

 Súkromná SOŠ automobilová Duálna Akadémia



REGULAR NEWSLETTER OF THE DUAL ACADEMY

(JULY - AUGUST 2023)



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SUMMARY

We hope that everyone has had as much rest as possible over the summer and has returned to work with full strength. Our summer at the Dual Academy was marked by clean-ups, quizzes and visits.

We are glad that we could welcome, for example, the head of the **Swedish Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jonas Mellqvist**, during the hot days and we believe that this meeting was the first step towards a long-term cooperation with the fast-growing company **Molandertech** and the **Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia**.

We also welcomed children from Ukraine, Iran, Russia and Pakistan thanks to the **Mareena community organisation**.

Journalists from **TOUCHIT.sk** were with us to film a report on the initiative I am an Expert, the face of which is our second-grader Olívia Zacharová. The Dual Academy also welcomed guests from the Czech Republic - representatives of the **Czech Invest Agency** for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Investment.



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INTERVIEW: OLIVER MIKO



Our **Young Car Mechanic Slovakia** finalist **Daniel Kádek** interviewed his classmate Oliver Miko, a colleague and designer of the Dual Academy Formula, with whom he regularly participates in **Greenpower Slovakia**. Watch the interview of these two smart students and get some inspiration and new insights into what it actually entails not only to design and engineer such a unique machine as the formula is undoubtedly.

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WE QUIZZED

We've been preparing knowledge quizzes for our fans all summer long on social media, that fired up many brains.

We chose the topics of the quizzes by means of a poll. The overall success rate of each quiz was extremely high.

On average, with around 250 views of each Instagram story, we often managed to get up to 70-80% interaction.

However, the answers to the quiz questions were not always correct.





TRAINING CENTRE FOR INSTRUCTORS

The Dual Academy has received the designation of "Training Centre for Instructors"!

At the Dual Academy, we have completed another of the **Association of Industrial and Transportation Associations'** training courses for lead instructors. APZD plans to have 4 training centres in Slovakia where it will do these courses regularly. Our Dual Academy as an Industry Training Centre is one of them. Thanks to the cooperation with APZD we have become a "Training Centre for Instructors" operating in the dual education system. On this occasion we were given the official designation (sticker) of a training centre. We also officially marked the training area, our multifunctional room where the training of the main instructors takes place. Thank you for your trust and we look forward to working with you.



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RUDOLF DIESEL TRADE SCHOOL

Team from the Dual Academy visited the Rudolf Diesel Fachschule in Nuremberg.

The aim of the work trip was job shadowing and thus gaining the ability to analyse and understand different processes and procedures in the working environment of a German school - the ability to follow the work flow, identify key steps and understand the relationships between different tasks. We also had a glimpse into the daily working life at a vocational secondary school in Nuremberg and learned about the latest trends, research and technological innovations.

The visit took place on 10-14 July 2023 and was attended by Milan Rácheľa, Anna Špačeková, Igor Kručovčín, Michal Nemček, Matej Repčok and Pavel Pavlenda. Thank you for the warm welcome and new knowledge.

The working visit was made possible thanks to the Erasmus+ programme.



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INTERVIEW: DANIEL KÁDEK



Our clever student **Daniel Kádek** took a great **2nd place** in the **Young Car Mechanic** national finals this year out of almost 1 000 participants and was only 2 points behind the winner.

Watch our student Oliver Mika's interview with Daniel Kádek, who will tell you more about the behind the scenes of the competition and his ambitions for next year. We, at **Dual Academy**, are delighted with the success of our students because, in addition to receiving well-deserved recognition for their perseverance in developing their talents, they also motivate other young people, whether they are Dual Academy students or students from other schools.

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INTERVIEW: Prof. PaedDr. Adriana Wiegerová, PhD.



What can Slovak education be proud of or how to work with teachers in the framework of the reform?

These and many other interesting questions were answered in an interview by **Prof. PaedDr. Adriana Wiegerová, PhD. from the Faculty of Philosophy of Comenius University in Bratislava**. Take a look at what future she thinks awaits Slovak education in the coming years and how the mind-set of not only students, but also their parents and teachers themselves should change.

Together, we raised the topic of our education system, which is stagnating in Slovakia, but also the topic of education and upbringing, which inevitably belong together. Discover the answers to serious questions that can improve Slovak education and contribute to the quality education that every young person deserves.

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INSPIRING STUDENTS

Introducing the inspiring students of Duálka - Denys Sakal'

Denys Sakal' from III. A enjoyed the summer to the fullest! He started his own business, devoted himself to his family, but also to sports and reading books.

As he says: "I'm enjoying my summer and I'm starting a business at the same time. Even though I lost a Thai boxing match on points, my friends are doing well, what makes me happy. Besides, I have read six books in the last two months."

We'd love to write about you and your activities too!

Share anything you think is worth publishing with us by emailing to: natalia.segura@dualnaakademia.sk and show others that you too are an inspiring student.

Check out Denys' summer photos and get inspired by his activities. Fingers crossed, Denys. Wishing you all the best!

TOUCHIT.SK - I AM AN EXPERT



How to get women into typically male-dominated professions?

Watch the video and read the article about our initiative I am an Expert from TOUCHIT.sk, which aims to open up the topic of women working in the technical sector and their full inclusion into a male environment.

In the interview, you will find out what Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Slovakia for Human Resources and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation, thinks about the initiative, as well as our student and the face of the I am an Expert initiative, Olívia Zacharová.

We believe that by educating girls about this issue, we will help to increase their interest in technical fields as well as their success in technology, including easier integration into a challenging work environment.

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TEMPORARY WEBSITE IN ENGLISH

We have launched our temporary website in English!

This step will make it easier for us to work with our foreign partners in an increasingly globalised world, whether they are interested in our school or the courses we offer at Duálka. **It will also help us with collaborations and projects such as Erasmus.**

Also thanks to our mobility students and partners, we can spread the good word about our school. We are working hard on the final version of the English version of the website, but we hope that you will also like our temporary English website and, most importantly, that our partners from abroad will find all the key information on it.

> VISIT WEBSITE <



COOPERATION WITH MAREENA

We had an exceptional visit at the Dual Academy. We welcomed children from Ukraine, Iran, Russia and Pakistan thanks to the Mareena community organization, as well as representatives of the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation.

We were happy to introduce the dual system of education to the children and together we visited the premises of our institution. We also had a special program prepared for them, which we believe they enjoyed to the fullest. Together we made badges that they could design themselves and gave out gifts to our young visitors.

We thank the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation and Mareena for their cooperation. We would also like to thank Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation, for his visit, who told the children not only about dual-education, but especially about Volkswagen Slovakia. Thanks also go to our Duálka team for their help in organising this event.

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CLEANING AT THE DUAL ACADEMY PREMISES

At the Dual Academy we worked hard during the holidays.

In addition to the Duálka staff, our students also joined the summer cleaning and helped us to clean the school to be ready for the next school year. Thanks to the cleaning, we were able to donate plates, 6 boxes of teapots and 8 full boxes of salad bowls to the Milana Marečka Kindergarten in Devínska Noves Ves.

- We sorted and discarded documents**
- We cleaned 3 rooms full of documents and folders**
- We turned the archive room near the canteen into an IT warehouse**

We hope that this change will also help us in educating the next young generation of bright male and female students.

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COOPERATION WITH THE SWEDISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At the Dual Academy we welcomed the head of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jonas Mellqvist.

During the visit we introduced him to our Dual Academy and the school premises and also discussed various interesting topics that can take dual education even further.

We believe that this meeting was the first step towards a long-term cooperation with the fast-growing company Molandertech and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia. We would also like to thank our Duálka representatives who were part of the meeting and contributed to a productive meeting in our premises.

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100 DAYS OF OUR NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



What has the first 100 days been like for our School Principal Mrs. Anna Špačková?

Watch the video to find out how she felt when she joined the Dual Academy, how she was treated by her students and colleagues, and where she sees the potential of our school.

You will also find out what new things are coming up at the Dual Academy, as well as what students can look forward to in the new school year. Enjoy the video in which our School Principal tells you a little behind the scenes of the Dual Academy.

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COOPERATION WITH CZECH INVEST

The Dual Academy welcomed guests from the Czech Republic - representatives of the Czech Invest Business and Investment Development Agency.

The aim of this meeting was to get acquainted with the possibilities of future cooperation in the field of industry education, qualification improvement, retraining, recruitment of workforce and sharing experiences from the dual system for the needs of companies in the South Moravian Region.

The invitation was accepted by: Vít Čermák, director of the regional office of Czech Invest for the South Moravian Region, Dominik Gřešák, regional coordinator of the Technology Incubation of Startups, Peregrina Štípková, specialist for the development of education and cooperation with secondary schools.

The meeting resulted in an agreement on a pilot cooperation in the field of transversal education and the intention to cooperate on international projects in the field of education. We thank the representatives of Czech Invest for this productive meeting and we believe that thanks to this cooperation we will improve education in the dual system and contribute to change for

SEPTEMBER 2023



WE OPENED THE SCHOOL YEAR IN STYLE

The new school year 2023/2024 successfully kicked off!

Today was a special day for the whole Dual Academy. As every year, we welcomed new students to our school, which this year reached a record number of 113, as well as our loyal students who have been gaining new knowledge and experience together with us.

We are glad that we could treat the students to an unconventional start of the school year thanks to the rock band that played right on the Duálka campus.

Thank you to our School Principal, Mrs. Anna Špačeková, for the opening ceremony, to the Head of the DA, Mrs. Renata Valeková, as well as to the distinguished visitors – Mr. Peter Švec, State Secretary of the MHSR, Mr. Kai-Stefan Linnenkohl, member of the board of Volkswagen Slovakia and Mr. Juraj Štekláč, Vice-Chairman of the Bratislava Region.

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR

As part of the opening of the new school year, we celebrated the Student of the Year Award 2023/2024.

The winner of the Student of the Year Award 2023/2024 will be announced at the end of the year and drawn from the individual students of the month during that school year.

Her/His prize will be an electric scooter, Raceway brand. The more times a student is nominated, the better her/his chances of winning. The goal of this activity is to improve student engagement, increase student responsibility for decision making, and motivate them with something visible and tangible.



MONITORING VISIT

On Friday, September 8, 2023, the school was visited by Mrs. Michaela Rolínová Bogdanová and Mrs. Erika Mazag Mácsayová from the Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation - National Agency of the Erasmus+ for Education and Training. They carried out a monitoring visit to accredited and ongoing projects, where the main objective was to evaluate the implementation and organisational aspects of the project and to raise the profile of the quality Erasmus+ projects as an example of good practice.

During the monitoring visit attention was drawn to the successful implementation of previous projects, the high commitment of the project manager and her new setup criteria, the eco-friendly way of applying for mobility via QR code and much more. The visit also met with students who reacted positively to the high number of early mobility activities at the school. Our school is involved in various Erasmus+ actions. In addition to short-term study placements in VET for students and job shadowing for teachers, the school is also involved in youth exchanges and small partnerships in vocational, education and training activities. Thanks to different types of projects, we are able to involve a large number of students and teachers, and so can everyone can find their place in mobility.

STICKER COMPETITION

Not only for our students, we have prepared a sticker competition, which also launches this year's advertising campaign aimed at recruiting new male and female students.

The stickers will carry the main theme of the campaign, which is the phrase "WHERE ARE YOU?", combined with a light theme and the hashtag #mladivtechnike (#youngstersintechnic).

The task of the contestants will be simple.

They have to stick the sticker on the most beautiful place, take a picture of it and post it on their Instagram profile with the hashtag #mladivtechnike



AKO MA SPRÁVNE NALEPIŤ?

Ahoj! Nalep ma na to najkrajšie miesto, odfoť a uverejň príspevok na svoj Instagram s hashtagom **#mladivtechnike** a **VYHRAJ** adrenalinovú jazdu na luxusnom aute!

PAMÄTAJ:

- Tvoj Instagram musí byť verejný
- Do súťaže sa môže zapojiť každý
- Víťaz je len jeden, podme lepit'!



ŠTATÚT SÚŤAŽE

Kde ma môžeš lepit'?

- Doma
- V Duálke
- Súkromne majetky
- Cudzie majetky (s povolením majiteľa)

Kde ma nesmieš lepit'?

- Zastávky autobusu
 - Stĺpy verejného osvetlenia
 - Cudzie majetky
- Miesta, ktorými môžeš kohokoľvek poškodiť

**WHAT IS COMING UP IN THE
NEAR FUTURE AND WHAT
CAN YOU LOOK FORWARD TO?**

STUDENT PHOTO SHOOT

The student photography, which will be provided by the Dual Academy and professional photographer Martin Gura, was originally planned for May 2023, but due to organizational reasons it has been moved to new dates.

We are already looking forward to creating not only unforgettable photographs with our students, but we are also planning the first yearbook of the Dual Academy, which will remind the students of their student days at the Dual Academy. We will keep students and parents informed about the photo shoot and specific information will be sent to students and parents as the year progresses.

NEW DATES:

27th of SEPTEMBER 2023

3rd of OCTOBER 2023

COSTS for the photograph will be covered by school



GIRLS' DAY AT THE DUAL ACADEMY - 21.10.2023

Girls Day at the Dual Academy is almost here!

Come to Dualka where we will be happy to answer all your questions about studying at our vocational secondary school. See for yourself that technical fields are no longer just for boys, but are also suitable for girls.

We look forward to seeing you!

MORE WOMEN IN THE TECHNICAL INDUSTRY

The aim of the new initiative "I am an Expert" is to motivate more girls to study at the Dual Academy and attract them to the world of technology, which has long been a predominantly male domain. More women in technology fields will not only increase the diversity of work teams, but also bring new ideas, practices or empathy.

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21.10.2023



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THANK YOU.

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YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 2023.

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