

Our forensics adventure...

Day 1

On Friday, March 18th, a school bus drove us to Nea Genia Ziridi School in order to watch and participate in the Panhellenic Forensics Competition. Everyone was really nervous because it was our first day there and we did not know what it was going to be like. On our way to Ziridis School, Ms Mariefi Mitropoulou came up with a motto for us, to make us feel more confident. “I am smart, I am beautiful, I am talented and I have what it takes”. It was a really inspiring motto and it



made us want to make a delightful speech, argue assertively with other participants at the group discussion, read like we were actually living it and, finally, act like no one was watching!

First, we watched the Impromptu Speaking event and actually one of the participants, Savvina Kritharidou, was from our school, along with 5 other participants from different schools. At the Impromptu event, you have not prepared a speech in advance. You are given 3 topics and you have 1 minute to keep notes and then speak about one of them for 3 minutes. At the first round, which was the round that we watched on the first day, the 3 topics were 1) Caves, 2) If schools had no grades... and finally 3) “success makes so many people hate you”. Savvina picked the first topic which was “Caves” and made an outstanding speech that really impressed us all and made us really proud of her even though this was the first time she did Impromptu speaking. Also, Impromptu speaking is one of the hardest events to participate in. She did an amazing job and left us all speechless. Moreover, Savvina was really brave because she was the only one that picked the topic about Caves because she wasn’t afraid of challenge and she wanted to prove to everybody how good she was. Most of the participants picked the last topic about success because they probably thought that it was going to be easier.

Secondly, the next to last event that we watched was the Group Discussion, which is one of the most interesting ones. Almost all of our students were participants in the Group Discussion event. These students were: Andreas Theodoropoulos, Giorgos Fragkiadakis, Savvina Kritharidou, Anna Stathakopoulou and last but not least Elisavet Zavra. They all did a fantastic job and succeeded in making an impression in the Group Discussion event. Every round lasted 45 minutes and the participants had to discuss about the topic that was given. The main topic of the Group Discussion, for all rounds, was Terrorism and Extremism. During the first round the participants talked about the definition, types and causes of Terrorism and Extremism. The participants had to agree on one definition for Terrorism and one for Extremism and then they had to agree on the types and causes of each one. Moreover, I have to mention that every participant could only have 3 papers with notes in front of them. All of our students performed admirably in the Group Discussion event, even though it was their first time ever taking part and obviously they were a little nervous about it.

To conclude, I need to say that our first day went really well and we did better at the events that we thought we would. Our teachers were really proud of us for doing a great job and we really enjoyed it!

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