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9:15 – 11:40 am

Pierce Theatre

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**PIERCE** ing the Silence From Fear To Digital Kindness

	TIME	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS
1	9:10 - 9:20	Students take seats & Introduction	Gisela Iosif – Natasa Gaitani
2	9:20 – 9:25	Duet Act: Trending	Nadina Konopisopoulou – Christina Koumasi
3	9:25 – 9:40	1 <sup>st</sup> presentation	Etty Varouch, psychologist (Greek)
4	9:40 – 9:55	2 <sup>nd</sup> presentation	Dr. Konstantinos Vavousis, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Information Technologies, Cybersecurity and Computer Science at The American College of Greece (English)
5	9:55 – 10:00	1st MUSIC BREAK: Annie Hove & the band	
6	10:00 – 10:15	3 <sup>rd</sup> presentation	Vinjeru Mkandwire, News Editor on The Economist’s Digital Desk (online) (English)
7	10:15 – 10:30	4 <sup>th</sup> presentation	Bill Nikolopoulos, Systems Engineering Manager, Fortinet (English)
8	10:30 – 10:35	2nd MUSIC BREAK: Mary Anagnostou – Kyveli	
9	10:35 – 10:50	BREAK: LIGHT MEAL in the Theatre Lobby	
10	10:50 – 11:05	5 <sup>th</sup> presentation	Surprise guest: (Greek)
11	11:05 – 11:25	Follow-up Activity: Debate Students and speakers take position on the motion presenting their arguments and viewpoints	
12	11:25 – 11:30	Certificates & Trophy Award Ceremony	
13	11:30 – 11:40	Activity in the Lobby: Students reflect on what they’ve heard. They could finish the sentence “If I knew someone who has been bullied, I would...” / “One thing I understood today” / “One thing I will be more careful about online starting tomorrow”.	