



*Escola Secundária Rainha Dona Amélia (ESRDA)* is a traditional high school located in Lisbon, Portugal. We teach from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have about one thousand students (aged from twelve to eighteen years old) enrolled in 38 classes. Our students aim at engaging university education and more than 50% of our graduates succeed in being admitted to their first choice.

We are proud of our academic success, which depends on teachers' competence, students' motivation and last, but not least, on parents' expectations and support.

With no significant problems related to disciplinary issues, together with irrelevant or inexistent rates of early school leaving, we provide a friendly environment where most students feel happy and safe.

On top of that, apart from the *curricula*, ESRDA promotes civic education and engages in humanitarian projects to increase students awareness of global issues.

Sports, arts, music and entertainment are extremely important in the upbringing of well-balanced youngsters, which is why our school organizes the *Smashing Awards*, a Gala presented to the public at the end of each school year, in order to reward students for their achievements and reinforce team work and school cohesion.

Our Vision: *“The School should combine the excellence of educational action with the humanism of its intervention and guidance towards the full and balanced development of its students, as beings aware of the importance of their role in the global world.”*