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Dear Sir or Madam,

ΑΓΩΝ ΑΡΕΤΗΣ

Contest Classical Greek, classical philosophy and art design

The cultural meeting point Hellenikon Idyllion organises a contest this year, that combines classical Greek, philosophical thinking and artistical development. The aim hereby is to kindle interest for the Greek culture and to encourage the occupation with the ancient time.

For pupils and students from 16 years old and older.

We would like to ask you to hand this letter to interested pupils/ students in your class/ course. Thank you.

Tasks

1. Choose a philosophical phrase/ quote from the Greek ancient time!
(Please name the philosopher quoted)
2. Interpretation
Possibility 1: Explain your quote in your mother tongue!
Possibility 2: Explain your quote in old Greek!

While interpreting, you should think of the following:

- a) Explain why you chose this quote and describe the meaning of it!
- b) For which reason is, in your opinion, the old Greek language suitable for explaining the sense of the philosophical quote?

- c) “It is useless to study classical Greek, because it is not a spoken language anymore.” Take position to that statement.

Your interpretation (a-c) should be 1 page at maximum and should be written in type size 11.

d) Design

Design a poster to present your Greek Quote. A translation of your quote in your native language should be included as well. Design your poster in the format DIN A4. Write your name in the lower right corner. The design of the poster is completely up to you. You can paint or draw, make a collage or design the poster on your computer. Use as many colours as you want and use a format (horizontal or high size) of your choice.

Organisation

The jury consists of three teachers of the EU (High school). One of the members of the jury is Mister Werner Schulze, composer, scientist and professor at the University for music and art in Wien.

Their decision is final and uncontested.

The rating includes the philosophical interpretation, the understanding of the classic Greek language and the artistic design.

With their participation, the students agree on us using their contribution unrestrictedly. The names of the winners are going to be published in the internet.

Closing date

The contributions of the contest (only one contribution each participant) are to be sent until the **30.07.2005**.

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Name, age and the address of the participants and also the address of the school and the names of the teachers should be given.

Prices

The draft versions are going to be rated separately in two different categories: “pupils” and “students”.

In each category are going to be given three first and three second prizes for each, the interpretation in Old Greek and in the Native language.

All participants will receive a certificate. The best participants of each category win a free holiday in Hellenikon Idyllion for two persons. The six winners of the first price are invited for two weeks and the six winners of the second price are invited for one week to stay in the Hellenikon Idyllion. For the stay of an

accompanying person we give a discount within agreement. The accommodation is in double or triple bedrooms.

Meeting Point Hellenikon Idyllion

The Hellenikon Idyllion is an artistic and cultural event and meeting place directly on the beach in the middle of a big fruit, grape and flower garden in the typical Greek bathing resort Selianitika on the North West coast of the Peloponnes. It is where orchestras, choirs, theatre or painting groups, school classes, families or individual travellers and fans of the Old and Modern Greek language and culture meet. Seminars, recitations, symposiums, exhibitions, contests, concerts and festivals are organised here. For more information, have a look at our website: www.idyllion.gr

Support of the Old Greek language

From the 7th until the 21st of August the **seminar “Talk Classic Greek together and read senseful texts”** will take place for the 13th time. Also, the **“Attisch” contest** is going to take place the 7th time.

On our website (<http://www.idyllion.gr/InhaltClassG.htm>) you can find more information about these events. Amongst other information, you will find the results of a contest honouring the poet Pindar that we organised on the occasion of the Olympic Games 2004.

School classes, that study Old Greek and bring self- written Old Greek texts with them to discuss on site, are given 30 up to 50 percent discount on the costs of the stay. (Please contact us to find an agreement on that matter)

If you go to Greece with your class this year, then stop in Selianitika and visit our Garden of the muses. If you want to get to know the Hellenikon Idyllion on-site, it would be a pleasure for us to invite you as a teacher or you and a delegation of your school for a little ‘test stay’ to Selianitika.

We would be happy to welcome you here! If you have any kind of questions, feel free to contact us!

Yours sincerely

Andreas Drekiis
Manager of Hellenikon Idyllion