



MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Gordons's Model United Nations 2020: Day 2

2020

Secretary General Interview



Q: How do you feel about GMUN?

A: Absolutely buzzing that the day is finally here, we've all worked so hard, but I'm so excited to see so many people and all the plans working out .

Q: What preparation have you done for GMUN?

A: What preparation have I not done! Deciding on countries; committee questions; locations; extra aspects like branding and secretariat; calling massive favours from the majority of the school and putting together millions of guides and welcome packs to make this the smoothest conference we can muster .

Q: What were you most looking forward to for this weekend?

A: I'm looking forward to walking into each committee and seeing the debate from the questions I picked and solving the various problems that arise knowing I've got so many people I can trust to sort it all out .

Q: What makes you so passionate about MUN?

A: There's something very special about MUN, this sort of persona that you adopt as a young person taking on the issues that really seriously affect the world today, and of course meeting new people that are all just as passionate

Q: What is the job of the Secretary General?

A: Who knows? But as I can gather it's almost like a project manager, making sure that all the prep I've put together works out smoothly and all committees have what they need to ensure a great debate .

Q: Any words of advice to future Secretary Generals?

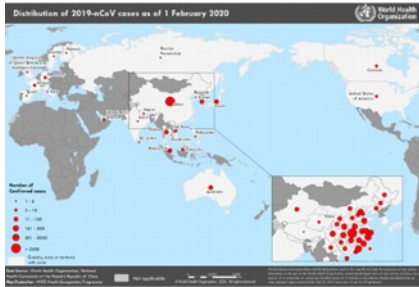
A: Resign immediately!

Q: Any words of encouragement so that more people take part in MUN?

A: I can assure you that it will never be something you'll regret. There's only opportunity to learn to grow and to collaborate with people all over the world that are like-minded

Coronavirus

As of the 1st of February 2020, the Coronavirus has spread to 23 countries with 11,953 cases confirmed globally and a total death toll of 259. Outside of China 132 cases have been confirmed, including 12 in Australia, seven in the USA, four in Canada and two in the UK.



The virus is thought to have originally been passed onto humans at a seafood market in the city of Wuhan in the Hubei province of China, where live bats were being sold for their meat.

Viruses such as this one are highly infectious because they are airborne and the Coronavirus has the added danger of the fact that symptoms do not manifest themselves until up to two weeks after a victim has become infected – and contagious. We do not know the exact RO number (number of infections produced by each host) yet but early estimates from the World Health Organisation are between 1.2 and 2.5. This is less infectious than measles (RO 12-18) but more infectious than Sars (RO 0.5).

In fact, the number of cases has already beaten that of the 2003 Sars outbreak in a fraction of the time.

One of the explanations other than the Coronavirus being more contagious than Sars is the fact that air travel in China has ballooned since 2003. Wuhan's Tianhe airport was almost as busy last year as Hong Kong's was in 2002. The outbreak also took place over the Chinese New Year holiday, a peak travel time. The spread of the virus has not been helped by the reluctance of the Chinese authorities to acknowledge how contagious the virus is or even that it can be passed onto humans.

The mortality rate is around two percent but, since symptoms take a while to take hold, this is likely an underestimation. There is not currently a cure and with a proposed vaccine months away, the Coronavirus could prove to be rather more dangerous than we'd like to believe.

By Freya Keppel-Compton



The Main Woman

(Miss Copeman; Gordon's Head of MUN)



Q. What advice would you give to new or emerging delegates?

A. I would advise them to put their placards up and speak! The more involved they get, the more they'll enjoy it and benefit from it.

Q. Do you think it's important for students to partake in MUN?

A. Yes I do. I think it gives students a wide range of skills including being able to speak in public, socialise with people they haven't met before, and of course to debate important current issues.

Q. What attributes do you think a good delegate requires?

A. I would say that good delegates should be really confident and have assurance in their political beliefs. Having confidence will help them to get involved and voice their opinions, which is a vital part of delegacy.

Q. How would you promote interest in MUN in school?

A. Do a flash mob in the dining room, dressed in MUN flags!

Sustainable Fishing



The seafood industry is often accused of depleting fish populations and damaging the oceans. Overfishing is widely viewed as one of the most concerning issues, sometimes even more so than climate change. However, seafood is the animal protein that has the smallest carbon footprint. It takes the least land and fresh water in areas where sustainable fisheries are common and wild fish populations are high.

Overfishing has been a widespread issue in the past, but gradually, it is being remedied. Policy reforms have proven that many global fisheries are firmly on the path to sustainability.

Unfortunately, much of the bad press the fishing industry gets is warranted, including those criticising working conditions and purposeful overfishing. Tuna populations in the Atlantic are dropping and have been doing so for decades. Even a single species can have a massive effect on the food chain and the ecosystem of the ocean as a whole, especially a species that was as central to the ocean as tuna.

Fishing companies and fisheries need to be transparent and embrace science and management. If biologically sustainable, they should have no effect on their environment. Supporting and promoting sustainable fisheries help the populations of fish in the ocean to recover. It will take years, but eventually, the ecosystems of the world's oceans may return to normal.

The recent Fisheries Bill will give the UK the ability to leave the Common Fisheries Policy, to operate as an independent coastal state and to manage its fish stocks sustainably outside the EU. This will happen at the end of the transition period of Brexit, December 2020. For the first time since 1973, the UK will be able to control its waters and who fishes in them.

The main requirement of the Bill is that all stocks must be fished at sustainable levels. And, as EU vessels will no longer have the automatic right to fish in our waters, we will be able to monitor and control fishing, and reduce overfishing, helping to protect and restore natural fish populations.

By Anna Schoeman

Andreas Interview



Q: Why are you so invested in MUN?

A: I really enjoyed it when I was a student, and I think there are lots of benefits that students can get from MUN that can help them get into university and then later on in the working world. I'm keen to help them see those benefits and learn from the experiences.

Q: What is your favourite part of MUN?

A: I really like it when debates happen over amendments, because I think that's when the committee can really come together and thrash out ideas better.

Q: How did you come up with the MUN universe idea?

A: It was two school friends and I that used to do MUN together. We used to help our old school to run their conferences after we'd left and then realised that actually, lots of other schools could probably benefit from some help, if they were struggling to set up their own MUN conferences/programme, so that's what we decided to do.

Q: How does the MUN universe help to improve the MUN conferences?

A: What we try and do is, one, make it easier for schools because we've been doing this for quite a long time, and two, through some of our software, cut down the amount of paper, make it a bit easier and keep everything in one place, and we hope it just makes everything a slightly smoother process for everyone involved - delegates to staff.

Q: Why do you think young people should get involved in MUN?

A: Two reasons – one, it's great to have a greater understanding of what's happening in the world today as young people, and two, the skills that you learn, whilst you might not become a diplomat in the future, are all transferable skills for whatever you might end up doing. Speaking in front of people, negotiating and team work are all things that will help at university and in later life, so it's great to start to learn those

Andrew Parmley

Sir Andrew Parmley - former Lord Mayor of London and current headmaster of the 'Harrodian School', was a key note speaker at the MUN dinner last night. He talked about the importance of his role as the Lord Mayor of London stressing it wasn't all about dressing-up!

He talked about the importance of diplomacy and making the most of opportunities.

The school he heads, has produced a myriad of notable celebrities over the years such as the likes of Robert Pattinson (best known for his role in 'Twilight' as Edward Cullen) and George McKay (best known for his role in 'Private Peaceful' as Tommo Peaceful).

He attended the Royal Academy of Music on a scholarship and been Director of Music at three schools. His past career has included playing the organ professionally. He has been married to Wendy Parmley for 40 years.



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Humboldtschule Interviews

How has this MUN conference been different to others that you have been to?

- I have never been to one before.
- The fact that we begin with resolutions writing. In Germany and America we start with position papers explaining the country's position in an opening speech.
- It is the first one that we have been to.

What have you enjoyed most about this weekend?

- I haven't got very involved in the debates because I am a bit shy but it has been very interesting and I've enjoyed meeting new people.
- Getting in touch with new English teachers and students. The formal dinner last night was nice. Watching our students open up and become less shy whilst still being able to find a balance between joking with others and being formal.
- Communicating with and meeting new people who aren't from Germany with different interests and the whole environment here is quite nice.

What has been your favourite thing about the debates so far?

- The topics chosen have been very interesting to debate.
- One kid from another school was quite insistent about other people explaining why they had that opinion. It might have seemed hostile but I liked that he was very dedicated to detail whilst still joking and being nice.
- To interact with different countries and see their opinions but also finding out people's personal opinions and seeing whether we agree or not.

Has anything been unexpected?

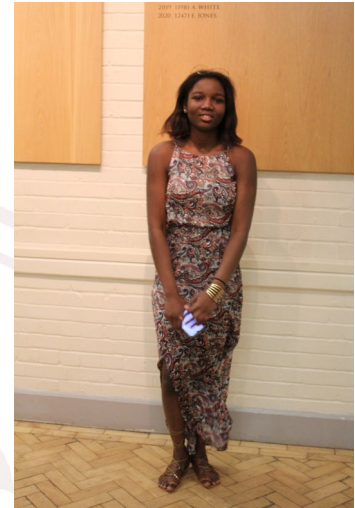
- I thought it would be bigger and more formal.
- I think the main thing has been the focus on resolutions and having resolutions in the foreground. It was so different to what we had done before and made us think about whether this was a better approach or the other way was a better approach.
- The smaller groups. We thought it would all just be in General Assembly so it was nice to be in the committees. It was our first conference and we weren't really sure what to expect so it was nice for people to show us around and how it all works.

Have you any funny stories about your MUN experience?

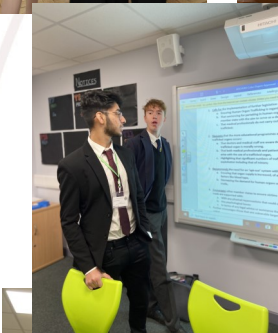
- I wrote a note to my friend but it got passed to the wrong person.
- Our girls were sad that they didn't bring any dresses for the dinner. They said we didn't inform them enough. I think they would have liked to dress up a little more. The same guy who was insistent had his chair pulled out from under him by another student and that was quite funny, you know. The banter.
- How Neeva was talking about Tina as his German crush. And the Chairs have been really funny. Caitlyn is way too amazing for a Chair.



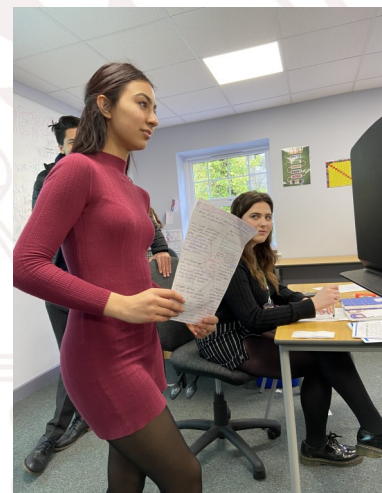
Best Dressed—Formal Dinner



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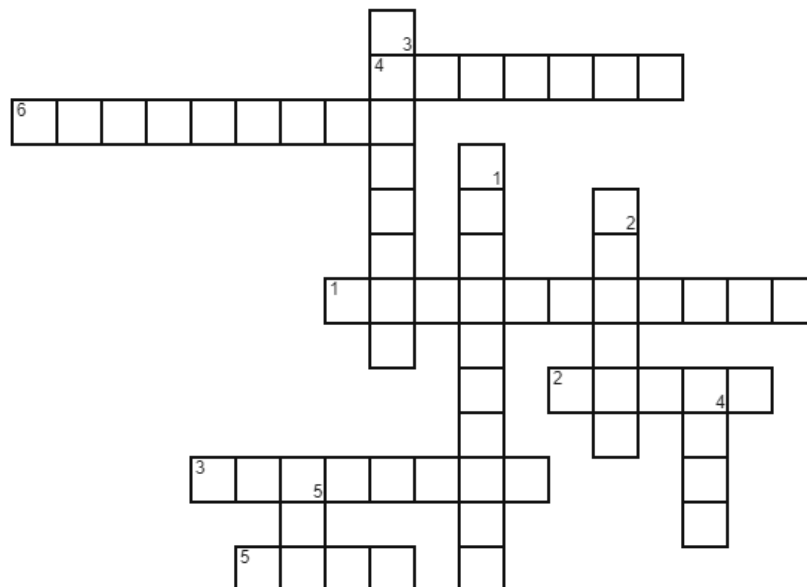


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Sudoku and Bingo

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Across

1. There are ____ ABBA songs.
2. Agnetha, Björn, _____, and Anni-Frid
3. ABBA won Eurovision with _____.
4. Björn was married to which other member?
5. ABBA's most famous album is ABBA ____.
6. Capital of Sweden

Down

1. ABBA is a _____.
2. Where are the members of ABBA from?
3. Jukebox Musical film based off ABBA's songs
4. How many UK No. 1s have ABBA had?
5. ABBA was formed in 197 ____.