

The Delegate

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Editorial

Another year of the time that simply exists between each RRSIMUN has passed, and the press team is back-under new management. Since Max and Jamie have defected to become Head of Live Production and general techy person, respectively, a new press team has come together to save the day. Working under the benevolent dictatorship of Ms Worsfold and Peter Nguyen-Minh, the press team are gearing up to reinvent the delegate with

the hope of entertaining you all when you're supposed to be concentrating in GA. The atmosphere of urgent excitement in the weeks leading up to today from the media, press, secretariat, delegate and officer sectors of the conference promises another year of- you guessed it- fruitful debate, hilarious videos, well-organised events, 'lit' parties and of course, fantastically witty issues of 'The Delegate'.

TONIGHT'S PARTY THEME: NEON

Schedule

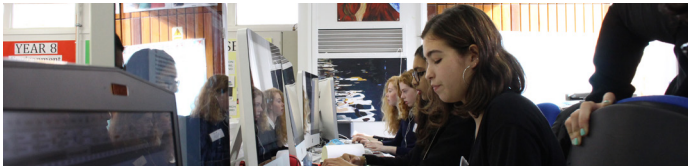


12:00-13:30 - Lunch for those with tickets
12:00 Onwards - Arrivals
15:00 - Lobbying & Co-Submitting begins
15:30 - Approval Panel
16:30 - 18:00 - Buffet Meal available
17:00 - Advisors Meeting
17:30 - Ambassadors' meeting in the Library
18:30 - 21:00 - Opening Ceremony in GA for ticket holders only. Live streaming available in the PAC
19:15 - Security Council in Session
19:15 - 20:50 - Approval Panel in session
19:15 - Meeting of Committee Chairs in Library
21:30 - 23:00 - MUN Disco



Propaganda

These are the people responsible for this issue. Praise them. Worship them. Adore them. And give unto them your undying loyalty.



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Doctrines

The Question of the Yemeni Civil War

The question of Yemen is most definitely an intricate one, so I have made my best attempt at condensing it all. For an insight to the Yemen situation- it is the poorest country of the Arab region and has been engaged in a conflict since late 2014. Sadly, the number of fatalities is estimated to be around 7,600 people and the number of wounded, a devastating number of 42,000. At least 70% of the population is in need of aid.

In short, the civil war of Yemen is the ongoing conflict of two primary factions, both claiming to represent the Yemeni government.

On the one hand, we have the Houthi forces that remain loyal to former president- Ali Abdullah Saleh, and are based in the capital- Sana'a. They mostly control Sana'a and Saada, in the northern region.

Then we have their clashing forces, which are loyal to the government of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, who is currently based in Aden, in the southern region.

Then we have the unfortunate attacks of the

AQAP- al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, who presently have territory along the coastline and in the hinterlands. In addition to these attacks of al-Qaeda, there are also attacks initiated from ISIL- the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant. It's indeed messy and most sadly so.

The reason as to why this would be considered a global problem is due to the fact the Houthi conflict against the Hadi government is a contributor of the larger scale Shia-ruled Iran conflict with the Sunni-ruled Saudia Arabia.

So we have seen, in this year, an airstrike of the Saudi-led coalition killed 140 mourners and wounded 500 after hitting a crowded funeral in Sana'a. The Saudi intervention was condemned due to the widespread bombing of civilian areas, as it rightly should be.

In May, Houthis continued firing missiles into Saudi Arabia, with one claiming to be hit at the capital Riyadh.

In all seriousness, the destruction caused by the civil war is devastating in its numbers.

By March 2017, there were estimated to be 4773 civilians fatalities, 8272 injured with children constituting as a third of all civilian deaths. Other questions of internal displacement, food insecurity, the lack of sanitation and drinking water are also serious concerns. The destruction of infrastructure and the restrictions of food and fuel bring Yemen closer to famine. Yemen is furthermore, important in terms of global oil shipments; it sits on the Bab al-Mandab strait, which links the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden. And what would the modern world be without fights over oil?

In attempts to make peace, three peace talks have been held, with Houthis and Saudis willing to negotiate in Kuwait, 2016, however these talks collapsed within three months and this saw the increase of casualties. The Hadi government stated that 'the political process can only proceed if UN Security Council resolution 2216, which calls for the rebels to withdraw from all areas they control and lay down their arms, is fully implemented.' But would this really be a winning situation?

Sumaiyaa Riaz

The Question of the Stem Cell Research

Would you kill a baby?

Stem cells have an important role in the human body especially earlier in life when an embryo is developing as embryonic stem cells have the capability to develop into a wider range of specialised body cells than stem cells found in an adult. Stem cells are considered 'neutral' as they can transition into different types of cells which are essential to life. Embryonic stem cells can divide into specialised cells which include muscle, brain and even red blood cells, or remain the way they are as after a human's developmental stage their function is only to repair anything which is deemed damaged (due to disease or injury) inside the human body.

Outraged pro-life protesters have dubbed embryonic cell research unethical as three to five day old embryos must be cut open so a stem cell can be obtained. However these fertilised eggs are often spares from fertility treatments which have gone unused or have been created specifically for research purposes. Those who oppose this type of research claim that from the moment an egg is fertilised a child has been brought into the world, therefore, the destruction of the embryo through research is murder.

On the contrary, embryonic stem cells can regenerate into various cells and provide treatments for spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's disease,

Parkinson's disease, Diabetes and more. Although legislations such as the 2008 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act (HFE Act) have been passed to make research safer and prevent research from occurring after fourteen days (which is when an embryonic cell can divide to form twins) many people still consider the process immoral. The research is legal as many illnesses can be treated and many lives can be saved as a result. Would you be willing to save lives by sacrificing potential children?

Vitoria Ribeiro

Friday Night Live

Last night the Media team pulled off an amazing game show. Although we got off to a slow start, it's safe to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were three main games presented; Take Me Out, Telly Addict and Red and Black.

Hosted by Sam Phillipson, Take Me Out saw the pairing of two couples. Our first contestant, Peter Nguyen Minh managed to squeeze in a few, not so classy, innuendos. A mad organist, Peter impressed few ladies but for those who persevered, an astonishing guitar performance was rewarded. Eventually, Stevie won this 'elegant' man by saying her favourite note was a top D – because it reminded her of him. David Gordon-Dixon rides around on 6-year-old's bicycle but David Gordon-Dixon was obviously 'The Best'. But our second contestant was certainly a worthy opponent. Maxwell James won Ella Jones' heart with his 'incredible' fighting skills and his obsession...with himself. A surprisingly good catwalk (who knew?)

and the shaking of his wild mane, he certainly captured the audience's hearts.

Telly Addicts was a show-off between the students and the teachers. Obviously, we all know who won; I mean we are clearly the better competitors. The first team consisted of Mr. Davies, Mr. Jewiss, Mr. Bueno, Mr Sternfeld and Miss Brennan. The second team only had four players: Lucas Jones, Meera Eldridge, Thalia Selby and Ayo Laoye. There were three rounds and six shows. Walking with the dinosaurs was possibly the best video and clearly the one that took the most (probably painstaking) effort, so hats off to the Media team for that. Sherlock Holmes was one of the highlights of the show; watching Mr. Botting fake a death will forever be remembered. Followed by questions about the Top Gear, I'm a Celeb, the Apprentice and Breaking Bad, the students won 5 to 3.

Anna Armitage and David Gordon-Dixon hosted Red or Black. It was an interactive

game, using what used to be an all-time favourite, Kahoot. Until, of course, someone decided to implement a 'MED' (for those of you who are oblivious- the 'Mobile Electronic Device') ban in the school. A series of games were played between teachers and students. Deserving a special mention, the Headmaster performed a diss track against our Head girl. It was, unfortunately, unsuccessful but a good effort in general. Our winners, Ella Westland and Sam Hacker might as well have poured water on their heads; the game involved space hopping with a cup of water attached to the top of your head whilst trying to complete an obstacle course. It was certainly...interesting to watch.

Overall, it was a great game show. The adverts were comedy gold and David's voice over for literally everything was definitely much appreciated. A big thank you to the Media Team!

Nafeesah Riaz



Officers



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Presidents of the Security Council: Meera Eldridge and Ella Jones

Officers



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Head of Press: Peter Nguyen Minh

Arrivals

INTERVIEWS

Spain-Bilbao - Borga, Pablo, Sergio, Jon

What part of the conference are you looking forward to the most?

The parties

Have you been to any conferences before?

Yes, we went to one in Prague as well as one at our school in Bilbao.

How's everything going so far?

We expected one room per person but there's actually like ten of us.

Have you prepared anything for the party?

For cops and robbers I have handcuffs.

What do you think of the school?

It's a typical English school

What's your shoe size?

43, 46

Your favourite TV programme?

Fargo

What does the last text message on your phone say?

A heart



What's your name?

Tiana and Claire.

Where are you from?

Frankfurt International school.

What topics are you most looking forward to debating?

Human rights,

Decriminalization of homosexuality or homophobia.

Have you been to any conferences before?

About 5

I've been only to a couple but I've just recently moved from the States so this is like my first conference.

Have you been eyeing up any delegates so far?

Not yet, we'll see.

Do you like the British weather?

I am a fan, actually I like this, this is nice as long as it doesn't rain too much.

If you were the opposite sex for one day what would you do?

Oh ok.

This is a difficult question.

I would flirt with another guy 100%. I would, I wanna see their reaction. I would so do that.

I don't really flirt but I would do something over the top just to get their attention.

I would do something really manly like play American football.

How do you spend your time alone?

Watching Netflix.

What's the strangest question you've ever been asked?

How many times I use toilet paper a day.

What's the best pick-up line?

We experienced that today already.

The best MUN pick up line is...

Are you el Salvador because you're el salvadorable...

Arrivals

Japan- Taiga (left)

Have you been to a conference before?

No, this is our first time.

What do you think of the school?

We like it.

How do you like the British weather?

Japan's sunny, so it's worse here.

What country would you live in for the rest of your life?

Italy.

What's your name?

Kenika.

Where are you from?

India.

What topics are you looking forward to debating?

I'm a chair but I'm excited to see people debate.

Have you been to the Royal Russell conference before?

Yes, it's my third time.

Name a delegate you've been eyeing up?

I haven't really seen any delegates yet. If I see someone later I'll tell you.

How long was your journey?

I got up at 4 so like 3, 4 hours.

Do you like the British weather?

Yeah, it's very nice here.

What's your most embarrassing moment?

I have embarrassing moments every day, I was just given a tour and I accidentally said a word I wasn't supposed to say in front of a teacher.

If you were on a desert island who would you take with you?

Beyoncé.

If you were the opposite sex for one day what would you look like and what would you do?

I'd probably be short and I'd probably go to a gay club.

Who's the strangest person you've ever met?

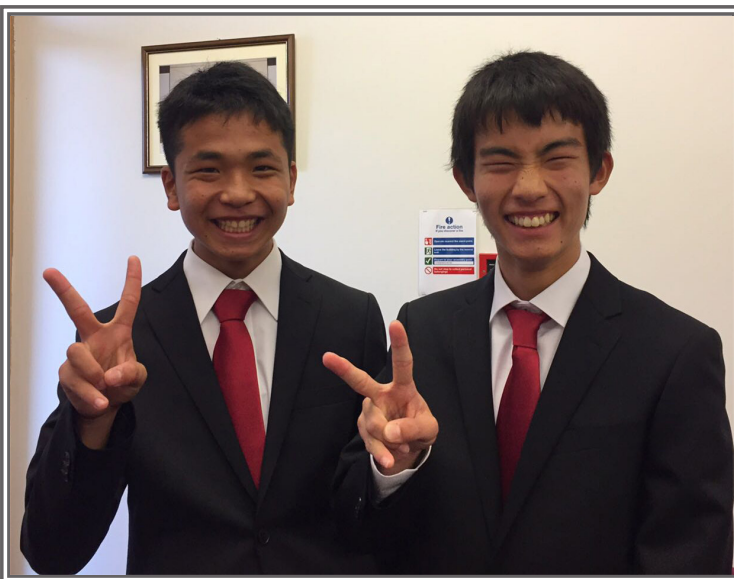
Myself.

What's the last thing you googled?

What's the legal drinking age in the United States?

What's the most worrying thing in the news right now?

Obama Care.



What are your names and where are you from?

Lia, and Emma. We go to St Andrew's school in Dublin.

What are you looking forward to?

Meeting new people.

Have you prepared anything for the parties?

Yes!

Should we be looking forward to it?

Yeah you should.

Have you been to Royal Russell before?

No, it's our first time.

Have you been to other conferences before?

L: Only one before. E: It's my first time.

What was the most eventful situation of your commute?

Someone forgot their shoes.

What do you think of the school?

It's nice and really big.

What does the last text message on your phone say?

M: It was from my dad saying "safe flight".

What are your best pick up lines?

L: I have so many but I can't remember them right now.



Interview with Mr. Keable-Elliott

Starting with the typical question, are you looking forward to this year's conference? (What are you looking forward to?)

Definitely, yup. Looking forward to a really good debate, welcoming some new schools and welcome some old friends back.

Which resolution are you most impressed by and whose?

I've had a look at the Royal Russell resolutions and I've been really impressed with these. And I'm also really impressed by the Japanese resolutions in the Security Council.

Which question up for debate are you most interested in?

I did write all of the topics so to be honest being a politics teacher; I am interested in them all. The only ones I'm not so interested in are the geography ones which aren't so exciting (laughs).

If you were a student here, what role would you like to take?

I would have been far too scared to be an officer so I would've been a delegate who never spoke.

If you were a delegate, what is the country you'd like to represent? You can't say the UK.

Actually the country I'd like to represent at the moment is Ghana because my daughter is going there for two years and it interests me. And in fact we're going to be representing them at THIMUN.

What question or statements are you most tired of hearing? It doesn't have to be MUN related it could be 'Sir can I talk to you please...'

'Can I go to the toilet please?'

What is different about MUN this year?

We're trying to do the same as last year really; I think it's the same sort-of-size as last year, so we're trying to build on last year. So hopefully better but hopefully the same systems.

Are there any predictions as to who will win awards?

No I'm afraid not, no idea.

The country (school) you're most impressed with?

I'll have to wait and see. I'm looking forward to seeing how well they get on.

Is there any chance of you going to the party and surprising us with a costume?

There is absolutely no chance of surprising anyone with a costume.

Do you think the school looks like Hogwarts?

It feels like Hogwarts definitely.

Fashion



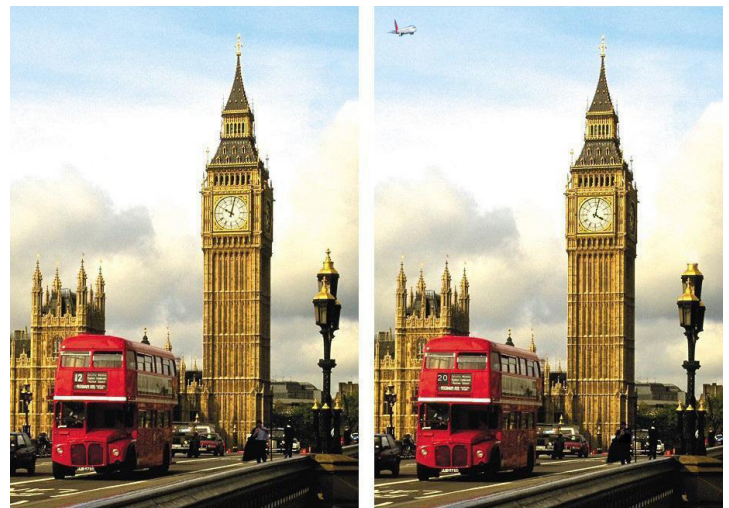
Games

Chair calls for order	You receive a dodgy note	Someone falls asleep	The microphone breaks	Someone spits when talking	Skeebz gets annoyed
More than 3 delegates have a POI	Someone opens Haribos	MUNdo in a speech/ POI	Point of personal privilege due to audibility	Someone shouts into microphone	Note taking gets suspended

GA Bingo

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