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Editors' Note

Hello!

Welcome again to our second instalment of the official GMUN 2024 magazine. We are pleased to say we are back with even more of the latest updates and new games that are sure to keep the delegates busy. As this is also our last issue, we would like to say our thanks for keeping up with our coverage of this conference and sincerely hope everyone has enjoyed some vigorous debate!

This issue contains a real down to Earth interview with everybody's favourite SEC-GEN, Jack Goate, the highly anticipated results of yesterday's quiz and 'GMUN Gone Vogue', before a quick rundown of our school's history. We will also go over some debating in the committees, namely SOCHUM and Historical, followed up by a recap of pizza night and the chapel service, not to forget to mention, the numerous brain teasers!

Goodbye From the Press Team

We have all really enjoyed running press for this GMUN conference. The energy has been brilliant and it has been great to meet the delegates, chairs and advisors. It was fun to walk around, see the fabulous outfits and talk to many new people. We hope that you have enjoyed this conference and have had fruitful debates. Thank you for another fantastic MUN and we will see you at the next one!



Memorable Moments

'We need more biscuits and apple juice'

- James Taplin, co-chair of Historical Committee.

'Do or do not. There is no try.' - Aaryan Oliver, co-chair of SPECPOL

'It's March! Spring has sprung!' - Dasha

Hudson, co-chair of Environment

'Let's build walls not bridges.' - delegate of Egypt, Environment.

'Everything can be solved with a gun' - Owen

Knight, co-chair of Security Council.

'The biscuits are good.' - delegate of Iran, Environment

'Vintage tee, brand new phone' - Beth

Bailey, co-chair of Environment

'Nothing changes if nothing changes.'

- delegate of Australia, Environment

'Ours are weapons of peace, theirs are

weapons of destruction' - USSR



'Sometimes in life we have to look at the small things and appreciate everything that you have available at your disposal. Because remember, we are just a tiny floating rock in the universe where nothing matters, no matter how many mistakes you make, keep at it, because this earth will keep on floating around in endless space.' - Elliot Watson, co-chair

'If not now, when? If not me, who?' -

delegate of Algeria, Environment

Interview: Secretary General

We caught up with Jack Goate, our Secretary General to find out about his experience in MUN over the years; his plans for the future, and his thoughts on whether there are more wheels or doors in the world.

How did you get into MUN?

Initially, I got into MUN because my dad told me I had to do something other than sports, so I went to a session. After the session, I decided I was never gonna come back to MUN because I didn't know anything and everyone seemed so much smarter than me. A year later, in year 11, I had a friend who did MUN and after he showed me how to do things I felt more comfortable and I got more confident as time progressed.

How many conferences have you been to since you started?

I haven't been to a massive amount of conferences like some of the other delegates and chairs, but I think I've been to about 5 or 6.

What's your favourite thing about MUN?

The social aspect is the most important thing for me. Resolutions and debating is fine, but breaks, lunch periods, and the evening activities for me is my favourite part of MUN.

Do you have a favourite country you have represented?

I always like representing countries from the Middle East and also southeast Asia. I love representing Pakistan.

What university are you going to and what are going to study?

I haven't decided what university I want to go to. I've applied to Bath, St. Andrews and Edinburgh. I want to study a mixture of economics, politics and international relations.

Do you have any top tips to give to someone just beginning their MUN journey?

I'd say just speak louder than you normally would and then from there, talk a little softer. As soon as you do that, you make everyone else think you think you are open, you are able to do things and be confident and that actually helps everyone else.

Do know what career you would like to pursue in the future?

I'd love to be a diplomat or work for the government abroad, maybe even one day I'll be in a real UN session. Apart from that, I'd love to just travel for work.

Aside from MUN, do you have any other hobbies or sports you like to play?

Right now, I'm injured, but I will and have competed in any sport that I can.

If you could only eat one sandwich for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Probably BLT sandwich with lots of lettuce.

What is your favourite TV show character?

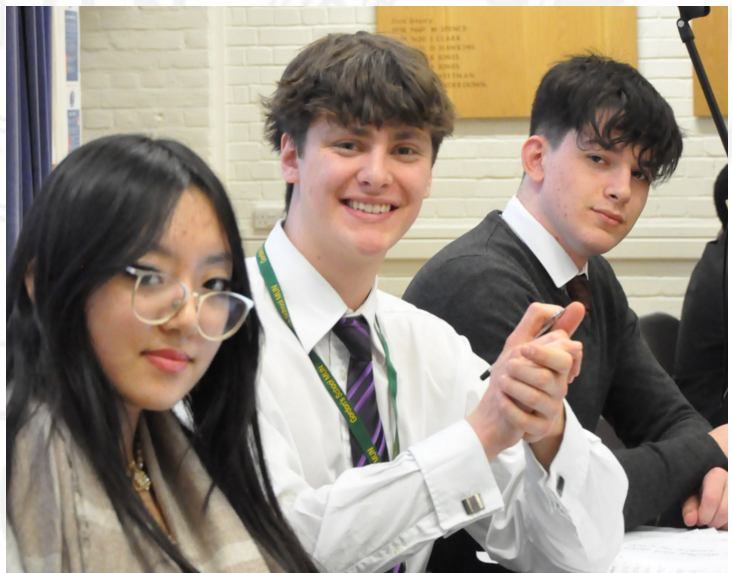
I really like Alex from Downtown. It was on MTV.

If you could be any type of cutlery, what would you be and why?

I'd be a wooden spoon because I'm versatile and I have a soft edge to myself.

Are there more doors or wheels in the world?

I think there are more wheels.



In the Committees: Part Two

Historical Committee

In the historical committee, a heated discussion was taking place on the question of whether nazi scientists should be prosecuted. This was based around the operation paperclip debate. Operation paperclip was a secret United States intelligence program, which took over 1600 German scientists, engineers, and technicians from the Nazi program. They were to share research and begin working for the USA. This was a controversial decision because many of these scientists were members of even leaders of the Nazi Party. Because of this, a lot of people believed that these scientists should be prosecuted for their crimes. Despite this belief, only one Paperclip scientist was ever prosecuted. The delegate of Czechoslovakia talked about how the nazi scientists were being threatened and so were under duress, however the Netherlands responded to this by mentioning that, in law, a person cannot be blamed for crimes committed under duress, until it goes as far as murder. We, in the press team, think that both sides of argument were well argued but agree that the Nazi Scientists committed some horrendous crimes and should not have just gotten away with it.

SOCHUM

In SOCHUM, the delegates were debating the idea of mental welfare in prisons. According to a charity called Rethink Mental Illness, approximately 4 in 10 prisoners reported having mental health and wellbeing issues. The prevalence of trauma within prisons is extensive and pervasive. Across HMPS, 53% of women and 27% of men have disclosed childhood experiences of emotional, physical or sexual abuse. The prevalence of mental health disorders in inmates was mentioned, and different suggestions were made to solve this issue. One of these was a committee, aiming to improve mental health facilities for inmates. The delegates also discussed the stigmas around mental health issues in prisons and attempted to find a solution. This was a fruitful and interesting debate to observe.



Quiz and Runway Results

Winners!



GMUN Gone Vogue! - Results

In first place, by a landslide, was the boys in coats above. And second place was James Taplin, Historical Committee co-chair and his pinstripe suit.

Quiz Results

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| 1) Are there more doors or wheels in the world? | Wheels: 70% |
| 2) Pineapple on pizza? | No: 70% |
| 3) Is cereal soup? | No: 63% |
| 4) Are oranges named after the colour or is the colour named after the fruit? | Colour named after the fruit: 52% |
| 5) Glass half full or half empty? | Half full: 67% |
| 6) Ketchup on the side or on the top of your chips? | Side of your chips: 74% |
| 7) See the future or change the past? | See the future: 52% |
| 8) Success or happiness? | Happiness: 52% |
| 9) Spontaneity or predictability? | Spontaneity: 77% |
| 10) Save 100 strangers or one loved one? | One loved one: 70% |

The History of Gordon's

Gordon's School is the National Memorial to British war hero, philanthropist and martyr, Major-General Charles George Gordon (1833-1885), and was founded in 1885 where it began as 'Gordon Boys' Home' for boys in need. The establishment of the Home was led by Queen Victoria, the first patron of Gordon's. The ruler of the UK is the patron of the school today.

A wide response resulted following the appeal for funds to build a permanent home for boys in West End, near Woking, Surrey with the Queen and members of the Royal Family heading the list. Further donations were received from the Lord Mayor of London, the Khedive of Egypt, The King of the Belgians and The Chinese Government as well 2 British Embassies. Contributions were also made by the Army of India and the Indian Civil Service, together with famous regiments of the British Army and also the Royal Navy.

Initially, Gordon Boys' Home was established on a temporary basis at Fort Wallington, near Fareham, Hampshire, made available by the War Office in October 1885. However, it wasn't until December 1887 when some 100 Gordon Boys travelled to Brookwood Station, from there they marched to West End led by their 25 strong, newly formed Band to take up residence at their newly built home.

The objective of the Home was to teach boys in need aged between 13-17 a variety of practical trades including carpentry, shoemaking, tailoring, gardening, engineering, cooking and blacksmithing, all with an aim to set each boy up for a 'life of usefulness' either within civil employment or in any branch of the armed forces.



Thus, a living institution was born and gradually over the years in accordance with Major-General Gordon's expressed wishes, the Home housed some 220 boys who later went on to serve in the armed forces or begin a life in popular trades.

Over time, The Gordon Boys' Home made a natural and logical transition towards more scholarly objectives, becoming known as 'The Gordon Boys' School' in 1943. At this point, trades were still taught but post-war advances in areas such as science and technology resulted in further demand for a more academic education. Thereafter, the academic strength of the school advanced with a much higher percentage of boys moving on to higher education and grammar school.

Eventually vocational trades and a career in the military were tactfully phased out in the late 60's, giving way to a broader educational syllabus. As a result, the entire direction of the School was reorganised and the Headmaster at this time, Mr George Leadbeater, became a catalyst for instigating this change. The arrival of the first girls in 1990 finally triggered the name change to 'Gordon's School' as we know it today.

In 1990 Gordon's became co-ed, adding Augusta as the first girls' house. In 1998, after a short affiliation with Heathside School, Gordon's started its own Sixth Form. These additions helped Gordon's to become one of the most successful state boarding schools and sought after learning environments in the United Kingdom.



Looking Back: Pizza and Quiz Night

On Saturday, the day was finished off with a pizza party and a quiz night.

What started off as a normal quiz with 3 rounds became a fierce competition in the controversial Family Feud style, and was finished with a tiebreaker that promised 175 points, meaning that either team could triumph. Congratulations to the Dynamic Dynamos and the Frenchies in the Trenchies, from Reading Blue Coat, and to Titanic Swim Team, from Gordon's, who ended with a school-on-school final.

It was nice to talk to all the delegates and get to know them outside of their vicious MUN personas. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you had a good time!



Looking Back: Sunday Chapel Service

This crisp Sunday morning was warmed up by the delegates' passionate singing in the act of observance in our very own chapel. Reverend Wright started off with a welcoming statement which lead into a classic hymn sing-a-long to 'Shine Jesus Shine' which definitely set our hearts on fire.

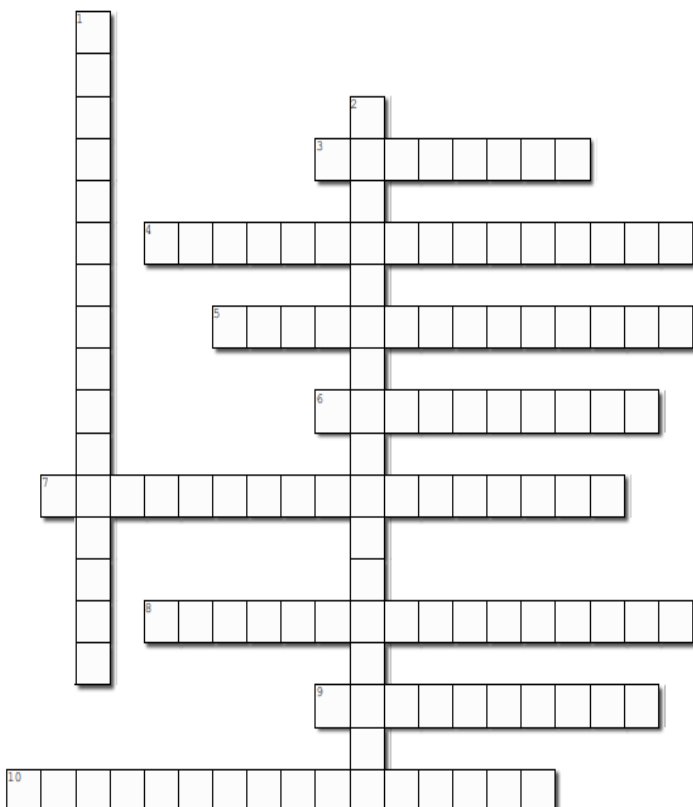
Elliot Watson, SOCHUM Chair, had a speech on conquering (or at the very least trying to conquer) his fear of public speaking, being inspired by his idol—Roger Federer—to persevere despite the challenges. Next, the Lord's Prayer, followed up with a Bible reading by Zayed Hafis, also SOCHUM chair, of Philippians 4: 4-9, a verse that centers around dedicating yourself to learning skills to apply into your surroundings, ultimately to succeed. Finally, the Reverend ... for the UN, voicing his support for their aims, and encouraging us to continue to fight for peace. Once we completed singing another first-rate hymn, ' Lord of the Dance', we had a final blessing before retreating back to committees.



Puzzles

History of UN Quiz:

1. In which year, did the United Nations come into existence?
2. How many nations are considered original members of the United Nations?
3. Which five states formed the Security Council as permanent members?
4. Which permanent UN Security Council member vetoed a resolution condemning the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine?
5. The headquarters of the United Nations are in which city?
6. How many administrative bodies make up the United Nations ?



MUN Crossword

Across

3. People representing a country
4. The official end of an MUN conference
5. What we are modelling this weekend
6. A group of people, usually students, getting together and modelling the UN
7. The leader of the UN
8. The only committee able to force countries to do things
9. e.g. SOCHUM
10. The last and biggest event in an MUN conference

Down

Puzzles

7. Where are the headquarters of the International Court of Justice?
8. How many member states make up the security council of the UN?
9. Where are the headquarters of World Health Organization?
10. Which organ of the UN is charged with maintaining peace and security among countries?
11. What is the nationality of the present Secretary General of UN?

Delegation Wordsearch

Words can be diagonal and backwards. Good luck!

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INDIA
ISRAEL
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SPAIN
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BELGIUM
ECUADOR
GERMANY
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JAPAN
NORWAY
SLOVENIA
SWITZERLAND
URUGUAY

Easter Egg!

Somewhere in issue one, the phrase 'Gordon's MUN' is hidden. Can you find it?

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Thanks for reading!

