



*Pupils' Committee
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PUPILS COMMITTEE (PC) MONTHLY REPORT

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Throughout the months of March and April 2024, 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, the committee was as efficient as possible and other nonofficial meetings within working groups were also held. The ideas presented here are all attempts at improving the educational environment for the pupils at our school.

Achievements and further plans:

- 1) The execution of the studio renovations took place and were concluded the 19th of April. New furniture was delivered and assembled by the school's maintenance staff, and the updated layout of the two rooms was completed with the help of several members of the committee. New studio rules were also drafted and implemented in order to ensure the correct use of the new available furniture and the safety of students. This amazing project would not have been able to come to life if it weren't for the Pupils Committee's arduous work and AMPA's funding. We would like to thank the entire Pupils Committee; Pedro Cecilia and Reet Escribano from AMPA MC for the purchasing of the products; Justin Neal from AMPA MC for helping us see that this project can come into reality; Mr Marcheggiano, Mr Hernandez and Mr Pita for their support to carry out this huge project; Liviu and his entire team for building the products; the counsellors (consejeros) in trusting in us and the teachers for joyous attitude towards this project.
- 2) The inauguration of the studios took place on the 22nd of April during period 1 and 2, officially introducing these renovated spaces to the school directives and thanking all collaborating parties such as AMPA and the teacher representatives for their contributions.
- 3) Suit up day, an initiative proposed by the Pupils' Committee, took place on the 16th of April. Days such as this one offer students the opportunity to venture outside of their comfort zone while building school community, and overall, making school a more exciting place to be. Everyone came dressed up in their favourite suits and enjoyed this themed day with their classmates.
- 4) In celebration of Earth Day on the 22nd of April, students were encouraged to wear green clothing to school. A great number of students participated in this event of appreciation for our planet.
- 5) A working group was made in order to address the potential mobile phone ban proposed by AMPA and discuss the effects this measure may entail. Three meetings within this working group have taken place, and an official document will be published shortly indicating the Pupils' Committee's clear stand regarding this proposal.

7) The wellbeing working group has been formed and is currently working on and drafting policies with the purpose of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of students. These policies will be implemented equally throughout all European Schools and aim to aid schools in navigating issues such as bullying, mental health, good behaviour, and security, as well as ensuring that they provide students with a safe and trustworthy source of help that would address these issues were they to arise.

8) The Pupils' Committee and its members will also be involved in the planning and coordination of activities during the celebration of Springfest. The duties of the PC on this day will include handling security and aiding in other aspects of the celebration. This event will take place the 11th of May.

9) Another one of the Pupils Committee's functions is representing the students. The presidency and 4 other members of the Pupils Committee assisted in the preparations and execution of the European Schools directors' meeting that took place in our school on the 16th of March. Over 80 heads and deputy directors of other European Schools, as well as some other European diplomats were welcomed into our school by members of the Pupils' Committee.

10) On the 11th of March, three professionals were invited to give a talk at the Pupils Committee's event called "Profession Immersion". Students were invited to attend these talks to explore and obtain more information about possible fields and careers that they may be interested in pursuing. We would like to thank Andrea Di Carlo (Deputy Executive Director of E.U.I.P.O), Antonio Enrique Cano López de Ullíbarri (Aeronautical Engineer), and Elissa Nicholson (theatre maker and writer) for their time and great speeches that have helped many in their career choice.

11) The Pupils' Committee organised and led a scavenger hunt activity that took place on the 6th of March. This event was aimed at welcoming the visiting students from Copenhagen and giving them a tour of the school facilities in a fun and entertaining way. Another activity planned was learning how to cook and tasting paella in the school kitchen, which we would like to thank Ausolán for executing.

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. The Pupils Committee also wishes to inform that it will be less active during the coming months due to the added pressure on students during exam periods. An end of the year report will be published before the last day of school.

Good luck everyone with their BAC and the upcoming exam season!