Scholai (σχολαί) Contest

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Starting from the fourth edition (first semester, 2024-2025), this contest will become part of the outreach activities of the Center for Classical Studies at the University of Lisbon.

Each academic year, it is implemented by the group of Greek language teachers.

External partners associated with each edition may vary.

What are the σχολαί?

The σχολαί (plural of σχολή, "leisure time") are weekly hobbies in ancient Greek.

They present topics of culture, notes on vocabulary, etymology, morphology and syntax, crossword puzzles, word searches, gap-fill exercises, and other linguistic challenges aimed at the playful consolidation of the basic structures of the Greek language, essential for reading Greek authors.

Who can participate?

The contest is open to students who are, or have been, enrolled in any level of Greek at the School of Arts and Humanities of the University of Lisbon.

The new contest rules will be made public in September 2024.

How does it work?

The contest has two editions in each academic year: one in each semester.

The contest consists of a total of ten puzzles numbered from 1 to 10. One puzzle is made available per week, every Wednesday, starting from a specific date at the beginning of each semester.

Once the tenth puzzle is reached, competitors, within a publicly communicated deadline, submit the ten completed puzzles (originals or copies), properly identified with name and email address.

Prizes are awarded in two categories, based on the type and number of errors.

Prize announcements will be made halfway through the semester.

Prizes typically include double tickets to the theater, guided tours to culturally relevant sites, specialty books, double stays for events related to the classical theme, such as Braga Romana (a partnership secured for the third edition of the contest)

The prize-giving ceremony is public and publicly announced. There may be a need for a draw if there are equal results.