

Governor's Annual Report 2019-2020



**St Catherine's
British School**
Excellence and Happiness





Headmaster's Introduction



The academic year 2019 – 2020 began full of optimism following the spectacular university destinations of the Graduating Class of 2019 and the eventual completion of archaeological works on the new school building site. Half way through the academic year everything seemed well and truly on course with once again some impressive US and UK offers in IB2 hands as well as excellent progress on the new building and well developed reconfiguration plans for the Lower School – everything was set fair for a calm summer end to the academic year.

Then on 11th March 2020 came the first lockdown due to the global coronavirus pandemic – the following months proved to be the most trying for schools across the globe in my close on 40 years in education! And this in the midst of trying to close out the single most important strategic building development in the history of St Catherine's British School! The move to an online remote learning programme tested teachers across the school to the limits – the ongoing Microsoft Flagship status alongside the development of the new Upper School learning environment certainly aided the Upper School response whilst providing a meaningful holistic programme for our youngest children posed even more significant issues. However the positives of being part of a number of important collaborative school networks – the British Schools in Greece, IBSIGA (IB Schools in Greece), COBIS and HMC – allowed us to be aware that these issues that were being tackled by all schools across the globe and there were no easy solutions. But move forward we did – and for this we should be grateful to our staff who stepped up to the mark at every point on our journey as well as to an overwhelmingly supportive parent community.

I would also like to commend Focal, our Project management team, and Redex, our building construction team, for reorganising the completion timelines in the midst of various supply chain issues brought on by the pandemic-regulation closures of various sub-contractors. They never wavered in their commitment to the delivery of our new fantastic building ahead of the new academic year in September – and deliver they did in the middle of August! At the same time I want to convey particular gratitude to our support services – the maintenance, ICT and wider administrative teams – who also stepped up to the mark at every turn. The completion of the Lower School reconfiguration could not have happened without the maintenance team's herculean efforts; the implementation of the new technological-rich learning environment in the new building without our ICT support team's commitment and expertise; we could not have successfully adhered to the administrative and health and safety requirements imposed by the government without the patient insight and time of key members of our administrative team.

I would also like to once again thank the Chair of Governors and the Board for their unstinting and invaluable support for myself and the whole school. This has not been an easy year for the school and they have been there with us every step of the way – I can assure our whole community that we are very fortunate to have not only their business and professional expertise at our disposal but also their devotion to our school. I have no doubt that they will continue to provide that level of commitment to St Catherine's British School as we continue our ongoing journey of developing exciting new learning environments for our children.

Stuart Smith
Headteacher

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Our Vision

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

Character building and interpersonal skills are developed through a range of relevant educational experiences and extra-curricular activities. As a leading exponent of global citizenship, St Catherine's pupils are encouraged to develop problem-solving skills, conflict resolution skills, negotiation strategies and an understanding of multicultural, multi-faith, and

multi-racial concepts within the context of cultural pluralism. Pupils are expected to seek solutions to environmental and ecological problems and actively demonstrate responsibilities and sound practices for good global, European and national citizenship, as well as having clear expectations of the relevance and benefits of personal, social and health strategies.

“There is an overarching sense of one community which is strengthened and complemented by the differing cultural backgrounds in the school”

– ISI Report

Letter from the Chairman



Dear Friends of St Catherine's British School

There is no doubt the academic year 2019 – 2020 will remain long in our memory, not to mention history. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the globe in an unprecedented way, not least on the world of education. The new reality that has affected the way we all live has wrought enormous radical changes in teaching and learning. I appreciate the way our staff have responded to the technological challenges of developing effective pedagogical practices and the way our students, with the unrivalled support of their parents, raised themselves to new challenges. Developing more personalised learning especially for those with greater needs has not been an easy task, nevertheless our staff made every effort to confront the new demands head on.

Therefore, it was with great pride that at the end of the previous academic year St Catherine's was able to celebrate our best ever IB results with an average IB points score of 38 with 46% of students gaining 40 points or more. It was no surprise therefore that the university placements were also equally impressive as well – Princeton, Stanford, UPenn, Brown and Columbia featuring on the US roll with Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, King's, LSE, Bristol and Bath on the UK roll. Congratulations to all our students and also to our staff who provided them with so much support and expertise throughout their school careers. The high academic standards were also reflected in the performance of our Year 11 students with 63% achieving the top two GCSE grades as well as the increasing numbers of applications from high calibre students to enrol in our School.

Following the delays brought on by archaeological excavations in previous years, the arrival of the pandemic in March certainly created more challenges for our Phase One delivery schedule, but with the persistent efforts of all involved the new Upper School speaks for itself! It certainly reflects our ambition and sets a high bar for our long-term vision with the development of a multi-sports complex on the adjacent Wella site as well as a brand new Lower School nearby. The recent reconfiguration of the Lower School, following the departure of the Upper School to the new building, will in the interim provide greatly improved facilities and more space for our younger children. I trust that the opening of the new Upper School and the commencement of the Sports Complex will encourage still further developing the vastly important culture of support and giving. There is no doubt that this culture is well embedded in the very best schools and universities across the globe – a culture that will enable St Catherine's British School to establish itself as a leading school in Europe and not just in Greece.

Finally, I would like to thank the Headmaster, his Senior Leadership Team and all the staff for their consistent efforts over the last year – a year in which the school has achieved so much in the face of the greatest global crisis in recent history.

I am sure you will enjoy reviewing this Annual Report and seeing how St Catherine's continues to deliver "Excellence and Happiness", whilst moving forward with our exciting vision for the future.

With all best wishes from the Board of Governors,

Stavros P. Taki
Chairman Board of Governors
St Catherine's British School

The Board of Governors

St Catherine's is led by an Executive Leadership Team consisting of the Headmaster, the Deputy Head/Head of Upper School, the Head of Lower School, and the Business Director. It is overseen by the Board of Governors, which is responsible for upholding the aims and objectives of the School, setting the strategic direction and ensuring that the School has the required resources and financing to operate effectively. The Board of Governors also acts as advocates for, and representatives of, our mission, values, vision and needs



Mr Stavros Taki
Chairman of Governing Body
Committees: Finance/Resources, Curriculum/Standards, Human Resources and Bursary Committee
Specialist Links: EYFS and Performance/ Expressive Arts



Mr Maurice Dheere
Vice Chairman
Committees: Finance/Resources, Human Resources and Bursary Committee
Specialist Links: KS2 and Social Sciences



Dr Kyriacos Sabatakakis
Honorary Treasurer
Committees: Finance/Resources (Chair), Human Resources and Bursary Committee
Specialist Links: IB and Mathematics



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Committees: Finance/Resources and Development Support
Special Links: TOK, CAS, Extended Essay and Careers/Guidance



Ms Nathalie Coulon Contomichalos
Committee: Finance/Resources
Specialist Links: IB Curriculum and Languages



Dr Christos Markou
Committee: Curriculum/Standards (Chair)
Specialist Links: KS4, Science and Computer Science



Ms Loukia Nicola
Committees: Human Resources (Chair), Curriculum/Standards and Development Support (Chair)
Specialist Links: Upper School and English



Mr Roger Outwin-Flinders
Committee: Curriculum/Standards and Designated Governor for Child Protection
Specialist Links: Lower School, KS1 and Humanities



Mr George Paleokrassas
Committees: Health & Safety (Chair), Finance/Resources and Designated Governor for GDPR
Specialist Links: KS2 and Learning Support/ PSHCE



Dr Platon Tinios
Committee: Curriculum/Standards
Specialist Links: KS3 and Social Sciences



Mr Roger Peel
Committee: Curriculum/Standards
Specialist Links: KS3 and PE/Sport



Mrs Deborah Eleftheriou
Company Secretary to the Board of Governors



Executive Leadership Team



Mr Stuart Smith
Headteacher



Dr Stuart Bond
Deputy Head & Head
of Upper School



Ms Madeleine Matthews
Head of Lower School



Mr Dino Theodosiou
Business Director

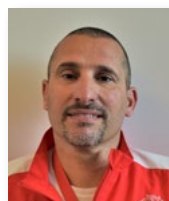
Upper School Leadership Team



Mrs Anne Peters
Head of IB



Mrs Sarah Bougos
Head of Key Stage 4



Mr James Soumilas
Head of Key Stage 3

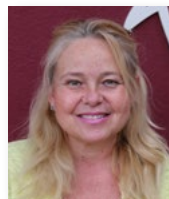
Lower School Leadership Team



Mrs Yvonne Mengos
Head of EYFS



Mrs Iris Krasoudaki
Head of Key Stage 1



Mrs Jackie Allsop
Head of Lower Key
Stage 2



Mrs Phillipa Pyett
Head of Upper Key
Stage 2

Our Story so Far



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 60 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

1962



School moves to former Japanese Embassy in Psychico

2000



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

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



1957

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



1971

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



2002

2004



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

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



2010

2015



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.



2019



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

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



We reconfigured the Lower School for our younger students



2020



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



2017

Our Community

A British International School

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



Where our students come from:

Albania
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Brazil
British Virgin Islands
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Canada

China
Cyprus
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Hong Kong

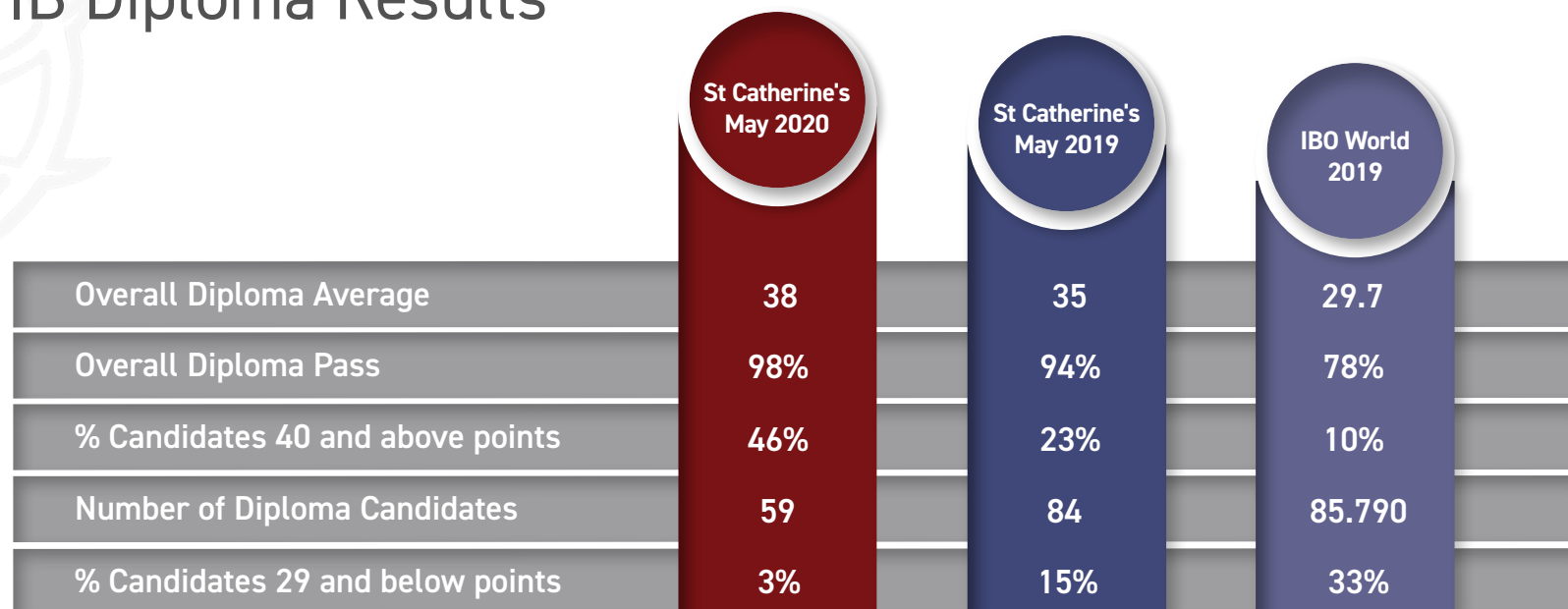
India
Iran
Ireland
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Korea
Latvia
Lebanon
Lithuania

Mexico
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Pakistan
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia

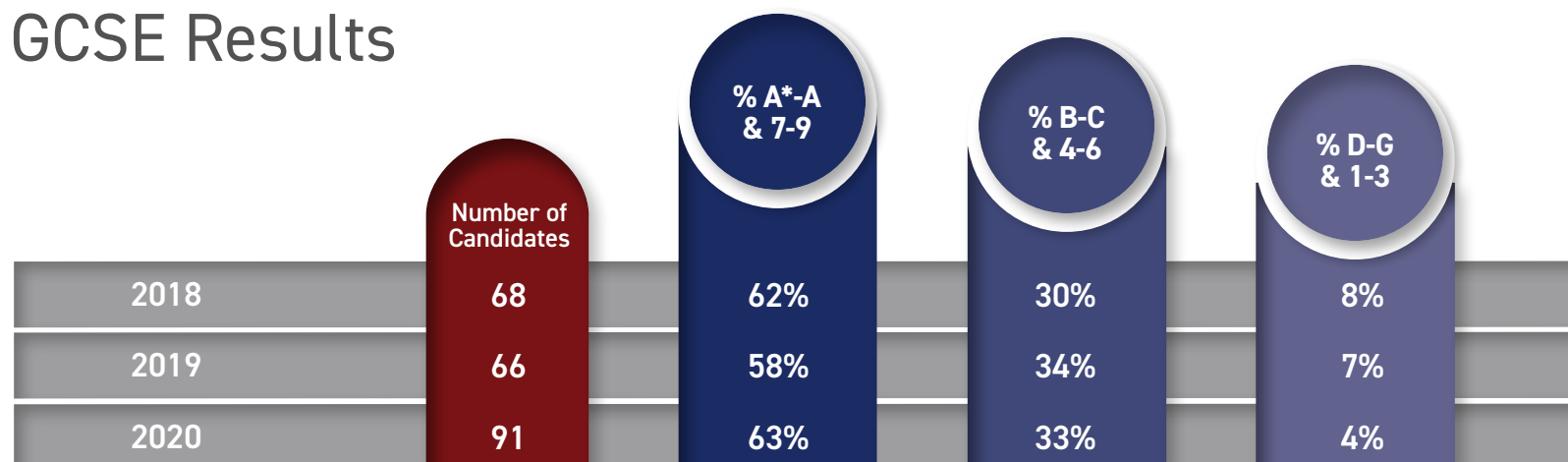
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States of America
US Virgin Islands
Venezuela

Academic Achievements 2020

IB Diploma Results



GCSE Results





Universities & Colleges

Well done class of 2020! Best of luck!

We currently have alumni studying at universities and colleges in 12 countries throughout the world

United Kingdom

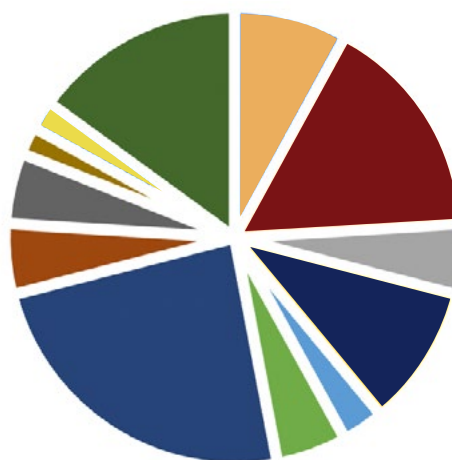
Brunel University
Cardiff University
City, University of London
Durham University
Imperial College London
King's College, London
Leeds Trinity University
Leeds University
London School of Economics
Queen Mary, University of London
SOAS, University of London
Southampton Solent University
University College London
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge, Sidney Sussex College
University of Exeter
University of Kent
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford, Balliol College
University of Plymouth
University of Sussex
University of York

Europe

ArtEZ University (The Netherlands)
Bocconi University (Italy)
Deree College (Greece)
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (Switzerland)
Ecole Polytechnique de Paris (France)
Metropolitan College (Greece)
University of Groningen (The Netherlands)

USA

Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Columbia University
George Washington University
New York University
Princeton University
Stanford University
University of Pennsylvania



Degree Course Category

- ▶ **Medicine & Health**
- ▶ **Economics, Politics, International Relations, PPE**
- ▶ **History/Philosophy/ Classics**
- ▶ **Business and Management**
- ▶ **Creative Arts, Film & Media**
- ▶ **Geography**
- ▶ **Science & Engineering**
- ▶ **Maths & Computers**
- ▶ **Psychology**
- ▶ **Law**
- ▶ **Sports**
- ▶ **Liberal Arts/Social Sciences**

Whole School Highlights

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



The Hague International Model United Nations

St Catherine's Model United Nations team represented the Solomon Islands, in a five-day conference simulation of the United Nations. Over 3,200 students and teachers from 100 different countries participated in this fantastic opportunity. All these opportunities are part of what make our students global citizens in this ever-changing world.



Hack-a-Thon

Our annual two-Day technology Hack-a-Thon is always a great success and attended by many students from international schools across Athens. With access to the latest technology students create technology which would help humanity. A fantastic range of projects were created from Minecraft Worlds to Unique Intelligence Internet of Things, facial recognition and early warning software.



Universities & Careers Day

This special day is an event where all our community participates and gives back in different ways! Parents are invited to share their expertise and knowledge with students from Years 9-13 and alumni come back from around the world to give back, even virtually sometimes, to our students. It is an amazing day of shared experiences of St Catherine's joining together to make sure our students have the best start when they move to the next phase in their education, including university and career choices, professions and so much more.

Global Climate Action Day

St Catherine's students from all year groups took part in the Global climate march in Syntagma, which was inspired by climate activist Greta Thunberg. Over 1.4 million students all over the world took part to protest about the climate crisis. As the next generation, it was an exhilarating experience to join such an important march and feel like you are being heard and making a difference!



Desmos Covid-19 Drive

School re-opened after lockdown and students went into overdrive to help in any way possible. As a school we wanted to support charities and high-risk groups and help them protect themselves against the pandemic. One of our most successful drives was with the Greek charity DESMOS, a non-profit organisation which supports small charities across Greece to participate in a COVID-19 response drive collecting essential items. The support was overwhelming from our community, and we filled vans with supplies and once again brought our community together for a very worthy cause.

Archipelagos

St Catherine's was chosen from many European schools to join together for the Archipelagos project. The ERASMUS+ European Archipelagos project incorporates three communities: scientific, artistic and educational undergone and fuelled by students from 4 countries: France, Greece, Turkey and Spain to create a show about a Europe in the midst of change.



Year 6 Shakespeare Theatre Club

An amazing experience for the Year 6s was when they headed off to London! Excited after their Athenian premiere at Pefki Theatre, the Macbeth cast set off to showcase their performance alongside other schools participating in the Shakespeare Schools Festival in London.

Extra-Curricular

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



The academic year of 2019/20 saw a vast range of activity throughout the school. Amongst many things, the Lower School enjoyed learning how to stitch, discover virtual reality and understanding the beauty of architecture and theatre. The World School Games in Dubai 2020 was again a fantastic experience for our students. They participated in athletics, football and swimming, where they ranked in the top ten and brought home medals for swimming. Once again our students continued to improve their leading debating skills and proudly represented St Catherine's at



national tournaments. The Duke of Edinburgh International Award is a favourite of our senior students from Year 10. This challenging but exciting programme saw 90 students working towards the completion of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this past year.

St Catherine's students continued to show their creativity and talented performance abilities through musical concerts, talent shows and theatre performances which included brilliant productions such as 'A Christmas Carol'.

Learning through Giving Back

At St Catherine's we believe in the importance of philanthropy and helping others through the act of giving and supporting those in need. Throughout their years at St Catherine's, students have the opportunity to become involved in raising money for good causes, donating gifts and learning more about different charitable needs



In 2019/20 the students of St Catherine's raised over €12,500, as well as donating food, clothes, games and toiletries. Organisations that benefitted included local and international charities such as: ANIMA, ASTHMA UK, DESMOS, Municipality of Kifissia, Eliza, Estia Girls Orphanage Agia Paraskevi, Fili tou Paidou, Just Giving.com, Kivotos tou Kosmou, Make a Wish, MDA Hellas, NSW

Wildlife, Panhellenic Organization for the Blind, Smile of the Child, Tositsa Boys Foundation and UNHCR.

Thank you so much to all our families and Friends of St Catherine's who support us in so many different ways and help us to help others. We appreciate all their support, through donations and all their valuable time volunteering.

They really make a difference!

Student Responsibilities

Throughout their time at St Catherine's students have the opportunity to experience roles of responsibility



In the Lower School the Head Girls and Boys have the responsibility of giving speeches in assemblies, being ambassadors for new families, as well as peer-related tasks. The Eco-Council from Key Stages 1 and 2 focus on how they can make the school and their local environment more eco-friendly. This year, despite an unusual school year, the Eco-Council has continued various ecological activities. The councillors took the initiative to plant various plants and placed them in classrooms to provide students with a source of cleaner air and decoration to the classrooms. They also raised money by selling smoothies to buy trees to plant on the school grounds. The Compost project also continued successfully, as did the collection of plastic bottle tops which are taken to the local council where they are recycled in support of providing wheelchairs for the disabled. The Lower School Council has representatives in Key



Stage 1 and 2. Throughout 2019/20 they organised deeds of kindness and raised money to help those in need in Greece. Through their work they were able to provide food to orphanages and the local community. In the Upper School the Key Stage 3 Council helped with social events, charities and the important transition for students from Lower to Upper School.

The Senate is made up of students from Years 10 -13 and focuses on student affairs, to improve the school community, fundraises for good causes, and acts as a liaison between school leaders, teachers and the student body. This year the Senate focused on fundraising for Doctors without Borders and Smile of the Child. The annual Christmas shoe-box appeal which was a resounding success collecting 500 boxes filled with gifts for the children at the Malakasa refugee camp.

Well done everyone!

PTSA - Parent Teacher Support Association



2019/2020 marked another amazing year for the St Catherine's PTSA, with the biggest parent involvement in recent years!

The year kicked off with a bang with our completely sold-out, Trash vs Zombies Halloween Event inspired by our schools' Go Green ethos. Both children and adults dressed up in their scariest gear and enjoyed great food, spooky games, trick-or-treating and of course a spectacular firework show. The School was transformed and filled with colour and scary decorations, most of which were created by the students themselves during our popular PTSA-led workshops with EYFS and Lower School classes.

Our Christmas event was also a huge as we teamed up with the School's choirs and orchestras to create a wonderful



and relaxing afternoon of carol singing, Christmas shopping and drinking of mulled wine. We once again ran our Elves' Gift Wrapping Factory, where new gifts were donated by parents and students wrapped them so they could be gifted to the charity 'The Smile of the Child'. The PTSA also helped fund the library, forest school materials and the Lower School reading corners.

Our Cultural events were also very successful this year. Starting the year off with wine tasting at the Kokotos Estate; visited the Goulandris Museum, the Thread at the Megaron and had a guided tour of the "*Eugenie Coumantaros: A Humble Paradise*" & "*Christian Zervos & Cahiers d'Art: The Archaic Turn*" exhibitions at the Benaki Museum by the Artist & the Director of the Museum, just to name a few.

Staff Appreciation

244

St Catherine's Staff



11

Nationalities Represented

5:1

Student-Staff Ratio



The staff of St Catherine's are the driving force in maintaining a caring academic environment and a sense of community. We are proud of our highly qualified academic staff, continually investing in Professional Development through courses and workshops, enhancing our services to students and always taking into consideration students with individual educational needs

Staff Seniority Award (September 2020)

Gold (25+ Years)

Vangi Burbidge
Fionnuala Cleary
Angela Gargan
Gerrie Giakoumi-Westerink
Julie Grantham
Marietta Kandilaki
Yvonne Mengos
Philippa Pyett
James Soumilas

Silver (20+ Years)

Sofia Adamopoulou
Julie Barratt
Marieni Demetriadou
Evi-ena Kiosoglou
Philip Kolyvas
Iris Krasoudaki
Amanda Martopoulou-Smith
Jo Mason-Daskagianni
Linda Newton
Dimitra Polimenakos
Christina Polymenakou
Wendy Raikopoulos

As of 2019, we are delighted to welcome new staff into our family

Lower School:

Daniel Fletcher
Teacher
James Hodgson
Teacher

Upper School:

Tom Gooderham
Teacher of Geography
George Morianopoulos
Teacher of Mathematics
Christina Pavlou
Teacher of English
Katerina Pitatopoulou
Teacher of Business Studies
Jonathan Ryan
Teacher of History

Administration:

Elias Bletsas
Maintenance
Panagiotis Gorgolis
Maintenance
Paul Koutselos
ICT Assistant
Evangelia Tousouni
Payroll Assistant
Sofia Vlachou
Development Assistant

Farewell - In 2019/20 we bid a fond farewell to:

Vincenzo Gioia (Music Teacher)
Tom Prosser (Lower School Teacher)
Eleni Vardaki (History Teacher)
Katie Warren (Lower School Teacher)
Kate York-Ryder (English Teacher)
Liam York-Ryder (Geography Teacher)

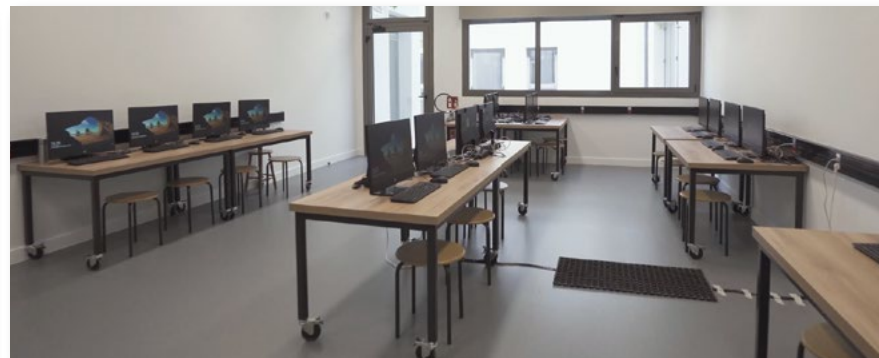
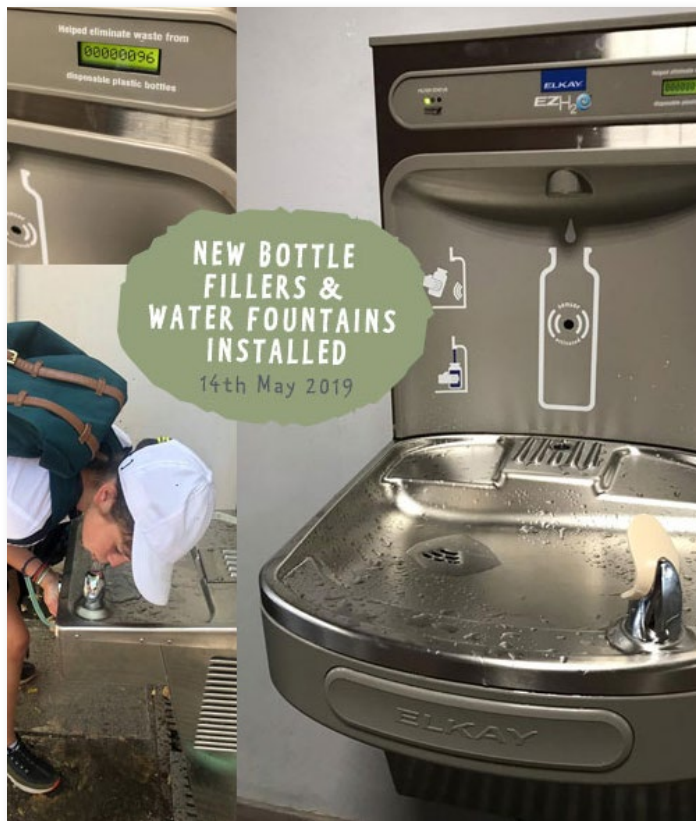


School Improvements

As a constantly evolving and busy school we are always conscious of the need to improve and review all of our facilities. Following the completion of phase one of our Development Plan, 2018/19 saw a total of €7.2m invested in our new upper school and key developments in reconfiguring the Lower School. In 2019/20 we invested a further €11.4m on the Upper School Development and €182k in the continuing reconfiguration of the Lower School. Key areas of spending within the school focused on new computers, AC units, structural improvements including

the waterproofing of Lower School, reconfiguration of the Music House and the current Lower School facilities. Water fountains were also installed on both sites in keeping with our mission to become a plastic free school! ICT expenditure for Upper and Lower School amounted to €404k.

These are highlights of some of the improvements that were made and the School pledges to continue to review facilities on our current site alongside with our new building.



Together we can reach our goals!

At St Catherine's British School, we live by our motto **"Excellence and Happiness"** and are committed to providing the very best teaching and learning facilities and excellence across academic and enrichment disciplines, encouraging students to develop their talents and passion, and become independent, confident, capable, and vibrant, the kind of people you want on your team. Whilst we pride ourselves on the quality of our staff, achieving excellence demands commitment to continuous improvements and investment programmes in our buildings and bursary fund

As a private, not-for-profit, international school, St Catherine's relies primarily on tuition fees to sustain our core programmes. However, in order to make improvements and implement transformative new approaches, additional financial support is necessary. We are now ready to move to the start of our next chapter in our journey, the multi-purpose Whole School Sports Complex. Thanks to

the incredible support of our community, our New Upper School has become a reality, providing a state-of the art learning environment for all our students and staff. The reconfiguration of the Lower School has also created potential to maximise the space to its potential; designated areas for science and art and more eco-friendly outside spaces to enhance both learning and playing.



Phase Two – The Sports Complex Plans are now in their final stages to convert the former Wella building adjacent to the new Upper School, into a multi-faceted sports centre for the whole school community to use. It will feature an indoor swimming pool, basketball, badminton, and volleyball courts plus a gymnasium, climbing wall and 5-a-side football pitch and alumni space.



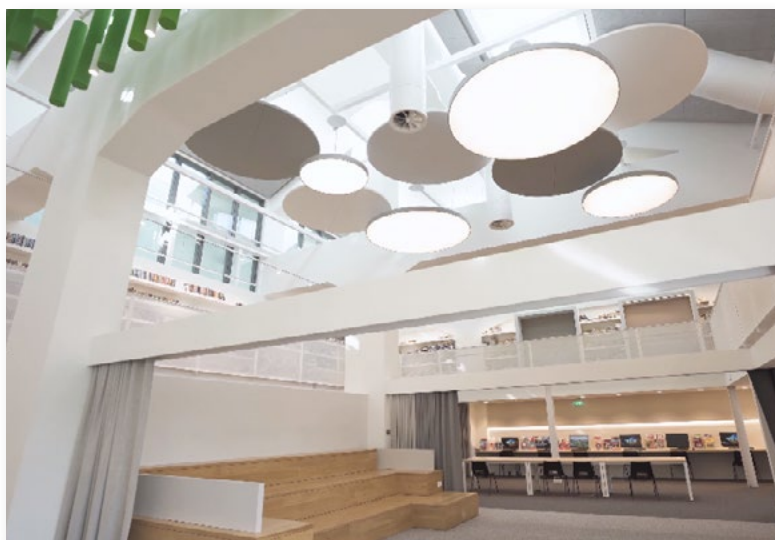
Phase Three – The New Lower School The final phase will see the building of a brand new Lower School. We will keep you updated and included in our school Development Plan as the project moves forward.



Roof Garden



Theatre



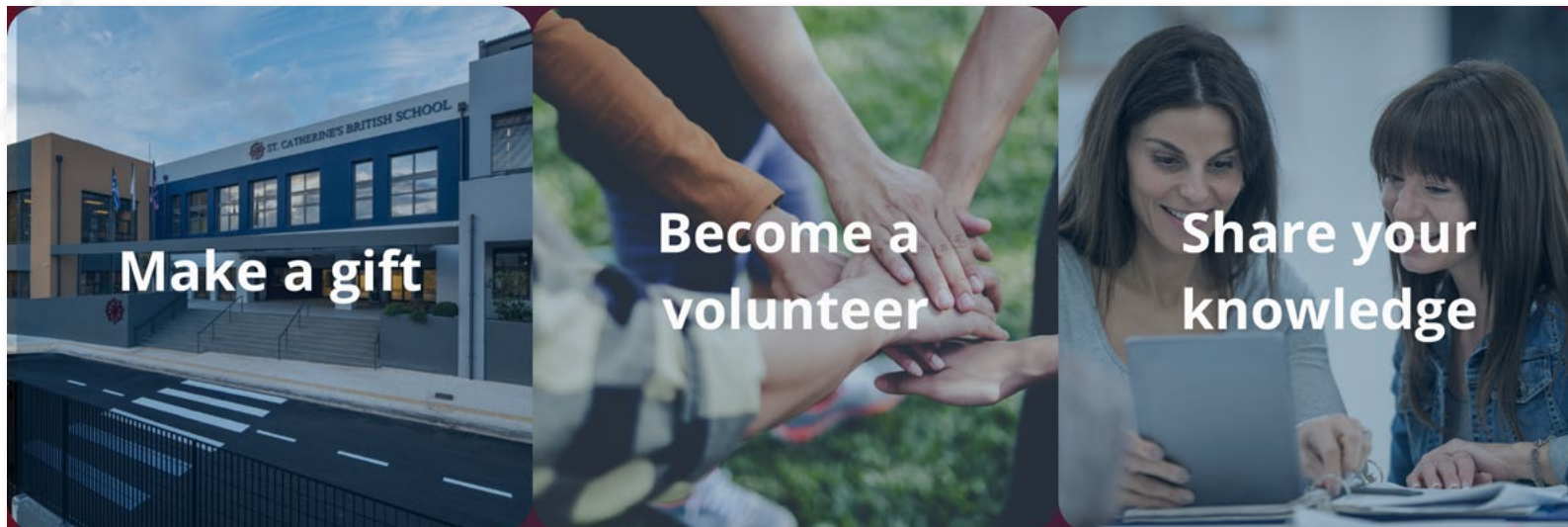
New Library



Science Lab

Support the Future of St Catherine's!

We believe people give to a school like St Catherine's, not just because they want to make a difference, but because St Catherine's has made a difference to their family and their children. We thank everyone for their very kind and generous support



Make a Gift

If you wish to support the school -

- ▶ **Support a Space with naming rights** in our new Upper School or our Sports Complex to help us be the best we can be in all areas of the school
- ▶ **Take a Seat** in our beautiful whole school Theatre. Name a seat for yourself or as a gift and an engraved plaque will be affixed to the seat of your choice
- ▶ **Make Your Mark** by making a gift of any size to support a particular area of learning of your choice

- ▶ Support our **Green it!** campaign and join St Catherine's in its drive to be as eco-friendly and as 'Green' as possible
- ▶ **Innovation in Education:** Moving forward in areas such as technology and science and so much more, is key to keeping our students ahead of the learning curve
- ▶ **Bursary Fund** - Help us to help others in our community

Thank you for your support so far – we hope you feel inspired by what is ahead!



Become a volunteer! Share your knowledge!

The PTSA has always paved the way in us understanding the importance of giving back, by giving so generously with their time, with the countless parents that have given back over many years to the athletics and arts programmes, the St Catherine's community has been at the heart of shaping and delivering the St Catherine's experience.

Developing international global citizens is an integral part of the St Catherine's mission and curriculum. We aim to prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st century. Our students learn to confidently bring their own perspectives to the world, while respecting different cultures and opinions.

One of the most effective ways in which we reinforce this learning, is when our parents and alumni work with us to share their expertise and experiences across different professional fields and geographies.

You can help us provide St Catherine's students with practical opportunities to narrow the gap between the world in school and the world of work. Your participation can be as simple as:

- ▶ Conducting mock University interviews
- ▶ Supporting Careers Day
- ▶ Offering internships in your organisation for recent graduates
- ▶ Supporting Alumni
- ▶ Simply stopping by and having lunch with a small group of students interested in your career

Email us on developmentoffice@stcatherines.gr

As a Not-for-Profit Charity, "giving back" is important to St Catherine's British School

"Giving back" is who we are and works two ways - our new facilities give us the opportunity to share our superb and copious spaces with those around us who have always supported us too.

- ▶ The British Council have supported St Catherine's British School in a number of ways, both in educational and administrative terms, and they have developed a very popular annual English Language learning programme for local children delivered within the walls of our school;
- ▶ Both municipalities of Lykovrissi and Kifissia have supported St Catherine's British School for many years and we regularly open our indoor and outdoor sports facilities pro bono to their teams, both at junior and senior levels;
- ▶ The Tositsa Foundation have provided the use of their property for the delivery of not only the PE curriculum but also our extensive extra-curricular sports provision seven days a week and in return we donate an annual scholarship award to one of their students.
- ▶ Our own St Catherine's Alumni Basketball Team use our basketball facilities every weekend to practise and train for the Independent Schools Sports Tournaments.

St Catherine's Alumni Association (SCAA)



St Catherine's welcomes back graduates, former students, past parents and former faculty & staff almost every day of the year, from all corners of the world. Our alumni community is truly global and we aim to stay in touch via communications and events with as many of our alumni as possible. We work closely with active alumni and Class Representatives to support alumni gatherings where possible.

We love connecting with our Alumni! Join us on our new alumni network StCatsConnect and stay tuned on all upcoming events, view the latest photos, browse our digital archive and reconnect with lost classmates.

This year saw the introduction of a new initiative with the SCAA Committee presenting to Year 11 students on the life after IB, which resulted in a great Q&A session where the students were able to gain well-rounded feedback from recent graduates.

Last year we inaugurated the post of Alumni Ambassador; a post assigned to Year 12 students, dedicated to informing current students on alumni activities and bridging the gap between students and alumni leading on the e-mentoring programme.

From the memorable SCAA reunion in Athens to smaller events in Greece and the UK and the 2019 Annual Reunion at St Cats IB Graduation, this year was not short on social events. In the future, we look forward to hosting alumni events in more cities and countries, so watch this space!

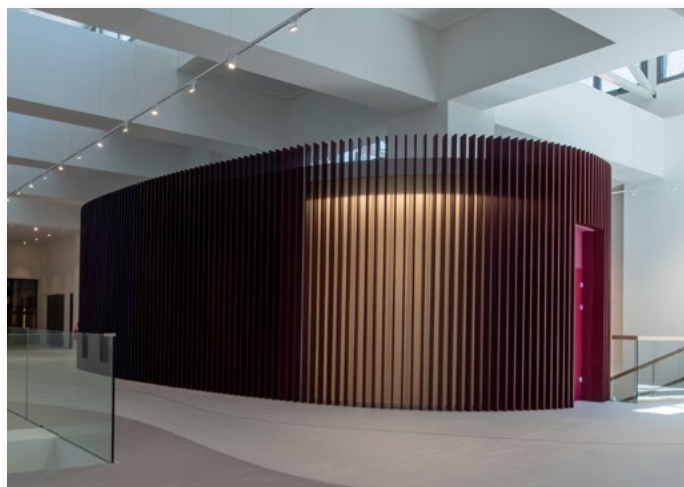
IB2 students Lenya Singer and Jad Fidawi were awarded the 2020 Alumni Award for their exceptional contribution to school life and beyond - Well done! We are always pleased to welcome alumni students and parents back through the gates of St Catherine's and we are thrilled there will be a space for our alumni to meet and socialise in the new Sports Complex. Thank you to everyone involved for their support.

St Catherine's Alumni Committee





Entrance Foyer



The Owl conference room



Gallery Cafe



Classroom



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