



REGULAR NEWSLETTER OF THE DUAL ACADEMY

(SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023)



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SUMMARY

The first months of the 2023/2024 school year were mainly spent welcoming the new freshmen, who were gradually getting acquainted with the Dual Academy.

We were all preparing for the first open day, which took place on 23 September and also for the Girls' Day at the Dual School, which we were able to experience for the first time on 21 October. 🙌

We launched a new recruitment campaign - WHERE ARE YOU?, with the subtitle #youthintech, we participated in great events and welcomed a number of distinguished guests at Dual Academy.

We still have a lot to do before the end of the year, but we are confident that we will get through it without any problems, thanks to the good mood and the professional team of Dual Academy.

We are already looking forward to the next Doors Open Day or the second year of the event of the Christmas market. 🎄



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WE PREPARED OUR NEW FRESHMEN

The beginning of the school year can be challenging for first-year students. That's why our school psychologist Zuzana Hrdinová, in cooperation with her colleague Natalia Segura and Erasmus project manager Nora Bělousová, has prepared for our new students a joint getting-to-know-you activities. 🙌

Thanks to them, they could get to know not only our school environment better, with the teachers and masters, but also with their future classmates, and thus make new friendships that can stay with them even after they graduate from high school.

We hope that our work does not end with this activity, students will feel comfortable with us and will not be afraid to turn to us in case they need our help. We keep our fingers crossed for all the freshmen in their studies and in their journey of studying during the whole period. 🙌

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

We celebrated the new school year with a business breakfast

We celebrated the start of the school year not only with our students, but also with a productive business breakfast!

We greatly appreciate our partners and believe that by working together we can improve the education of our young people. During the business breakfast, we covered the “I am an ExpertKA” initiative, but also important topics such as digital transformation, education in electromobility or the HVAC training centre. 🙌

We would like to thank the Dual Academy team and the coordinators - Anna Špačková, Renáta Valeková, Andrea Kanianska, Mariana Mičúchová, Jakub Štubňa, Milan Ráchela, Martin Mihalec, Peter Beck and Natália Segura for organizing an enjoyable business breakfast. 🤝

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WHERE ARE YOU?

We have launched a recruitment campaign

At the Dual Academy, we have launched a recruitment campaign with the subtitle #youthintechology. Our aim is to attract smart young people to the tech sector, which offers a great future. You can spot the campaign on buses, billboards and the internet. 📍

We hope that thanks to this campaign we will be able to attract more new freshmen and sophomores who are close to technology to the Dual Academy.



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PORSCHE FANS FAMILY DAY 2023

Our Dual Academy team participated in Porsche Fans Family Day 2023!

The 6th edition of this unique event took place at the Bratislava Castle and we were able to be there. As a partner of Porsche Fans Family Day, we introduced our educational institution to all the participants, enjoyed a sunny Saturday and made new friendships that keep us moving forward. Thank you Porsche Fans Slovakia, we look forward to next year!

Soak up the atmosphere of this unforgettable event and don't miss the next one. Our upcoming DOD (Doors Open Day) at the Dual Academy, which will take place on November 16, 2023, where you will be able to learn more about our secondary school with a future.

You can find all the photos from the event here:

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STUDENT MOCK ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC 2023

Student mock election to the National Council of the Slovak Republic 2023 took place in Dual Academy!

The elections were a simulation of real parliamentary elections, where students can try elections and prepare for the real ones at the age of 15. We are trying to make the pupils realise that we live in a democracy, we can go and vote and we don't care. One of our missions is just responsibility, and that's why we also try to teach responsibility to our students in this way.

Our students were able to vote in person at the school by dropping their vote voice in the ballot box at the polling station, or online by using a questionnaire.

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THE FIRST DOORS OPEN DAY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

129 of you visited Dual Academy during the first Doors Open Day, which took place on 23.9.2023, and we are very happy about this number. 🙌

We can see that you are interested in technical education, in our secondary school with a future, which makes us really happy. Thank you for visiting us, seeing the school premises and talking to us about the learning opportunities our school offers.

We also thank our employers: Volkswagen Slovakia, Daikin, Faurecia Automotive Slovakia and Slovnaft, who underlined the importance of technical education in Slovakia with their presence. 👉


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AN IMPORTANT VISIT

Representatives of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation visited Dual Academy

In the Dual Academy we welcomed an important visit - representatives of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland in Slovakia, the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic and the State Institute of Vocational Education. 

On Wednesday, 20.9.2023, we talked together about the challenges and opportunities brought by the new Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme. Our guests got acquainted with the concepts of dual vocational education and training, further adult vocational training and the Industry training centre.

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PARTNER SCHOOL

We were visited by a partner school and experts in the teaching of refrigeration and air-conditioning technology

We were visited by our partner school and experts in teaching refrigeration and air conditioning technology from SZeŠ and SOU CHKT Kostelec nad Orlicí. 🇸🇰

Together we discussed the topics of how to get more girls into the world of technology, what motivated them to apply for HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) and what benefits they see in studying this field. We also toured the facilities of our Dual Academy, where they really liked our workshops and the nice students.

We also managed to write an Erasmus+ project with this secondary school, where we will be creating new, more attractive materials for the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineering department during the period of 16 months. 🙌



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TEACH FOR SLOVAKIA

To eighth and ninth graders from Lozorno Primary School we were able to show the magic of technology in our Dual Academy.

Eighth and ninth graders from the Lozorno Primary School visited our Dual Academy. Thanks to the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation, which cooperates with the Teach for Slovakia organization, we were able to show the pupils the magic of technology in our Dual Academy.

Thank you Teach for Slovakia for 10 years of trying to change the education system to give all children a chance to succeed. 🙌

The pupils were welcomed by our School Principal Mrs. Anna Špačeková and were guided around the school by our instructor Mr. Tibor Bedi, together with our colleague, Assistant to the Chairwoman of DA, Mrs. Andrea Kanianska. The pupils made their own badges and tried programming activities and hydraulics. In addition to these interactive activities, they also had a visit to the Volkswagen Slovakia production plant.



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HYDE PARK

Our first graders experienced their first Hyde Park

Our first graders experienced their first #Hydepark in Dual Academy!

The Hyde Park Project offers our male and female students feedback in their studies when the freshmen and sophomores meet in the lobby with their main instructors and head of professional learning to discuss what went well the previous month. The aim of these meetings is to spark debate, to involve students in the running of the school, to teach them not to be afraid to express their opinions and to be pro-active.

During this event, we introduced them to the whole concept and the rules, so that they could get involved early on and get motivated to improve in the field they are studying. We are already looking forward to see the results the students they will achieve.



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TAKING PICTURES

Memories of secondary school are important

Do you also like to reminiscing on your secondary school days? We hope our students will. 😍 That's why we decided to work with professional photographer Mr. Martin Gura Photography to provide our students with unforgettable photos that will be a great memento of their student days.

At the same time, we want to gradually transform the photos into a year-book that the students will be able to show not only to their family, but we believe that in a few years it will have more value to them than material.

The cost of the photography was taken care of by our school and so each student has a basic package from the school development fund. 💪



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VISIT FROM CROATIA

In the Dual Academy we were visited by teachers from Croatia.

We showed the premises of our school to 20 teachers of vocational subjects from Koprivnica and discussed important topics. 🤝

We are planning to extend our further cooperation for the field of electrical mechanics in the framework of short-term study stays. We hope that this partnership will bear fruit and that the students will get the most experience and knowledge out of this cooperation. ⚙️



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INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION

We always feel a great responsibility when we receive any kind of visit, especially when it comes to international delegations. 🌍

We were very pleased to welcome the State Secretary of Germany, Mrs. Anette Kramme, accompanied by the German Ambassador to Slovakia Mrs. Barbara Wolf, as well as representatives of the Ministerial Office and the European Labour Authority, accompanied by Mr. Alexander Matušek, Chair of the Slovak Automotive Industry Association.

We would like to thank our colleagues, the Chairwoman of the Dual Academy, Mrs. Renáta Valeková, the Head of Secondary Vocational Education and Retraining, Mr. Milan Ráchela, the School Principal, Mrs. Anna Špačeková and the Education Manager, Mrs. Mariana Mlčúchová, who guided them and presented them not only the dual education system but also the dual education system but also other interesting topics. 💪



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CAREER EXPO 2023

Dual Academy at Career EXPO 2023 (Bratislava).

We participated in the second year of the Career EXPO Bratislava job fair in Stará tržnica. With the team of Dual Academy we had the opportunity to present to the visitors not only the job opportunities, but also our secondary school or retraining courses that we offer.

We are delighted with the great interest and we hope that thanks to this opportunity we can also help new candidates in the job market or in education, which is needed at any age. We especially thank our new colleagues Mr. Jakub Štubňa and Mrs. Monika Kubincová for the way they have taken on this task. 🙌



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EU CODE WEEK

Our students took part in the EU Code Week.  ^{TOP}

The EU Code Week is an independent initiative supported by the European Commission with the aim to bring programming and digital literacy to everyone in a fun and engaging way. Anyone can get involved by organising a #CodeWeek coding activity and adding it to the map at codeweek.eu.

We commend our sophomores for expanding their horizons and wanting to improve. They say that in this week they have understood the logic of writing codes, they have learned a lot of C syntax, but they were also surprised how something simple can be also so complex. 🤖



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COUNTY SCHOOLS DAYS IN BORY MALL

On 13th October we participated in the County Schools Days in Bory Mall in Bratislava.

During this day, elementary school students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors, as well as the general public were able to ask curious and interesting questions to secondary school students and teachers of county secondary schools throughout the whole day. 🤔

We are excited about the great interest in technical education and thank you for the opportunity for ninth graders to choose a secondary school with a future.



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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF VOLKSWAGEN SLOVAKIA

Mr. Wolfram Kirchert, the new Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Slovakia, visited the Dual Academy! 🇸🇰

On Friday, 13.10.2023, we welcomed Mr. Wolfram Kirchert - the new Chairman of the Board of Management and Member of the Board of Management for the Technical Area at Volkswagen Slovakia - to the Dual Academy. During the tour of the premises of the Dual Academy, he asked our guides interesting questions, which is evidenced by the fact that he is very interested in dual education, which we are extremely pleased about.

After the tour itself, there was also a debate with the other members of the management. We believe that the cooperation with Volkswagen Slovakia will continue to flourish under the leadership of Mr. Kirchert and we will be able to launch new projects together.



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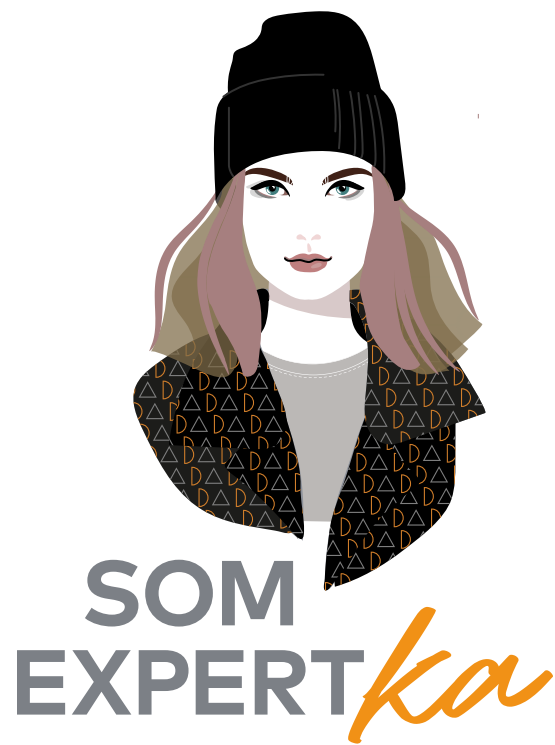
EQUAL CUP

Sport competitions

Our freshmen, under the guidance of teacher Mgr. Alfréd Bauer, participated in the sport event EQUAL CUP 🏆, organized by the organization People in need in cooperation with the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation. 🙌

The sports competition took place at the Lozorno Primary School, which provided its premises in the school grounds for this great event. Our representatives took an excellent 2nd place and we congratulate and thank them on behalf of the whole Dual Academy for representing our school.





MORE GIRLS IN TECH!

Successful, the first year event, of Girls Day at Dual Academy, which was also Doors Open Day under the auspices of the I am an Expertka initiative is over!



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DEŇ DIEVČAT V DUÁLKE

More girls in tech! 🧑🔥 This was the motto of our Girls Day, which took place on 21 October 2023 in the premises of the Dual Academy. Thank you to everyone who took the time and decided to spend it in the company of Dual Academy, our teachers, instructors or employers - Volkswagen Slovakia, Daikin, Faurecia Automotive Slovakia, Slovnaft, ZSE.

Special thanks to our guests - Dr. Michaela Musilova, PhD., Ing. Adriana Galisová, PhD., Ing. Eva Stejskalová, MBA and Ing. Anna Špačeková, who are proof that women in technology have their deserved place. We also thank the great moderator Vera Wister and the rock band Poison Candy rocks, who also created an unforgettable Saturday.

Thank you also to the face of the I am an ExpertKA project and our student Olivia Zacharova, who is making a good name for all hardworking women in technical fields, and to the Volkswagen Slovakia Foundation for their support, without which we would not be able to spread awareness in education. 🙌📖

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HYDE PARK

First student of the month for this school year

October's #Hydepark in Dual Academy was full of interesting things to do and the announcement of the student of the month!

Our regular #Hydepark was also held this month, during which students from the Gastro School talked about the expedition in Croatia, where they took part thanks to the DofE Slovakia - Duke of Edinburgh's International Prize development programme.  **TOP**

We also presented the award and prize to the Student of the Month for September, namely to Martin Chudý. Congratulations and we hope this award motivates him even more! 

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Prize for the student of the year

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

The Student of the Year winner can be anyone who has been entered into the Student of the Month draw.

His prize will be a "babeta bageta" - an electric scooter, Racceway brand. The more times a student is nominated, the better his/her 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.



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HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IN SEREĎ

Did you know that there were also death camps in Slovakia for those who were relegated to second-class citizens by the Nazi regime? Of the three, only one has survived - in Sereď. It is the one that has become the Holocaust Museum.

On 16 October 2023 our 4th grade students visited the Holocaust Museum in Sereď, as part of prevention programs and the subjects of civics and history. We believe that this visit was interesting and informative for all 57 students and they took away new knowledge. We would also like to thank our teachers who accompanied the fourth graders on their journey to the past – Mrs. Alžbeta Zbraneková, Mrs. Viera Švajlenová and Mrs. Monika Culinková.

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THE HEROIC ACT OF OUR STUDENT JAKUB

We have our own heroes in Dual Academy! 🤝 🥰

Our student, AUA freshman Jakub Polák saved a human life. During his train journey from Prague to Bratislava, he witnessed an incident between two people and noticed that one of them needed urgent help.

After failing to feel his pulse and noticing that his face was turning purple, Jakub decided to give the injured man a heart massage, which probably saved his life. We are proud of our student who kept his cool, was not afraid and was able to selflessly help and save a life in this way. 🙌

Thank you, Jakub!

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AUDIO-VISUAL STUDIO

Also thanks to you, our students can begin using the audio-visual studio that we were able to make possible with two percent of your taxes.

Students can develop their multimedia talents, learn how to work with professional audio-visual tools, which can later become a beautiful hobby or even a job.

In our newly equipped audio-visual studio, they can use not only professional photo backdrops or studio lights, but also microphones to create podcasts.

Thank you!

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SPORTS CLUB

Sport for better health and well-being of our male and female students! 💪

In the Dual Academy we have started a new sports club, which is designed for all lovers of movement. Its aim is to make the students' time at school more enjoyable and get their talents flowing.

The sports club in Dual runs every Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:30 pm and anyone can join. The inaugural meeting was attended by 13 students, 2 of whom were girls. The response has been very good, the students enjoy this physical activity and we hope that others will join in time. Keep it up!

At the same time, we thank our teacher Mr. Miroslav Kadlec and the coordinator of vocational training and employer relations Mr. Martin Kmec for the initiative and the successful start.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE (Duke of Edinburgh) or Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised development programme for young people aged 14 to 24.

The great thing is that you too can get involved and win a major Duke of Edinburgh Award. It's possible at our school.

Prepare that you will:

- ★ Develop your talent or skill
- ★ Play sport
- ★ Do volunteering
- ★ At the end of the program participate on an adventure expedition with friends

You choose the activities and also how long you will do them. You will have a mentor in each activity. You track and monitor your progress in the app. At the very end, you'll receive an internationally recognised certificate along with an award.

Don't wait for anything and book your place in the DofE as soon as possible. Places are limited!

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✓ How to apply for the programme?

1. Click on <https://www.dofe.sk/prihlaska> and fill in your contact details and click on our school (Private Secondary School of Automotive Dual Academy, Bratislava).
2. We will find out about you and contact you. You are not committing yourself to anything yet.
3. We will explain everything to you and you will decide whether to go for it. Only then will you register (by 15 October 2023 at the latest).

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Election of Student Council representatives

Toting for the Student Council has been closed. Thank you for your interest and the votes cast, which were in truly overwhelming numbers.

You have chosen candidates from among yourselves who will also represent your interests in the Student School Council.

1st Grade: Ján Kleberc

2nd Grade: Patrik Németh

3rd Grade: Eduard Horváth

4th Grade: Daniel Kádek

Apprenticeships: Sebastian Boroš, II.A

Congratulations to the appointees for gaining the trust of their classmates and we hope that they will hold their position in Student Council conscientiously.

VOTING DETAILS



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STICKER CONTEST

And in which car will you have a ride? Fingers crossed!

Experience the adrenaline ride of your life! Our sticker contest is running until 30.11., so don't hesitate and join in too 🏆

Win an adrenaline ride in one of these fast cars and enjoy an unforgettable experience thanks to SportDrive.cz. Just stick the Dual Academy sticker on the most beautiful place and post a photo on your Instagram profile with the hashtag #mladivtechnike.

If you don't have your sticker, drop us a line on the Dual Academy IG and we'll send it to you - in print or digital form. Your profile must be public and post your photo as a post so we see the sticker and you don't miss out on a chance to win. There are no limits to creativity. Sticker sensibly, in places where it's allowed. Fingers crossed!



Ferrari 488 GTB



Lamborghini Gallardo
LP560-4

The condition of the contest is to stick the Dual Academy sticker on the most beautiful place and post a photo on your Instagram profile with the hashtag **#mladivtechnike**.

Christmas market

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6. DECEMBER 2023
14:00 - 18:00

Students of the Dual Academy
will present their products in the stalls.

The class that collects the largest donation
will win an additional day off (8.1.2024)



Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the
Bernolákovo Centre for Children and Families and the
Senecio Senior Citizen's Home in Devínska Nová Ves.



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6.12.2023
(From
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CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENT
Christmas punch
and cookies

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IN THE NEAR FUTURE
AND WHAT CAN YOU LOOK
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