

To whom it may concern

Testimonial for Dr. Maria Kasmirli

Our daughter had Dr. Maria Kasmirli as her principal teacher during the school year 2011-2012, while attending Year 5 (equivalent to UK Year 6) in the English section of the School of European Education of Heraklion (SEE). SEE is a European School in the city of Heraklion, Crete, Greece.

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We were very positively impressed by how "Miss Maria" guided her pupils through the difficult transition year between Elementary and Junior High School, both in terms of personal growth and education.

It was obvious Miss Maria worked extremely hard and invested a lot of time and energy to prepare her classes. Her approaches and methods have been effective and at times refreshingly original, a welcome note both to parents and pupils.

Miss Maria presented the pupils with challenging projects, which stretched their learning techniques, their judgment and their linguistic skills. Miss Maria asked a lot from students, but was always ready to praise good work. She made an impressive and original work through ethic projects, that culminated in an amazing short theatrical performance for the World Refugee Day, based on an excerpt from Shakespeare's The merchant of Venice. Miss Maria also coached the pupils in IT, guiding them to set up a class blog. These and similar projects also had an impact on developing language skills.

Miss Maria has been particularly successful in supervising and coaching the pupils in their transition to pre-teenage. She was ready to catch the mood of the class and to dissolve friction at the start. She was very good at understanding and responding to our daughter's needs and doubts. We have seen our daughter becoming more and more self-confident in her social relations and in her own work.

Miss Maria was very approachable and kept an open dialogue with parents. It was obvious she could collaborate well with the school direction and other colleagues as well (those in charge of foreign language, art, gym and music).

Overall I think Dr. Kasmirli has great skills and potentials as a school teacher. I would warmly recommend her.

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