



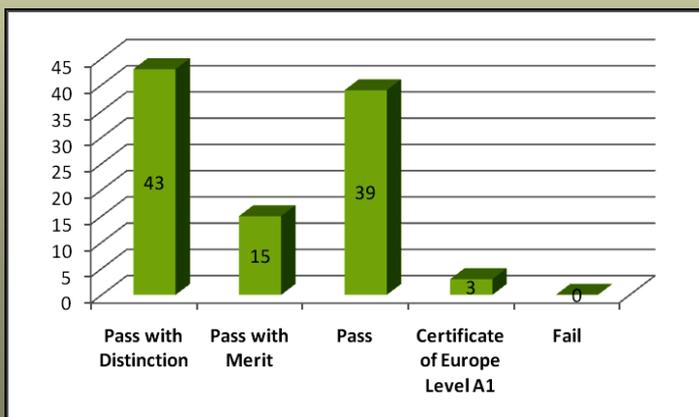
## A visit to Canterbury , UK



### OLYMPION results

### for KET examinations December 2011

Results	Center
Percentage Pass with Distinction	43%
Percentage Pass with Merit	15%
Percentage Pass	39%
Percentage Council of Europe Level 1	3%
Percentage Fail	0%



From Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> up to Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, five pupils from our school -including myself- and two teachers visited Canterbury in England as a group of the Comenius team of our school. The purpose of the visit was to meet pupils from other countries and work on the new Comenius project of our school "Multicultural European Landscapes". The meeting took place at Abbey School and we stayed at Cathedral Gate Hotel , which is near Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury.

On Monday we visited Rochester Cathedral, the second most important cathedral after the one in Canterbury. There, we studied and worked in the church taking photographs and notes .Then we visited Rochester Castle and we went for a walk in the city.



On Tuesday, we went to Abbey School, the coordinating school of the programme. There, we had the chance to meet all the other pupils and had some activities together. All of them were very friendly and kind with us. We exchanged emails in order to communicate in the future. We also attended some pre-selected lessons in small groups and visited the premises of the school. We had lunch at the school canteen and, afterwards, we went to a bowling center where we played bowling. We returned to Canterbury late in the afternoon.

On the next day, we visited Canterbury Cathedral where we completed some tasks included in our project. The church is the cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the church of England. Then, we had a guided tour of the city and we were given some free time for lunch and some shopping.

On Thursday we visited London where we went on a walk visiting the Houses of Parliament, the Big Ben, the Royal Guards the Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace. At noon, we had lunch in a big store in Oxford Street which was decorated and full of people as it was Christmas time.



I would like to have a similar experience in the future because I learned a lot about the places of interest we visited. I also made new friends from other countries of Europe. I had the chance to experience the civilization and the culture of England and meet people from other countries with different customs and habits.

**Maria Polykarpou, D'3**



Our logo for the new Comenius programme came among the six best ones in a competition held at Abbey School in Canterbury.

It was designed by **Giorgos Hadjantoni C'1.**

## School Uniform : Yes or No ?

**The students of E'5 were asked about their opinion for the school uniform..**

**Maria Constantinou :** I think it's good to have a uniform at school because parents are not forced to buy their children a lot of clothes and there is uniformity among students. But the school should let students wear clothes that they like more often.

**Kyriakos Papanicolaou :** I don't think we need a school uniform. We should come to school wearing clothes that we like because our clothes are more comfortable than our uniform.

**Froso Christofidou :** The reason that various groups of the population wear a uniform is to show their profession. In our community policemen, firemen, nurses, doctors, pilots, even priests wear uniforms. Another one of these groups is students. In my opinion students should wear uniforms in order to show their uniformity. Also, it is part of the rules of the school. Even though, I like the uniform of the school, I would prefer it to be more colourful.

**Froso Zitti :** I find that wearing a uniform is right and suitable for a school. I don't think it's a pretty sight to see students without a uniform. Another reason that I like the uniform and find it easy to wear is because I don't have to think about what to wear every morning.

It makes my mornings EASIER!!!! By wearing a school uniform you show respect to your school and your teachers.

**Andreas :** I don't think that the school uniform shows discipline or it makes you more respectful. I think we should come to school with clothes that we like and express us!

**Anna Savva :** In my opinion we must wear a school uniform because it is easier for us in the morning, but we can make our school uniform more beautiful. For example, every class can wear a different colour T-shirt like blue for A class green for B class and so on.

**Christina Chairta:** The school uniform is a matter that really concerns most of the students. In my opinion, the school uniform must be kept as it is. It isn't nice to see students wearing whatever they want. Besides, by wearing a school uniform, someone cannot understand the financial situation of each student. Sometimes, students feel embarrassed if they are not wearing trendy clothes. Furthermore, it shows we are serious and respectful of school rules.

**Antonia Antoniou :** In my opinion, I prefer black and not the blue one we already have. Also it's better, in a way, to have a uniform because we do not need to worry about what to wear every morning.

## Net or TV ?

**Marios Demosthenous D'6 :** I like TV because I love watching football matches, cartoons and series. I like surfing the net but I like watching TV more because it's fun.

**Antreas Constantinou D'6 :** I like surfing the net because there are several games to play. I can also go onto facebook and talk with friends. When I surf the net I can also watch football and learn all about the latest football news.

**Ioanna Avraam D'4:** I like surfing the Net because on the internet you can find and see whatever you want. For example, if you want to watch a series that isn't on TV, you simply go on a website and find it! Also, you can be informed about the news around the world just by searching for it on Google or YouTube! Generally, I believe there are more things you can do on the Internet than the TV.

**Maria Polykarpou D'4:** I prefer to watch TV because I can watch many films and my favourite actors with my



friends. I can also watch documentary films and learn more about the Earth, wild animals, amazing inventions etc. Moreover, I think that Quiz shows can develop my knowledge in a relaxing and pleasant way.

**Anna Sevastidou D'3:** I prefer to search the Net because on the Net you can find anything you want. However, when you watch TV you don't have a choice about what to watch

**Rafaella Stylianou D'4:** I like to surf the Internet because I love listening to music from YouTube. I also love having fun with games and movies..!

**Andri Assarioti D'1:** I like to surf the Internet because I like to use the Facebook. In Facebook I can chat with my friends. Also, in Facebook, I can play games and listen to music!

**Andria Laou D'1:** I enjoy surfing the Internet, but I like to watch TV more because I love watching different programmes, films and cartoons! There are also many programmes that I am interested in watching.



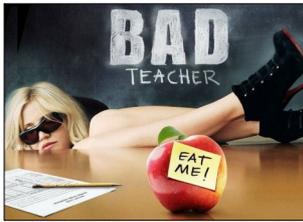
## BOOK AND FILM reviews

### BAD TEACHER

"Bad teacher" is a comedy film directed by Jake Kasdan and starring Cameron Diaz, Eric Stonestreet, Lucy Punch and Justine Timberlake.

The story is set in a school. Elizabeth Hasley (Cameron) is a teacher who wants to marry a rich man Scott Delacort (Justine) at any cost. She has plywood with another teacher, Amy Skourle (Lucy). In this school, only Jason Segel (Eric)-the gymnast teacher-seems like a real person. Cameron Diaz is an unusual teacher. She sleeps in class while her students are made to watch films. She also consumes alcohol and smokes in class.

What I liked about this film is that this funny comedy makes you laugh from the beginning to the end. Also, Cameron Diaz is my favourite actress. She gives a brilliant performance as the bad teacher.



**Marina Miltiadous D'3**

### "The Da Vinci Code"

The title of my favorite book is "The Da Vinci Code"! It's a sequel written by Dan Brown. It's a mystery book with some true stories...

The book is about a murder that a professor has to solve. Through

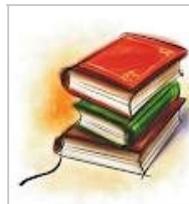
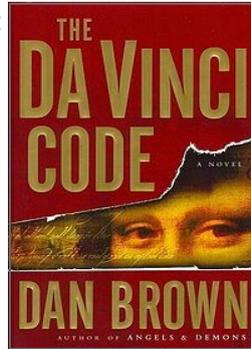
this murder we learn about ancient tectonic symbols and rumours about Christ's life. In the book there is information about popular companies in America that their logos are not about beauty. Their logos sometimes have a deep meaning that "simple" humans can't understand. Through this book I was able to understand, some of those symbols.

I liked the book! It was amazing! First of all Dan Brown is my favorite author and until now he hasn't disappointed me. And I don't think that he will... His books are close to my taste. Secondly, the book isn't confusing and the plot is easy to follow! Lastly from this book you learn the deep meanings of the things that you see every day.

The best part in my opinion was the part that the author explained to us that there are rumours that Christ may have had a relationship with Mary Magdalene. Of course there were many reactions from the church but the author wasn't influenced!

This book is suitable for children over 14 years old. For children and adults who want to learn and not just spend their time. If you start reading it you will not put it down! Believe me... I read the book in three nights

**Anastasia Roumpeka C'2**



### The last black cat

The Title of my favorite book is "The last black cat". The author of the book is Trivizas. It's based on a true story.

Well, the book is about the citizens of an island who believe that black cats bring them bad luck. So they try to get rid of them. Our protagonist is a black cat called Johnny. He watches the disappearance of the other cats and he starts to understand that something's wrong and he tries to figure it out. So he tries to remember how all those cats disappeared. Some of them die, some of them are kidnapped and some of them are lost. During the procedure of finding the missing cats he falls in love with a white cat and they try to find out what is happening together.

I really liked the book. I couldn't put it down. The plot is interesting and there is a happy ending. It's amazing how people blame the bad things that happened to them on animals or other things for irrelevant situations.

I also liked how the cats disappeared. The way was mysterious. I also liked the ending because people understood that black cats are lovely and they don't bring them bad luck.

Everyone can read this book, especially kids. But it's a good book for adults too because they can see that black cats are nice and they should stop being prejudiced.

**Maria Antoniou C'2**



### Language Day at Olympion

The benefits of speaking a language other than your native tongue are easy to see. Whether you're working abroad in Germany, studying in France or on holiday in Spain, it's a huge benefit to be able to communicate directly with the local population. Languages broaden the mind, open up new horizons. Did you know that there are between 6000 and 7000 languages in the world - spoken by six billion people divided into 189 independent states? The European Day of Languages is celebrated annually on the 26th of September. It is a Europe-wide celebration of language and culture which involves 47 countries.

In our effort to celebrate this day we had "Radio Europe" an independent broadcast here at Olympion High School. Our students had the opportunity to tune in to hear the latest foreign language songs and celebrate Language Day.

We thank our pupils, **Marina Miltiadous, Andreas Tsiartas, Demetris Pilazeris, Stelios Loizou** and **Elena Matsi** for their voluntary contribution in making this day wonderful.



***The end of something beautiful!***

*I remember my first day at school very vividly. Everywhere I looked I could see young, unfamiliar and scared faces. Now, 6 years later when I take a look I realize that I know and recognize everyone around me. My last year at school brings out mixed feelings and emotions.*

*On one hand, I feel that I've got to wave good bye to my friends and say hello to unfamiliar circumstances. Somehow, being with my friends feels safe and secure. I know that no matter what, I can count on them to cheer me up and make me laugh. On the other hand, my whole life is opening up in front of me. I have the chance to start believing in myself and re-*

*alizing that it's up to me to succeed. I know that sooner or later I'll have to face my future and work hard to reach the highest peak. So, my last year at school makes me*

*feel like something beautiful ends here and that this ride has come to an end. At the end of the day I realize that there isn't a place I'd rather be. It feels so good being part of something so beautiful. I believe that without my friends I will be fully clothed but still undressed.*

*Anastasia Apostolou St'2*



**LAST YEAR AT SCHOOL**

When I first came to Olympion School six years ago , I felt embarrassed because I only knew two kids from the primary school I used to go to. I remember that I started looking for them but I couldn't find them. When the bell finally rang the teachers put us into different classes. There, I met new students and I made new friends.

I have shared a lot of good moments with my friends at school I will never forget!!

An event I clearly remember is when we had our school trip to France in 2010. As we were travelling we started running in the plane and we woke up some passengers. They were very angry with us but we couldn't stop laughing because we were supposed to be quiet. It was such fun!

There is no doubt that I will keep many memories to remember after school. Memories which are like precious gifts you don't want to lose.

I am happy I am finishing school but I really hope these friendships will never be lost although I am sure they won't!

**Solomos Orphanides St'3**

**An interview**

**Savvas Postekkis, Minas Antoniou, Ignatios Papanastasiou and Alex Nicolaou B'5 , interviewed Mrs Despina Tryfonos, our Assistant Director.**

**Mrs Tryfonos , what are your duties here at our school?**

I started working here as a Physical Education teacher and after some years they offered me the position of the Assistant Director. My duties as a Deputy Head are to organize the students' and the teachers' programmes.

**Do you love the school and the children?**

In order to do this job you have to love children and I love children a lot. As a Physical Education teacher I have a lot to do with kids of all ages. I can say that children are my number one priority.

**How many hours do you work?**

I work from 7.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. but even when I am at home the telephone never stops ringing for school things that need to be taken care of. Sometimes parents call me, pupils who face problems or teachers that won't be able to come to school the next day. Obviously I work 24 hours a day!

**Do you love what you are doing?**

Yes, that's why I have been working for so many years here. It's my passion and I am really happy that I am able to do something that I love.

**Is it tiring?**

Yes, very much. Each day is different and unpredictable.

**Do you know all the students?**

Yes, I do ! I even remember their first name.

**How did you learn First Aid?**

I learned a lot when I was at the university but I also attended various seminars!

**Do you find time to rest at home?**

The word "rest" does not exist in my life! The reason is that I give a lot of energy at school and then I go home to my family where I have to cook and spend time with my children and husband.

**What do you do in your free time ?**

I am with my children .We love spending time together doing different things like going to the park, reading fairy tales or going to the cinema.

**How many children have you got?**

I have two lovely daughters .The older one is Vasiliki and she is 5 1/2 and the other one is Joanna who is 3 1/2. They are the love of my life. I am grateful for having them!

**Thank you very much, Mrs Tryfonos**

