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International School



THE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE HERALD

September 3, 2021



GENERAL

Thought for the week:

"The most effective way to do it is to do it." Amelia Earhart

Director's weekly notes- "The view from Dacia Boulevard"

There are few better moments in education, in the entire school calendar, than the first day back and welcoming all students, families and staff back for a new academic year. Wednesday 1st September was no exception and it was a wonderful launch to a new academic year and all the promise and hope that brings for our students. The sun was shining, the grass was very green, the sky very blue and the new red paint on the school certainly looked bright and shiny. I do think, however, my suit was too blue...It was obvious that our existing students



had all grown over the summer vacation and it was a joy to welcome to the Heritage community so many new families as we have grown to over 500 students. Moldova reached a milestone with its 30th independence anniversary at the end of August. We have reached a few milestones of our own this summer, including our first IGCSE results as a school and for Moldova, our COBIS accreditation and membership and our new Cambridge A Levels and new Lyceum. It was also with a deep honour that we received congratulations for a new year from our key partners at the British Council, COBIS and Cambridge International. I want to say a special thank you to the brilliant Olea Bilivskaya of Grade 1, who rang the school bell for all four events as we opened the new school year with our students walking up the red carpet for our "Stairway to Success". I also want to thank our student council for the brilliant job they have performed in helping get the school ready and for their role helping on Wednesday. The staff have already spent the last few weeks in training, working very hard and we are pleased to be welcoming our new colleagues into the Heritage family. We all want this to be a very successful new academic year for every single Heritage student and we will work together to ensure they achieve their full potential.

We are still living with the pandemic, into a 3rd academic year, and we can see cases rising again in the wider society. We continue with our safe measures that we have operated under throughout the whole of the last academic year and we have the vast majority of all our staff vaccinated. These vaccinations



are valid and documented and we continue to aim for all staff to be vaccinated as a key part of our school operating safely. The same restrictions apply again this year on drop off and pick up, with parents and visitors not being allowed to come into the campus, and meetings need to be online in nearly all circumstances. Hybrid learning and our DLP continue as our effective emergency response and to ensure no learning is lost. Hybrid learning can only be requested from Mrs. Tatiana Popa and Mrs. Inga. It certainly is not a method of learning for a vacation. There are still a number of families who have not signed contracts for the new year. The administration corridor and finance office are open to ensure this is completed before we go any further into the academic year. I also want to thank all families for your support around school uniform and the dress code and for Week 1, it was good to see around 99% of the students looking as if they belong and learn at Heritage.

I've spoken a lot this summer to various audiences and networks I belong to about education wanting a "better normal" and anyone with a child in education or involved in education knows the absolute central importance of our physical school and being together in a safe, physical environment, not just for learning but even more importantly for the positive mental well-being of our children and young people. Both UNICEF and the WHO Europe strenuously made this point recently about keeping schools physically open and prioritising education as we go into the last part of 2021 and the new year of 2022. Children of the 2020s are not the "lost covid generation" and you only have to see the images from Wednesday from Heritage and countless schools returning around the globe. I can hear it already in the excitement and buzz of the corridors and classrooms as the school bursts back into life for a new academic year. We will continue to role model and practice our safe measures, especially mask wearing, distance and hygiene, and act responsibly so our children are not the first to be locked out of their physical schools when such events as parades and dance festivals in the wider society are allowed to continue to happen. I think we are all getting tired of schools and children suffering in this crisis needlessly.

We are going to have a fantastic year of learning and opportunity as we enjoy our 5th year at Heritage, a growing school community and definitely to build a better normal. We certainly will all need this weekend for the rest after the shock to the system, the start of autumn, school return and the first full week back starting Monday. Thank you for your support of me and our fantastic school.

*Rob Ford
Director*



Articles of interest:

UNDP Monthly newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/2e858079990b/undp-moldova-newsletter-august>

54 Best Things to Do in the Fall/Autumn with Your Whole Family: <https://www.countryliving.com/life/g2633/fall-bucket-list/>

Why COVID-19 Might Be Here to Stay—And How We'll Learn to Live With It; Time Magazine: <https://time.com/6089558/covid19-new-normal/>

Director's latest blog: <https://mailfrommoldova.home.blog/2021/09/01/in-search-of-lost-treasure-a-new-academic-year-in-an-odd-and-uneven-time/>

Independent School Management article: <https://www.schoolmanagementplus.com/heads-governors-school-leadership-governance/what-eastern-europeans-taught-me-about-english-school-leadership/>

Spotlight on a School: Heritage International School, Moldova | Independent School Management Plus <https://www.schoolmanagementplus.com/heads-governors-school-leadership-governance/spotlight-on-a-school-heritage-international-school-moldova/>



Heritage Primary

On September 1st 5E class talked about Independence Day and the importance of being independent. The students read the legend of the Dog Molda and Dragoş-Voda. We also found out about the significance of tricolor: blue- freedom, yellow –justice and golden fields, and red- brotherhood and prosperity. Finally, we created the map of Moldova using the fruits and vegetables that grow in Moldova. All students enjoyed this activity especially because at the end of it they ate the delicious fruits!



Heritage Secondary

Choosing and applying for a study programme. With so many world-class higher education programmes on offer across Europe, choosing what to study and where can be difficult! Use this EU website to help look at universities in Europe after A Levels. https://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/planning-studies/choosing-applying_en



Recommended Cambridge International A Level subjects for the most popular careers



Heritage Lyceum is the only one in Moldova providing the Cambridge curriculum and globally recognized AS and A Level qualifications.

Heritage Lyceum learners become:



confident



responsible



reflective



innovative



engaged



Within the Cambridge International AS & A Level Program



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Heritage International Lyceum's 1st Cohort of Cambridge A Level students, September 2021. A very proud moment for the school

We are very proud and beyond happy to celebrate the success of our IGCSE students who achieved very good results, especially considering all circumstances – they are the first cohort to have had the experience of international exams not only at Heritage, but in Moldova; they had almost all of their IGCSE experience in times of COVID; they went through a lot of uncertainties and insecurities, being the first to experience it all.

The high performing subjects, 2021 exam session:

Subject	Percentage of students achieving A*-C
English as a Second Language	82%
Business Studies	79%
Art & Design	87%
Global Perspectives	100%
History	92%
Geography	80%
German	91%
Russian (First Language)	100%

Highest performing IGCSE 2 students:

1. Arina Colun
2. Andrei Gogu
3. Mihai Gaborac
4. Oleg Palancean
5. Valentin Bucicov
6. Andrei Urech
7. Veaceslav Gandrabur
8. Andrei Strajescu
9. Mihail Snopov

Global education:

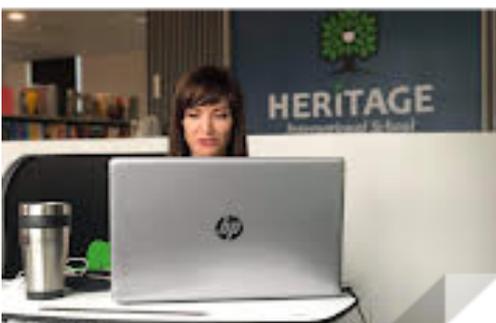
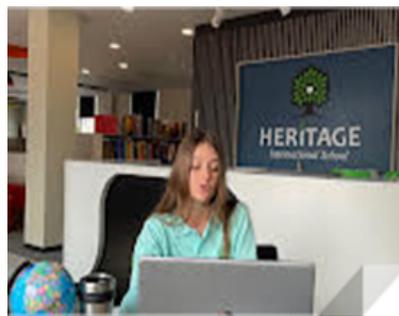
The year has started on a very positive note in global education at Heritage! On the eve of the start of the academic year, Tatiana Popa was asked to run a webinar for COBIS schools, as we are now a member, in order to share the projects we have at Heritage on sustainability and SDGs in project-based learning. The webinar took place on August 25, having as a guest speaker HE Steven Fisher, the British Ambassador to Moldova, but also some of Tatiana's students. There was a global audience of educators attending and our school and its students were highly praised by the COBIS CEO, Mr. Colin Bell, but also by the attendees. It was a great moment of pride for all we have achieved and all we do at Heritage! The feedback from the organisers was excellent, Tatiana's webinar having the best attendance and interaction of all the COBIS webinars this year.

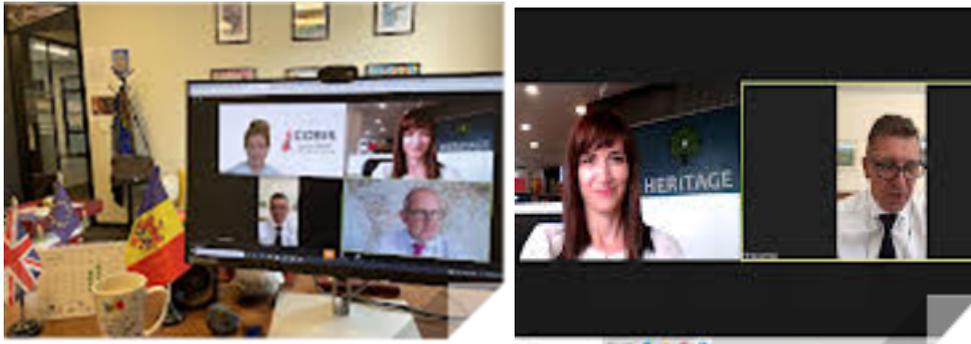
Here is the recording link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_5Ov-tCOVE07IS7hrNzBSdbXqILOqtq0AtxJf1bs1mR1g0OgYK9Dwhavxzjf2Sv-.Z90Om-odifepzUI

Koen Timmers, the founder of Climate Action Project, had a message for the participants about our school as well https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QDixuBCOpKVVU5Coh_0KrEVs3qJXEPRu/view

Just to mention, Heritage International School is going to participate in the project again this autumn, with even more students involved in primary and secondary.



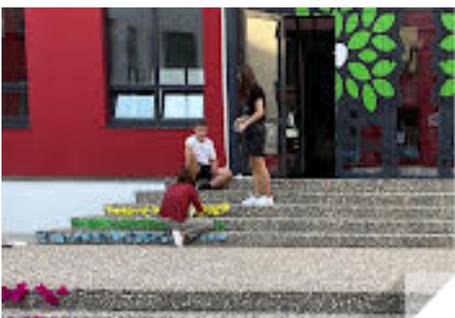


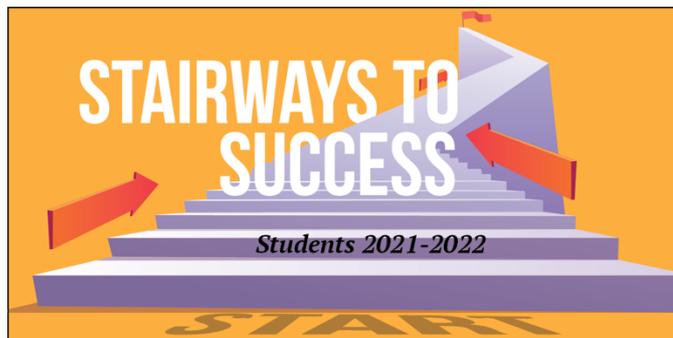
September 1st was full of nice moments, with all our students getting back to Heritage campus. Although we had to keep measures, bringing them in according to a timetable, we could see how happy everyone was, how lively and vibrant the school seemed when being filled with our children. Many thanks to all those behind the scenes, who worked hard to make it happen - you could see some of our heroes in the persons of Student Council members, accompanying the coming students and guiding them to their classes and teachers. This was extremely helpful for all - the existing students got new classrooms, the new students had to learn where to go. Parents could see what their children did in the quad and classrooms through the pictures shared, and there are videos coming as well.

We had some important players in our education journey having pre-recorded video messages for our community, and these videos were played in the classroom and the synergy of us all together was fantastic!

Colin Bell, the COBIS CEO, had a warm message for our students, as well as Martin Nuttall, Regional Commercial Head, Europe Cambridge Assessment International Education; John Rolfe, Outreach Manager at British Council, United Kingdom. Our director Rob Ford, as well as the Head of Primary Mrs. Larisa Mirza, the Head of Lyceum Mrs. Rose Moran, The Head of Global education Mrs. Tatiana Popa, and several Student Council members shared beautiful messages for a good start of the school year, too.

May it be a fantastic year in education indeed!





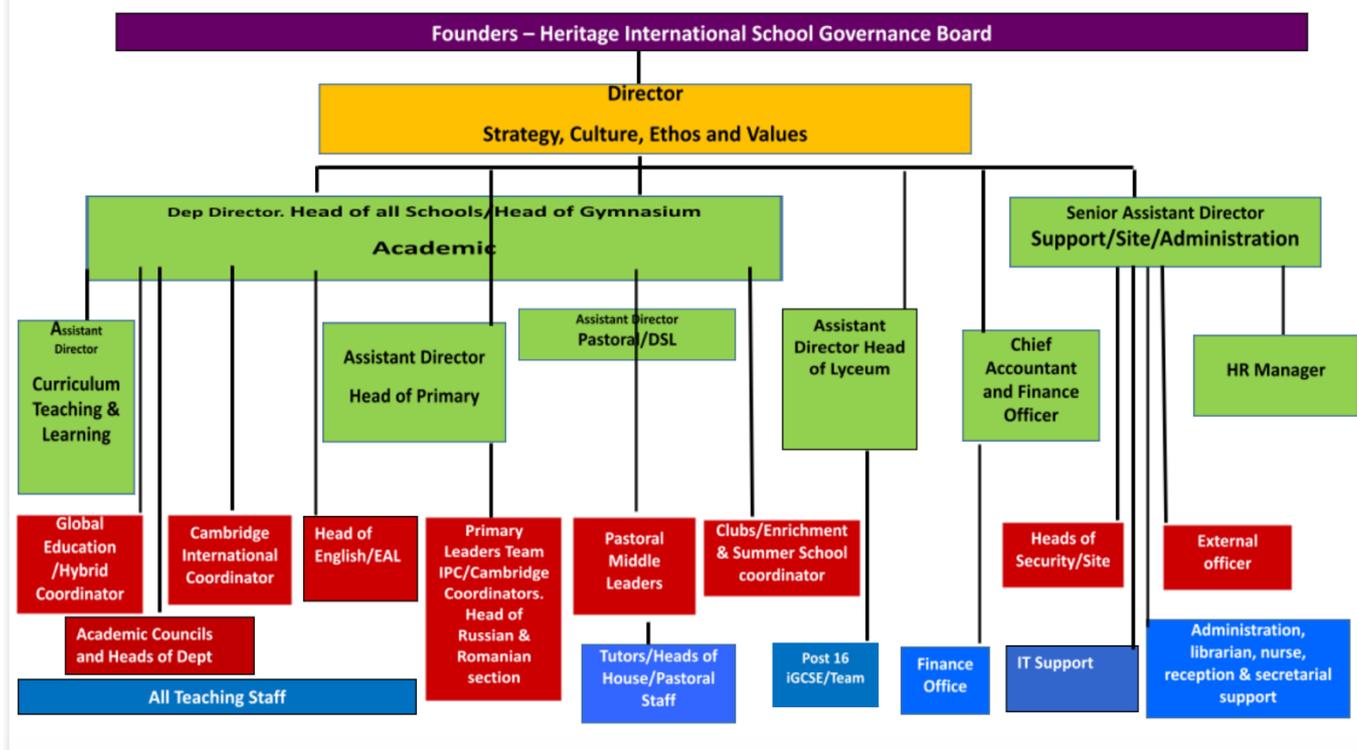
<p>Vision and Aims:</p> <p>Sustaining our ambitious culture and vision for World Class education as a growing international school in Moldova to meet future challenges.</p> <p>A belief in people as our best assets and a positive school culture - Cohesion, Community, Communication, Compassion, Care</p> <p>A leading innovative school and World Class, professional educational organisation in Moldova, Europe & Globally</p> <p>A World Class, nurturing, outward facing 21st Century curriculum & learning for all that prepares students confidently for the challenges of the future as global citizens, socially responsible & leaders in their communities.</p> <p>Outstanding innovative teaching and learning – a professional learning community that is adaptable to face uncertainty with certainty for our community. - A servant team leadership culture.</p>	<p>Heritage International School</p> <p>School Improvement Plan</p> <p>2021-2022</p> <p>HERITAGE</p> <p>Student Progress, Personal Development, Attainment & Achievements</p> <p>School Improvement Priorities for 2021-22</p>	<p>Key framing Questions for all staff</p> <p>How do we measure our key outcomes? Is safeguarding & Child Protection effective? Are we preparing our young people for the challenges they face in a global society? Are compelling learning and innovative opportunities at the heart of our education? How are we responding to global challenges to ensure trust, confidence and responsiveness which allows quality meaningful education to continue? How are we growing a responsive, sustainable and professional organisation? How are we communicating effectively? How are we supporting the development of wider education in Moldova, Europe & Globally? What value do our partnerships & network bring? Do we challenge ourselves enough? Who challenges us? Do we know what outstanding international education looks like? Are all our people for "Heritage"? How do we grow them?</p>
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<p>1 Leadership, Organisation & Governance</p>	<p>2 Quality of Teaching, Learning, Assessment and curriculum</p>	<p>3 Personal Development, Growth, Nurture, Wellbeing, effective & challenging learning environment</p>	<p>4 Successful Outcomes for Students as active citizens, fulfilled, balanced life long learners</p>
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<p>Leadership & Teams</p> <p>A strong shared leadership culture throughout the school. Effective governance challenge</p> <p>Comprehensive policies & systems in place. MECC compliance.</p> <p>Clear regular reporting & accountability structure to governing boards & whole school</p> <p>Developing teams especially SL & ML capacity</p> <p>Working effectively operationally and strategically.</p> <p>Modelling outstanding leadership culture</p>	<p>Teaching & Learning culture</p> <p>Quality Assurance system for T&L - raising standards</p> <p>Effective appraisal System linked to school priorities & individual</p> <p>Developing all teachers - training needs, impact & value</p> <p>Development of common learning culture, teaching & professional standards</p> <p>Wider model of outstanding T&L as a centre of excellence</p> <p>Responding to challenges of Hybrid - new pedagogy, adaptability of teachers & learners</p>	<p>Student Support & nurturing</p> <p>Continuing to operate a safe school model in the pandemic. To celebrate our 5th year and a "Better Normal". Celebrating student success & special events.</p> <p>New primary school team, IPC & cohesion strategy</p> <p>Child Protection policy is reviewed & continually applied. Safe School</p> <p>New Lyceum centre (2022)</p> <p>Student Centre-Student Voice/Student Council & Careers guidance</p> <p>Positive & respectful behaviour, Reporting & Uniform rules. Heritage "Student Honour Code"</p>	<p>World Class International School organisation</p> <p>Greater School cohesion as an international school- wider use of English as the lingua franca of the organisation</p> <p>Recruitment & retention of staff & students</p> <p>Growing the professional organisation for sustainability in all areas</p> <p>Commercial strategy to develop such as HLA & Summer Camp</p> <p>Strategic & sophisticated, communications and marketing approach aligned to both local and international school market audience</p> <p>Supporting families through effective school services</p> <p>Continuing to build social responsibility and student leadership</p> <p>Cost effective & value for money education.</p>	<p>A World-Class 21st Century Curriculum preparing students for their futures</p> <p>1st cohort of Heritage International Lyceum</p> <p>Partnership with Cambridge Int and MECC - qualifications</p> <p>Continuing of holistic curriculum opportunities such as Outdoor Learning, assemblies, speakers, international events & greater local social responsibility</p> <p>Focus on IGCSE, A Level, national pathways, IPC (primary) digital, creative, SDGs, literacy, debating opportunities</p> <p>Informal and holistic curriculum impact to be a wider focus</p> <p>Careers & Higher Education links to develop</p>	<p>The outward facing school. Partnerships & Networks</p> <p>To build on the outstanding international profile and reputation from 2021-22.</p> <p>Key partnerships & strategic engagement only with those that have positive impact on HIS education & staff/student opportunities</p> <p>Continue to work with key partners COBIS/British Council/America House/Confucius/MoE/cambridge/IB/Uni of Oxford/Int Schools/ETwinning/Outside speakers/Local schools & agencies UN/UNICEF/SDGs</p> <p>Making sure the World comes into the classroom and the education of all students every day</p>
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Leadership & Governance Structure 2021-22



New staff members:

<i>Calinovscaia Dorina</i>	<i>English Teacher</i>
<i>Călugăreanu Irina</i>	<i>Tourism and Travel Teacher</i>
<i>Cernov Chiril</i>	<i>PE Teacher</i>
<i>Cetulean Doina</i>	<i>Teacher assistant</i>
<i>Corețchi Lilia</i>	<i>French teacher</i>
<i>Dabija Natalia</i>	<i>Psychologist</i>
<i>Diordiașenco Lilia</i>	<i>Primary Teacher</i>
<i>Fiodorov Victoria</i>	<i>Law Teacher</i>
<i>Grande Marcial</i>	<i>Science Teacher</i>
<i>Ialanji Marina</i>	<i>Romanian Teacher</i>
<i>Mazur Nadejda</i>	<i>Primary Teacher</i>
<i>Melnic Svetlana</i>	<i>Arts Teacher</i>
<i>Moșailova Alina</i>	<i>English Teacher</i>
<i>Nenni Steven</i>	<i>Humanities and Media Studies Teacher</i>
<i>Nichifor Marcela</i>	<i>Romanian Teacher</i>
<i>Polușatov Olga</i>	<i>Teacher Assistant</i>
<i>Pruteanu Rodica</i>	<i>German Teacher</i>
<i>Rojcovscaia-Tumaha Natalia</i>	<i>Music Teacher</i>
<i>Roșca Ana</i>	<i>History Teacher</i>
<i>Rothenstadt Kassandra</i>	<i>French and Sociology teacher</i>
<i>Sandu Ludmila</i>	<i>English Teacher</i>
<i>Shabbir Anjum</i>	<i>Business Studies and Economics Teacher</i>

Scott Kim	Primary Teacher
Stăvila Nadejda	Physics Teacher
Tariq Aliona	Primary Teacher
Velixar Ludmila	English Teacher

Menu:

[Breakfast September 2021](#)

[Lunch September 2021](#)

Transportation service:

Transportation service will be available from September 13th.

School busses will leave:

* 13-14 September at 15:10

* starting 15th of September Monday-Thursday at 17:10, on Fridays at 16:10

School days in September:

02-14 September the school day will be as follows:

- 1st grades 08:30-13:00
- 2-9 grades 08:30-15:00
- 10-11 grades - according to the timetable

Starting 15th of September, the school day will be as follows:

- 1st grades 08:30-16:30
- 2-11 grades 08:30-17:00
- on Fridays, the school day for the whole school is until 16:00

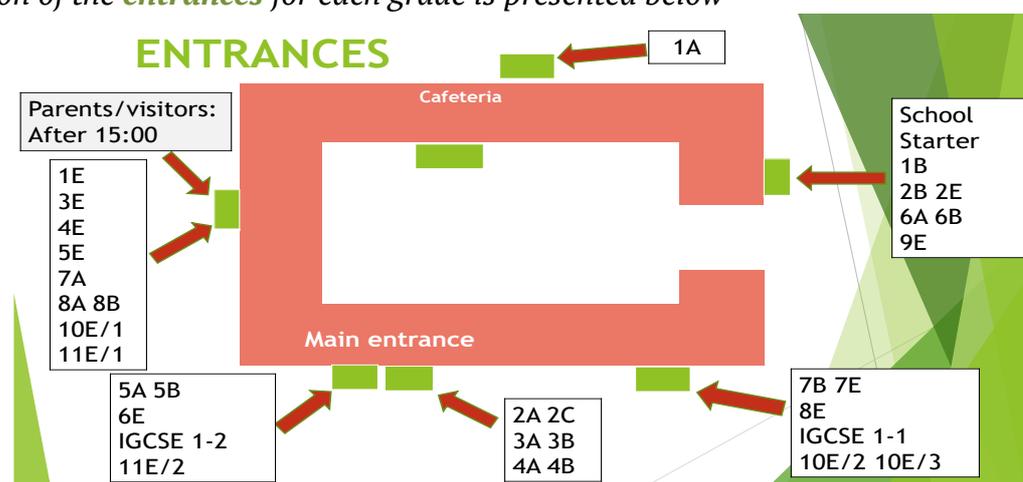
The clubs will start on the 15th of September

Due to Covid restrictions this academic year our school will also follow the rules according to the "[A safe return to physical school strategy and matrix 2021-2022](#)": [Matrix](#) / [Matricea](#) / [Mampuuca](#)

Parents should present the **Declaration** for each child upon return to

school: [Affidavit](#) / [Declarație](#) / [Декларация](#)

Distribution of the **entrances** for each grade is presented below



Self-Care September 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes
6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost
13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgment	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	26 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are			



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