## HELPING STUDENTS EVADING MATH PROBLEMS

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## The Cone of Learning

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### After 2 weeks,

I see and I forget.
I hear and I remember.
I do and I understand.
— Confucius

we tend to remember ...

- 10% of what we READ
  - 20% of what we HEAR
    - 30% of what we SEE

Watching a Movie
Looking at an Exhibit
Watching a Demonstration
Seeing It Done on Location

Reading

Hearing

Words

Seeing

 50% of what we SEE & HEAR

Participating in a Discussion Giving a Talk

Doing a Dramatic Presentation Simulating the Real Experience Doing the Real Thing  70% of what we SAY

> 90% of what we SAY & DO

Source: Edgar Dale (1969) e



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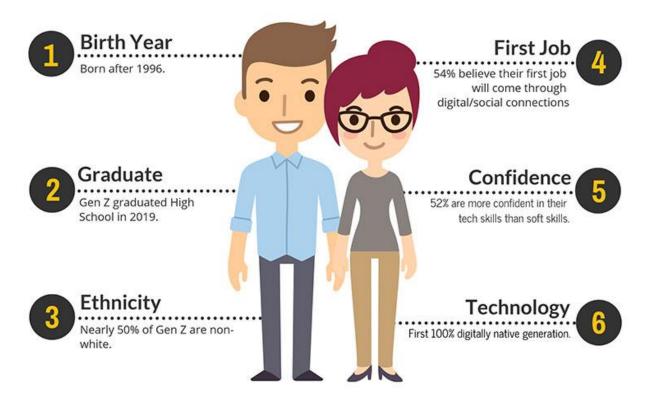
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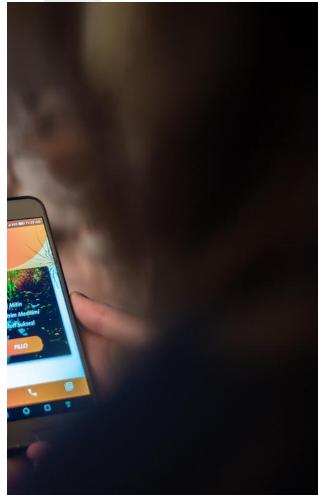
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## WHO IS Gen Z?

They're the Class of 2019. A generation one million larger than Millennials. This year, Gen Z will enter the workforce in huge numbers, and employers are on board.







SOURCES: Pew Research, MarketingCharts.com, Snap Inc., Monster, Dell Technologies







**Health care** 



**Higher education** 



**Economic security** 





**Mental health** 



Race equality



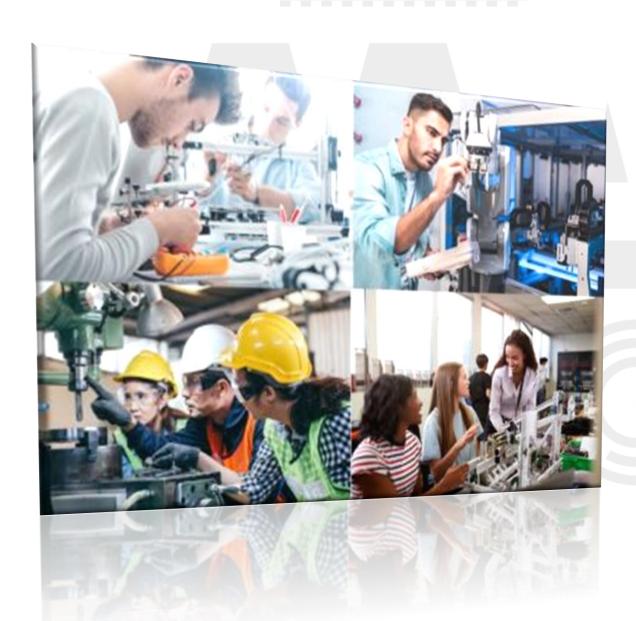
**Environment** 

- Generation Z wants to learn practical, real-life skills and highly value hands-on experiences like internships.
- This places a heavy emphasis on education, creating a growing demand for new forms of teaching.
- 79% of Gen Zers would like to integrate their higher education experience with employer internships.

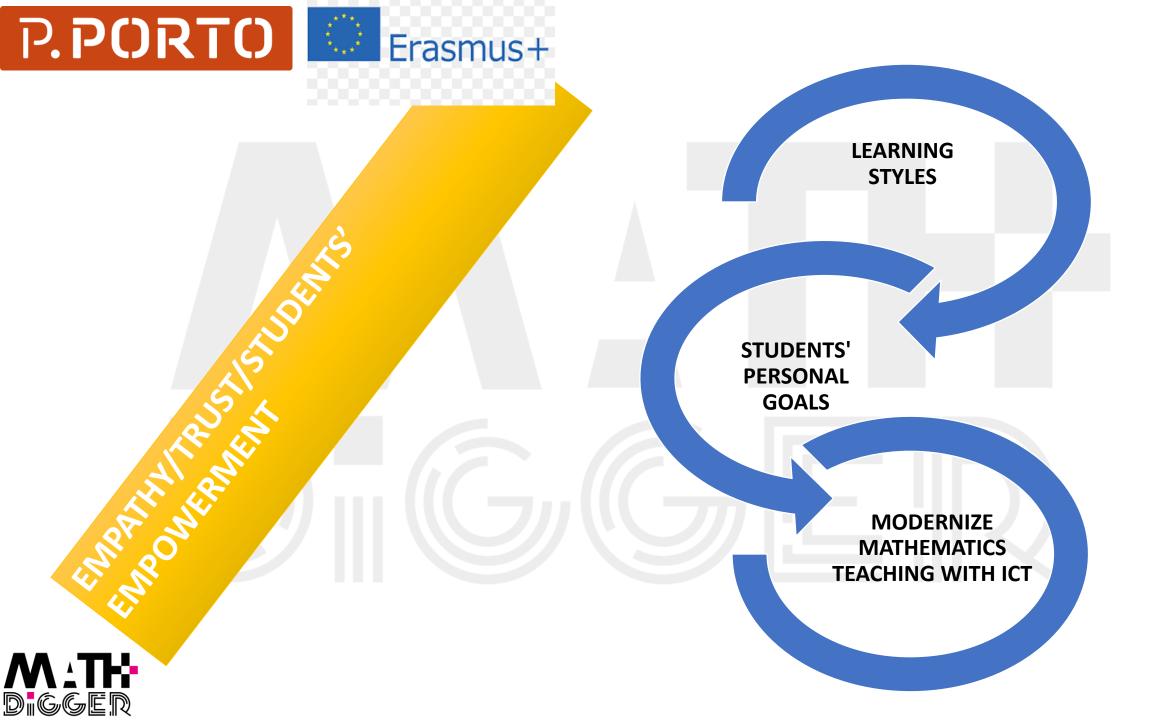


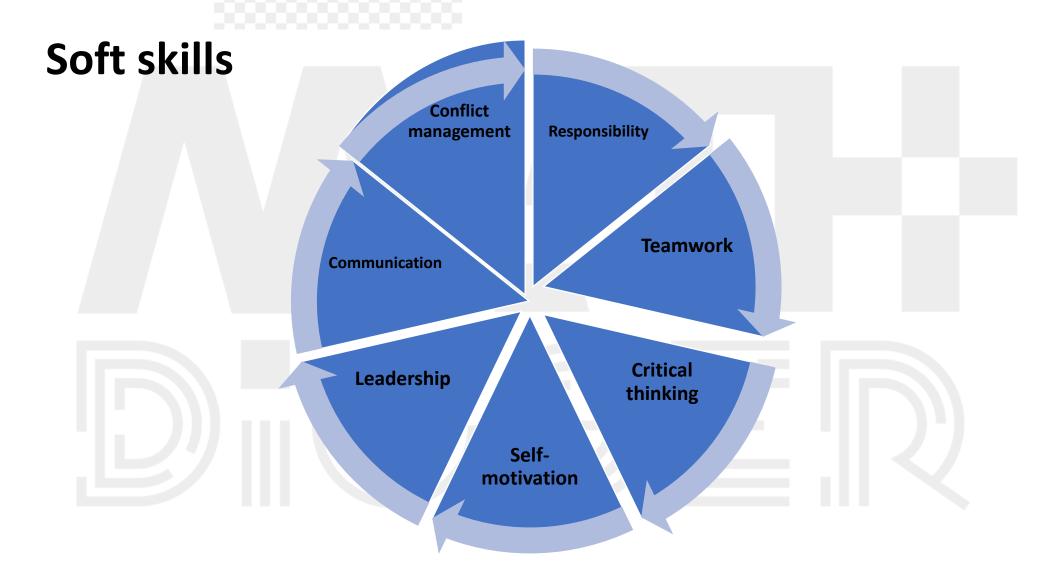
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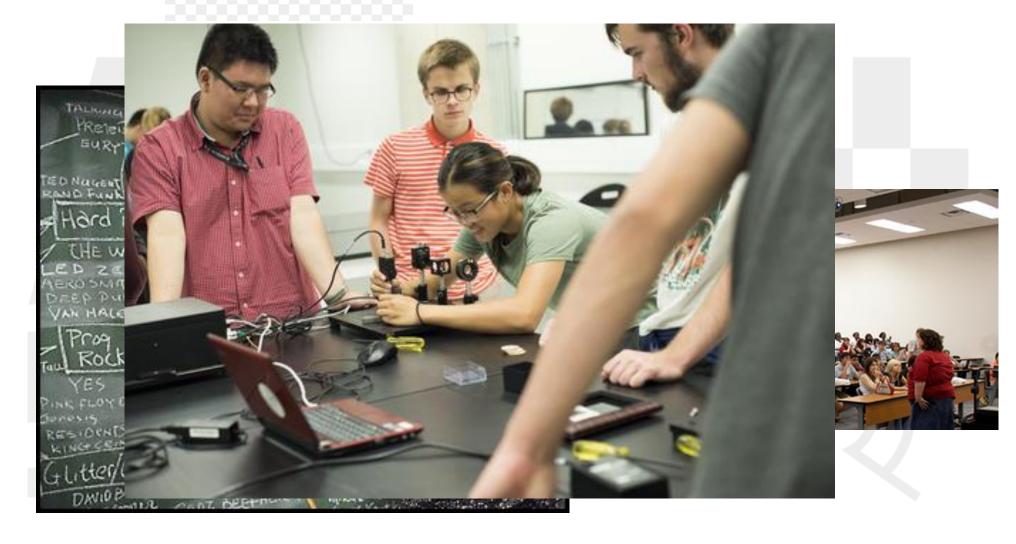








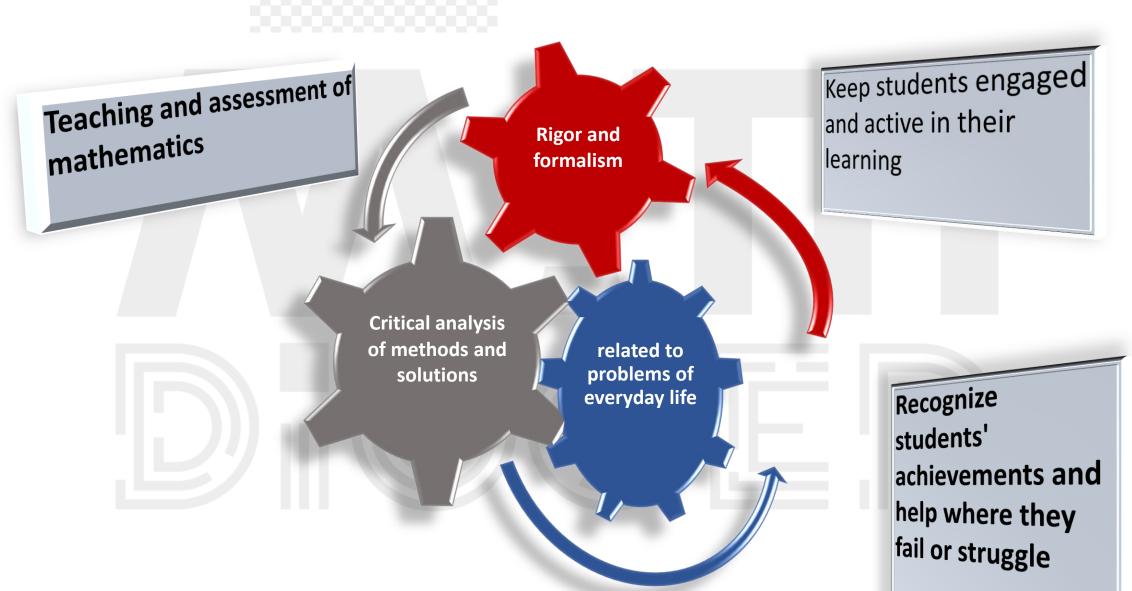






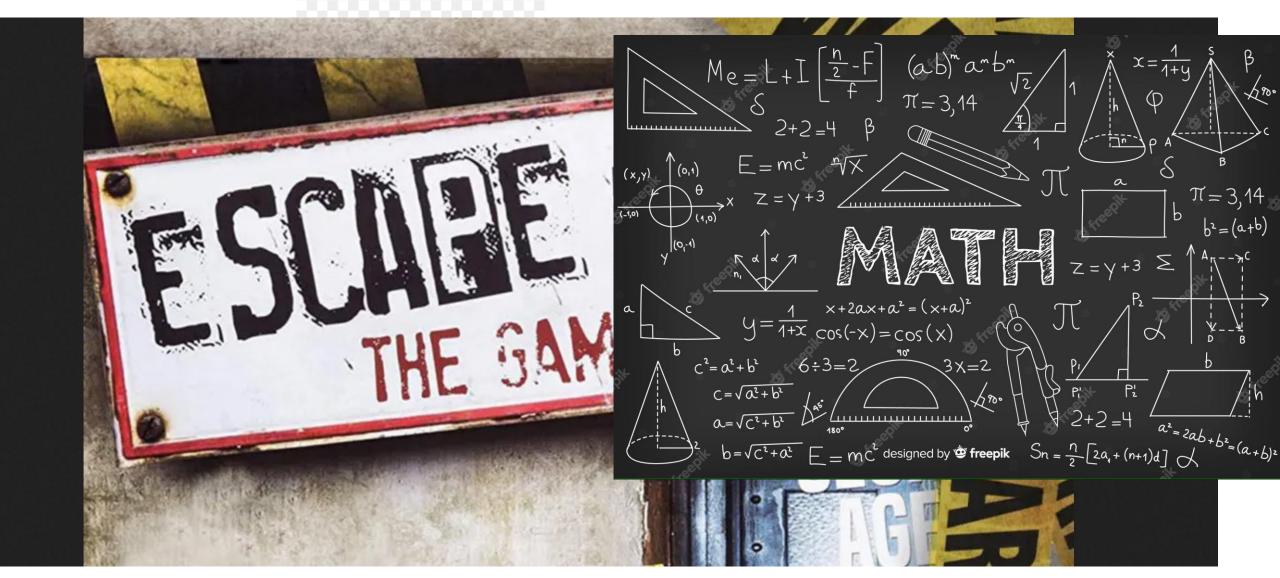












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## Cordyceps — the fungus

- Ophiocordyceps unilateralis, otherwise known as cordyceps or zombie-ant fungus, infects insects such as ants or spiders.
- Like other parasites, cordyceps drains its host completely of nutrients before filling its body with spores that will let the fungus reproduce.
- It then compels the insect to seek height and remain there before it expels these spores, infecting other nearby insects in the process.





## It zombifies you!

#### **Effects**

- In tropical, subtropical, and even temperate forests around the world, there are many species of fungus in the genuses Cordyceps and Ophiocordyceps (these fungi were formerly called just Cordyceps) that infect insects like ants and other invertebrates.
- And they do essentially turn them into zombies. The fungi take over their minds and bodies, causing them to behave in such a way as to spread spores to others of their kind.





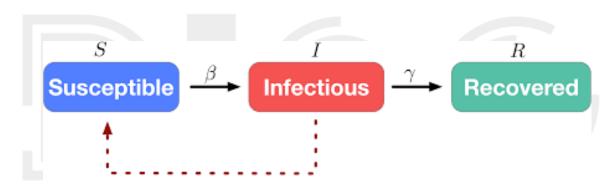




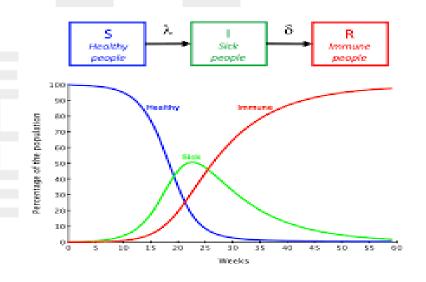


## Steps

- Get to the scientist and produce the antidote.
- Predict the number of people infected because resources are very limited (SIR model)











## Could the Cordyceps Fungus Really Take Over?







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1:15:00	0	13:30:00	2,41105
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1:45:00	0	14:00:00	2.07011
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2:15:00	0	14:30:00	1.47564
2:30:00	0	14:45:00	1.05591
2:45:00	0	15:00:00	0.588483
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## The Story behind the Second Escape Room

But the students didn't stop there. Recognizing the importance of sustainable living in a world scarred by destruction, they set out to incorporate eco-friendly elements into their new community. They installed water collection systems to harvest rainwater, ensuring a steady supply for drinking and sanitation. Wastewater was treated and recycled, minimizing waste and conserving precious resources.

Solar panels adorned rooftops, harnessing the power of the sun to provide energy for their growing settlement. With each panel installed, hope flickered to life, illuminating the darkness that had consumed their city. It was a symbol of resilience, a beacon of progress shining bright against the backdrop of devastation.

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As their community took shape, so did their sense of unity and purpose. The students worked tirelessly, their hands blistered, and their spirits tested, but never once did they hesitate in their resolve. Together, they built not just homes, but a place of hope.

As the sun set, on their makeshift city, casting golden shades over their humble houses, the students party together, proud and resilient, ready to face whatever challenges lay ahead. For in destruction, they had found not just despair, but also the strength to rebuild, brick by brick, and to forge a future filled with hope.

## Game tutorial

Main goal: Students need to design a residences complex, with water reservoirs and wastewater deposits. They will also determine the exact spot for solar panels to produce the necessary energy.



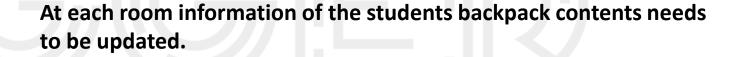
#### AT THE END STUDENTS MIGHT WIN STARS FOR

Mathematic achievements – most valued (80%)

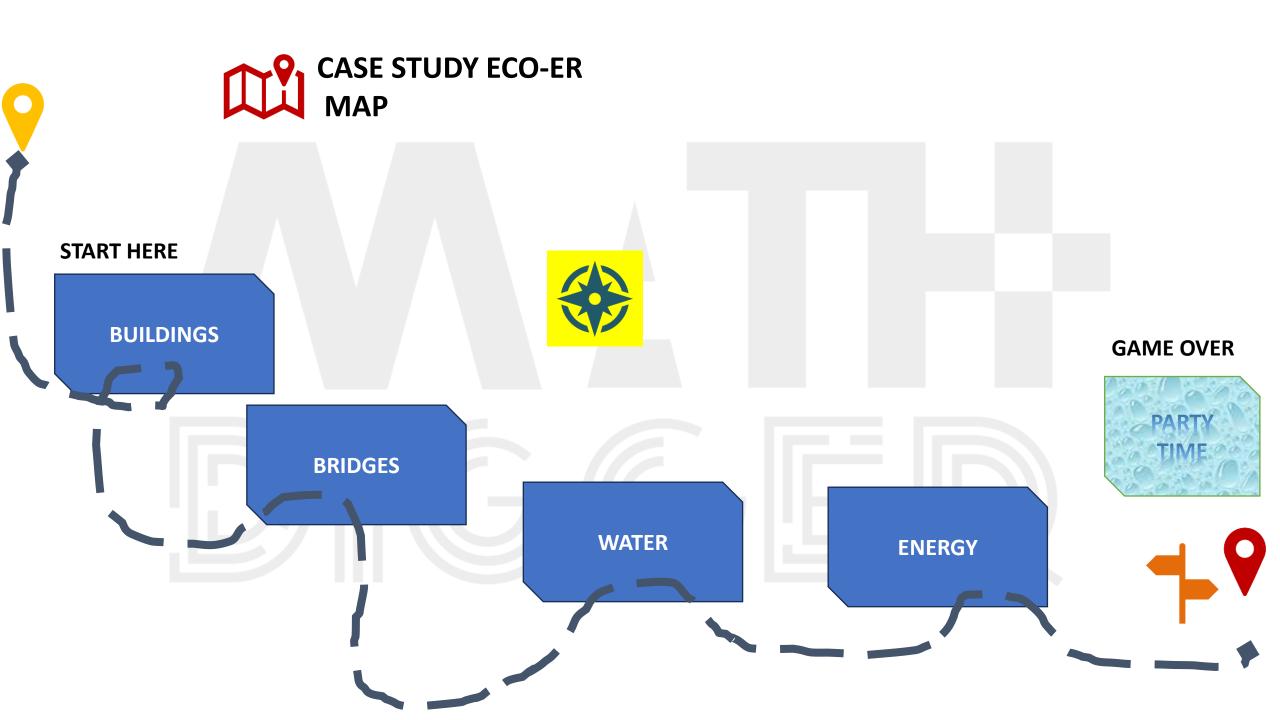
Collecting objects in each room to be used in the next room

Collecting at #room 4, for the final party,

food, beverages, musical items, decoration items



In the end the value given is equal  $\frac{\# collected}{total} \times 20$ 



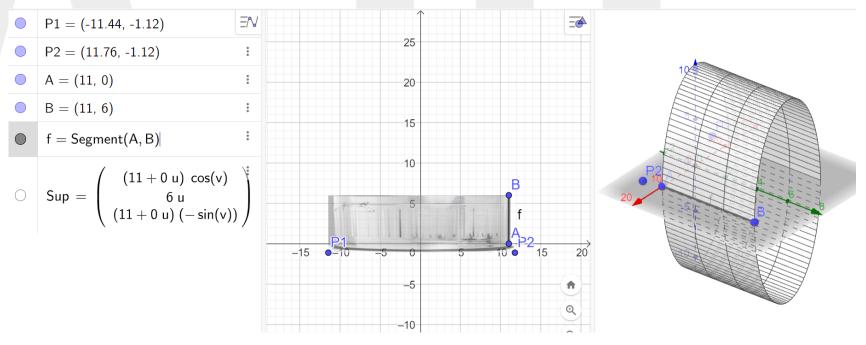
## Room #3 - Water

To be sustainable, the wastewater used at students' residences must be collected by cylindrical form deposit that will be constructed underground, as can be observed in Figure 5.

Knowing the radius of the residence zone, the radius of the cylindrical deposit is also known. Therefore, given the value of the wastewater lateral surface,  $A_L$ , the student is invited to determine the height of the deposit (simply using the formula  $(A_L = 2\pi \times radius \times height)$ .



Figure 5. – Wastewater deposit



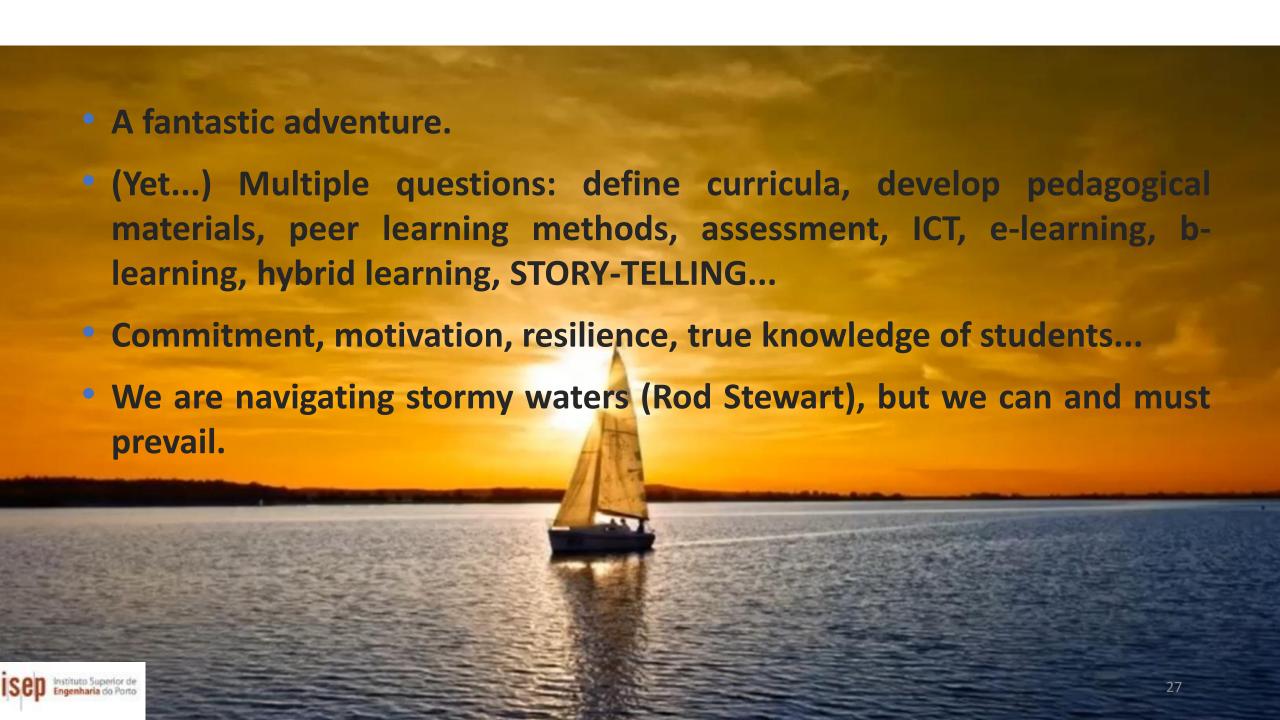
See file underground cylinder deposit.ggb

## **Escaping Room**

After concluding all calculations, the complete construction will appear outside the laboratory.

Students will get out of the escape room and organize a **HUGE PARTY** to celebrate LIFE with all their friends!!!!

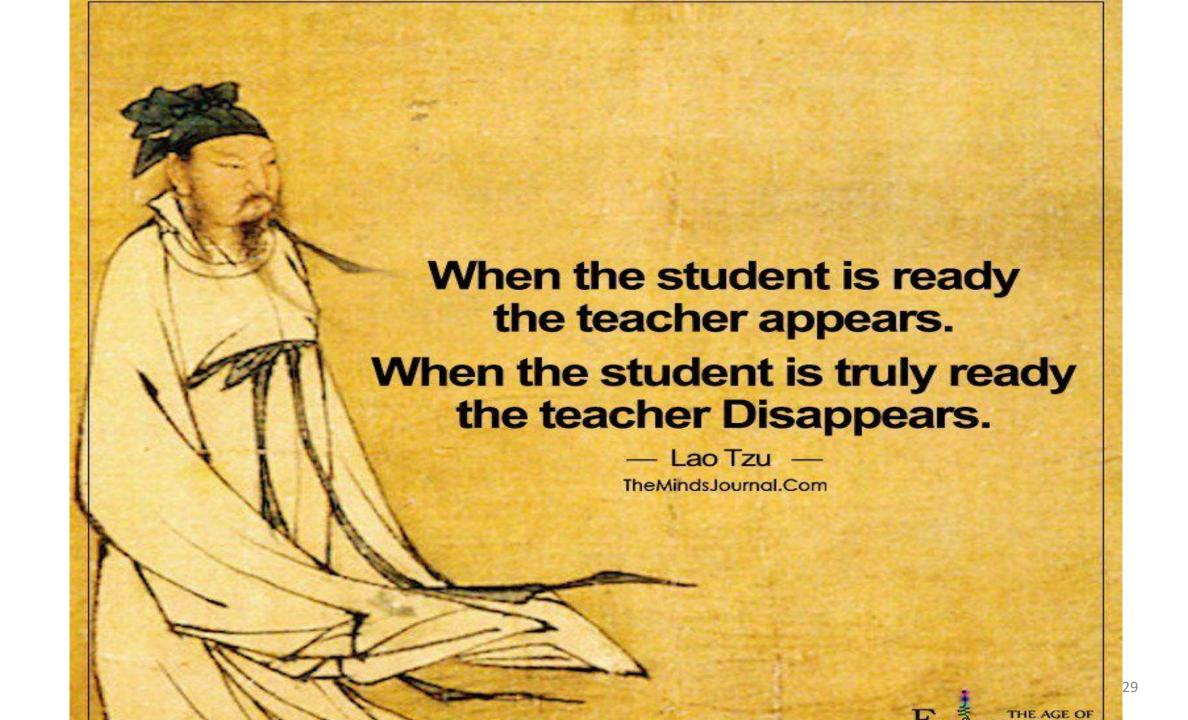




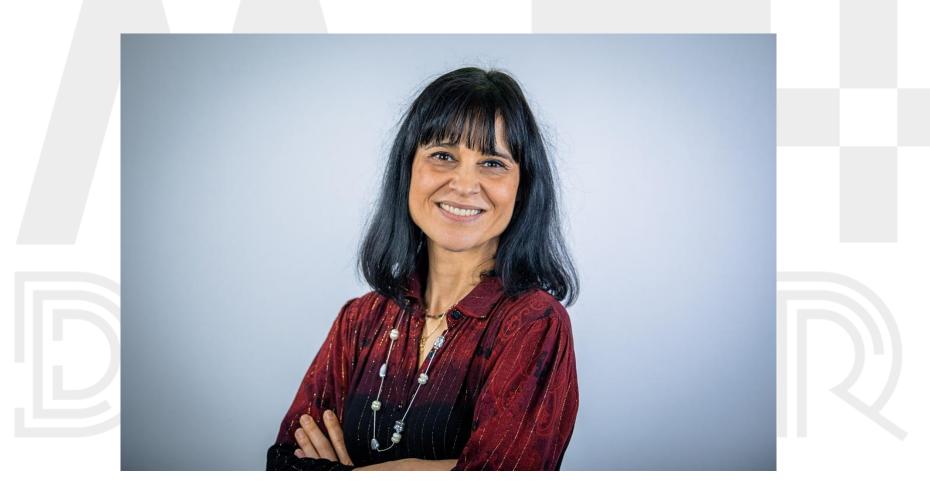
# Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

- Winston Churchill





### **THANK YOU!**



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