



*Pupils' Committee  
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# PUPILS COMMITTEE (PC) MID-TERM REPORT

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Throughout the first months of the 2023-24 academic year, the Pupils' Committee of the European school of Alicante has held meetings that have led to the conceptualisation and execution of several ideas. Although due to other external pressure on students such as exams, weekly meetings were not possible throughout the months of December and January, the committee maintained efficacy and hard work through this period in order to ensure that certain events took place. The ideas presented here are all attempts at improving the educational environment for the pupils at our school.

## Achievements and further plans:

- 1) The IT team of the PC has skilfully coded a working website in order to provide information and increase transparency and cooperation with the Pupils Committee. This is a great resource available to all students and people within the school community, as well as a very useful tool that other future students can still take advantage of with minor alterations.  
The IT team is also working on a school APP that will achieve all of this to an even higher degree and be readily accessible to students facilitating things such as canteen menu, PC updates, events etc. The team is making further improvements and advancements in the development of this app in order to make it available for students as soon as possible and with the most optimal features.
- 2) Profession Immersion has resumed this year. The project consists of monthly afternoons aimed at broadening students' knowledge on the working world and what career paths one must study to acquire certain jobs. Every month 3 or 4 guest speakers will come to talk about their profession with a small presentation about their jobs and giving the students as well a period to ask questions about said job. The first session took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 16:30-17:30h and it was a massive success: 60+ people attended.
- 3) The Pupils Committee conducted a project to make and sell school merchandise which has been a success. A competition regarding the design of hoodies and sweatshirts was held, and the selling and distributing of the products has been done.
- 4) On the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>, as a celebration of international children's right to education day, the Pupils Committee has planned and held a book donation. Books were generously donated by students and sold to others. Half of the money was donated to the Pradip organization, while the other 50% was invested back into school improvement projects through the PC.
- 5) After evaluating the success of the pilot implementation of free feminine hygiene products in school, the Pupils Committee will be trying to expand it to all bathrooms and will be available to students free of

charge. This will be very helpful for people who need them and highly convenient in avoiding unpleasant situations for students. The PC is trying to partner with AMPA in order to make this possible.

6) The Pupils Committee has directed the planning and execution of the S1-S3 party that took place in school on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

The party was a complete success in which younger students were able to enjoy an appropriate and fun social event while contributing back to their school community through ticket and food sales. Food catering was provided mostly by Ausolán and sold by voluntary members of the Pupils Committee. The party was supervised by teachers, advisors and the management.

7) Some ideas regarding changes that have already been implemented in other European Schools were also presented by the management and are being considered by the Pupils Committee.

One of these proposals is the installation of a screen at the entrance where important information is shown, this is already the case in the European Schools of Brussels. This is now the case as well in our school, in the entrance hall.

8) The Christmas market took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, and several members of the PC took part in the event by selling second hand donated books to raise money for the “Pradip” foundation, selling merch and helping with the ticket sales.

9) The optional subjects of Sustainability & Active Citizenship, and Political Science, have been approved and, starting next school year 2024/25, will be offered on Wednesday afternoons as complementary courses for S6-S7, which will be created following the same conditions as all the others.

10) In celebration of the International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, students were encouraged to dress in white to celebrate this day.

11) The PC took part in the whole school inspection and had the chance to talk to inspectors. Certain students were selected to have a small meeting with the inspectors and a survey regarding overall school evaluation was sent to the Pupils Committee (apart from the general one).

12) The Estudio renovation working groups have advanced in the planning of the changes to the study spaces. Digital blueprints of the spaces have been drafted using the measurements made, and furniture and materials have been sourced. We are now in the final states of submitting everything to apply for the co-financing with AMPA Dreams fund.

13) Following the school's goal of recycling more, the green committee launched a new initiative for reusing cardboard boxes. These are gathered and painted by the art students of S1-S3 and distributed amongst the classrooms to serve as paper recycling bins. This makes students actively participate in the process and encourages them to use the recycling bins more often.

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These are the major things that have been taking place and will take place. These regular updates will ensure full transparency of the Pupils' Committee and hopefully raise awareness on the importance of the Pupils' Committee.

The Pupils Committee hopes to further improve the experience of the students at the European School of Alicante through their hard work during the coming months, and to ensure the best possible results of the projects currently at hand.