



REGULAR NEWSLETTER OF THE DUAL ACADEMY

(MAY - JUNE 2023)



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SUMMARY

The beginning of May was marked by big changes in the management of our school. Mrs. Veronika Arpášová, who went on maternity leave, was replaced by a temporary **School Principal, Mrs. Anna Špačková.**

The final months of the 2022/2023 school year have been challenging for many students. **They had AP (Abschlussprüfung / Final Examinations),** graduation and award ceremonies to look forward to.

We welcomed a number of distinguished guests, but we also had the opportunity to co-organise the **Smart Green Mobility exhibition** of electric vehicles and smart technologies.

We hope that not only our students, but also our teachers will have a good rest during the summer and recharge their batteries for the school year 2023/2024, which we are already looking forward to!



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WE WELCOMED THE NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Head of the Dual Academy **Mrs. Renáta Valeková** welcomed the new School Principal, **Mrs. Anna Špačková** to the Duálka team and the students rewarded her with thunderous applause after her speech. **We look forward to seeing the same shared vision, values and mission of the Dual Academy.**

"I bring years of experience from both commercial and non-profit environments or international and regional education. I have learned something new everywhere and have gained know-how and long-lasting good relationships, which I would like to capitalize on my experience," said School Principal Mrs. Anna Špačková.

The full speech of our new School Principal can be found here:

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COOPERATION WITH THE MUNICIPAL POLICE

In cooperation with **our school psychologist Mrs. Zuzana Hrdinová** and the preventive psychologist from the **Municipal Police of Bratislava, Mrs. Nicole Stanova**, we have a long-term process of counselling with students on various important topics.

In addition to the counselling itself, the lectures also focus on prevention and discussions with students about, for example, addictions or criminal responsibility and news. **As Nikol Stanova said, it is important that someone talks to the students and is able to listen to them.**

That is why the Dual Academy plans to continue this collaboration.

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FIRST FEMALE STUDENT OF THE MONTH (FOR APRIL)

In May, we also announced **the very first female student of the month** in the #hydepark project. Fortune smiled on our **student Vanessa Tóthová**, who is a 2nd year student in the field of Informatics specialist. She was nominated for her responsible preparation, attitude and excellent results in the field of programming. Her Technical instructor appreciated not only **Vanessa's responsibility but also her initiative.**

We heartily congratulate her and hope that this award will push her forward and that she will continue to improve her knowledge and expertise.

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EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO PORTUGAL

Our students flew to Portugal!

Students of the 3rd year of Autotronics, David Rys, Oliver Miko, Alex Michálčík, Jozef Tomáška, Marián Haško and Adam Buzinger, travelled under the guidance of Peter Vlk to distant Portugal for a short-term study stay as part of Vocational Education and Training. **During two weeks in Portugal, they visited local car repair shops and broadened their horizons.**

We believe that our students enjoyed it and, in addition to a pleasant change of environment, also used the opportunity to gain new knowledge and experience.



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DEAR GRADUATES...

In May we said goodbye to **our graduates at the Dual Academy!**

Congratulations again to all the students who made it to the end. We are excited to see what a long journey they have come with us and we have been able to pass on our knowledge and skills to them.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of shaping your future.

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LIFE AND HEALTH PROTECTION COURSE

Our third graders have successfully completed **the Life and Health Protection course**. Life and health protection education is a part of basic general and extension education. The students not only attended lectures, **but also active examinations and a stay in the nature**.



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TEACHERS' LOUNGE

In cooperation with our new **School Principal Mrs. Anna Špačková**, who initiated to redesign the Teachers' lounge with her team, we decided to create **a pleasant space** where our employees meet regularly. The overall aim of the redesign was to create a **friendlier and more pleasant environment, especially by creating the relaxation corners and communication zones**. We believe that informal discussions as well as important meetings will be held here.



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DÁRIUS KRAJČÍR – MAYOR OF DEVÍNSKA NOVÁ VES

Dárius Krajčír, the mayor of Devínska Nová Ves, was special guest welcomed at our Dual Academy.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to meet in person and to talk not only about the development of our cooperation, but also about community building in Devínska Nová Ves. We also discussed projects such as **I am an EXPERT** or technical education in primary schools. We are excited to see that we share common goals and visions with those who care about the education of young people!





COOPERATION WITH FEI STU BA

At the beginning of this year the Dual Academy has already started cooperation with the **Institute of Automotive Mechatronics (IAM) of the FEI STU BA**. In its birth, from the side of FEI STU participated **Mr. Mikuláš Bittera**, Vice-Rector of STU for Education and Student Care and the current Dean of FEI STU, **Mr. Vladimír Kutiš**, at that time Head of the Department of IAM. Subsequently **Mr. Ján Cigánek** became the head of the Department of IAM, thanks to whom very stimulating lectures for our students and lecturers take place. The lectures cover all topics from fuel cells components to formula construction. We believe that we will continue this cooperation and gradually intensify it, as we see **great potential** and synergistic effects that has risen during our cooperation.



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GRADUATION AT THE DUAL ACADEMY!

Our students have passed graduation exams, the final step to becoming an adult, in subjects such as Slovak language and literature, English or German and the theoretical part of the vocational component. We are glad that thanks to their years of study they were well prepared for the final exams and passed them without any problems.

All we can do is keep our fingers crossed and wish them the best of luck in their future lives. **We are already so proud of those who are graduating and taking one step at a time towards a successful future.**



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

The Student of the month for May has become 4-time nominee **Michal Zamiešal** from the 1st grade of Mechatronics, who was drawn by the April winner Vanessa. Our sincere congratulations and we are delighted that he took home this award just on **International Children's Day**. We believe that this first prize will be a great bonus for him, which will push him forward.

As Milan Ráchela, Head of Secondary Vocational Education and Training, said, "**For us, our students are already adults, responsible and smart people.**"

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YOUNG CAR MECHANIC

Our student Daniel Kádek won 2nd place in the national final of Young Car Mechanic! Daniel finished at an incredible 2nd place out of almost 1,000 participants and was only 2 points behind the winner in the national finals. We are extremely happy to have such a bright student in our school who will definitely not be lost in the world. Of course, **he is an absolute leader for us and we thank him for representing Dualka in the best light!**

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HANDOVER OF RACING OVERALLS

The handing over of the racing overalls for the **Greenpower Slovakia finals** was successful!

Design teams from primary and secondary schools measured their speed, but also their ability to work together as a team and solve problems. **The Duálna students will be wearing a racing overalls designed by our student Oliver Miko.** The professional overalls are a reward for their podium finish with their own formula last year. We hope it will bring them luck.

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VOLKSWAGEN FUN DAY

Bratislava factory of Volkswagen Slovakia has opened its door to people for the event Volkswagen FUN DAY!

A team from Duálka has also participated in this event and enjoyed concerts and a remarkable programme for children, youth and adults during this day. **Our exhibition booth was constantly surrounded by visitors** who showed their genuine interest and curiosity. Thank you to everyone who made this special event possible. We are very pleased with the interest of students and young people who did not miss the event. **Thank you to all the students and Duálka staff who spent the whole day with us.**

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SMART GREEN MOBILITY

Ranked 1st in the ranking of the most active schools participating in the **Smart Green Mobility project**, we have been able to host the event presenting the world latest digital technologies and the world of electromobility together under one roof at our school.

Students could actively participate in professional discussions, go for test drives and deepen their knowledge of smart technologies. We talked about e-mobility in Slovakia, new electric vehicles on the market, as well as their charging and batteries.

Thank you to everyone who came to the exhibition and enjoyed this unique experience.

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ABSOLVENTI DUÁLNEJ AKADÉMIE (2019 - 2023)

Congratulations to all of our graduates who **participated in the Dual Academy** graduation ceremony. **Together we have reviewed their 4-year effort in acquiring knowledge and skills.**

We are proud of how far our students have come, and so we keep our fingers crossed for all of them in their own futures. Thank you to our partners who have contributed to the education of these young people and ensure that their education and skills reach their maximum. Thanks to their hard work, they have received a diploma, a SOPK certificate, a §21 technical certificate and a German AP certificate, **which was handed over to them directly by the Executive Director of AHK Slowakei, Mr. Peter Kompalla, together with the Head of the Dual Academy, Mrs. Renata Valeková, and the School Principal, Mrs. Anna Špačková.**

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PROJECT WEEK WITH SLOVNAFT

Our students took part in the Project Week with Slovnaft. During this week, sophomore Informatics specialists were able to learn and try out project management and specific improvement processes in operation. For example, **they attended the bottling of diesel and petrol at the Slovnaft petrol station in Devínska Nová Ves**, but also observed the whole process from the manual work of the driver to the filling in and printing of documents.

During the week, the students went through a detailed analysis of the problem, its quantification, then setting goals and looking for alternatives to meet these goals. **They processed data and prepared 2 presentations**, which they presented to the director of Slovnaft Trans and the management of Duálka.

Such cooperation brings our students into contact with the real world of work and through usage of real data teaches them many skills they can use later in their profession or further studies.

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MY MACHINE SLOVAKIA - FLYING CAR

We ceremonially handed over the model made within the **Flying Car project under the auspices of MyMachine Slovakia.**

The flying car was invented by children from the Drotárska Primary School for children with hearing impairment in Bratislava. The Faculty of Architecture and Design of STU made the design and our students from the Dual Academy with the help of Technical instructor, **Mr. Oto Feldinszki**, realized the project. Thank you to all our partners who participated in this beautiful project and helped not only to invent, but especially to realize this edible idea to the very end!

We believe that this project is not the end of our cooperation and that in the future we will work together with the **Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation** to create new, ground-breaking projects.

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST – PROJECT I AM AN EXPERT (GIRLS)

During the **Business Breakfast** we presented our **initiative I am an Expert** to our guests in a very pleasant, but at the same time professional spirit. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussion. We were delighted with the very positive feedback on the topic of women in technology and the interest in improving this issue.

The aim of the I am an Expert initiative is to popularize technology among girls and to increase the proportion of girls in technical courses of study at the Dual Academy. We also talked about gender diversity in the workplace and gender representation in technical and management environments.

Thank you especially to our panelists – Mrs. Dagmar Wittgrúberová - Head of Health Management at Volkswagen Slovakia, Mrs. Renáta Valeková - Head of the Dual Academy, Ms. Olívia Zacharová – freshman student, autotronic at Duálka, Mrs. Dáša Biziková - graduate of the Dual Academy, Volkswagen Slovakia employee and Peter Grňo - CEO at Blumenbecker Slovakia.

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AHK SLOWAKEI VOCATIONAL TRAINING AWARD

Vocational Training Award of the Slovak-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry - AHK Slowakei awarded to us!

The students of our Duálka, who achieved the best results in the vocational aptitude tests, conducted according to the German model of vocational training, were awarded and could experience an inspiring atmosphere in the rare company of representatives of renowned companies.

We would like to thank the German Ambassador Mrs. Barbara Wolf and the President of AHK Slowakei Dr. Peter Lazar for this festive event.

At the same time, we congratulate our awarded best students and hope that they will continue to work on themselves.

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GREENPOWER SLOVAKIA FINAL

Construction teams from primary and secondary schools measured their speed and cheered up the fans in municipality Dlhá near Trnava on 24 June 2023.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the race, either as competitors or cheerleaders.

Our students Oliver Miko, Daniel Kádek, Samuel Kapusta, Alex Michalčík, Ondrej Batka and 2 newcomers Daniel Dvoran and Nikolas Kral from class I. Autotronics. We would like to thank teachers Mr. Martin Kmec and Mr. Petr Vlk for their on-site support.

In our category we ranked as follows:

Best Team Award - 4th place

Ivan Fitka Design Award - 3rd place

Prize for portfolio and its presentation - 4th place

Prize for race - 4th place



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

The student of the month for June within the Hyde Park project was sophomore student Tomáš Fábry from the field of study Informatics specialist. **We sincerely congratulate our smart student** and we are glad that he has worked hard and is leaving for the summer holidays with the award of student of the month. Congratulations also to the other nominees and fingers crossed for the upcoming Student of the Month award after the summer.

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INITIATIVE I AM AN EXPERT (FOR GIRLS)

Experienced IT journalist and editor-in-chief Mr. Ondrej Macko from the technology magazine TOUCHIT.sk visited the Dual Academy!

The reason was to introduce our **initiative I am an Expert** to the general public, which is intended to motivate girls to study at technical schools. Read the article in the magazine about the latest technology or IT, in which you will learn all about this project.

Soon you can also look forward to a report in which the face of the initiative, **our student Olívia Zacharová**, and the **Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation, who support this awareness campaign, Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl**, will tell you about the ambitions of the I am an Expert initiative.

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END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023

We said farewell to **our students who have successfully graduated this school year**. We also thank our teachers and technical instructors, who have helped us to educate our young people and expand their knowledge and skills throughout their studies.

We wish our students **a pleasant summer**, full of rest and recharging for the next school year. We hope that it will be even better than the last one and that it will bring new students eager to gain new knowledge.



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WE CLOSED THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE FORM OF TEAMBUILDING

This year's teambuilding of the entire **Dual Academy staff - school and founder - was excellent.**

We had a number of activities and lectures from our internal and external speakers. For example, we prepared activities as brain-teaser activities or **Kahoot! quiz, prepared by our students Olívia Zacharová and Daniel Schnek.** The winner of the quiz received a sweet treat for his knowledge - a unique cake. At the same time, we would like to thank our School Principal Mrs. Anna Špačková, whose lecture was a great success.

As a result, the mood was relaxed, as a collective **we strengthened our relationships and got to know each other better,** but we got a chance to get to know colleagues from the non-working side. We are already looking forward to next year, believing the joint teambuilding will be even better.



POSSIBILITY OF RENTING A MULTIFUNCTIONAL ROOM


We are pleased that we have already been able to welcome a number of guests in our new multifunctional room, for example from **Metro, Daikin, AHK Slovakia or APZD**, who have decided to rent this room for various workshops, teambuilding or training sessions.

Our multifunctional room is suitable for trainings, workshops, teambuilding, lectures, etc. It offers a wide range of furniture arrangements, modern facilities, **40 seats, 10 tables, 10 desks and also a smaller workshop room or office kitchenette.**

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