



CAMPION SCHOOL

Tomorrow Begins Today



Model United Nations 2024

CSMUN 2024

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Organisers and Secretariat

Ms.Theoharopoulou



Head Organiser

Q: How does Campion school MUN differ from other debate programmes?

A: Each and every conference has its own unique aspect to offer. What makes Campion different is the friendly, home environment. We are a small school and the students here all know one another. Also the location of our school, a non-polluted, non-crowded area of Athens, a green suburb, gives the visitors a chance to see new environments of the country unlike that of the centre and the Acropolis. We have smaller committees. This provides a more intimate environment at Campion, which gives delegates the opportunity to speak in the committee and for everybody to have a chance to voice their statement and take the floor. **Q:What do you believe you have gained through the years of planning, organising and being an overall presence of**

the MUN here at Campion?

A: As organiser, I think what gives me the most pleasure is watching the pupils grow. I remember teaching a pupil in Year 7 and encouraging my entire class to take part, and he became Ambassador. He could not reach the podium. He was up on his tiptoes in an attempt to reach over and deliver his speech. That pupil went on to do MUN every single year, and in year 13, he was President of the Secretariat. Watching that kind of growth, or listening to a pupil tell me: " If I had not taken part in MUN, I would not have been able to do my Individual Oral exam, I would have been too nervous to speak", or "If I had not taken part in MUN I would not have been able to pass my IB geography exam". All that general knowledge that they gained, the speaking skills they attained, their self confidence, and they built up the sense of community that is established when you participate in these types of events, I believe that's what gives any advisor or teacher involved pleasure.

Q: Having successfully taken part in MUN for so many years, do you believe it has influenced your perception of global politics?

A: I believe MUN is a great opportunity for the youth to delve into subjects such as international affairs, which are usually wrongfully labelled as adult issues. By restricting political matters to adults, the youth are distanced from these issues, dissuading them from exploring or even engaging in politics due to the idea that these topics are far beyond their

comprehension. This process is a great opportunity for students interested in politics or international affairs, as it prepares them to deal with complicated issues that have a worldwide impact.

Q: Despite MUN's setting as a formal conference, do you believe it is also a social event?

A: Of course, while the event does hone skills such as researching in preparation for the conference and public speaking, an extremely important aspect of the conference is the social aspect, especially since post-Covid the event is taking place in person, meaning the efficiency of the conference relies on being able to make connections with other people. The conference even provides time for social interactions with events such as the cultural night. Overall MUN is a great balance between education and an enjoyable social experience, making the event very applicable to students.



Ariam Antar Secretary General

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Iliana Brosnan
Deputy Secretary General

Q: What is your favourite part of the MUN conference?

A: My favourite part of the MUN conference is seeing the development of the delegates over the two days. Seeing people, who, in the beginning were very shy, or that didn't have many friends who at the end of the two days have met people and have developed their confidence.

Q: How important is your role as a Secretariat member?

A: I feel like our role is very important because we stabilise everything in the conference, so it's really important that we have the ability to work efficiently together, which we do: we have an amazing Secretariat this year. This cooperation is necessary for us to help everybody else with their roles and to be able to support them with what they are doing.

Q: And finally, what is one piece of advice you would want to give to students who are thinking of joining MUN or who have just joined?

A: Not to worry about making mistakes, because everyone's going to make them. No one's going to be judging you for them, it's going to happen, you're gonna learn, you're gonna grow. So just try and have the best time possible!

Q. What is your position in this Conference and please can you outline your responsibilities?

A. My position in this year's CSMUN conference is Deputy Secretary General. As a member of the Secretariat, I am in charge of organising the conference, conducting interviews, selecting student officers and organising the conference as a whole. Most of the Secretariat members' work is done throughout the year.

Q.What are some difficulties you faced when organising this year's MUN?

A.We faced a few minor difficulties, one of which was finding sponsors for the catering, to provide food for the delegates and staff. Another issue we faced had to do with technical issues such as organising spreadsheets of participant lists, but all in all everything worked out. **O** What are your ambitions for the future regarding

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Next year, it will be our 13th Conference and obviously we will have new themes and most of us will be in IB2 so things will be busier. I think the important thing is that we make sure that everything is organised and as much as possible is done in advance to make the actual days of the conference run more smoothly.



Patrick Pingan Yao President of the General Assembly

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Kathleen Morris President of the General Assembly



Q: Why did you want to be President of the General Assembly?

A: I've always really liked the General Assembly and GA committees in general. I usually chair GA committees, and I really like the fact that delegates get the opportunity to come around and look at all the resolutions, holistically, together between GAs. I think there's this candid feeling in GA where people haven't really prepared resolutions before and it shows people's true opinions.

Q: How do you manage disagreements in debates?

A: I think disagreements are good, and it's what we really want in MUN. It really shows the true perspective of each country so I don't necessarily think disagreements are something to be dealt with, but instead encouraged in a good and respectful manner.

Q: What makes a good leader in MUN?

A: I think a good leader is someone that can listen to people and really make the discussion fruitful, allowing for everyone to be heard equally.

Q: How do you make sure everyone gets to speak?

A: Well, you try and make it fun and allow yourself to not be seen as this scary person in charge, but someone who's here to help and someone who's here to encourage delegates to speak up. We try to make it more like a community, a group effort within the committee, and not an assignment.

Q: Please introduce yourself and your position in CSMUN

A: Hello, my name is Ileana and I am an IB1 student in St. Catherine's British School, this year I am the Deputy President of the General Assembly.

Q: Could you please tell us how you're feeling about the upcoming CSMUN?

A: I'm really excited as this is my first time being a member of the Secretariat. After having spent so much time trying to bring this year's CSMUN conference together it is hard to believe that it is here.

Q: What advice would you give to the youth who aspire to become a member of the Secretariat?

A: I think that whenever you see a position that is open you should go and apply for it; you will never lose just by trying something. It is among the best experiences one could ever wish for but a bit of advice for all those who aspire to be on the Secretariat: it takes dedication so prepare very well because it is a load of work.

Q: Being a Secretariat member is something that seems incredibly difficult and I understand that a lot of hard work is involved.

A: There is most definitely a lot of hard work involved. I can't lie, we [the Secretariat] spent a large portion of our summer writing study guides and ensuring that the organisation process ran smoothly but now that it's over I can confidently say that it was worth it and I hope that everyone enjoys this year's Conference.



Ileana Geroulanou Deputy President of the General Assembly



Michael Henderson Headmaster of Campion School

Q: What do you believe are the benefits for students who take part in MUN?

A: It's how you want to define education. In my eyes, it's not just turning out 50 doctors and 50 lawyers from a graduating class; it's to make sure that the students who graduate can play an active role in society, and the benefits of MUN are that it helps you understand global issues that are going on - all within a setting mixed with your friends and peers. You learn how to negotiate and how to publicly speak - all things that will help you in life in the wider sense after you've left your school. Therefore, it's hugely beneficial. I would say to any student, don't just go to school for what happens in the classroom; get involved with the activities happening outside of the classroom too, MUN being a wonderful example.

Q: Why do you think that MUN is important for our school and our students?

A: Performance in the wider sense is always very important, whether that's getting up on stage for a musical, to play an instrument, to sing - all are examples of putting yourself up in front of other people and performing. In later life, these are some of the skills that you will need, both at university and in a job. So I think it's very important that students have access to this [MUN].

Headmaster's message:

Not all pupils enjoy sport, not all pupils are talented at music or drama, and this is a great opportunity where people can enhance these characteristics that they all want and need to develop further to help them be successful in life. So I think it's a wonderful thing for students at Campion to participate in. **Q: This is our 12th CSMUN session, over the years have you seen any changes or any improvements?**

A: The first people you need to acknowledge are Mrs. Howe, the old Head of History, and Mrs. Theoharopoulou, who initiated the whole concept of Campion hosting its first MUN. It's one thing seeing it grow and evolve over the years, so whilst initially it was lots of Campion pupils and pupils from others schools in Athens, we've been able to introduce schools from abroad who bring different experiences to add to the competitive debate that is going on in the MUN. It has been wonderful to see this evolving, even over COVID times as teachers and pupils took the initiative to turn it into an online MUN, and then evolving back into a physical gathering. So yes, many changes have taken place. All of the large meetings took place in our school hall - which is not that big - and now we have an outside tent/sports facility where we can have everyone under one roof, which is a big advantage for everyone.

Q: Is there something you'd like to say to all the delegates and participants in this year's MUN?

A: Enjoy it! There might be some challenging moments throughout the two days, but you are here to enjoy yourself and keep this in the back of your mind. Learn by challenging the views of others, listen to what they have to say - but first and foremost, enjoy it. If you're not going to enjoy it, stay at home. It's a Saturday and Sunday after all!

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

A: I think that MUN is a wonderful event and I congratulate everyone who has given up their weekend to take part in the MUN and I hope that it gives you the life skills which will allow you to be successful both in school and in the wider society afterwards.

OPENING CEREMONY

This year's CSMUN was Campion School's 12th annual conference, and the Opening Ceremony was just as exciting as those before it. This year's conference theme of Sustainable Consumption and Production was introduced by Ariam Antar, the Secretary General.





Our first guest speaker of the day was Mrs Elizabeth Sellwood, from the Chief Environment Security Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), who gave her perception on Sustainable Consumption and Production and encouraged the youth to pursue these issues.

She was followed by our second guest speaker, Mrs Rebecca Bouchebel Macmillan, an International Strategic Communication advisor who emphasises how important communication is. Our final speaker, Miss Natalie Bortnyk, the co-founder of the charity Fylakto highlighted the plight of refugees and the need for humanitarian aid..

The Headmaster of Campion School, Mr Michael Henderson, addressed the delegates, promoting MUN and all it has to offer, not only in terms of the importance of skills acquired through collaborative work and critical thinking, but also in terms of the significance of the cultural diversity added by schools from other countries.

Up next, the Campion Greek Dancing group performed two traditional Greek dances; Zonaradiko and Kotsari, delighting the audience. The dancers were taught by Mr Neville Jason Fahy, This helped to alleviate stress, uplift the mood and give our international friends a small peek of Greek culture! Finally, to close off the Opening Ceremony, Maxim and Raymond Allen performed a piano duet, further diversifying the ceremony overall.







Guest Speakers



Q. Could you please tell us if you gained anything from being guest speakers in this year's CSMUN?

Elizabeth Sellwood: I gained a lot from the experience. The speech of the Secretary General was very inspiring. I'm also interested to see how many enthusiastic young people are attending these events and taking an interest in the organisation. I work for the UN and I'm pleased to see that the next generation continues to be interested. I find this aspect hopeful.

Rebecca Bouchebel: I did it mostly for my son, so he can grow up to be one of those people who, just like his mother, is involved in international affairs and global issues, and to be inspired by all of you participating in the MUN. It takes a lot of dedication and passion to do this. I am impressed by everyone's sense of duty towards this.

Q. Could you please outline the demands of your job, and possibly any advice you give to anyone attempting to pursue a career like yours?

My job is demanding in a multitude of ways. One is that we have to work on a very diverse range of issues. The work that I do is mostly on the environment and how the environment is affected by conflict. We try to find ways to protect the environment, including in certain situations where conflicts are ongoing. One of the challenges is finding out how we can support communities and countries to do that. It is also about trying to bring in scientific solutions to help and establish a sense of understanding for these affected communities and provide solutions regarding how to protect themselves and their environment. Challenges include urgency, the thoroughness of solutions and the need to work within politically complex and insecure situations.

My job is both narrow and diverse simultaneously. Narrow in the sense that I focus exclusively on how to help people, entities, government and public figures relay a message, and bridge any gap of understanding, not only in terms of language, but

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in terms of concepts. In terms of advice to those attempting to pursue such a career, I would first establish that this career is not for the faint- hearted, it is a lot of work, a lot of travel, a lot of stress. Especially when you're working on topics which are challenging and difficult and not very popular. You have to strategically think how to get the general public to not only understand what is being said but to embrace it as well

Q: Do you have any other other advice that you would like to impart on our delegates?

One key message is to keep looking up and looking ahead. The world is changing very fast, some of the things we have experienced in our careers may not be relevant in this day and age. Some issues are growing such as the issue addressed today of sustainability, which is extremely important, and it will only grow in importance as the delegates progress through their lives. Keep on trying to understand what may be ahead and make your decisions based on what you see around you in different spaces and different areas.

Always stand your ground for anything you truly believe in. Don't let anyone or anything stop you and remember to pursue it to your utmost abilities and never give up.

Youth Assembly

This year we had two different topics of debate for the the Youth Assembly. Students showed incredible dedication and commitment. The structure and roles in the Youth Assembly are different from that of the other Committees.



One of the most noticeable differences is the absence of countries and roles; instead the Youth Assembly consists of young participants who voice their own opinions. Another noticeable distinction is the size of the YA in contrast to the committees. The YA aims to address younger and newer MUN participants, hence the intimacy of the assembly. This provides a more friendly environment to newcomers to the MUN experience.

Overall, the members of the Youth Assembly had a superb time engaging with their peers, with the common goal of informing themselves and the people around them and collaboratively reflecting on their ideas.

The knowledge and experience they gain from MUN will greatly benefit them in the future and help them develop their critical thinking and individual voice.



International Court of Justice

In the MUN, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) simulates the real life courtroom and students act as lawyers or judges to resolve legal disputes between different countries. Judges listen to both sides of the case, while the lawyers (advocates) present arguments using international law to support their assigned country. The judges then deliberate and make a decision based on the evidence presented. During our MUN conferences we aim to help students learn about international law and how conflicts between nations are resolved.







TOPIC: 1993 HUNGARY VS SLOVAKIA

ADVOCATES ICJ RESPONDENT PARTY:

Francesco de Maigret and Stanley Woodhead ADVOCATES ICJ APPLICANT PARTY: Maira Kotsoliou and Nefeli Papadiamantopoulou JUDGES:

Stefanos Voliotis, Maxim Allen, Raymond Allen, Arian Mitsiou Paraskevi Panagiotopoulou, Melice Dayekh, Panagiota Skardoutsou, Alexandra Kikilia, Christina Gnoth, Dominiki Koutroumpousi, Natalia Haddad, Iria Christopoulou, Elsa Lindstrom, Coralia Economou, Kimonas Efstathopoulos

What does the ICJ do?

In a trial, advocates begin with opening statements, explaining the case background, their policy, and what outcome they want. They present real evidence, and the other side can object. Witnesses are called to support the case, with leading questions only allowed during cross-examination. Judges then examine the evidence for relevance, reliability and authenticity, and advocates can object if it fails these standards. In closing statements, advocates summarise key points and answer remaining questions. Throughout the trial, they rely on their memorandum, agreed facts (stipulations), and must meet the burden of proof to win.

Map of the foreign schools



Similar to last year's MUN conference, students from Campion School were not only joined by other schools from within Greece but also by a variety of foreign international schools, as seen on the labelled map above. It is of paramount importance that an event such as Model United Nations incorporates a large range of different perspectives, especially since the discussions that are raised impact the world on a global level. This year's theme of Sustainable Consumption and Production is especially relevant in relation to global interaction as in order to truly find solutions to these complex problems, global cooperation and communication are required. Additionally, the process of working together ensures that solutions are not exclusive to specific countries, since this would not lead to either global sustainability or global impact.

The international aspect also increases the real life experience, by creating a multinational and culturally diverse atmosphere. This also enables delegates to hone their communication skills, especially when conversing with individuals from a different cultural background. The process of producing and agreeing on resolutions as a united team fosters friendships on a global scale, highlighting the overall agenda of the MUN, to provide the youth with the ability to engage with global issues as a united force regardless of nationality.

CULTURAL NIGHT-

Following its successful introduction last year, our cultural night was yet again another success. After a hardworking, tiring day, many students and staff stayed to unwind all together.

As an introduction to Greek culture, the guests could indulge in some traditional Greek foods (pork and chicken souvlaki, Greek 'horiatiki' salad, dips such as tzatziki, and vegetable meatballs and mushroom souvlakia as a vegetarian option). The delegates sat all together in the Senior School hall and shared food and stories all together.





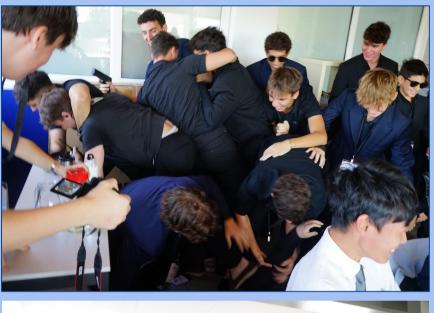




Following the food and drinks, the delegates chose some songs to sing all together in the Karaoke portion of the night. The delegates then proceeded to share some of their culture with each other in the form of traditional dances. The students from Saudi Arabia taught the 'dabke' - a traditional Arabic dance. Then, the Campion pupils taught a Greek dance called sirtaki.

Exhausted from a hardworking, long day, the schools went to their hotels to rest and prepare for Day 2. 11

CRISIS





BREAKING NEWS:

Attempted Assasination of KIM JONG UN

On the 13th of October at 11:30 am in the quiet halls of the CSMUN conference, a CRISIS broke out, when the security team stormed both the World Health Organisation and the Security Council. There was an assassination attempt on Kim Jong Un, the current Supreme Leader of North Korea.

How did the Crisis go? Quotes from members of Security

Head of Security, Stefanos Androutsos: "We did a very good job protecting the supreme leader, however there were many casualties."

Co-Head of Security, Nicolas Tartaras: "Supreme Leader forever, I'll always protect my king."

Security member, Markos Tzouroudis: "My heart, my soul, and everything I care about goes towards the undeniable protection of THE supreme leader" SAUDI ARABIAN SCHOOL

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year with your school?

we would love to.

Q: How have you liked your experience so

people, experiencing different cultures, and

the campus is really beautiful. The overall

experience is really fun. Everyone's very

Q: Do you think you'll come back next

A: If we get the chance to, yes. It's something I would surely apply for. We're not sure, as

we go to different countries but if it's possible

A: I've really enjoyed it. Meeting new

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TASIS - ENGLAND

Q: How has you experience in Campion been so far?

A: It's been amazing, it's a wonderful place, the AC has been such a relief in our committee, especially in this uncomfortable October heat!

Q: Would you consider coming next year?

A: Yes definitely, I've personally had a great time with all the different aspects including the debating, food and gossip boxes.

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Q: How have you liked your experience so far?

A: The entire conference has been so hospitable, the food was also better than I expected for such a busy event.

Q: Would you come again?

A: It's my last year doing MUN, since I'm graduating this year, but if I had the opportunity, I would return.

COLEGIO AYALDE

Q: How has you experience at Campion been so far?

The organisation has been really impressive, the Secretariat, Chairs and everyone in general has really tried to make this event successful.

Would you consider coming back for another conference?

I am already looking forward to coming back next year, since I've already made friends with people form all these different schools.

Charity





The Young European Movement. has advocated since 1972 for a united as well as successful Europe, fighting issues such as Climate change, Covid recovery and the refugee crisis



This year, the CSMUN Charity Stand decided to raise money for a charity called YEM Organization with all proceeds sent to assist refugees and refugee camps. YEM Organization provides food camps, trains volunteers and distributes food. These donations will also go to less developed areas of Greece. The importance of this charity is to end discrimination against refugees and to familiarise ourselves with them more by personal contact, such as delivering items like baby products and food, expanding from just the donation of money. It is crucial for us not to forget how privileged we are and to help the less fortunate in any way we can. Contributions from pupils of Campion School along with local bakeries have made this project a huge success, raising an astonishing amount of 770 euros over the two days of the conference.

Cleaning and Catering Staff Appreciation



Cleaning Staff Appreciation:

We would like to thank our amazing cleaning staff for all the work and support they have given us during the CSMUN weekend. This event wouldn't be possible without them. We thank them for their patience as MUN is always increasing in size and we want the cleaning staff to know that they are deeply appreciated.

Catering Staff Appreciation:

We would also like to thank the Catering Staff for providing us with a wonderful meal on both the days of the Conference; you were essential for fuelling what were surely demanding debates!



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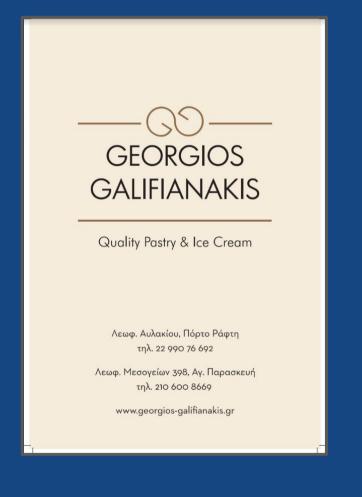






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