



# CLASSROOM BUZZ

A GIBRALTAR COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

## A2 BUSINESS EVENT BY GRACE JACKSON & MATTHEW CORNELIO

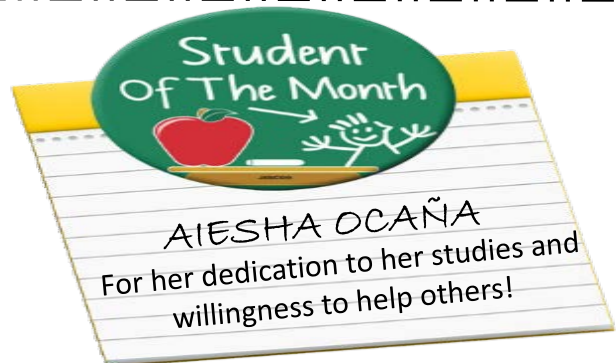


On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the A2 Applied Business class presented their business proposals, which is a part of their Unit 7: Managing an event. Recently, you may have noticed the A2 business event posters around the college urging students and teachers to attend. The event began with a brief PowerPoint presentation by all students describing their business ideas. Guests gathered round to listen and learn from the speakers, Sean Barbara and Jaydan Candeas, before going to the students' individual stalls.

Each A2 business student had independently set up their stall with either a PowerPoint presentation or visual board that displayed their own financial statements and related to their business. The purpose of the event was to present their ideas and gain feedback from people such as the members of the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses, Piece of Cake, Gibraltar College teachers and other AS business students. The guests were asked questions by the students and given written questionnaires in order to gain feedback on their ideas, which would later be used to complete their coursework evaluation.

### The proposals were:

- Rock Water Tours – Sean Barbara
- Paradise Tours – Jamie Gadd
- Event Themed Merchandise – Matthew Cornelio
- Traditional Gibraltarian Café – Grace Jackson
- The Gibraltar Gift Shop – Anas Oulad Omar
- The Skywalk Gift Shop – Jaydan Candeas



## L1 TUTORIAL BEACH CLEAN & TRIP TO LOS BARRIOS ARCGISA RUBBISH PLANT

As part of their tutorial program, Level 1 students joined forces with the Nautilus Project and carried out a beach clean at Eastern Beach which resulted in the collection of 63kgs of rubbish! They also visited the ARCGISA rubbish plant in Los Barrios to learn how our waste is collected, separated and treated.



## KATIE PHILBIN - A LEVEL 3 TRAVEL & TOURISM AND BUSINESS STUDENT.

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### “QUOTE OF THE MONTH”:

*“The essence of the independent mind lies not in what it thinks, but in how it thinks” - Christopher Hitchens*”

## MY THOUGHTS ON OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM BY KATIE PHILBIN

I feel like we have all hated school at some point. Most of us have probably thought of dropping a subject or even school entirely when it got too much. I know I have had these thoughts and feelings too many times to count and it's made me wonder why it has to be like this.

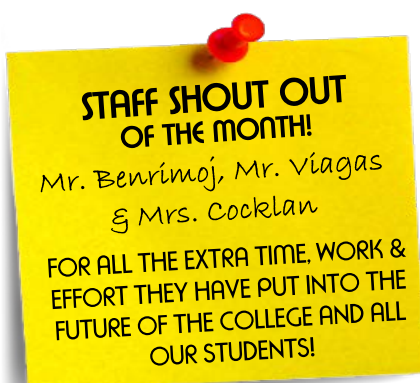
School used to be easy. I learnt quickly and liked to learn outside of school. Eventually some bumps in the road came as my handwriting wasn't great, and that became a huge deal at my school at the time. I was given pages of handwriting sheets to do at home and that was what my educational worth became. As I grew older my teachers gave up on my handwriting, but things had changed by then. There were three weekly exams and no one cared that I had already finished the book we were recommended in class; memorising fractions became paramount.

The thing is I'm not good with exams. I can't just sit down and study no matter how hard I try. I remember in Westside we were told that even if we didn't get a C, it was still a pass. I found it ironic on results day when I heard girls throwing up because they missed a C by one mark or so. With girls writing their results up and down their arms, it made all of us who didn't do as well feel less accomplished. For someone with an anxiety disorder just getting in the exam room was an accomplishment, an unsung accomplishment, but an accomplishment all the same.

Finland is recognised as having one of the best educational systems in the world, and after researching, it's clear why. Finland believes less is more; children only start school at seven, get more break time, rarely get homework until secondary school and only take one standardised test before university. Finnish kids don't get their brains fried from all night studying and homework. They get to absorb what they learn. Recently Finland also has started to move away from teaching only traditional subjects and teach more problem solving and thinking skills alongside them. They also try to teach in many different ways, so they cater to as many students as possible. Here it feels like the education system only caters to one kind of person.

People like me are tired of this system. Finland has moved on and is adapting, why can't we follow? Why can't we make learning fun again or less stressful? We are teenagers and we are tired enough as it is.

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Whats on this month...

<b>PANCAKE DAY:</b> Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	<b>DRAMA FESTIVAL:</b> Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2019 @ Inces Hall
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY:</b> Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	<b>GIBRALTAR vs REP. IRELAND:</b> Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2019 @ 6pm, Victoria Stadium. Tickets on sale at £30 from GFA Offices only.
<b>WORLD BOOK DAY:</b> Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	<b>TRAFFIC FREE TUESDAY:</b> Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 --Walk, Cycle or Bus--
<b>LONG WEEKEND:</b> Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2019	