

# EMIS

 **EMIS**  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
**SCHOOL FOR CHANGE**

# NEWSLETTER 2021

**In these times of isolations and quarantines, there is little keeping us connected.**

**We, here at EMIS, want to stay connected to you despite it all.**

**[Click on the photo below to hear Oded Rose talk about the EMIS mission!](#)**



The Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS) is a unique international boarding high school in Israel with the mission to make education a force for peace and sustainability in the Middle East. Through a shared two-year educational and living experience, EMIS teaches values of respect, diversity and global citizenship. EMIS students are 10th to 12th graders, aged 16-18 years, who come from over 45 different countries. Our student population includes 20% Israeli students, 20% Palestinian and other Arab students, and 60% international students, making EMIS a truly international learning experience. EMIS is located in Hakfar Hayarok, a youth village and educational campus near Tel Aviv. Our students, whether local or international, have the opportunity to study the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, and also the opportunity to do a preparatory Pre-DP year.

Applications for the coming academic year are still open! If you know someone determined to make a change in themselves and the world around them, encourage them to:

## **APPLY NOW!**

- Vaccine Updates
- EMIS MUN 2021
- African Cultural Week
- Humans of EMIS Documentary
- Green Up Day
- EMIS Alumni, we still miss you!

# COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATES

We, here at EMIS, are extremely grateful for everyone that has supported us over the past year in ensuring that our students have the best possible experience despite being in the midst of a pandemic. As of now, all our students are on campus safe and healthy attending in-person classes. All members of the EMIS community wear a mask at all times and follow all COVID-19 regulations.

By the end of this week, all students (that have parental permission) will be vaccinated against COVID-19. Most members of the teaching and boarding staff at EMIS have already been vaccinated against COVID-19 to ensure the health and safety of our entire community.



# EMIS MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Event Sharku, from Albania, and Tom Hargil, from Israel, are two current seniors at EMIS. They were chosen as the MUN leaders in their DP1 year and have been continuously working since then to host the first-ever in-house EMIS MUN conference. They hosted multiple workshops in order to train their team and better prepare our Pre-DPs and DP1s who were participating as delegates in the conference. They carefully ran MUN trials and chose their official team at the beginning of this school year and the chairs needed for each committee.



The conference was 2 days long where the delegates were organized in 6 different committees led by their wonderful chairs. Tom and Event made sure the chairs were all MUN experienced to ensure the delegates the confidence and support needed. The EMIS MUN Team has managed to successfully perform in other conferences in Israel, however, the one hosted this year under Event and Tom's leadership left a legacy to be continued in the future.

# AFRICAN CULTURAL WEEK

Last month, we celebrated the much-awaited African Cultural Week! The week started off with a beautiful opening ceremony filled with dances, songs and presentations about all regions of Africa by the students. Over the rest of the week, the entire EMIS community had the opportunity to participate in workshops about the geography of Africa, the dances of Africa, braids and more. Finally, everyone enjoyed African food and danced together to the beats of African music!

Thank you to everyone who organised the events, and to everyone who took part and attended! We are proud to have students from different parts of Africa, all of whom contribute to our diverse community and share their beautiful culture and traditions with us.



# HUMANS OF EMIS DOCUMENTARY

Humans of EMIS is a documentary that tells the perspectives of 8 young students who belong to a unique international community and are constantly exposed to conflict. It is a mosaic of human experiences that attempts at shifting the focus from big narratives to personal stories when dealing with conflict. This documentary is entirely a student-run project led by Jaime Musso, an EMIS alum from Italy and Germany. After graduating, Jaime chose to spend his gap year working for EMIS and create this documentary. We are excited to watch the premiere in March 2021. [Click on the photos below to watch the official teaser!](#)



# GREEN UP DAY - GET INVOLVED!

This year, EMIS has expanded our activities related to environmental leadership, education and activism, an important part of the EMIS mission. Just like each year, we have a committed group of students participating in the Green Team CAS, in addition to a school-wide platform known as Green Up, that provides more opportunities for EMIS students and staff to get involved in environmental solutions both within the community and in the wider world. For the first time, EMIS has a staff position dedicated to growing the 'sustainability' aspect of the EMIS mission - we now have a Sustainability Coordinator that runs Green Up and works closely with the Green Team. [Click here to visit the new Green Up section on our website!](#)

We would like to stay connected to alumni who are involved or interested in environmental sustainability! We see many great opportunities to connect alumni with current students to inspire, motivate and educate. This month on February 18, we will be holding a school-wide event that focuses on "finding paths towards change" from many different fields - art, engineering, education, business, and more. The students will split into "tracks" to dive deeply into the connection between daily life and making positive contributions to a better future for earth and all earth's inhabitants.

We are looking for alumni who can participate (virtually) in a lecture, taking part in a panel, or even a pre-recorded session or introduction! The way you participate is very flexible - as long as you have some experience or perspective to share about your own efforts towards solving environmental challenges, no matter how big or small they are! For example, one session will focus on the "zero-waste lifestyle" - have you tried it out? Another session is about activism - have you ever taken part in a campaign, whether it was an in-person demonstration, a social media challenge or an education and awareness event? If you can participate, please contact Lindsey, Sustainability Coordinator at [lindsey.z@em-is.org](mailto:lindsey.z@em-is.org).

[Click on the photos below to watch a video about the Green Weekend!](#)



# EMIS ALUMNI, WE MISS YOU!

Just over four years ago, the first cohort of students graduated EMIS and entered the real world empowered with the tools to make a change in the world around them. We are filled with a sense of pride when we hear the stories of our alumni creating a positive impact and truly living out the EMIS mission. Thank you to everyone who sent us testimonials and filled in the form we sent!

To the rest of you, we miss you and we would love to re-connect. Despite how uncertain the world feels right now, we pray that we will get the chance to see you in person soon. We hope that you enjoyed reading this newsletter but just as much as we want you to know what is going on at EMIS, we want to know what is going on with your life.

Please fill in this form to update us on how you're doing: [EMIS Connected](#).

