



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024-2025

Kasa High School and Casa College proudly conducted the Student Council Elections for 2024-2025. The filing of candidacy took place from 4-10 November, with four students successfully filing at Kasa High School and three at Casa College. The campaign period ran from 11-17 November, where candidate videos showcasing their platforms were shared across Facebook, Instagram, and Viber, ensuring all students were well-informed before casting their votes. Voting was held from 18-24 November, and the results were announced to the candidates on 29 November by the institution's Managing Director, Mrs. Saveriades.

We congratulate all the candidates for their efforts and dedication to leadership. To the newly elected Student Council members, we encourage you to serve with integrity and inspire positive change within our school community. Official results are as follows:

Casa College:

President: Bless Paradero - 37.5%

Vice President: Gobind Gupta - 34.5%

Secretary: Muhammad Awais Gul - 28%

(refer to images from left to right)



3RD CYPRUS JOB FAIR BY IMH

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Cyprus Job Fair organised by IMH on December 12-13, 2024, at the Cyprus International Fair in Nicosia. Open to the public from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and with free entrance, this event is a fantastic chance for students, recent graduates, and young professionals to discover a world of career possibilities.



Deputy Ministry of Tourism. (2024). *Kalopanagiotis village* [Photograph]. VisitCyprus.com. <https://www.visitcyprus.com/discover-cyprus/rural/villages-rural/kalopanagiotis-village-2/>

DISCOVER CYPRUS'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS VILLAGES

The Deputy Ministry of Tourism invites everyone to explore Cyprus's eight beautiful traditional villages and towns, filled with authentic Christmas experiences! So we would like to encourage the Casa College and KASA High School family to visit Agros, Deryneia, Fikardou, Kalopanagiotis, Kiti, Kyperounta, Laiki Geitonia (Lefkosia), and Lefkara during the Christmas holidays from December 22, 2024, to January 6, 2025, as they radiate festive spirit and charm.

Enjoy cultural events, local products, gastronomy workshops, guided tours, and delightful holiday menus at local restaurants. The Christmas Villages will open from November 23, 2024, to January 6, 2025, operating weekends and daily from December 23. Experience a magical holiday adventure!

To start the Christmas season, Kasa High School and Casa College invite you to visit **Kalopanagiotis Christmas Village and Casale Panayiotis Hotel** for an unforgettable Christmas adventure:

December 13 (Friday) at 12:00 PM

Transportation fee: 10 euros (pay by December 9 at the Accounting Office)

For details on Cyprus Christmas Villages, visit: <https://www.visitcyprus.com/christmas-villages/>



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEACHER ASSISTANTS

We are excited to introduce Mr. Gobind Gupta as the new Teacher Assistant at Kasa High School, alongside Mr. Dinesh, who will be serving as the Teacher Assistant at Casa College. Both will provide support during classes by assisting teachers, helping students with their lessons, offering translation services when necessary, and guiding students through their academic requirements. Their roles are essential in creating a supportive learning environment for all.

For any academic-related concerns, both Mr. Gupta and Mr. Dinesh are readily available to offer assistance and guidance. Students may contact Mr. Gupta at his official email, TA@kasahighschool.ac.cy, regarding matters related to Kasa High School. Additionally, for questions about Casa College, Mr. Dinesh can be reached at TA@casacollege.ac.cy. We're excited to have them join our educational community and look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make in our students' learning journeys!

BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND SKILLS *at* SKILLS CYPRUS 2024

CHRISTIAN GHED CASTILLO

The SkillsCyprus 2024 event, held on 28 November at the Cyprus State Fair (Halls A & B) in Nicosia, offered an opportunity for young professionals to showcase their talents in fields like technology, engineering, hospitality, and cosmetology. Twelve students from Casa College, along with Ms. Trisvei Chrysoulla and Mrs. Kakia Avgousti, attended the event. It allowed them to engage with industry leaders and peers, building connections that could aid their future careers. The event emphasised the importance of skill development in shaping the workforce in Cyprus and beyond.

For students like Johanna Recalde and Yasmin Baylin, the experience was both enlightening and inspiring. Johanna, studying cruise ship hospitality operations, gained insights into real-world applications in restaurant and hotel front office settings. At the same time, Yasmin learned about the crucial role of service in hotel dining. Both students found the event to be an excellent learning opportunity that clarified their career paths in hospitality. They felt grateful for the valuable insights and experiences that Skills Cyprus 2024 provided to help guide their professional journeys.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER 1 - WORLD AIDS DAY
- DECEMBER 10 - HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
- DECEMBER 10 - INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING DAY
- DECEMBER 20 - YEAR-END PARTY
- DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
- DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
- DECEMBER 26 - BOXING DAY
- DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
- DEC. 23 to JAN. 6 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

OUR STUDENTS' VOICES

FEATURING THE TALENTS AND IDEAS OF OUR STUDENTS

FRAGMENTS OF A DISTANT ACHE IN VERSES

REM VINCENT JIMENEZ

Writing is more than just putting words on paper. I've always been fascinated by how letters, when arranged thoughtfully, can evoke such profound emotions. These two poems stem from a place of irony and deep longing. I wrote "Dam" to show irony. Something built to hold great weight can still break, causing a flood. It's like us, we have the strength and emotions to handle so much; however, a small crack can make everything fall apart. The second poem, "One Land, Different Distance," was written during my first months abroad, driven by an overwhelming sense of homesickness. The feeling was so profound that it compelled me to write. Homesickness is no small matter; it grips you unexpectedly. I find it ironic that while Earth is so small in the vastness of the universe, it feels immense enough to weigh us down with its gravity, pulling us into the depths of longing. It's strange how a short physical distance can make us feel like aliens on our own planet.

DAM

I felt it, they were about to fall.
 I almost felt relief from letting it flow.
 The fishes had swam from the lake to its canals,
 Trapped inside reserves made by beavers.
 It won't budge, how much the waves struck.
 This dam. A sound structure.
 Leaves unfortunate, tears trapped.
 My eyes heavy for the weight,
 Chest bubbling and pulsing
 Like the fishes, my feelings are trapped.
 Let me cry, let me be..
 Let this dam break and set me free.
 I'm tired of swimming, drowning within.
 Let me cry, let me be..
 But no,
 This dam is damned.
 I'm left to drown.

ONE LAND, DIFFERENT DISTANCE

At the foot of my bed,
 With thoughts buzzing in my head,
 Shivers the soul.

Alien floors and new doors
 Overwhelming with emotions,
 All colliding, a commotion
 What makes me feel such things?
 How do thoughts such as this become too much?
 Out of all the above mentioned,
 Boils down into a singular idea

"Homesick, I miss home," was said
 Followed by a silent whimper of a human,
 Far from home.