

# CAMPION SCHOOL

## Model United Nations 2023





**Ines Saltiel - Secretary General**

**Q: What values and feelings are developed by MUN in your opinion?**

A: Other than developing skills like debate and negotiation, MUN inspires us as we see 600 young people like me and you who are passionate about current issues, knowing that that our generation will be the one to find solutions to world crises today.

**Q: What do you wish to say to all the delegates?**

A: Nietzsche said "Those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." I hope that all delegates hear the music and are not afraid to follow their passions. This is the only way to create change.

**Q: What do you believe MUN offers? Any benefits you want to discuss?**

A: The purpose of schooling is to prepare students for life beyond the school walls and when we are in a school situation we can be very sheltered and protected. Sadly, the world isn't as simple as that. MUN helps expose students to some of our world's complex issues: it will be up to you, the youth of today, to find solutions to some of the problems that us older adults have failed in. MUN gives you the opportunity to work collaboratively, helping to form your opinions and thoughts on some of the more complex issues that are out there beyond the classroom.

**Q2: Thank you very much. Is there anything else you would like to say? A message for those participating in this year's conference?**

A: Have fun!



**Michael Henderson - Headmaster of Campion**



# Deputy Secretary General's

**Q:** What fundamental traits and abilities should a successful secretariat member hold in your opinion?

**A:** A successful secretariat member should be, most of all, communicative. Secretariat has to communicate with a plethora of people that each have different wants and needs from their conference experience. they have to discuss with advisors, student officers and delegates, knowing how to talk to each one and what to say in order to satisfy everyone. Moreover, they should be organized and persistent, being able to assist with tasks and keep everything in order for both other secretariat members and student officers.



**Georgia Papaioannou**



**Iliana Brosnan**

**Q:** What is your job in the MUN?  
**A:** I am the deputy secretary general of CSMUN.

**Q:** How was the organising of the conference?  
**A:** It went smoothly, since we had a brilliant secretariat that enabled us to cooperate very well, assign jobs, which further led us to getting along extremely well.

**Q:** How do you think this conference will go?  
**A:** I believe that it will go incredibly well, hoping that, given the way we have organised and made the changes, everything will go according to how we wanted it to work.

**Interviewer:** What do you wish to say to all the delegates?  
**IB:** I would like to mention for them to not be afraid of us! We have a lot of people in organising positions who are there to guide you and make sure you have a wonderful time!

# Organisers and Secretariat

## Mrs Theoharopoulou



### Head Organiser

Mrs Theoharopoulou is the Head Organiser of the CSMUN. Her passion and love for MUN has influenced a large number if not the majority of Campion students to join MUN, giving them all a fondness for the conference.

Q- What is the main goal or mission of this year's MUN conference?

A- "For me the main goal is a pupil-centred activity that is also sustained by pupils, who take on roles or responsibilities such as members of the secretariat and the chairs. But even the younger delegates who learn how to research, write resolutions, understand the perspective of another country's point of view, after doing several years of MUN and having represented different countries they will end up having more appreciation for different cultures and awareness of different approaches to solving problems."

Q2- How does our school encourage participation in our MUN conference that is inclusive and diverse?

A2- First of all our school consists of over fifty seven nationalities, that's already quite multicultural. We send out, both the secretariat and myself, invitations to schools from different countries. We have joined *mymun* online (online website) and people have approached us through that platform. I believe this is the main way in which we encourage diversity".

Overall Mrs Theoharopoulou wanted to express a significant thank you to everyone who made this years CSMUN conference possible and we, the student body, would like to thank her in return for all the effort and sacrifices she has made, bringing MUN to Campion.

Q1-As a member of the secretariat, how do you prioritise and manage your duties when you have many responsibilities and due dates?

A1- I believe that when you have a lot on your plate and you have a lot of tasks and due dates, it is important to try to simplify things and put them in order of which one is more urgent. After that you just have to do one task at a time, trying to remain calm and sit through it until you have done everything you have to.

Q2-What fundamental traits and abilities should a successful secretariat member possess, in your opinion?

A2-I believe that the most important thing for a Secretariat member is the will to see the conference succeed. The rest will follow. Of course it's crucial that you are patient and that you are as effective in your tasks as possible, but the most fundamental thing is to be passionate about the conference.

Q3-The secretariat role frequently includes a large amount of teamwork. What techniques do you employ to collaborate with team members and achieve productive teamwork?

A3-When it comes to teamwork, I truly think that the smartest approach you can adopt is ensuring that you and your fellow Secretariat members build a friendship that will hold even outside of the world of MUN, which helps facilitate better communication and a better environment for everyone.

## John Ioannou



### President of the General Assembly

This year's CSMUN was Campion School's 11th annual conference and, much like all others, the opening ceremony was an event brimming with excitement.

This year introduction to the conference was given by Ines Saltiel, the Secretary General, discussing the theme which was "The World's Youth". This was then followed by our first guest speaker of the day, Mrs Elizabeth Sellwood, Chief, Environment Security Unit of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), who gave her insight regarding those who are considering a future relative to the UN, discussing both the positive and negative aspects of her job. Mrs Sellwood left the delegates with a message that there is no such thing as a perfect solution.

The event's second speaker was Mr Anthony Garner, a retired US Navy Commander, who enlightened the delegates regarding what his job entails and its significance regarding conflict resolution, giving an example of how a small accident at sea nearly escalated to conflict.

# The Opening Ceremony



Moving on, the third and final speaker of the opening ceremony was introduced, Mr Jihed Ghannem, Public Information Officer, Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP. Mr Ghannem provided the delegates with little gems as to what life working with the UN is all about and emphasized how noble it is to work for something bigger than yourself.

And of course, before the musical interlude the Headmaster of Campion School, Mr Michael Henderson, addressed the delegates, providing a message promoting MUN and all it has to offer, not only regarding the importance of the skills acquired through collaborative work and the honing of critical thinking but also because of the significance of the diversity provided by schools from abroad.



Following Mr Henderson's speech was Campion school student Maria Louisa Vichou singing '*Trava Skandali*' (literally translating to 'pull the trigger') by Alkistis Protopsalti. The musical interlude was followed by the Year 12-13 Campion Greek Dancing Group (performers including Mike Velissariou, Nikos Chalkias, Orestis Bakalis, Isabella Oikonomidi, Estel Amarillo, Tatiana Vardaramatou, Roza Eleftheriou) taught by Mr Neville Jason Fahy which delighted the audience, performing two traditional Cretan dances (*Maleviziotis* & *Pentozali*) and ending with a choreography created by Mr Fahy himself for the modern Greek song '*Eleftheros*' (translates into 'free').

This was then followed by a few words by Campion student Elizabeth Sayannis who spoke to the delegates regarding two charities that Campion School is actively supporting: 'Boroume' (Greek for 'we can') and 'SPELD NSW' (is an Australian based charity).





**Fragkiskos Emmanouil Kefalogiannis - Deputy Secretary General**

**What do you consider a successful conference?**

A successful conference differs for every individual. One might consider passing resolutions a success while another might value meeting and connecting with others. For me, it was always a combination of both, but bonding and befriending others has always been most important.

**•What have the Secretariat's most interesting projects been in your experience?**

Definitely meeting the international schools from Zambia before the conference, explaining THIMUN procedure to them and recommending them places to visit in Athens. It was definitely wholesome interaction before the conference.

**•What advice do you have for any upcoming delegates?**

Do not be afraid to speak. The chairs value your opinion, plus you will not see the delegates again... Take risks, get out of your comfort zone and don't be stressed. MUN is one of the best things you can do, once you decide to put yourself out there.

**Q: How was organising the whole conference?**

**A:** This year, being a six-person team (which is one more member than the Secretariat normally has) has been incredibly beneficial. And every single member was incredibly helpful, I could not have asked to work with a better Secretariat. They made the stressful and busy process so much easier. There were many bumps along the way and it was definitely a long ride but with the amazing team I can say that we managed it!

**Q: What do you wish to say to all the delegates?**

**A:** I've loved the time I've spent as a delegate, due to this contributing immensely in helping me to think critically about the diverse political issues we face today. My interest in MUN has also helped me become more well spoken. I wouldn't be here without all my experiences as a delegate. Personally, I believe those who are privileged to be in an environment where they can attend such conferences should seize any chance they get! Don't let these valuable experiences go to waste. But at the same time, enjoy the conference and have fun!



**Ariam Antar - Under Secretary General**



**Mrs Elizabeth Sellwood**  
**Chief, Environment and Security Unit,**  
**UN Environment**

**Mr Anthony Garner**  
**Former US Navy commander**

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Q: Can you tell us a bit about yourself and your involvement in the United Nations (UN)?

A: At the moment I work in the United Nations Environment Program, but I have previously worked for other areas of the United Nations including Peace and Security and the Humanitarian side.

Q: Did you participate in MUN when you were in school?

A: I didn't, as my school wasn't involved in MUN, so I didn't know about it until my children started participating in it.

Q: How do you think you would have benefited from MUN if you had participated in it?

A: I think it is very important in teaching young people about the UN and what it does, but also the interaction between countries which is very important for all kinds of reasons: for peace and security reasons but also increasingly for environmental reasons. A lot of the problems that we have in the world we can't address unless we cooperate so I think it's great for children to understand how that works but also what the challenges are.







**Mr Jihed Ghannem**  
**Public Information Officer,**  
**UN Environment Programme**

Q1 - What inspired you to join the United Nations?

A1 - Joining the United Nations had always been a dream. There were so many different career opportunities and career paths but something drew me to the United Nations. I think it was mainly the international aspects, the multinationalism and the ability to work with so many people from different cultures, backgrounds and countries.

Multilingualism is also a big factor that I have experienced working with the United Nations. I love learning new languages and practising them. When working with the United Nations I also discovered the huge scope of things this organisation is doing for the world and our society. I am still a happy member of the United Nations staff!

Q- In your opinion, do you think it's important to include youth in decision-making in a meaningful way and why?

A2 - Thank you for saying meaningful, because yes, that is important. Putting youth in meeting rooms and making sure that young people appear in consultation just for the sake of appearances is not something that will change the things that need to be changed. Youth participation, meaningful youth participation, might mean that first of all you are equipped to understand what's happening, not just taking part in the discussion but making sure that you know what the discussions are about. There is a bit of education and this is education that empowers young people by giving them the instruments and the opportunity to engage in discussions and to enable what we call a trans-generational debate, so young people engaging with adults in a meaningful way, because as previously said this morning: young people are the future and the future begins today, therefore it is important that they have a say in the policy and the decisions that will save their tomorrow.

Q - Lastly, did you ever experience MUN before the age of 18?

A3 - Unfortunately, I was not that lucky. I have never experienced MUN but I have a lot of contact and engagement with many MUN communities in many countries because my previous position with the United Nations was work with the United Nations information centre in Tunis, Tunisia and part of my job was to work closely with organisers for various MUNs. Although I have not had the opportunity to participate in it as a young person, in my later years I have had my fair share of interactions and I have a lot of respect for the enthusiasm and commitment that young people show. I am a true believer in the benefit of what young people can absorb from the MUN and the benefits of learning what the United Nations is all about.



# International Court of Justice

**ADVOCATES ICJ APPLICANT**  
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**Registrar:** Christos Arvanitis



The chief judicial board of the United Nations is called The International Court of Justice (ICJ) and is also known as the world court. The ICJ is one of the six principal organisms of the United Nations which entertains two types of cases. Firstly the court aims to settle international legal disputes between states, submitted by the states themselves, these are known as continuous cases.



Secondly the court's duties include providing advisory opinions on legal matters emitted by the UN itself alongside specialised agencies. Through the ICJ we aim to expose delegates to these procedures, allowing them to debate alternative viewpoints and arguments.

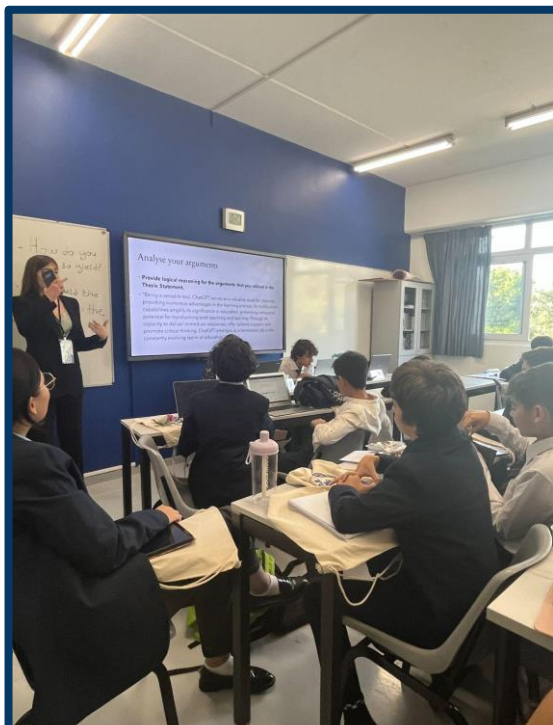
The ICJ will be addressed the following issue during this years CSMUN: oil platforms (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America)

# Youth Assembly

For this year's conference, MUN re-introduced the Youth Assembly for a second consecutive year. The MUNers had an excellent opportunity to participate in and experience the diversity of the discussions.

This year's topics include: 'The impact of artificial intelligence and Chatgpt on education', as well as, 'addressing the mistreatment towards protesters during peaceful protests.'

The topics of discussion were followed by serious democratic relations, mainly being established from the issues faced currently with our youth assembly, in order for them to address them properly in the future.



**All in all, participants had a delightful time whilst socialising with other students with the purpose of informing themselves and reflecting on ideas together. The knowledge and experience collected at the MUN will benefit them wisely in the future as they encounter any further difficulties or issues.**

By participating in this year's conference, students had the wonderful opportunity of experiencing the true work ethic of MUN, simultaneously by emerging ideas and developing them, in order for the views and perspectives of it to be associated with the country represented.



# Map of the Foreign Schools



This map shows the locations of the schools from abroad who participated in our MUN and indicates how far they had to travel to join us for the weekend. Marked on the map are the locations of: The British International school of Bucharest Romania, Simba International School from Zambia, The American International School of Lusaka Zambia, Çanakkale College from Turkey with its two separate high schools ,Çanakkale Özel Fen Lisesi and Çanakkale Özel Anadolu Lisesi, and finally, St George's British International School from Rome.

# Charity

During this year's MUN, Campion students were collecting money for two charities which target specific problems. SPELD NSW is a group in Australia, dedicated to providing education, support, and resources for individuals with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia and ADHD, along with their families and educators. They also do research and provide specific tools to make learning easier for these individuals. This charity encourages a sense of community for the affected individuals and families, helping them overcome academic and life-related challenges associated with their learning difficulties.



'Boroume' is a Greek charity that aims to prevent food waste and combat hunger. They collect excess food that might go to waste from markets and individuals and give it to those who need it most. By doing this, they ensure that extra food doesn't get thrown away while simultaneously helping people who don't have enough to eat. They connect the two in order to increase the number of people with access to food and reduce food waste in Greece.

