



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

Governors' Annual Report 2017-2018



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“The school has supported me so much throughout my whole school career... I will make sure to keep in touch through the Alumni Association...”

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“I am excited to be starting university ... and I am sure I will start on a strong note due to the education I received from St Catherine’s.”

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“I will always be grateful for the way the school shaped me as an academic student but also as a person. I really hope that university life will be just as exciting and stimulating”.

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“I am very excited for all that awaits and look forward to beginning this next chapter in my life. School has prepared me very well and provided me with valuable knowledge, core values and unforgettable memories”.

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“I am really looking forward to the next part of my life at university. I will of course keep in touch as I would like to help other students in any way I can. St Catherine’s has been a huge part of my life and I will miss my school years very much”.

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“Thanks for everything that St. Catherine’s has done, without the school’s and everyone’s help, I couldn’t have achieved this, words are not enough to express my gratitude”.



Headmaster's Introduction



As St Catherine's British School nears twenty years with an Upper School, we are seeing more and more IB graduates who have completed their whole school careers with us. As we send them off on to the next step of their life journey, many of them let me know their feelings upon departure.

It is indeed really pleasing that not only have they achieved the academic success that guarantees their chosen future direction but they also acknowledge the emphasis that St Catherine's places upon core values and a sense of community for all our students. St Catherine's is a lot more than simply a place of academic learning.

This year also holds many happy memories for me exemplifying "Excellence and Happiness" across the whole School. One of the main highlights of the year for myself was joining 65 of our Year 9 students on their visit to the battlefields of northern France and Belgium – we visited "In Flanders Field" Museum, Sanctuary Wood Trench Museum, Hill 62 Canadian Memorial, the moving cemeteries at Tyne Cot, Boezinghe and Artillery Wood all in the area of the Belgian town of Ypres, as well as, the Historial de la Grande Guerre, the Lochnagar Mine Crater and the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme region. We also enjoyed a day of "downtime" at Parc Asterix – no escape from history there either! On the final day, we visited the Arras Memorial to enable one of the students to pay his respects to his great uncle - Private Ernest Farrington - Missing in Action at the age of sixteen but commemorated on the Wall of Remembrance. A final moving experience to end a most memorable week!

I always look forward to delivering assemblies – the responses of the children demonstrate a curiosity and eagerness to learn and develop that is so refreshing. The way they celebrate the achievements of their peers, when I announce the Headmaster's Commendations, is a joy to behold – not a trace of envy, just happiness in the recognition of their friends!

The study of history in the Lower School always seems to bring back some historical characters from the past – although Samuel Pepys was somewhat taken aback this year to learn that one of the Year 2 children was related to someone in his diary! 2018 also saw the arrival of renowned archaeologist Howard Carter to talk about his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen to the Year 5 as part of their Egyptian week – somewhat spooky that his visit presaged the visit of so many archaeologists to the site of our new school over the summer! Let's hope our archaeologists don't uncover some curse or other!!

The end of June 2018 also saw work start on our new school building – at long last! The governors have worked selflessly over the last ten years to achieve this goal and they deserve the gratitude not only of myself as Headmaster but the whole school community for enabling us to commence the realisation of everyone's dream for the future – we continue onward and upward on our journey of "Excellence and Happiness".

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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 2016



Letter from the Chairman



Dear Friends of St Catherine's British School

I am delighted to introduce this year's Governors' Annual Report – a year which saw the school commence the first phase of our exciting development project. The governors played a vital role over many months in the tendering process for the construction contract – it was testament to our vision and ambition that this competitive process attracted the interest of the biggest and best construction companies in the eastern Mediterranean. The choice of Redex was taken after we had narrowed the field down to two after several months of competitive bid presentations. The discovery of Roman-era and subsequently Neolithic settlements on the one hand have been exciting for the learning opportunities they create for us but on the other hand have initiated an inevitable delay in the completion and subsequent occupation of the new building, as well as increased our cost. But at least we are moving in the right direction!

In the meantime we have been moving forward with Phase Two of our vision – we are working with the same architect who worked with us on Phase One in order to redevelop the Wella property into a multi-sports complex including two large internal sports halls as well as an indoor swimming pool. At the same time we are also developing our vision for Phase Three – a new Lower School. Initially, of course, we will reconfigure the current site upon the opening of the Upper School in order to create more outside space – however, we also want to build a brand new learning environment for the younger children in the not-too-distant future.

Of course, integral to this vision is the role of the Development Office and our Capital Campaign. The aim is to create a culture of giving not only to underpin current and future developments but also to add even more value to the learning environment. Furthermore, the donations irrespective of size will add to the sustainability of our bursary provision which enables us to support those St Catherine's families who have fallen on hard times. I would encourage everyone within our community to support our campaign in any way they can.

Finally, I would like to thank the Headmaster and all the staff for their unstinting efforts to continue moving our school forward in every way. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank three governors who have recently come to the end of their terms of office: Domna Mirayesi-Bernitsa, Anna-Marie Typaldos-Loverdos Plati and Richard Sutton – all of them have contributed a great deal to making St Catherine's British School the school that it is today.

I hope you enjoy reading this Annual Report and seeing the "Excellence and Happiness" that abounds at St Catherine's British School.

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, the Business Director and the Development 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 and Human Resources
Specialist Link: Key Stage 3 and Social Sciences



Mr Maurice Dheere Vice Chairman

Committees: Finance/Resources and Human Resources
Specialist Link: Key Stage 3 and Social Sciences



Dr Kyriacos Sabatakakis Honorary Treasurer

Committees: Finance/Resources (Chair) and Human Resources
Specialist Link: IB and Mathematics



Ms Nathalie Coulon Contomichalos

Committee: Finance/Resources
Specialist Link: EYFS/Languages



Mr George Paleokrassas

Committees: Health & Safety (Chair) and Designated Governor for GDPR
Specialist Link: Key Stage 2 and Computing/ICT



Ms Eugenie Coumantaros

Committee: Curriculum/Standards
Specialist Link: Key Stage 2 and English



Mr Roger Peel

Committee: Curriculum/Standards
Specialist Link: Upper School and PE/Sport



Ms Sarah Kinney Contomichalos

Committee: Curriculum/Standards (Chair)
Specialist Link: IB and Careers/Guidance



Mr Richard Sutton

Committees: Finance/Resources, Curriculum Standards
Specialist Link: Key Stage 4 and Science



Ms Loukia Nicola-Tsigos

Committees: Human Resources (Chair) and Curriculum Standards
Specialist Link: Key Stage 1 and Expressive and Performing Arts



Dr Platon Tinios

Committee: Curriculum/Standards
Specialist Link: Key Stage 4 and Humanities including Theory of Knowledge



Mr Roger Outwin-Flinders

Committee: Curriculum/Standards and Designated Governor for Child Protection
Specialist Link: Lower School and PE and Sport



Excellent Inspection Results!

In November 2016 St Catherine's submitted itself to be inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), something we do regularly to maintain and verify our high standards. We confirmed our position as a top British School not only in Greece, but in Europe and across the globe, as we achieved the top classification of "Excellent" in all eight categories.



UK Government, British Schools Overseas Scheme



Independent
Schools Inspectorate
British Schools Overseas Inspection
8th-11th November 2016
<http://www.isi.net/school/st-catherine-s-british-school-7618>

St Catherine's British School

Was inspected by the United Kingdom's Independent Schools Inspectorate on
8th-11th November 2016

This school meets all the requirements of the Standards for British Schools Overseas

Inspection Judgements:

The quality of academic and other achievements

The quality of the pupils' achievements and their learning, attitudes and skills
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision (including community links of benefit to pupils)
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The contribution of teaching and assessment
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The quality of pupils' achievements and their learning, attitudes and skills

The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The contribution of arrangements for welfare, health and safety
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The effectiveness of governance, leadership and management

The quality of governance
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The quality of leadership and management
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

The quality of links with parents, carers and others
Grade Awarded: **Excellent**

Grade Range: **Excellent**, Good, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory

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The quality of the pupils' achievement and their learning, attitudes and skills throughout the school is excellent.

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ISI Report 2016



A British International School

St Catherine's is proud to welcome pupils 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
Cambodia
Canada
China
Cyprus
Denmark
Egypt
France
Germany
Greece
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan



Korea	South Africa
Latvia	South Korea
Lebanon	Spain
Netherlands	Sweden
New Zealand	Switzerland
Pakistan	Turkey
Peru	Ukraine
Poland	United Kingdom
Republic of Ireland	United States of America
Romania	US Virgin Islands
Russia	Venezuela
Slovakia	



Academic Achievements

IB Diploma Results 2018	St Catherine's May 2018	St Catherine's Cumulative 2004-2018	IBO World 2017
Overall Diploma Average	35.1	35.3	30.0
Overall Diploma Pass %	100%	98%	78%
Number of Diploma Candidates	44	606	80,358
% Candidates 40 and above points	20%	24%	10%
% Candidates 29 and below points	18%	16%	45%

GCSE Results 2018

Year	Number of Candidates	A *	A	B	C	D-G
2016	61	33%	20%	20%	17%	10%
2017	86	33%	25%	22%	13%	7%
2018	68	39%	24%	18%	11%	9%



Class of 2018
Image from Pantelis Konsolakis



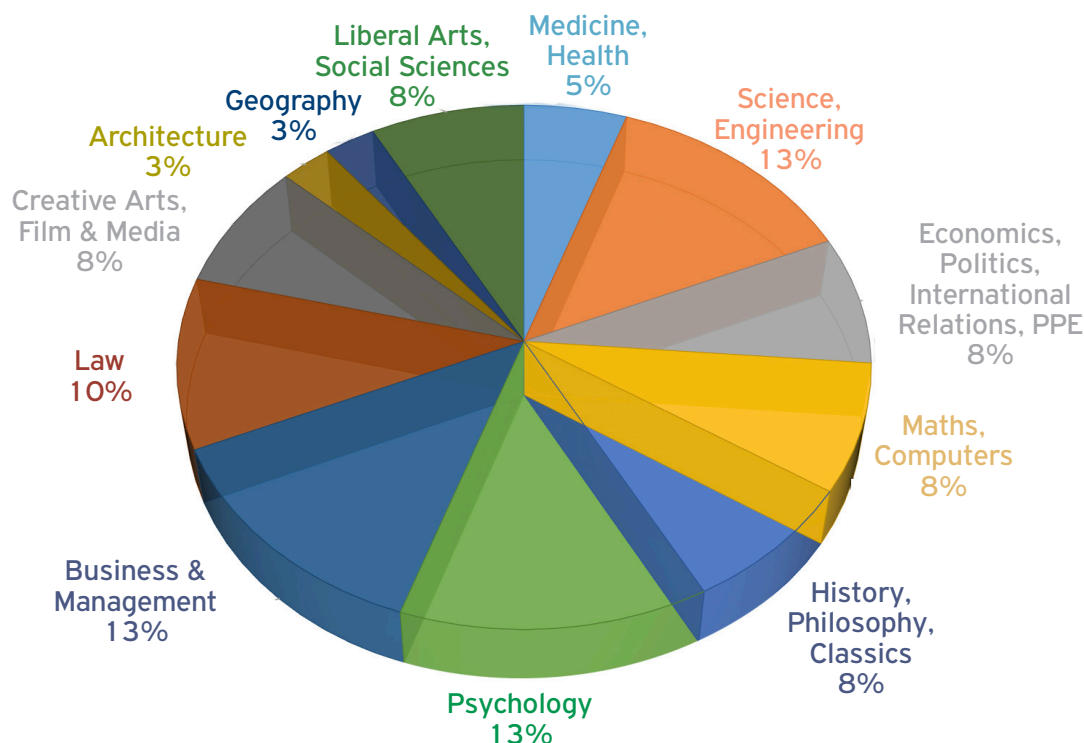
Graduate Destinations

In 2018 73% of our students' secured places at their first choice of university and we currently have alumni studying at schools and colleges in 14 countries throughout the world.

2018 Graduate Destinations

Aberystwyth University
Bocconi University (Italy)
Bournemouth University
Brighton University
Bristol University
Brown University (USA)
City University, London
Downing College, Cambridge
Durham University
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (Switzerland)
Groningen (The Netherlands)
Imperial College London
Kent University
King's College, University of London
London School of Economics

Northwestern University (USA)
Nottingham University
Queen Mary, University of London
Reading University
Rollins College (USA)
Sussex University
The Fashion Institute of Technology (USA)
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France)
University of Bath
University College London (UCL)
University of California, Davis (USA)
University of Edinburgh
University of Oxford
University of Surrey
University of West London
Warwick University





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 would like to 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 Greece, if not Europe, and we look forward to continuing this for many years to come!



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



2002

1957

School opens at number 2 Loukianou 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



1962

School moves to former Japanese Embassy in Psychico



1971

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



2000

Upper School opens with its first ever cohort of Year 9 and 10 students and unveils a new teaching block including the multipurpose - hall opened by Education Minister Petros Efthymiou





St Catherine's IB students graduate with the highest average Diploma score (37.5 points) seen to date in Greece. Two students become our first Oxbridge entrants

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

Marks the start of the next chapter in the St Catherine's story as building work begins on our new Upper School



2009

2015

2018

2004

2010

2017



During the Athens Olympic Games the School acts as a hospitality centre for the GB team's families. The School is honoured to welcome Prime Minister Tony Blair and HRH Princess Anne



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



We celebrate 60 years of St. Catherine's with a fabulous party!



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 2017/18 has seen a vast range of activity throughout the School. Amongst many things, the Lower School has enjoyed Greek dancing, discovering the French culture, understanding the beauty of architecture and having their very own inhouse animal club (S.T.A.I.N Club). This year, a team from the Lower School attended the World School Games in Dubai for the first time and were delighted to bring home Bronze, Silver and Gold medals.

In the Upper School we again participated in the COBIS Games, this year held in Sheffield, where we enjoyed great success coming third overall. Our students continued to prove their leading debating skills and proudly represented St Catherine's at National tournaments. Many students have also participated in the difficult but exciting challenges of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award with 92 students working towards the completion of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

St Catherine's students continued to show their creativity and wonderful performance abilities through musical concerts, talent shows and theatre performances which included a brilliant production of Blue Stockings.





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 Head Boys have the responsibility of giving speeches in assemblies and showing students and parents around the School.

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 the Eco Council's aim was to raise awareness of the effects of single use plastic. By sharing information on these effects, Eco Councillors persuaded classmates to replace single use plastic water bottles with reusable ones. Their efforts have had a great impact on the Lower School.

The School Council has representatives in Key Stage 1 and 2. Throughout 2017/18 they organised Deeds of Kindness and raised money to help those in need in Greece, which included collecting clothes and shoes for those in refugee camps and in need in the local community, and collecting food for animal shelters. In the Upper School the Key Stage 3 Council helps with social events, charities and the important transition from Lower to Upper School.

We also have the Senate which exists to help in student affairs, improve the school community, fundraise for good causes, and act as a liaison between school leaders, teachers and the student body. It is made up of students from Years 10 -13. This year the Senate focused on fundraising for two main causes: UNHCR and Eliza, a Greek organisation which works to prevent child abuse. The annual Christmas shoe-box appeal was a resounding success, collecting 180 boxes filled with gifts for the children at the Malakasa refugee camp. In addition, the Senate was involved in discussion sessions making suggestions for the design of the new school. A final success of the Senate was securing permission for IB boys to wear shorts in the summer term.



Learning through Giving

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 2017/18 the students of St Catherine's raised over €23,000 as well as donating food, clothes, games and toiletries. Organisations that benefitted included local and international charities such as: Alma Zois, Anima, Attika Zoo, Boroume, Breast Cancer UK, Charitas, Dimos Lykovrissi, Dimos Mandras, Doctors Without Borders, Eliza, Estia Girls, Hellenic Wildlife Care, Kivotos tou Kosmou, Make a Wish, Nine Lives, Serres Horse Riding, Smile of the Child, UNHCR and Water Aid.

This year St Catherine's also supported the local community by providing €20,000 in funding for the creation of a playground near the school for the children of the Lykovrissi and Kifissia to enjoy.



PTSA and “St Cats ACTS”

The School's PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) hosts a full and varied programme of highly popular events each year, helping to bring the School community together. They also work closely with IB students who play an important role in the main PTSA events volunteering through CAS (Creativity, Activity & Service).

The 2017/18 year was busy as always, starting with a visit to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation to welcome our new parents. Autumn saw our biggest event of the year, Halloween, with preparation workshops and IB students working diligently alongside the PTSA to create the incredible event “Witches and Wizards” replete with pumpkin carvings, Haunted House and a splendid fireworks display for Guy Fawkes Night. Christmas was celebrated in style at St. Cat's “Christmas Village”, where festive games, traditional food and a raffle with incredible prizes were enjoyed. In the New Year the PTSA held the annual Quiz Night and cultural trips to historic Athens, Ktima Kokotou and Schinias National Park.

In addition to this the PTSA are involved in our annual student Careers Fair and in hosting work experience opportunities. They encourage educational development programmes for parents and other schools, as well as for our own staff and students, featuring leading national and international educationalists/speakers on diverse subjects such as internet safety, life skills, local charities and technology.

‘St Cats ACTS’ (Active Community Team Support) encourages students and parents to be involved in citizenship initiatives and worthy causes. In 2017/18 it hosted ‘Cook for Good’ benefiting those in need in Lykovrissi followed by ‘Help us Help Nature’ benefiting the local community surrounding the school.

The work of the PTSA proves to be a great success and enjoyed by our whole school community.





Staff News

The staff of St Catherine's is the driving force in maintaining a caring academic environment and a sense of community that makes us unique.

We are proud of our highly qualified academic staff, continually investing in professional development through courses and workshops with other international schools, enhancing our services to students and always taking into consideration students with individual educational needs.

As with any school we have a vibrant staff community with new people starting, some moving on and many enjoying long careers with St Catherine's.

This year we wanted to give a very special mention highlight four staff members who have been with us over 25 years:

Julie Grantham (30 years), Angela Gargan (28 years), Vangi Burbidge (28 years) and Yvonne Mengos (25 years)

Plus four staff members who have been with us over 20 years

Gerrie Giakoumi-Westerink (24 years), James Soumilas (24 years), Fionnuala Cleary (23 years) and Marietta Kandilaki (23 years)

We also had four members of staff celebrating 15 years, five celebrating 10 years and sixteen celebrating 5 years.

Thank you so much to all of our staff for all that you've done and continue to do for St Catherine's!

At the end of the year we bid a fond farewell to Annie Vossinioti, George Brokenshire, John Glimis, Maria Kaiktzoglou, Yasmin Mazhari and Yiota Konstantakopoulou.

We are delighted to welcome new staff into the St Catherine's family in 2017/18:

Whole School Hayley Kemp (Head of PE)
Matthew Kemp (PE Teacher)
Sofia Loukidou (Greek Teacher)

Lower School Tomos Prosser (Teacher)
Lucy Shore (Teacher)
Ben Shore (Teacher)
Lily Delali (Nursery Assistant)
Panagiota Fameli (Speech & Language Therapist)

Upper School Alice James (Maths Teacher)
Carrie O'Brien (Maths Teacher)
Matthew Irwin (English Teacher)
Vasiliki Bakalexi (Learning Support)
Paraskevi Grigoropoulou (Greek Teacher)

Administration Georgina Ralston (Development Director)
Wendy Sarataris (Upper School Administration)
Evangelos Kammenos (Welcome Officer)



*Julie Grantham, Angela Gargan
Vangi Burbidge, Yvonne Mengos*



School Improvements

As a constantly evolving and busy school we are always conscious of the need to improve and review our facilities and in 2017/2018 we invested €246,000 in these developments. Key areas of spending within the School focused on new computers, smartboards, projectors and flooring in the Lower School. Always conscious of safety we also introduced a brand new security access control system. We would also like to thank those parents who supported the installation of solar panels to heat the swimming pool, leading to our children enjoying a longer period of activity in the outdoor pool. These are highlights of some of the improvements that we made and the School pledges to continue to review facilities on our current site alongside preparation for our new building.





Creating a World of Opportunities

In June 2018 construction began on the three phase development plan for a totally new St Catherine's British School. Phase One will see the regeneration of an old textile factory situated across the road from our current site into a state-of-the-art Upper School but also with some whole school facilities – thus providing the perfect opportunity to stay within the heart of our local community whilst also upholding our sustainable values. The building is designed to be welcoming, exciting, robust and practical and will create a space for our students, helping them stay ahead of the curve with incredible facilities to enable their academic and extra-curricular ambitions.

The Facilities

The Science Zone

This will be a space for the next generation of scientists, provoking curiosity and encouraging students to look, think and experiment. Every science lesson will take place in one of the nine specially designed labs, providing students with the ability to conduct practical experiments, with state-of-the-art equipment throughout. Additionally IB students will also have their own research centre providing a space for them to work on their Internal Assessments, Extended Essays and other independent studies.

The ICT/Design Technology Labs

St Catherine's is aiming to be at the cutting edge of ICT by becoming a Microsoft Flagship School. This area will consist of three ICT Labs as well as a Future Fab Lab designed to lead the way in digital design and robotics. Features will include 3D printers, mini drones, laser cutters and a variety of electronic kits.

The Theatre

A brand new 400 seat theatre with dressing rooms together with a "Black Box" Drama studio will provide a space for our excellent stage productions and concerts encouraging our students to fulfil their performing potential. The theatre will also provide the perfect space for assemblies, celebration events as well as creating the opportunity to host a variety of leading national and international speakers. The theatre that will feature state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment not only designed to benefit the viewing audience but also an additional resource for our students to learn new skills.

The Library

At the heart of the new building sits the Library, a 222m² space with an IB Study room and outdoor terrace for our senior students. As necessary in all modern libraries, it will incorporate both traditional books and research software - vitally important for both reading for pleasure and in-depth academic research. Although the space is large it will be designated into different areas for everyday use so it can be used for multiple purposes such as quiet individual study and small group work. There will also be a soft seating area which can be used for more relaxed reading on an individual basis or cordoned off with sound-absorbing curtains for book-groups, other clubs and watching films.





The Art Hub

The new art area will stimulate our creative students, giving them the space to think, design and implement. It will consist of three art studios, a dark room, a wet clay area, a kiln room and an art terrace.

The Music Suite

Students will be delighted in the spaces to develop their musical talents. The Music Suite will consist of a 110m² Music Room, a Recording Studio and four Practice Rooms. The Recording Studio will be equipped with high specification recording equipment which will include a custom-built PC, microphones, specialist software and composition programmes.

And it doesn't stop there!

There will be super multi-faceted spacious classrooms for each curriculum area; leisure and canteen facilities, green areas and outdoor seating on the converted roof; beautiful communal areas including a stunning entrance foyer and an atrium of light throughout the whole space as well as a spacious two-floor dining area.

Phase Two - next door to this new Upper School, the former Wella building will be converted into a fabulous sports complex providing a range of excellent facilities including a 25m indoor swimming pool, basketball, badminton and volleyball courts, 5 a-side football pitches as well as a gymnastics and dance area. The plans also a climbing wall and fitness suite to complete our fabulous sports complex.

Phase Three – at this stage our plans for Early Years and the Lower School will involve an initial reconfiguration of the current campus with a brand new building a little further down the line.

Together We Can Reach Our Goals

Support our 10 Year Development Plan and be inspired by St Catherine's vision for the future.

With your support the possibilities are endless...What is close to your heart?

- **Support a space** in our Phase One new building such as the Theatre, Library, Music Suite or the Science Labs
- **Make Your Mark** – join our supporters' group for a series of bespoke events through the curriculum areas.
- **Take a Seat** – sponsor a seat in our beautiful new theatre.
- **Unrestricted donation** – come in and see us and let us inspire you!

Keep up-to-date with the latest campaign news and information:

Visit www.stcatherines.gr • call the Development Office: 210 2829750 ext 209 •

Email: developmentoffice@stcatherines.gr



Be Inspired...





St Catherine's Alumni Association (SCAA) 2017-2018

Marking our 4th birthday, 2017-2018 was very exciting for the SCAA. Thank you to older and newer members for coming together and making this our biggest year yet!

This year marked the launch of our online mentoring platform, E-Connect. Through E-Connect students are given the opportunity to reach out to like-minded alumni within a safe platform, and gather feedback and advice on universities, career opportunities and post-graduation life as a whole.

Our alumni networking platform continued to grow with the registration of alumni and staff from across decades of our school's history. Our platform, stcatherinesalumni.com, gives our alumni exclusive opportunity to keep up with SCAA and school news, link up with fellow graduates, be informed about the latest professional opportunities, promote their work and projects, and of course stay up to date with the latest events!

Alumni shared their valuable experience and time with current students during the Career & Universities day. This year saw a record turn out and we received very enthusiastic feedback from the students. For those living abroad but interested to take part, we organised a Skype Careers day, where alumni from around the world tuned in to talk to both Years 11 & 12.

We also introduced a new initiative this year with the SCAA Committee presenting to Year 11 students on the benefits of the IB, which resulted in a fruitful Q&A session where the students were able to gain well-rounded feedback from recent graduates.

This year we also inaugurated the post of Alumni Ambassador; a post assigned to a stand-out current student, Thalia Agoglossakis-Foley, dedicated to informing current students on alumni activities and bridging the gap between students and alumni.

From the memorable 2017 SCAA Christmas reunion in Athens to smaller events in Greece and the UK and the 2018 Annual Reunion at St Cats IB Graduation, this year was not short on social events. Moving forwards we look forward to hosting alumni events in more cities and countries, so watch this space! IB2 student Eleni Papafilippou was awarded the 2018 SCAA for her exceptional contribution to school life and beyond. Congratulations to Eleni who has gone on to study Engineering at Imperial University. Our involvement with APS (Alumni Private Schools) Sports Association carried on strong, seeing the SCAA basketball team into the finals and achieving awards for the 2nd year in a row.

Thank you to everyone involved for your support. SCAA Alumni Board





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