transparent way and in a way that would help rebuild the trust with community. I am pleased to report that by May 2023 we had reconstituted a full Board with the governors listed in this Annual report. We enlisted the support of the CEO of AGBIS (Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools), Mr Richard Harman and the Director of the British Council in Athens, Ms Anastasia Andritsou in the process of selecting the new governors. We are grateful for their support in helping the Interim Board achieve this key goal.

The Interim Board also worked on several initiatives to improve the governance of our school and do a lot of preparatory work to support the new board. Results of these initiatives will be visible in the upcoming academic year 2023-24.

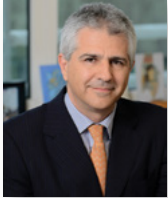
The Interim Board also spent a lot of time getting to know the school to understand the challenges and worked hard to support the school during the year. We were pleased to see that our academic results for 2022-23 continued to demonstrate strength. Our IGCSE results were as strong as the previous year while our IB results, in the first year of normalized examinations, were also strong compared to our peers.

As the academic year closed, the new Board met for the first time to start working together as a team, distribute responsibilities, set up the various Board Committees and prepare for the upcoming year. We are very excited to be part of the St Catherine's story and we look forward to supporting the school in the years to come.

George Drimiotis
Chair of the Board of Governors



St. Catherine's is led by an Executive Leadership Team made up of the Headteacher, Deputy Head/Head of Upper School, Head of Lower School and Business Director. The Board of Governors oversees the school, ensuring it aligns with its aims and objectives, sets strategic direction, and secures necessary resources and funding. Additionally, the Board serves as advocates and representatives of the school's mission, values, vision, and needs. An interim Board, consisting of Mr. G. Drimiotis, Mr. A. Gavrielides, Dr. K. Kantartzis, Ms. C. Pistofidou, and Mr. D. Yakovee, was in place from September 2022. The current Board, formed in May 2023, includes the following governors.



Mr George Drimiotis
Chair of the Board



Ms Eleni Andreadis
Vice-Chair of the Board



Mr Jonathan Belbin



Mr Marcel Cobuz



Mr Michael Ehret



Mr Andreas Gavrielides



Dr Katerina Kantartzis



Dr Vicky
Kynourgiopoulou



Mr Michael Lambert



Mr Nicholas Papapolitis



Dr Nellie Phoca-Cosmetatou



Mr Howard Prince-Wright



Mr Nick Spyropoulos



Ms Elena Stylianiou



Mr Daniel Yakovee





In the autumn of 1956, Sir Charles Peake, the British Ambassador to Greece and his wife, Lady Catherine Peake, decided that they should set up a school in the grounds of the British Embassy and in early 1957 the new school began taking its first pupils. For over 65 years we have been proud to be one of the best schools in Athens, if not Europe, and we look forward to continuing this for many years to come.

School moves
to former Japanese
Embassy in Psychico



Upper School opens with its first ever cohorts of Year 9 and Year 10 students. School unveils new teaching block included the multipurpose hall opened by Education Minister Petros Efthymiou

During the **Athens Olympic Games** the school acts as hospitality centre for the GB team's families. The school is honoured to welcome both Prime Minister Tony Blair and HRH Princess Anne as they met with the families



1957

1962

1971

2000

2002

2004

School opens at number 2 Loukianiou in the grounds of the Residence for the British Ambassador, Sir Charles Peake and his wife Lady Catherine Peake, after whom the school is named



St Catherine's starts to construct current buildings in Lykovrisi and moves in during 1973.



School receives accreditation from the International Baccalaureate Organisation and starts teaching the IB Diploma that September



The School hosted two major **COBIS** (Council of British International Schools) events: an international teaching and learning conference and the COBIS Games, held in the Olympic Stadium.



Our **New Upper School** moves into its final stages of construction



2010



Miss Christine Warren Tutte, a former long-serving Headmistress, returns to open a new building named in her honour

2015



We celebrate **60 years** of St Catherine's with a fabulous party! 1956-2016

2017

2019

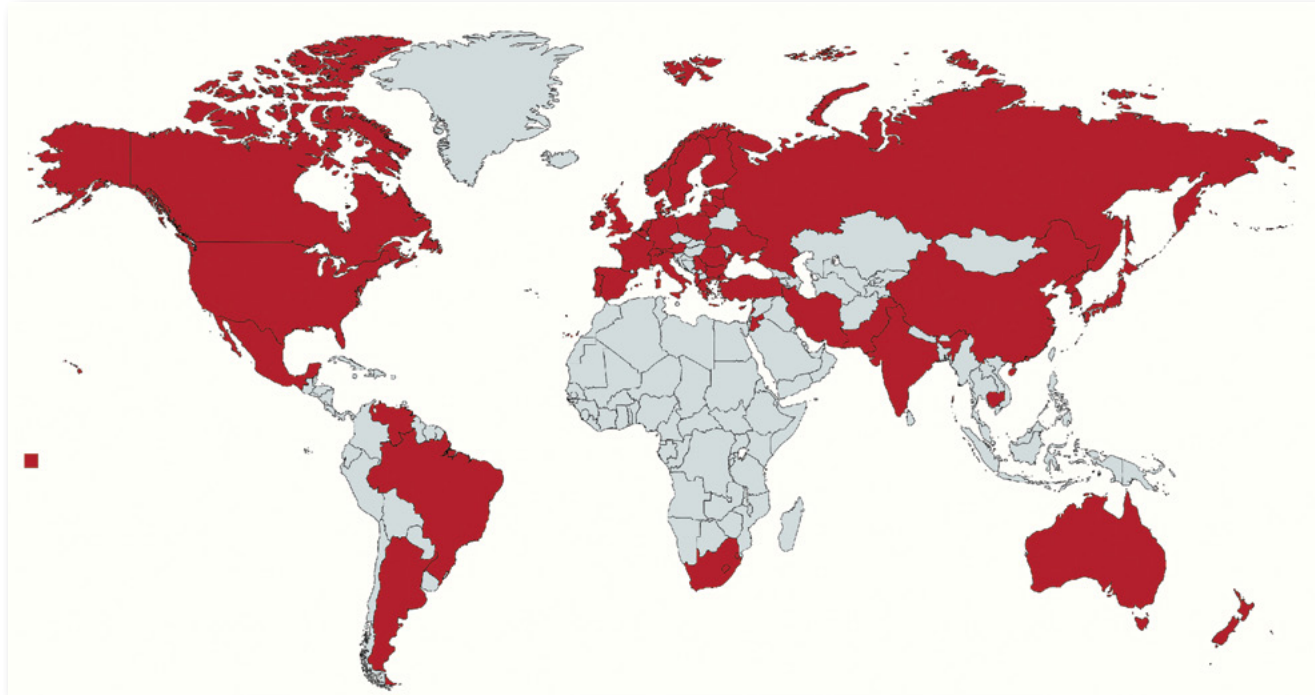
2020



Saw the opening of our fabulous **New Upper School**!

A BRITISH SCHOOL AT THE HEART OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

St Catherine's is proud to welcome students from both the expatriate and local communities and is the first choice for many families who want their children to gain a British education within an international context



FROM DIVERSE ORIGINS TO SHARED SUCCESS:

Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Brazil
British Virgin Islands
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Canada
Chile

China
Cyprus
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Estonia
France
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Hong Kong
India

Iran
Ireland
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Korea
Latvia
Lebanon
Lithuania
Mexico
Netherlands

New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
South Africa
Spain

Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States of America
US Virgin Islands
Venezuela



IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

	St Catherine's May 2023	St Catherine's May 2022	IBO World 2023
Overall Diploma Average	34.6	36.8	30.2
Overall Diploma Pass	98%	99%	79%
Number of Diploma Candidates	82	59	
% Candidates 40 and above points	13%	42%	
% Candidates 29 and below points	11%	5%	

GCSE RESULTS

	Number of Candidates	% A*-A & 7-9
2021	94	69%
2022	95	68%
2023	94	66%





Well done class of 2023! Best of luck!

United Kingdom

Bristol, University of the West of England (1)
City, London (1)
Imperial College, London (2)
King's College, London (2)
Newcastle University (2)
Queen Mary, London (3)
Southampton University (1)
UCL (4)
Bath (2)
Edinburgh (2)
Exeter (5)
Kent (2)
Manchester (1)
Nottingham (1)
Oxford (1)
Reading (3)

Surrey (2)
Sussex (3)
Warwick (1)
West London (1)

Europe

American College of Greece (Deree) (2)
Delft University of Technology (Netherlands) (2)
Dublin City University (Ireland) (1)
Eindhoven University of Technology (Netherlands) (1)
ESCP Business School (France) (1)
IE University (Spain) (1)
Leiden University (Netherlands) (1)
Les Roches Marbella (Spain) (1)
Luiss University (Italy) (1)
Siena University of Bologna (Italy) (1)

Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden) (1)
University College Roosevelt (Netherlands) (1)
University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) (2)
University of Groningen (Netherlands) (1)

USA

Bentley University (1)
Columbia University (3)
George Washington University (2)
Georgetown University (1)
Harvard University (1)
Northeastern University (2)
Pratt Institute (2)
The Cooper Union (1)
Trinity College (1)
Tufts University (1)

University of California San Diego (1)
University of Pennsylvania (1)
University of Wisconsin-Madison (1)
Yale University (1)

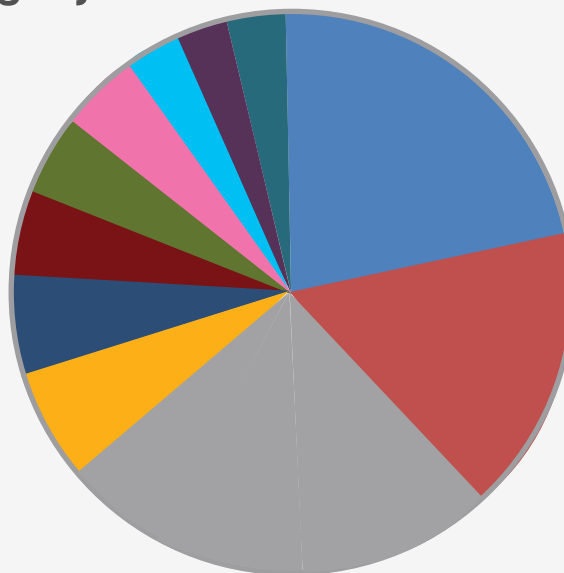
Canada

University of Toronto (2)

Australasia

Chinese University of Hong Kong (1)

Degree Course Category



22% ► Business/Management/Marketing
16% ► Economics/Politics/International Relations/PPE
25% ► Science & Engineering
7% ► Maths & Computers
6% ► Medical Sciences and Health
5% ► Law
5% ► Psychology
5% ► Creative Arts
3% ► English
3% ► Accounts and Finance
3% ► Liberal Arts/Social Sciences

This year saw a diverse array of activities and collaborations across the entire school. Sharing just a few of our special times with students:

Fueling Minds, Shaping Futures: Debate in Our DNA



After two years of virtual competitions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was truly gratifying to finally utilise our splendid new school facility to welcome 56 teams of students from various schools in Athens and Thessaloniki to participate in St. Catherine's 13th Annual Debating Competition. It was an extraordinary event, marking a return to in-person gatherings and a celebration of intellectual exchange.

Together for a Greener Future: Eco-Day



One step closer to achieving our goal of becoming a 'Plastic Clever' School! The entire Lower School dedicated a day to engaging in enjoyable educational activities organised by Healthy Seas and Ghost Diving. We learned that each of us has the power to make a positive impact on our planet by reducing our reliance on single-use plastics. Let's commit to incorporating 'Plastic Clever' habits into our daily lives and contribute to a healthier environment for all.

Theatrical Mastery in Mystery: 'An Inspector Calls'



Our theatre resonated with the vibrant energy of students and parents for two consecutive nights as they gathered to witness the captivating performance of "An Inspector Calls"! The cast delivered an exceptional show, earning resounding standing ovations from everyone in the audience. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us, making those two nights truly memorable for our students!

Tech Trailblazers: School's Hackathon Quest



150 students from across Athens participated in the computer coding hackathon – what an inspiring turnout! A heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors, teachers, and students who not only made us proud but also left us in awe of the brilliant young minds shaping the next generation!

CAS Students Leading Change: Women's Empowerment Charity Dinner



Edu4all and St Catherine's British School united in support of women's empowerment and to aid Elpida and the Girls' Rehabilitation Programme. It was an inspiring evening filled with speeches, performances, and music.



COBIS Games: Where Champions Are Made, Victories Are Sealed



Our Year 7 & 8 team secured 1st place across all fields - swimming, athletics, and football - at the COBIS games in Rome! The reception upon their return was nothing short of extraordinary, with all KS3 students and staff gathered on the front steps of the school eagerly awaiting the bus's arrival. A massive congratulations to the team for their outstanding achievement!

Engaging Minds, Inspiring Change: St. Catherine's MUN Summit



Over 20 schools came together for the second St. Catherine's Model United Nations (MUN) summit to engage in debates on the crucial topic of 'Education and Gender Equity'. It was an incredibly inspirational gathering, sparking meaningful discussions and fostering a deeper understanding of this important issue.

Harmonising Cultures: Upper School Spring Concert with St. George's Choir"



Music plays an integral role in shaping the educational journey of our students. We are dedicated to providing them with enriching musical experiences that ignite their passion and creativity. Collaborating with St. George's School, Rome, our students delivered an exceptional spring concert that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Celebrating Diversity: Whole School Community International Day



The PTSA, in collaboration with class teachers, orchestrated the inaugural Annual International Day Festival, and it was a resounding success! This event underscored the significance of embracing our shared traits while honouring our unique differences, nurturing a passion for cultural understanding with the aim of cultivating students into empathetic, knowledgeable, and proactive global citizens of tomorrow. The festivities featured a diverse array of performances, creative arts, music, traditional attire and artifacts, languages, flags, and sports, truly celebrating the richness of our global community.

Heralding a New Era: Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III of England



As a British School, we were privileged to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. Lower School and EYFS enjoyed a traditional street party, basking in the musical ambiance and glorious sunshine. Adorned in their hand-painted crowns, students revelled in the festivities, indulging in delicious snacks lovingly provided by our families. The school was adorned with festive decorations, enhancing the regal atmosphere of the occasion.

At St Catherine's we recognise the critical importance of a broad and balanced life. We encourage students to participate in a wide range of activities outside the classroom that both complement academic study and provide a wealth of additional skills, experience and enjoyment



We encourage students to explore their passions through a variety of clubs and activities, from chess clubs, choir, robotics, eco, science and more. Alongside excelling in prestigious sporting events like The World School Games (WSG) and COBIS Games, our students showcase their creativity through musical concerts, talent shows, and outstanding theatre and musical theatre performances.



We also collaborate with other schools like St. George's School Choir in Rome. Additionally, students develop valuable skills in public speaking and debating, representing St. Catherine's at national tournaments and hosting the Model United Nations (MUN) Summit. Our senior students from Year 10 onwards thrive in the Duke of Edinburgh International Award programme, aiming for Silver and Gold Awards.



At St. Catherine's, we uphold the value of philanthropy and the significance of giving back to those in need. We instil in our students a sense of compassion and responsibility towards supporting charitable causes. Throughout their journey at St. Catherine's, students are provided with opportunities to actively engage in fundraising initiatives and gain deeper insights into various charitable needs, fostering a spirit of empathy and altruism.



In the 2022/23 academic year, the students of St. Catherine's demonstrated their commitment to philanthropy by raising over €35,000 and actively volunteering for various initiatives. They also generously led drives, donating essential items such as food, clothes, games, and toiletries. The impact of their efforts reached both local and international charities, including Alma Zois, Alzheimer Hellas, Edu4All, Estia Girls Orphanage, Liberty Guide Dogs, Oroma Elpidas, and Smile of the Child.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the families and friends of St. Catherine's for their unwavering support in diverse ways. Their contributions, whether through donations or volunteering their valuable time, enable us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We deeply appreciate their generosity and commitment to our shared mission of helping those in need.



At St Catherine's, students have the opportunity to take on exciting roles of responsibility and make a real impact. From organising events to leading clubs, there are endless opportunities for students to showcase their leadership skills.



Lower School Head Girls and Boys - Thank you

In the Lower School, the Head Girls and Boys take on significant responsibilities, delivering speeches in assemblies, serving as ambassadors for new families, and assisting with peer-related service tasks. They also represented us at Remembrance Day ceremonies, embodying our values of respect and remembrance. Our Playground Friends play a crucial role in creating a happy, safe, and supportive atmosphere during break times for younger pupils.

Meanwhile, the Lower and Upper School Eco Councils continue their focus on promoting eco-friendliness in our school and local environment. They recently implemented a successful plastic



Remembrance Day

water bottle ban in the cafeteria, aligning with our eco promise to reduce plastic use. Every year, we strive to collectively make the planet a better place.

In the Upper School, the Key Stage 3 Council organises fundraisers for charities, and supports students transitioning from Lower to Upper School which is a super important role. Additionally, our Senate groups, KS4 and IB, concentrate on student affairs, enhancing the school community, fundraising for charitable causes, and facilitating communication between school leaders, teachers, and students.





The PTSA plays a vital role in our school community, organising unforgettable events every year. The Annual Halloween and Christmas celebrations are the highlights, bringing together children and adults for fun-filled festivities. From spooky costumes and thrilling games to delicious food and spectacular firework shows, our school transforms into a vibrant hub of excitement. Students contribute to the spooky decor during PTSA-led workshops, adding their creative touch to the atmosphere. This year's Halloween theme of Pirates was a hit with both students and parents alike.

At Christmas, the school becomes a magical grotto with carol singing, a festive raffle, and a visit from Santa Claus. The PTSA

also revived the Quiz Night post-COVID, a resounding success that brought parents, friends, and staff together for an evening of challenging trivia.

In addition, they organised the 1st Annual International Day, uniting communities and introducing students to new cultures and traditions. Cultural events for parents included visits to renowned museums like the Takis Foundation, the Goulandris Museum, and the Lalaounis Jewellery Museum under the Acropolis. They also coordinated meaningful activities such as a Women's Day Tatoi Forest walk, a reforestation day, and a cook drive for Hope Cafe. It's been a year full of fun and meaningful connections, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the PTSA.



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St Catherine's Staff



11
Nationalities Represented

5:1
Student-Staff Ratio



At St. Catherine's, we recognise that all our staff are the beating heart of our school community. Their dedication and commitment create a caring academic environment and foster a strong sense of community. We prioritise staff appreciation and well-being as essential components of our school culture. We understand that happy and fulfilled staff members are better able to support our students and contribute to their overall success. We take pride in our highly qualified academic staff who continuously invest in their professional development through courses and workshops. This investment enhances our services to students and ensures that we can meet the individual educational needs of every student.

At St. Catherine's, we care deeply about our staff and recognise the invaluable role they play in shaping the experiences and outcomes of our students."

Staff Seniority Award

GOLD
25+
Years!

Vangi Burbidge
Fionnuala Cleary
Angela Gargan

Marietta Kandilaki
Philippa Pyett
James Soumilas

SILVER
20+
Years!

Sophia Adamopoulou
Jackie Allsop
Robert Allsop
Feny Antonopoulou
Julie Barratt
Gillian Beckwith
Stuart Bond
Grace Corbetis
Marieni Demetriadou
Lisa Diakoni
Paul Elliott
Nicholas Gibbins
Evi-ena Kiosoglou
Philip Kolyvas
Lisa Koufidou

Iris Krasoudaki
Elizabeth Liakata
Amanda Martopoulou-Smith
Jo Mason-Daskagianni
Coreen Morsink
Gail Moates
Athina Nassioulas
Linda Newton
Guely Nikolaou
Dimitra Polimenakos
Christina Polymenakou
Wendy Raikopoulos
Mike Tsakonas
Georgia Vacratsis

As of Sept. 2022, we are delighted to welcome new staff into our family

Lower School:

Sophie Kalinauckas (Teacher), Sofia Kardiakou (Learning Support)
Elena Liakata (Teacher), Elpida Moulinou (Learning Support)
Ioanna Panteli (Teacher), Evangelia Tomai (EYFS Support)
Theodore Zarkadakis (Learning Support)

Upper School:

Maria Kalogera (Careers & Guidance Counsellor), Eleftheria-Elpida Spyriioti (Mathematics), Michalis Revmatas (Geography), Anastasia Papaeleftheriadou (Biology), Antonia Felliou (Modern Languages), Katherine Horn (History)

Whole School:

Panagiotis Kostopoulos

Administration:

Marina Baltatzi (Development Administrator)
Anna Economopoulos (Human Resources Coordinator)
Maria Floudopoulou (Finance Administrator)



TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

As a constantly evolving and busy school we are always conscious of the need to improve and review all of our facilities. For 2021/22 the school invested a total of €530k in key developments for developing the Lower School and for the Upper School campus. In 2022/23 the school invested a total of €611,000. Out of this amount, €203,000 was invested in further renovations to the Lower School. During this renovation project, the outdoor area and library of the Early Years Foundation Stage were renovated, and the Lower School science labs were also renovated. Additionally, a building was demolished to create more outdoor space.

Other key areas of spending within the school focused on the creation of the Upper School football pitch and sound absorbing acoustic panels.

Furthermore the school invested in additional furniture & equipment, hardware and software.

These highlights represent just a fraction of the improvements made. The school remains dedicated to continuous facility reviews and enhancements, both on our Lower School site and in our new Upper School building. We are dedicated to enhancing the Lower School, recognizing the need for substantial improvements. The Building Bridges Project aims to create and enhance outdoor spaces for our young pupils, significantly improving the entire site. Additionally, the Upper School will feature a new outdoor area where students can enjoy sports or relax in the green recreational space during break times.



*Together
we can reach
our goals!*



At St. Catherine's British School, we prioritise top-tier education and nurturing excellence in academics and enrichment activities, guided by our motto "Excellence and Happiness." We are dedicated to empowering students to cultivate their talents, pursue passions, and foster independence, shaping them into confident, capable, and vibrant individuals—ideal team players.

While we take pride in our exceptional staff, achieving academic excellence requires ongoing improvements and investments in our facilities and educational programmes. As a non-profit international school, we rely primarily on tuition fees to sustain our core programmes and ensure quality teaching staff. Additional financial support is essential for implementing transformative new approaches and enhancements that provide our students with the best facilities and programmes to excel academically and socially.

Thanks to our incredible community support, our New Upper School has become a reality, offering a state-of-the-art learning environment and facilities for our whole school. Currently, we are focused on developing the Lower School and its outdoor areas into more green spaces to promote children's well-being and foster nature-based education. Additionally, we are enhancing outdoor spaces for Upper School students to engage in sports and enjoy the fresh air, ensuring a safe and active community, and plans are underway to unite our campus by completing the bridge, creating a cohesive campus for our community.

Your support enables us to challenge and prepare our students for their educational journey. We are immensely grateful for your dedication to our shared vision, as it allows us to provide resources and opportunities for our students to thrive and succeed. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school's mission of academic excellence and wellbeing of our community.



In 2022/23, one of our main development plans in the pipeline involves the school partnering with the Municipalities of Lykovrissi and Kifissia to initiate the bridge project over the busy Leoforos Venizelou avenue. This bridge will connect the Upper and Lower School sites and sports facilities, providing a safe passage for the entire community and creating one unified campus.

While the school continues its journey towards realising its Development vision, the near future will bring exciting news. Additionally, construction is being finalised on transforming 'The Hub' into 3 additional classrooms/examination centre adjacent to the Upper School.

The former Wella building, adjacent to the new Upper School, will be transformed into a versatile Sports Complex for the entire school community to utilise. It will boast an indoor swimming pool, basketball, badminton, and volleyball courts, together with a gymnasium, dance studio, climbing wall, 5-a-side football pitch, and alumni space. Additionally, construction has commenced on transforming The Hub into an examination centre adjacent to the Upper School entrance.

We eagerly anticipate updating you in the near future as these projects progress. Join us in shaping a brighter future! Your collaboration will contribute to our continuous pursuit of excellence and the realisation of transformative projects for the benefit of our students and staff. Together, let's make a lasting impact on the educational landscape at St. Catherine's.



Visit StCatsConnect.gr and see how you can play a part in our Development journey, or contact developmentoffice@stcatherines.gr for more information.



St. Catherine's alumni play a vital role in supporting and giving back to our school community. We welcome back graduates, former students, past parents, and former staff from all corners of the world almost every day of the year. Our alumni community is truly global, and we aim to stay connected through communications and events, ensuring we reach out to as many alumni as possible.

Active alumni and Class Representatives work closely with us to support alumni gatherings, facilitating connections and fostering a sense of belonging among our alumni. The Alumni Ambassador position, held by Year 12 CAS students, has been a resounding success, informing current students about alumni activities and bridging the gap between students and alumni through the e-mentoring programme on the alumni platform **StCatsConnect**.



This year, we hosted an unforgettable Alumni Holiday party at our new Upper School, marking the first large gathering in our new facility. Over 300 alumni from all year groups, including those from the early years in the 90s, attended the event. The evening was filled with cocktails, music by a DJ, guided tours around the school, and most importantly, alumni and staff coming together to reminisce and share memories. It was a memorable event, and one that we eagerly anticipate organising every year. The feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing that it truly made their Christmas, while alumni expressed their enthusiasm, saying, "See you next year!"



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