

Decision 131273/02/02-10-2026 “Approval of entry into the Medresse of Komotini”

Within the framework of familiarizing students with modern scientific fields, as well as cultivating their experimental way of thinking, we approve the entry, on Sunday, 4 October 2026, into the Medresse of Komotini, of two (2) female students from the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics of the Democritus University of Thrace, in order to conduct an educational activity at the aforementioned school on the subject of synthetic and molecular biology.

This educational activity includes an introductory and interactive presentation of basic concepts of molecular and synthetic biology, a brief reference to the international iGEM competition and the research work of the team and, time and conditions permitting, a brief demonstration of an experiment extracting DNA from strawberries using simple materials. The experiment will be carried out exclusively by the representative of the team, with the students participating as observers.

The activity will be supervised by the school's teachers, in compliance with the prescribed operating regulations of the school. No photographic or audiovisual material involving students will be taken without the consent of the school and the guardians.

For the implementation of the aforementioned activity, approval for entry into the school premises is granted to:

1. Maria Ioanna Michailidou, a second-year student of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics of the Democritus University of Thrace and a member of the iGEM Patras 2026 team, who will carry out the presentation and the demonstration,
2. Ifigeneia Stogianni, a student of the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics of the Democritus University of Thrace, who will accompany and assist in the implementation of the activity.