Entrepreneurship Project

In the summer months, a group of 43 students from the Bishop’s Conservatory Secondary School, embarked on an entrepreneurship project. Its aim was to enrich our students with business skills, plus giving them the opportunity to give children in Kasozi in Uganda an education. With just €10, one can provide an education for a year including uniform, books and stationery. In collaboration with Say It Fairtrade, we decided to collect old, used jeans and transform them into new products and sell them. The money raised from selling the products will all go to the education of the children in Kasozi. The choice of jeans also has an important meaning. It takes 11,000 liters of water to produce a pair of jeans. Ironically, children in third world countries barely have water to drink. Therefore, all in all, this project; named ‘Mit-tfal ghat-tfal’, was a huge success in every level: altruistically, educationally and morally.

On Saturday 21st November, the students sold their products as a part of the ‘Entrepreneurship through Education’ scheme in collaboration with the YouTheme Foundation. The total funds raised was of €1402.

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The Evolution of our Secondary Experience

In life we have lots of ways to grow and get educated. In our case, our school was like our second home. In these past five years we learnt to communicate more together, found new skills, we even came to a better understanding on how to take decision in life. Teachers made it easier for us to learn because lessons were fun. Through the years we always looked forward to whole class outings so that we could add them to our memories. As we were being educated, we were also being disciplined which helped us to be responsible. What made us most comfortable is knowing that we could freely share our feelings together. We never felt alone, especially when in need of help. When we, as fifth formers, see younger ones passing from times we experienced, we smile and remember our days and how we teased teachers as a class. Now it’s time for us to leave with a satchel full of memories, skills, abilities and values to start a new beginning on our own. Maria Tabone Cefai and Georgina Parnis
The Malta Comic Con

Eneh Lang

The Malta Comic Con is a local two-day event which celebrates comic creators, comic books, books in general, movies, TV series, table-top games, video games, role-playing games, cosplay and anything that is related to the comic culture. The first-ever comic convention in Malta was held in 2009 and, due to its success, has been held every year since. At the Malta Comic Con, one can do many things, amongst which one can meet both professional and independent comic book creators who will all be displaying, signing and selling their comic books while talking to their fans. One can also join workshops, discussion panels and talks dedicated to different features of the comic culture and enjoy exhibitions, whilst also many comic-related films and anime are shown throughout the day. Gamers can participate in gaming tournaments during both days and fans can come dressed up as their favourite comic characters and participate in the cosplay competition. In short, the Malta Comic Con is an amazing two-day event which is sure to afford all participants an unforgettable experience and hours of fun for friends and family alike. (Maltacomic-con.com, 2015)


YoTubers

Sammie-Jo Heath

YoTubers are very popular nowadays especially with teens between the ages of 13 and 17. A YouTube is someone who uploads videos to YouTube and their popularity increases according to the number of subscribers they have. Two of the famous YouTubers are: TheFineBros and JennaMarbles.

Some people might wonder what these people do or upload to YouTube to get this famous. To answer your question: vlogs (video blogs), hauls, tutorials/routes, how to videos, Q&A’s, dares/challenges and many others. Like most other career fields these YouTubers also take part in big events they attend for example Vidcon, while Beauty Gurus attend Beautycon. There they can meet subscribers. Beautycon brings fans and creators together to discuss the matters: culture, trending news, fashion and beauty. (Beautyconcom, 2015).


J.K. Rowling — A Biography

Sarah Micallef & Anastasia Codrea

Joanne (J.K.) Rowling was born on 31st July 1965 near Bristol, England to Peter James and Anne Rowling. As a little girl, she used to write stories for her sister. She used to attend St. Michael’s Primary School and entered University with several A-Levels. Later on, she lived in Scotland as a single parent. In 1990, ‘Harry Potter just strolled into my mind fully formed.’ (Biography.com, 2015). Her personal experiences gave her ideas to develop her story such as basing Hermione Granger of her eleven-year old self. The story begins after the Dark Lord murders
Harry’s parents. He has no idea about his magical powers until he is invited to Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry where he learns about his connection to the Dark Lord. (Scholastic.com, 2015) The series consists of seven books for which Warner Bros bought the rights to produce as an eight-movie production. Daniel Radcliffe stars as Harry. Rowling lost her billionaire status by donating thousands to charity. (Biography.com, 2015) Rowling is such an inspiration as through her story she teaches us to always protect and be there for our loved ones.

Feminism throughout history
-Alexia Bugeja

In America, for every dollar a man gets, a woman earns 78c. (Whitehouse.gov, 2015) Jobs should be genderless but in many cases it’s not. Women should be treated like humans however sometimes media portrays women as objects or worse, helpless. Feminism helps women to stand up and speak for themselves. It’s about women being treated the same as men. Things have changed for the better and women are being more accepted. Traditionally women used to do the housework and raise the children while men worked. Before 1920, women weren’t allowed to vote (K12ksus, 2015) and some countries like Saudi Arabia have begun registering to let women vote for the first time, however their daily lives remain severely restricted. (TheWeekCouk, 2015)

In Ancient Greece women were not eligible for full citizenship and until marriage, women had no legal personhood and were under guardianship of their father or other male relative and once they’re married the husband becomes the women’s “guardian” and the father was the head of the household. In the Middle Ages, according to English Common Law, all property that a wife held when married became a possession of the husband. (HistoryLink101.com, 2015)

However, nowadays in many countries men and women have equal rights.

Twinning Contemporary Music with Classical Music
Lorianna Tabone, Rachel Vella

Music, a common language used all around the world by people of all ages and abilities, who want to express their feelings. Studies show that a completely unmusical person is rare. The majority assume that liking classical music refers to compositions written by people like Beethoven. Claiming that you love contemporary classical, they’ll probably assume you’re talking about orchestral re-interpretation of world famous composers. What classical fans really mean is that they love music that’s composed in certain forms with rich traditions. A lot of people think classical is done for, but it’s not! One hypothesis is that MCM, (modern classical music) is unpopular because it is often noisy and experimental. MCM traces its roots to 20th century classical composers such as Bartok rather than pop, rock or jazz music. (Frendo & Vella, 2008) If you’re one of those teenagers who swears that they hate classical music, you’ve probably been listening to...
classical music this whole time without knowing it. (O’Keefe, 2013). Some of your favourite hit songs aren’t modern at all! They were ripped off. Robin Thicke’s real breakthrough song, When I Get You Alone, is Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony! (O’Keefe, 2013).

Our suggestion to you is to listen to MCM, so to experience new emotions. This will enrich your cultural and musical background, while uncovering new music.


Interviews

1. How long have you been teaching in this school?
2. Why did you choose to teach your particular subject?
3. What were your job ambitions as a child?

Ms. Carmen:
1. 7 years.
2. I love Maltese both Language and Literature and I want to pass on my knowledge to my students.
3. Primary teacher.

Mr. Sean:
1. 8 years.
2. I always loved Maths and Physics and decided to continue improving in them. Later I decided to become a teacher.
3. To become a teacher.

Ms. Joanna:
1. 3 years.
2. I’ve always loved English.
3. To become a teacher.

Ms. Nadine:
1. 2 years.
2. I was always fascinated by Maltese history, traditions and language and this subject offered them all.
3. To become a teacher/vet and when I was younger a nun.

Ms. Christine
1. Musical, entrepreneurship project, open day, prayer spaces, seminars, talks and what students come up with I will be happy to do them as well.
2. Happy with the things that are going on school.
3. The Serenity prayer.
4. My love for young people. My passion for education and a lot of ideas that I thought could be implemented from a leadership position.
5. I was very talkative in class. A prank I remember is when I poured white-out as a joke on a friend’s copybook. I was caught in the act by the teacher.

Ms. Pat & Ms. Doreienne
1. Both: Musical, entrepreneurship project, open day, prayer spaces, seminars, talks.
2. Both: Building a team of teachers and staff who see to the individual needs of students.
3. Ms. Pat: “Believe, succeed, achieve”
   Ms. Doreienne: “To teach is to touch a life forever”
4. Both: To be able to contribute towards the Ethos of a Catholic school.
5. Ms. Pat: I locked my sisters out on the terrace.
   Ms. Doreienne: I dropped down the curtain.

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