



Newsletter No.10

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Secondary

After another year of working, learning and achieving together, we wish all our families and staff a wonderful, restful summer.



Congratulations to everyone on achieving an improved **Green School A status**. This success reflects the efforts of our entire school community: the JRC provided expert guidance and valuable learning experiences, parents supported our Zero Waste campaign and organised swap events, and we had more collaboration with external organisations than ever before.

At the heart of this achievement, however, are our students, whose enthusiasm and commitment drove so much of our progress. You can read more about individual initiatives and view our cross-cycle sustainability newsletter [on our dedicated web page](#).



Don't bin your books!

Sell or exchange them on the O-Marché app instead!



Books 2026 - 2027

As one of our green initiatives in collaboration with AGSEV, we would like to reduce the purchase of new books.

If you have school books you no longer need that are on the school book list:

- Sell or exchange them on the O-Marché app.
- Drop them into Ms. Van Asma's office (reception) or directly to the Sale & Swap.

Before you purchase new school books:

- Check whether they are available on the O-Marché app.
- Ask the teacher if they have been on the list before.
- Attend the Sale & Swap on **Monday, 7 September at school** or **Tuesday, 8 September at the JRC clubhouse**.

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Textbook Sale & Swap

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Parents can sell or donate books:
To sell, parents need to stay with their books.
To donate, parents can drop off books and look for other free books.

!ONLY BOOKS ON THE SCHOOL BOOK LISTS ALLOWED!
[FIND THE S1-S7 TEXTBOOK SHEET HERE](#)

Residential Trips

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Learning does not stop when students leave the classroom. Our **S3 and S6 residential trips** provide unique opportunities for students to explore new environments, deepen friendships, and develop important life skills such as resilience, cooperation, and independence. We would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace new challenges, and our dedicated teachers for making these experiences possible through their care, commitment, and support. Here are some **snapshots of trips** that took place this June:



Soaking up the atmosphere in front of **Saint Alfonso Church** on the main square of the historic centre of **Marina di Camerota** on the **S6 trip to Cilento**.



Sailing in the protected marine area "**Costa degli Infreschi e della Masseta**" with **meteorologist Carlo Spista**, a **European Climate Pact Ambassador**, who gave a presentation on sustainability and marine conservation.



Beneath the "**Porta Rosa**" (**Pink Gate**) of the ancient Greek-Roman **city of Velia**, home of the Eleatic School of philosophers **Parmenides** and **Zeno**.

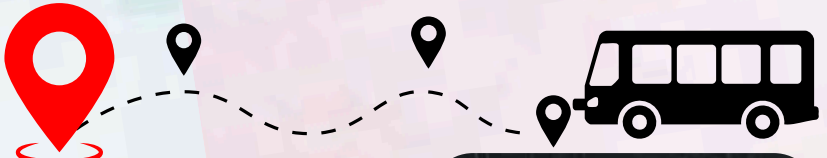


At the **Grotta della Cala**, a **UNESCO archaeological site** containing **Paleolithic remains** that testify to the presence of Neanderthals in **Marina di Camerota**.



Visiting the columns of the **Temple of Neptune** at Paestum at one of the best-preserved sites of **Magna Graecia** and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Residential Trips



Enjoying some leisure time with a volleyball match, set against the stunning mountain backdrop in **Les Contamines-Montjoie**.



Taking a photo break in **Vienna**, where students were guided through the beautiful city by former resident Ms. Tamina Malitz.



Enjoying a **refreshing hike** together through beautiful woodland.



Getting ready to embrace gravity on some **Alpine coasters**.



Strolling **along the Danube** on a lively evening.



Testing our aim in a challenging **biathlon** activity.



Escaping the heat with a welcome dip in refreshing waters with friends.



Sporting some Copper Age fashions and learning about **iceman Ötzi** at the **Tyrol Archeological Museum in Bolzano**.

Project Week



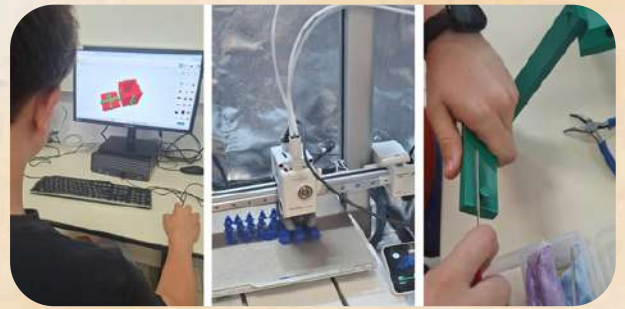
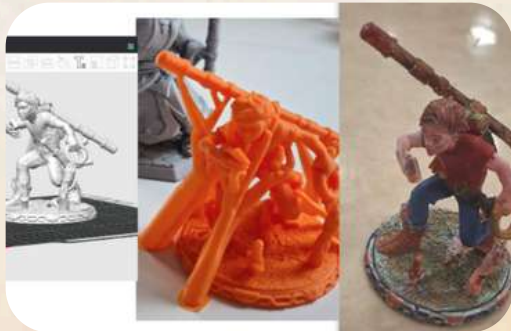
During **Project Week**, students selected projects aligned with their personal interests or areas they wanted to develop. They had the opportunity to explore an eclectic range of topics, including **food art, geocaching, genetics, 3D printing, theatre, girls in film, crochet, kamishibai, climate politics, dancing & Arabic language, science in stop-motion, and fractured fairy tale retelling.**



At the end of the week, we held a project fair, where students proudly showcased their work and explained the projects to their peers. It was wonderful to see them celebrate each other's efforts and get excited about what projects they might undertake in future.



A highlight of project week has been the opportunity students had to work with those from different year groups and classes, nurturing a lovely collaborative community spirit. A big bravo to our S1, S2 and S4 classes; you did a great job!



 Suggest a Future Project



Kangaroo Mathematics

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Congratulations to the students who received great results in the **Kangaroo Mathematics Competition!**

From the Anglophone competition, **Wiktor Tegedor-Orłowski** placed in the **top 3%** of all students participating in this competition in his age category, while **Dmytro Myroshnychenko** and **Lorenzo Abate** both scored in the **top 10%**.



In the Italian competition, three students — **Nora Bergonzi, Loris Bernardini, and Pietro Josè Salvi** — reached the semi-final held at **Città Studi University** in Milan on 25 May. It was an exciting opportunity for them, and an important moment to demonstrate their love for mathematics and their ability. Congratulations to **Loris** who successfully passed the semi-final round and will participate in the **national final** on 18 - 20 September. We wish him every success!



Thank you to our mathematics teachers for facilitating participation in the various competitions across our language sections. It is wonderful to see our students so proud of their mathematical ability and eager to demonstrate their skills.

Erasmus Maris

Protecting Our Planet



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While most secondary students were enjoying their first week of summer break, our dedicated **Erasmus Maris students** met with their teachers in the biology laboratories to carry out important analysis on our water supply.

Students are analysing the amount of **microplastics in our local rivers and the amount after the water reaches Varese**, and comparing results.

Erasmus Maris allows students to apply scientific methods learned in class to real-world environmental issues and instills environmental stewardship. We are delighted to see this project continue to grow and empower our students and thank Charlotte Dudal and Ester Bortels for their continued dedication and guidance.



Community Action



After a year of fundraising efforts, our **Pupils Committee** was proud to donate €1,200 to **Fondazione Giacomo Ascoli**, helping support families in our communities facing challenging health crises. This achievement reflects months of organisation, responsibility, and perseverance on the part of our Pupils Committee and is a testament to their skills in leadership and civic engagement.

We commend our students for their initiative and look forward to more collaborations with community organisations in the new school year.

Well done to AGSEV and the students involved in organising a summer clothing and water bottle collection for **Casa della Carità - La Brunella Varese**. Fostering empathy and altruism aligns with our **'Build The Future We Want'** vision, and we commend everyone who contributed to this meaningful community action.



Guest speakers on Resistance



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S2 Italian L1 students attended a thought-provoking meeting in the school library with Antonella Buonopane and Loredana Ruggero, representatives of the **association Libera in Varese**.

Students learned about the work of Libera, a network of organisations committed to promoting legality and the protection of rights, while working to combat organised crime and corruption. The speakers shared their experiences and encouraged students to reflect on the importance of civic responsibility and standing up for ethical values in society.

S6 History students from different language sections attended a lecture entitled **"Anti-Fascism: The Evolution of a Paradigm from the March on Rome to the Strategy of Tension"**, led by **Ms Monica Di Barбора from Istituto Parri in Milan**.



S7 ITa and ITb students attended a guest talk on **"Landscapes of the Resistance in the Novels of Calvino, Fenoglio and Meneghella"**, featuring the authors of the book of the same title: Enzo Laforgia (Councillor for Culture for the Municipality of Varese) and photographer Carlo Meazza.



We thank these fantastic guest speakers for their time, generosity, and valuable contribution to learning.



We were delighted to welcome thirty students and their teacher from **Presentation De La Salle College, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow** in Ireland to our school in May.

Our visitors engaged in an array of **educational and cultural activities** linked to **sustainability, physical activity, food education, intercultural awareness, and active citizenship**, including a visit to the beautiful area of **Laveno** and an Italian **cookery lesson**. A cultural highlight was the **GAA Gaelic football workshop** delivered by the students themselves, which was a fun sporting experience for all.



Our students greatly enjoyed sharing their experiences of learning through projects connected to their European Baccalaureate subjects, as well as presenting some of our Green School and Young Scientist-style initiatives. It was a wonderful opportunity for collaboration, exchange of ideas, and building European connections.

Thank you to all students, teachers, and staff who contributed to making this visit such a positive and memorable experience. Partnerships and exchanges like these help foster openness, curiosity, friendship, and shared learning across cultures.

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CILS Success for S7

Well done to the **S7 students** who undertook the **CILS B2 Italian language certification** in April, issued by l'Università per Stranieri di Siena. Once again, our results were very positive, with an impressive average score of 80/100 and all students managing the most challenging part of the exam: the analysis of communication structures (grammar). Many thanks to our partners **il CPIA di Varese**, who offer expertise and support, and congratulations to Angela Di Palma and her students for preparing so diligently. The high standard of language proficiency achieved by the students is an indispensable asset in today's world and nurtures deeper connections with our own community.



Class Song Project



This semester, students in Mr. Lhermitte's **S2 L2 English class** took part in a creative music and language project inspired by **Lenka's song Everything at Once**.

Working collaboratively, the students **wrote their own version of the lyrics before recording a video performance of the song**. The project gave them the opportunity to develop their English language skills while expressing their creativity, and they really enjoyed the product of their hard work.

Well done to these budding lyricists!





Congratulations to **Anna Andreatti**, a standout at the **2026 COMEN Swimming Cup**, where she achieved four significant international results: **silver in the 200-metre butterfly, bronze in the 400-metre freestyle, bronze in the 800-metre freestyle, and silver in the 4x200 freestyle relay.** 🏊 ⌚

She competed for both the **Italian National Team** and **Sport Club 12 Ispra**, achieving an impressive feat for her country and teammates.

Her success reflects her immense talent and focus — developed day by day with passion and discipline. We wish her all the best in future races and look forward to cheering her on! 🙌

Three Years at the Top!

For **the third year in a row**, talented S2 student **Philipp Back** and his team, the **JFKS Rams Lacrosse**, have been crowned **German Champions!** This year, they once again demonstrated superb skill and teamwork, defending their run against a competitive cohort of thirty teams. 🏑

This year's victory is made even more impressive because they moved to the older U16 category, proving their continued progress and prowess! 🙌

Congratulations to Philipp and his team for this wonderful achievement. We wish him continued success in his sport and the very best for what comes next!



Alizee Rows to Gold!

🏆 Congratulations to our incredible S7 student **Alizee Ribolzi**, who took the gold medal for Italy at the **U19 European Rowing Championships** in Brandenburg last week, becoming **European Champion in the women's single.**

Alizee demonstrated exceptional skill and composure to triumph over the best athletes from across Europe, including fierce competition from Germany and Greece. This is the second consecutive year she has been selected for the **Italian National Team**, all while preparing for her Baccalaureate. We admire the determination Alizee shows both in and out of the classroom and are so proud of her success!

We wish her continued success in August, when she will compete at the **World Championships in Bulgaria.** Complimenti, Alizee 🙌 ; siamo davvero orgogliosi di te!



@alizeeribolzi

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Visit to Verona

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After reading some of Shakespeare's stories, two of our **S2 L2 English classes** followed in the footsteps of Romeo and Juliet with a visit to the stunning historic city of **Verona**.

The group visited Juliet's House, climbed the Lamberti Tower, where they enjoyed beautiful views over the city, visited Juliet's Tomb, and took a leisurely stroll along the banks of the Adige.

Many thanks to Hilary Barrett and Damien Lhermitte for organising the trip, and to the students whose enthusiasm and maturity ensured it was a valuable and enjoyable experience.



Visit to Villa Panzi

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S4 classes braved the heat on 23 June to visit **Villa Panzi** and experience an array of **art installations** and enjoy the beautiful **architectural features**.

Many thanks to our Art Department for coordinating the trip and guiding students through the pieces.



Fond Farewells

At the end of every school year, we say goodbye to many friends, students, and colleagues. Farewells are never easy, and we are proud of all that you have contributed to our community.

Well done to our graduating **S7 students**. We hope you leave our school with wonderful memories, lasting friendships, and the confidence to pursue what is most meaningful to you. This is an exciting time in your lives - please enjoy it!

To our **departing staff**, thank you for all you have done to enrich our community and the lives of our students. We wish you success, happiness, and fulfilment in the next adventure.

To the **students and families who are moving on** this summer, thank you for being part of ESV. We hope you find a sense of belonging in your new home, school, or workplace.

We wish all departing students, families, and staff the very best. We will warmly welcome you back to share your stories with us. **Please keep in touch and do come and visit!**



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Upcoming Events



Bon 14 Juillet! 14/07



Getukkige Nationale feestdag!
Joyeuse Fête nationale!
Frohen Nationalfeiertag!
21/07

Visit for new enrolments, exchange students & parents:

- 01/09 - Aula Magna - 14.30 - 15.45

Short Days - 02/09 - 04/09 - Classes run 8.40 - 12.55

Normal timetable begins 07/09.

AGSEV Textbook Swap & Sale:

- Secondary - 07/09 16.30 - 17.30

- JRC Clubhouse - 08/09 17.30 - 19.00

S6 and S7 General Parents' Meeting

- In Situ Only - 14/09 - begins 18.00

S2 and S3 General Parents' Meeting

- In Situ Only - 17/09 - begins 18.00

S4 and S5 General Parents' Meeting -

- In Situ Only - 22/09 - begins 18.00

S1 General Parents' Meeting

- In Situ Only - 29/09 - begins 18.00

Parent/Teacher Individual Meetings

- Online Only - 27/11 - 14.00 - 18.00

Web Calendar



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