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**Impact of COVID on the operation of Athens College HAEF**

All units of the Athens College High School remained closed from 02/28/20 to 05/18/20 by decision of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health as dictated by the National Organization of Public Health. This decision was nationwide for all schools K-12.

On 03/10/20 the Athens College faculty started asynchronous teaching using the CMS and ManageBac platforms. On 03/23/20 remote synchronous teaching on MS Teams began for all students following their daily schedules, as did department and faculty meetings. Instead of the usual 2-week Easter break, this spring classes were suspended for one week only to provide students with a structured daily program as the country was on lockdown. The Finals of the Public Speaking Contests were held without an audience, and students could attend them on MS Teams. This September's Convocation was done in the same way.

Since March 2020 to date, all student activities on and off campus have been cancelled. These include the Annual Spring School Fair (Panigyri), the Annual Track & Field races (Delteia), assemblies, field trips, student conferences, debate conferences, reforestations, and excursions. The national contests that reached the final stage were done electronically. No speakers or performers have been invited to campus, and parents can communicate with teachers and counselors electronically. Information sessions for parents are conducted by the school administrators as well as the College Counselors electronically. The Spring 2020 SAT test dates were cancelled.

Our students returned to campus on 05/18/20, attending class in person on alternate days. The lessons were conducted using MS Teams so that the students who were home on any given day could participate remotely. The school year ended on 06/12/20. The 2019-2020 year grades for all our students are based on the student assessments of the two terms. There were no official final written exams for either the IB Yr1 students or the Greek Lykeion 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students.

Finally, 764 students received "Covid-19 assistance" with a total of 621,600 euros.