



REGULAR NEWSLETTER OF THE DUAL ACADEMY

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024



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SUMMARY

The new year has arrived, bringing important updates that you shouldn't miss.

At the beginning of 2025, we would like to inform you about several significant changes and events:

- The deadline for submitting applications for dual education has been shortened to January 31, 2025.
- The deadline for submitting applications for high schools is now set for February 20, 2025.
- There will be a change in our study program offerings: we will not be opening the car repair program for the next school year 2025/2026. However, we are increasing the capacity in the Technical Lyceum by opening two instead of one class in this new promising field of study for the next school year 2025/2026.

Additionally, don't miss our **Open Days**, which will take place on January 25 and February 7, 2025. Please note that the Open Day scheduled for February 21, 2025, has been canceled.

We are excited to begin 2025 with new opportunities and look forward to what lies ahead!



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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER MONTHS OF HUMANITY

Humanity – The Value That Unites Us

During November and December, we at Dual Academy reflected on the value that serves as the foundation of every strong community—humanity.

For us, this means fostering understanding, empathy, and a willingness to help others. Throughout these months, we focused on activities that promote cooperation, solidarity, and respect among students, teachers, and employers.

We believe that by nurturing this value, we develop not only skilled professionals but also individuals capable of creating a more compassionate and better society.

Together, we demonstrate that humanity is the key to true success.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Information for Future Students and Parents:

- **The deadline** for submitting applications for dual education has been shortened. Applications must be submitted **by January 31, 2025**
- **The deadline** for submitting applications for secondary school is now **February 20, 2025**
- Auto Repair study field will not be opening for next school year 2025/2026
- we are excited to announce the expansion of our newest study field, the Bilingual Technical Lyceum, which will open with up to two classes!

Grab the opportunity to be part of the future of technology at the Dual Academy!

DOORS OPEN DAYS

Dual Academy Door Open Days Update!

We invite you to the DOD:

January 25, 2025

February 7, 2025

Please note, the Open House scheduled for February 21, 2025, has been canceled.



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PRESS CONFERENCE - SUPPORT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We were pleased to attend the press conference held by Peter Kmec, the Vice-Deputy Prime Minister for the Recovery Plan. The event focused on presenting the National Innovation Center and the financial support available for high school students representing Slovakia. This opportunity was invaluable, as it allowed us to showcase the Dual Academy and support our talented students, whose achievements extend beyond Slovakia's borders.

We would especially like to thank our student, **Eduard Horváth**, for excellently representing our school with his participation and performance. His contributions helped enhance the reputation of the Dual Academy.

Moments like these demonstrate that support from institutions such as the FIRST Global Slovakia Challenge leads to results that deserve recognition. We extend our gratitude to the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic for providing us with this exceptional opportunity!



OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

We prioritize mental health, which is why we are excited to introduce a new feature: Psychologist at School.

In addition to supporting our students, our psychologists are also available to Duálka employees, teachers, mentors, and head instructors—essentially, anyone who interacts with students and may need assistance, a listening ear, or guidance.

We firmly believe that seeking help is not something to be ashamed of. We are pleased to have two psychologists on our team, Zuzana Hrdinová and Ivana Kapalko.

They are ready to provide professional advice that can enhance not only the quality of education at our school but also the well-being of each individual.



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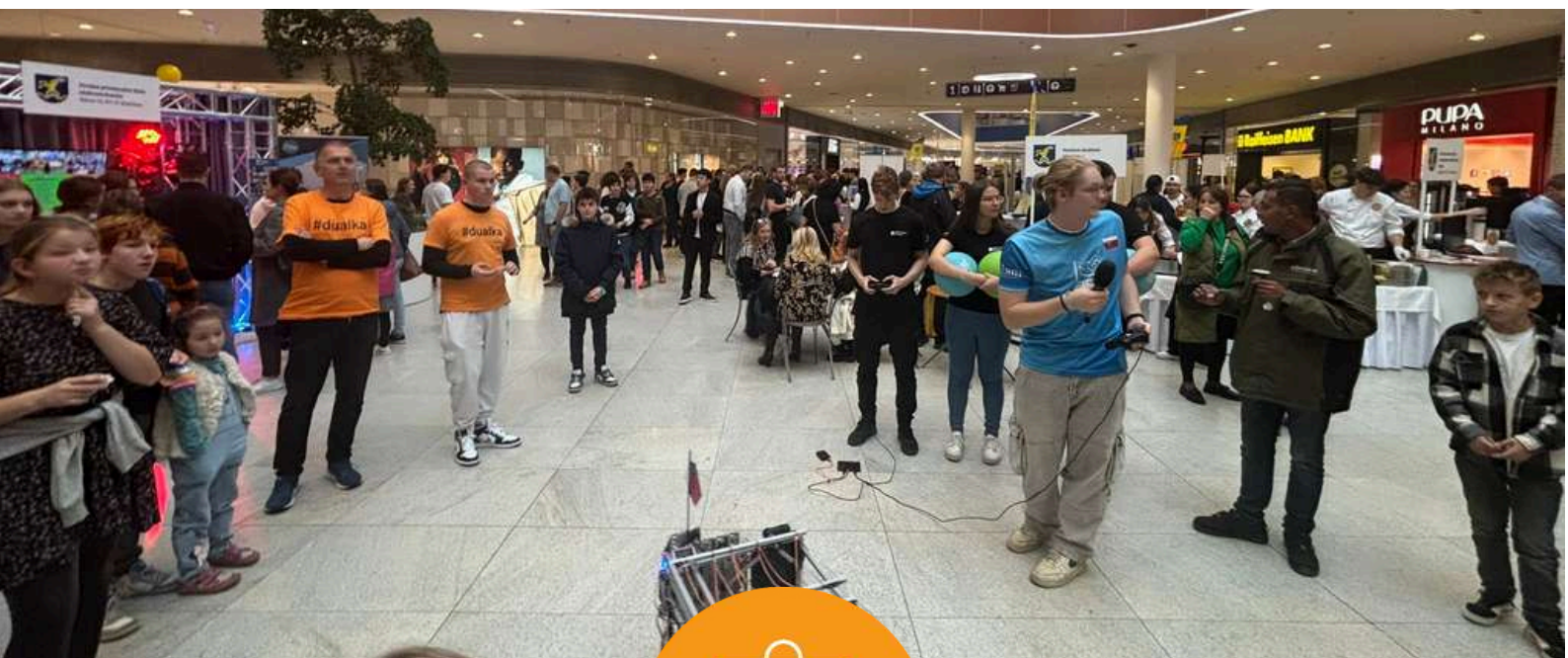
COUNTY SCHOOLS DAY IN BORY MALL

The Dual Academy participated in the 2024 County School Day at Bory Mall once again this year.

The County School Day is designed for 8th and 9th-grade students from elementary schools, as well as enthusiastic teachers, educational advisors, parents, and the general public. The goal of this event is to help attendees learn about secondary schools, familiarize themselves with the available offerings, and assist students in choosing the right school for their needs.

On November 7, 2024, visitors at our information stand had the opportunity to gain valuable insights about our school and dual education. They could also ask questions directly to our students. We are grateful for the great interest shown and the eagerness to learn more about the Dual Academy. We look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming school year.

A special thank you goes to the Duálka team, who represented and showcased the school throughout the day: **Petra Maliniaková, Miroslav Kadlec, Matej Žitný, and students Andrej Skýpala, Katarina Skýpalová, Radko Puhovich, Edo Horváth, Martin Sokol, and Vanessa Tothová.** You are all amazing!



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DRIVING SCHOOL IN DUÁLKA

We are excited to announce that we are starting a driving school course at Duálka!

In collaboration with Autoškola Jednička, we are launching driving license courses on our school's premises.

We are proud to share that our first course is fully booked, and we are confident that all 30 students will successfully complete the program and drive safely.

The first course started on January 9, 2025. We wish all participants the best of luck during the theoretical lessons, the simulator sessions, at the training ground, and on the road.

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2024

Dual Academy has a tradition of recognizing exceptional students for their dedication, effort, and achievements. During the September Hydepark event, attended by the school management, **Martin Kadluba, a first-year student in the autotronics program (I.AUA)**, was honored for his outstanding approach and commitment to his studies.

Martin distinguishes himself not only through his responsible attitude toward his education but also by his willingness to assist his classmates and foster a positive atmosphere within the school.

His accomplishments and determination serve as a true inspiration to all students. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Martin and look forward to witnessing his future successes!

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2024

In October at Hydepark, we had the pleasure of meeting an exceptional student who inspires those around him with his perseverance, hard work, and determination.

The Student of the Month award was given to **Stanislav Mihálik**, a **second-year student in the field of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (II.ME)**.

Stanislav demonstrates that professionalism and discipline can go hand in hand with a friendly demeanor and a willingness to support others. His achievements and involvement show the importance of not only mastering technical subjects but also fostering cooperation and building positive relationships.

We heartily congratulate Stanislav and wish him much success in the months ahead!

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MATRICULATION OF FRESHMEN!

The matriculation ceremony was designed to welcome students to Dualka, motivate them to excel in their studies, and highlight the unique opportunities they have for future employment.

We are hopeful for the first-year students as they embark on their academic journey and believe they will reveal their full potential.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the planning and execution of the matriculation ceremony.

Special thanks go to Ivana Kapalko and Zuzana Hrdinová. We also extend our appreciation to the employers who care about the future of young people. A heartfelt thank you to Marek Unger from ZSE, as well as Nina Frankl, Andrej Pavlík, and Tomáš Polaščin from Volkswagen Slovakia for their involvement and support.

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SIGNIFICANT DONNATIONS FOR DUAL ACADEMY

The Dual Academy has received an electric Porsche Macan, marking a significant step towards advancing education in the era of electromobility.

Porsche, a manufacturer known for its excellence and innovation, has demonstrated its commitment to education by providing students with a unique opportunity to work with and gain experience on one of the most modern electric cars available today.

The new Porsche Macan will not only showcase technological progress but will also serve as a valuable tool for students to develop practical skills in the field of electromobility.

Additionally, the Dual Academy has received support from Volkswagen Slovakia, which has donated a Touareg 2.0 TSI and a gasoline Up with a 1.0 MPi combustion engine to the school for training future talents.

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FINAL DOORS OPEN DAYS IN 2024

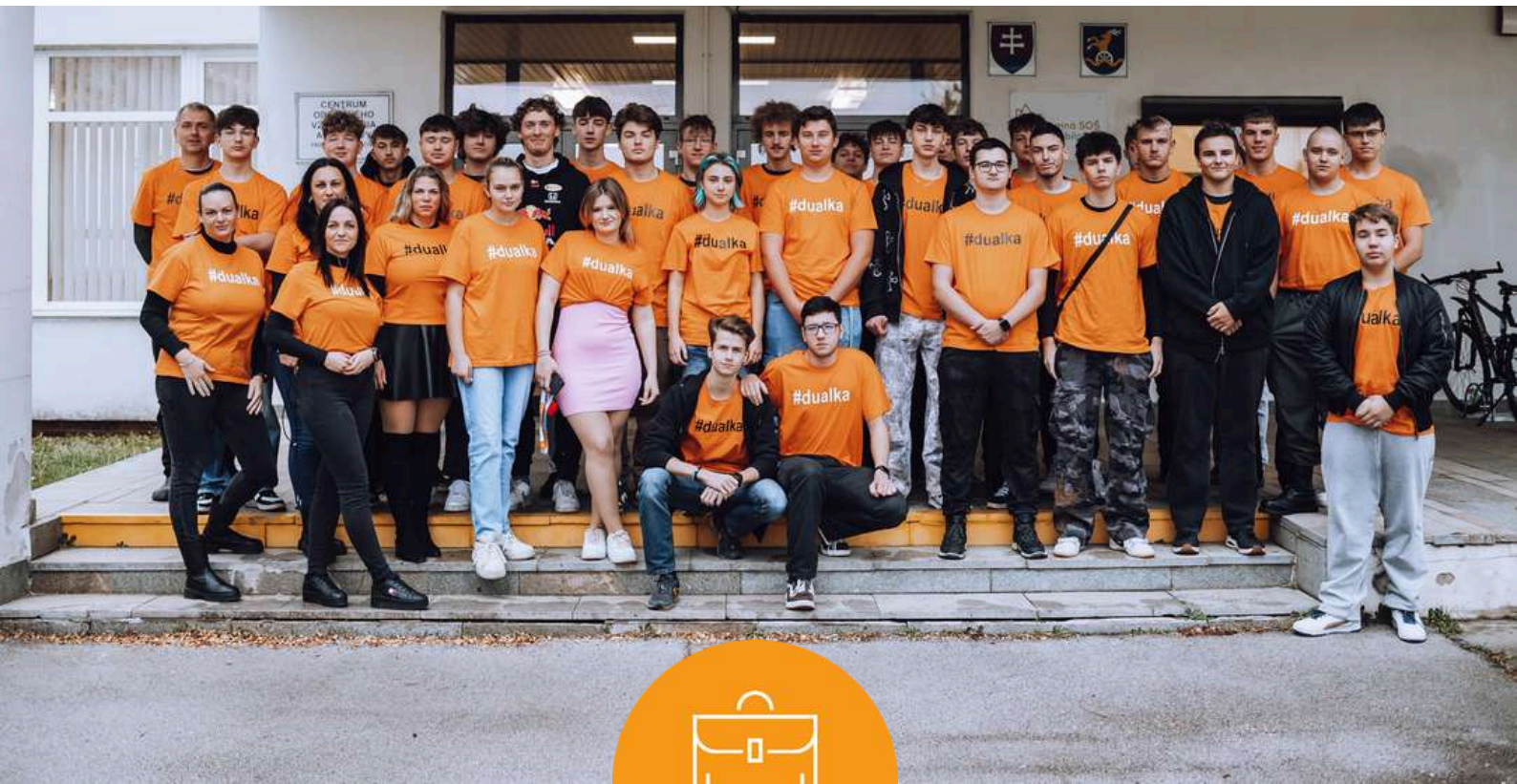
We opened our doors for the last time in 2024, inviting everyone to explore behind the scenes of our school, learn about the advantages of dual education, and discover how we are shaping the future of young professionals.

Our masters, teachers, students, and employers guided visitors through the world of education intertwined with practical experience.

We are delighted to have welcomed so many of you and look forward to the next Day of Open Doors (DOD), scheduled for **January 25, 2025**.

Additionally, we invite you to join us for the final DOD of this school year on **February 7, 2025**. Stay connected with us so you don't miss anything happening at Duálka—a high school with a future.

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKETS (3rd YEAR)

Thank you! The 3rd year of our Charity Christmas Markets in Duálka was a great success.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to creating a pleasant Christmas atmosphere. We are delighted that the Christmas markets brought together not only our creative students but also everyone who attended and chose to help those in need. Additionally, the class that raised the highest amount will receive an extra day off.

The total amount raised was **€2,325**, which will be divided equally, with **€1,162.50** going to both the Bernolákovo Children and Families Center and ICHTYS o.z. in Devínská Nová Ves. So, how did the Christmas markets turn out, and which class will enjoy the day off?

Congratulations to the class 3.AU, who will be awarded the day off!

We sincerely thank everyone who attended or contributed in any way to the organization of the 3rd year of the charity Christmas markets. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did and took home not only a good mood and joy but also some wonderful products.

We would also like to give special thanks to Petra Lajdová from UNICEF Slovakia, who participated in our event. One of the core values we hold in Duálka is humanity, and we are excited about what awaits us together in the future. Thank you.

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CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKETS PRESENTING GIFT CHEQUES



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ERASMUS+ DRESDEN

Our students recently returned from Germany as part of the Erasmus+ project.

Five second-year Mechatronic Mechanics students – **Tomáš Hermann, David Hrotka, Marek Chvátal, Samuel Schwarz, and Marco Šiša** – along with third-year student **Andrej Skýpala**, completed a two-week educational mobility in Germany under the guidance of teachers **Miroslav Kadlec** and **Veronika Gereková**. Thank you to everyone involved!

During their time at the Gruna section, our students learned about the intricacies of the Dresden City Transport Company. They gained insight into how an electric bus operates and even had the hands-on experience of disconnecting and reconnecting it to become operational again. The students also focused on programming and connecting electrical circuits and attended an informative lecture. Additionally, they had the amazing opportunity to drive a bus.

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ITAPA 2024

Our team participated in the "Autumn ITAPA 2024" conference.

Eight of our students from field of study IT specialist attended this prestigious event, which took place over two days.

They had the opportunity to:

- Expand their knowledge in the fields of cybersecurity and digitalization - Network with industry experts
- Gain insights into the future of IT in Slovakia
- The students acquired valuable knowledge about technological trends, challenges in cybersecurity, and the application of AI
- They received significant motivation and encouragement from representatives of various companies. Slovakia is in need of thousands of IT professionals, and we are proud that our students are contributing to this vital sector!



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2024

Before Christmas, we had the pleasure of participating in the HydePark event and announcing the Student of the Month for November.

As is our tradition, the principal addressed the students, offering motivating words. He expressed gratitude for their efforts, reflected on important events from the previous month, and encouraged everyone to aim even higher.

Additionally, we held a draw for the Student of the Month, and the winner for November was **Sebastian Šona** from II.MEoi (IT specialist).

He was nominated for his diligence, reliability, and willingness to help his classmates. Congratulations, Sebastian!

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ERASMUS+ CZECH REPUBLIC

Six students from Class II.MEoi (IT specialist) completed a two-week Erasmus+ educational mobility program in the Czech Republic.

During their time there, our IT specialists gained valuable knowledge and experience at the Secondary Industrial School of Transport in Motol, Prague. They also attended an engaging conference focused on artificial intelligence, which included discussions on virtual reality and 3D printing. One of the highlights was modeling a bus using the Tinkercad program.

Additionally, the students visited the city of Mladá Boleslav and toured the ŠKODA AUTO a.s. Secondary vocational school of mechanical engineering, part of the ŠKODA ACADEMY. They had the opportunity to see firsthand how students at this school are educated. Overall, our students had a unique experience and made connections with people from another country. Thanks to the dedicated team at the Prague school, they returned home with a wealth of knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

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CHRISTMAS WISDOM

Our pre-Christmas activity, "Christmas Wisdom," was filled with your inspiring stories and practical advice.

Students, parents, and teachers had the opportunity to share their tips on how to navigate the Christmas season while experiencing peace and joy. A total of 37 people participated in this event, which was organized by our psychologists, Zuzana Hrdinová and Ivana Kapalko.

Additionally, we distributed gifts as a token of our appreciation. We prepared small surprises for ten participants: seven students, two teachers, and one mother. We also extended three Christmas wishes to you all:

1. Spend time with your loved ones and cherish the moments together.
2. Think positively and pursue your dreams.
3. Find joy in the little things and live every moment to the fullest.



INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPLOYER ENGIE SERVICES A.S.



Answering: **Daniela Godová, Mgr.**

HR manager at Engie Services a.s.

She has been working at the company since 2023.

The collaboration between **Dual Academy** and **Engie Services a.s.** commenced in September 2024.



Why should a student choose your company as their employer in dual education? Please name few reasons.

As an employer we offer following:

- students are regarded as our colleague since day one
- will find in our company international expertise - global trends integrated into Slovak practices
- support for innovation and education within the energy sector
- a stable working environment within a large corporation.
- an employee-focused corporate culture. - Opportunities for work mobility in international teams.

What significant new developments have recently occurred or are planned in your company?

We received several awards from the Slovak Facility Management Association at the FM Days 2024 conference:

- Jekh Julius was honored with the SAFM PERSON OF THE YEAR 2023 award for his significant contributions to the field of facility management
- ENGIE was recognized with the SAFM PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2023 award for its management of the Squarebizz Business Center in Nitra and the Squarebizz Bory project in Bratislava
- We provide technical management, green maintenance, environmental management, and other sustainable solutions for these projects. - Additionally, we were proud to be included in the top ten of the Best Employer 2024 competition

INTERVIEW WITH THE EMPLOYER ENGIE SERVICES A.S.

If you had to describe your company in one word, what would it be?

Innovation.

Can you share something about your company that is not widely known or easily found on the internet?

As a global corporate leader in energy sector transformation, we foster a family-friendly atmosphere. With 94% employee engagement, we operate as one ENGIE team.

How do you select future students for the Dual Academy? What skills should a student have, and what qualities do you consider when selecting candidates?

The ideal student should possess a progressive and innovative mindset, along with a strong motivation to learn new technologies and concepts. They should be creative, responsible, and adhere to the rules of the work environment. Additionally, being a team player with the ability to collaborate with colleagues contributes to an inclusive workplace that is equal for everyone. We believe that dual education is not just for boys; we are also enthusiastic about welcoming girls into dual education programs.

What is the perspective of students in your company, and does your company have a plan for working with graduates? Could you share some success stories with us?

We provide students with valuable advice and insights gained from many years of experience. We understand the importance of connecting theoretical knowledge with practical skills, which is why we have been organizing professional practice for secondary school students, as well as the latest dual education programs, under the guidance of experienced technicians. After graduation, students can pursue various technical positions, benefiting from opportunities for career growth and the potential to advance into highly qualified managerial roles. At Engie, we have several successful examples of individuals in top management who have developed through internal mobility.

What benefits do you provide for Dual Academy students?

We offer students monthly financial compensation, including a scholarship, contributions for productive work and meals, complete PPE equipment, and summer job opportunities.



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY MONTHS OF ENTHUSIASM

We welcome the New Year with energy and joy because January and February embody **enthusiasm**. At Duálka, we believe that genuine enthusiasm is the driving force that transforms dreams into reality.

As our quote of the month states:

“Genuine, heartfelt **enthusiasm** is one of the most effective factors for success.”
- Dale Carnegie

We are committed to guiding our students in discovering their passions and fostering their enthusiasm for both their studies and life goals, making it an endless source of success. Together, we cultivate an environment where enthusiasm serves as the foundation for our daily activities.



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