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When Passion Becomes Aggression: a Ryder Cup Story

Rory McIlroy, the Northern Irish world-class golfer, was swept into a scandal during the Ryder Cup when his opponent (Patrick Cantlay)'s caddie repeatedly behaved inappropriately when supporting and celebrating Cantlay. The Ryder Cup is often seen as a hugely emotional event, with the best golfers in Europe and in the USA competing against each other every two years; it is a high stakes game full of comradeship and passion for the sport.

However, for Joe LaCava (Cantlay's caddie) the emotional involvement in Cantlay's (and

the unsportmanlike behaviour go unnoticed.

UK skipper Zach Johnson had a different perspective. He said, "A celebration is a celebration. With a big putt like that on 18 at the Ryder Cup, I think you have every right to celebrate with your team and that's exactly what I saw."

There's definitely a fine line between displaying pride and excitement for your team and attempting to do so enough to intimidate and put off the opposition. At a professional level, when the stakes are so high, it is easy to blur that line. But, with such immense popularity and therefore thousands watching, professionals must think before they act: they are setting the example for the values and sportsmanlike behaviour for young aspiring golfers- or any sportsperson.

Anyone who is heavily involved in competitive sports (or other, music, dance, drama, debating, etc) can relate to the emotional rush of drive and desire to do well when we love what we do; all such passion is expected and a massive part of why we take part. However, is there a point where this passion and emotion goes too far, becomes aggression and begins to damage the values



USA's) success ensued him to repeatedly wave his hat when McIlroy was lining up his putt, standing disrespectfully close to him.

Europe Captain Luke Donald, who watched the event, said "I've talked to Rory. He politely asked Joe to move aside. He was in his line of vision. He stood there and didn't move for a while and continued to wave the hat, so I think Rory was upset about that." Rory undoubtedly handled the situation with calm and patience, but was not going to let

Competition!

That's right, the second Quarterly Gazette competition is launching. This time, a photography competition!

The theme of this competition will be 'Change'.

All entries must be emailed to: gazette@gordons.school

You have until Friday 27th of November— plenty of time to find your photography hat and put it on!

of sportsmanship and respect in sport?

What do you think?

All aspiring golfers, sportspeople, music and the arts enthusiasts email in to tell us what your opinion is: how far would you go for your passion?

-Sadie Wilson



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What is MUN?

We caught up with Jack Goate, Secretary General of MUN (Model United Nations) here at Gordon's, for an insight into the influential and prestigious period seven that offers so many opportunities to students here at Gordon's.

Why should people do MUN?

The experience of MUN doesn't only teach political understanding and the differences throughout the world, which could help breed cultural awareness in the youth, but also acts as an opportunity for other like-minded individuals to come together and discuss things they wouldn't ordinarily get the chance to in school. In this way, it provides excellent personal and social enrichment.

How is MUN developing at Gordon's currently?

MUN is in really good hands. There are a lot of experienced older students, including the biggest cohort in Year 11, and they all regularly attend conferences, hopefully creating a good atmosphere for the younger students. The Sixth-Form students who run the sessions are passionate and enthusiastic, and work hard to engage and include all those taking part. Furthermore, we have had quite a few new students join this year, including new Year 12s, who all make a positive impact by showing up and displaying evident curiosity for MUN as not everyone had a chance to get involved at their old schools.

What does an average session with MUN look like?

Come to MUN expecting to think. To think deeply and creatively, because your imagination is the only limit of your suggestions in MUN. Simply, MUN is role-playing as diplomats representing countries, and includes debate on whether suggestions from others are reasonable and should be passed. It is not as serious as people may think, and people produce some creative, out-there ideas, creating an environment for people to learn about

serious issues in a way that doesn't replicate the pressure of school.

Do you need to be good at public speaking to do MUN?

Bluntly, yes. But these skills can be so easily developed. Personally, I only started doing MUN in Year 11, and just watching and learning from other people was the best way to pick up these skills.

What have you gained from MUN, personally?

Considering I didn't say anything at my first MUN conference, though I tried, I found it very difficult to include myself with the other students and talk to them, feeling very awkward. However, after doing MUN for a while, I was able to ease into conversation better, and just develop that confidence in myself. Everyone is in that same boat of sometimes feeling awkward and excluded. MUN helped me to develop this understanding of others my age, and therefore myself as a person.

will benefit as many delegations as possible.

Jack's wisdom of the week: (closing thoughts).

The best way we can treat other people is if they have just been diagnosed with an incurable illness; we would be infinitely kind, patient and empathetic. So, go into conversations with a tender appreciation for the other person; always treat them with value and respect.

-Sadie Wilson



You have received many delegate awards; what do you do that makes you so successful?

You have to win the floor. I write a resolution that will benefit me (my country) primarily, but I will rarely decline amendments, because I know I need 50% of the delegates to vote for my resolution if I want it to pass; and the best way to do that is to involve other countries in order to create an amalgamation of ideas that



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Recent MUN trips

Reigate

On the 7th of October, an enthusiastic cohort of MUN students headed off to Reigate for a one-day conference. Reigate is known to be a great introductory conference for beginners and the experienced to enjoy alike, and it lived up to its reputation, as everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in and representing their delegations.



Royal Russell

This four-day conference starting on the 14th of October was an incredible experience for lots of our MUN students. Royal Russell is a renowned international MUN conference, and Gordon's students took full use of the opportunity, with many distinguished delegate and highly commended awards. Well done all!





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Recent Recommendations

Film

The Corpse Bride

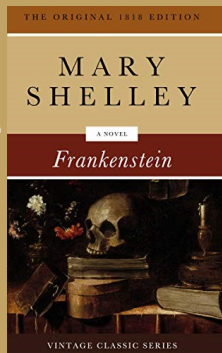
The stop motion animated musical fantasy film from Tim Burton and Mike Johnson is a staple Halloween film. Released in 2005, this underworld adventure stars Jonny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter as leading voice actors.



Book

Frankenstein

This classic gothic novella is perfect for the chilling evenings of November. Written by Mary Shelly at just 19, the novel is proof that you too could write a literary classic soon, if you happen to find yourself in a writing competition with Lord Byron and the like.



Music

Now And Then

The latest and last ever release from the Beatles is a song with a unique making. For both life-long Beatles fans and younger listeners the song is an emotional end to the Beatles as a group.



Society Spot-

Politics Society

Politics at Gordon's is a completely student led society. Open exclusively to Sixth Form, it is a place for opinionated discussion and idea critiquing. No prior knowledge is needed to participate and new ideas are very welcome.

So far, we've seen the inconclusive debate on good vs evil. With much futurity, arguments over capitalism and communism were had and Sunak's new initiatives were explored. Next week you will get an opportunity to see how other students would create their perfect 'utopian society' and have the opportunity to praise or critique their attempts. Politics Society takes place every Wednesday from 1800-1900 in M3 and it would be great to see new and pre-existing students getting involved and being able to put something on their personal statement other than, "I was a junior prefect in Year 9." We are eager to have some new Year 12s get involved to keep the society running next year.

We aim to give our members an insight into the current state of the world and the way it's run. If you have any questions send them to gazette@gordons.school

-Jack





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The Competition Results

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for all those who gave their best go at writing, and we hope you are feeling creatively inspired!

Well done to the following top entries in particular, which the judging panel felt showed particular promise and imagination. All of those who entered are welcome to send us an email @gazette.gordons.school if they wish to receive their individual feedback.

The Results

1st Place– Ella Mathews

2nd Place- Inez Schilbach

3rd Place- Molly Dickson

Highly Commended:

Lucas McCormick and Daniella Tinegate

The eerie wind whispered by; trees loomed scrutinising me as I lay there. Lying in the crisp autumnal leaves just like when I was a child...only now I was swimming in a pool of my own blood, gasping for air like a fish out of water, knife lodged in my abdomen.

There I was, so naïve, consumed by my own ignorance, darkness creeping in, waltzing about the woods like a clown. Shadows lurked waiting to consume their next victim, what I didn't even begin to fathom was that it could have been me. Autumn's air riddled me with bitter shivers running down my spine, leaves crunching from beneath my feet. I used to find their colours beautiful, now all they remind me of is the red blood that was slowly draining from my body. My killer was near, barely meters away, waiting for the perfect moment to pounce, to sink his teeth into me like the predator he was. I heard stories of murder, but no story could prepare me for the pain, the suffering that was about to be inflicted upon me. I could practically feel him breathing down my collar. Snap. That's when I turned around, it was only then when I saw the monstrous silhouette of a towering figure, eyes gleaming with a thirst, a thirst for blood that had to be satisfied. I stood there oblivious to what would happen next, all I knew was that it would end with me dead.

Still concealed by the darkness, he thrust me toward him. Sharing his breath, the same breath of a murderous beast, I screeched at the top of my lungs, but the black abyss engulfed my attempts. At that he began clenching my throat, white knuckled and ravenous for murder. First, I began kicking, begging for air, but as the seconds went by, I realised that I was playing a game with this man, and I was in checkmate. Everything stood still, no birds chirping, no leaves swaying in the breeze; the whole world held its breath, nature sat on the edge of its chair. That was when he dropped me, and I hit the frozen earth. Laying there I wished for a swift downfall. He stepped into the dim light of the moon a malevolent smile plastered on his face; knife grasped firmly in hand. The knife's glint in the moonlight momentarily blinded me; That's how long it took to be fixed in my stomach. Sharp pains surged through me, life slowly draining from my body. Acid rose in my throat as I watched the psychotic madman stroll away, no guilt felt in his actions, I could tell he only felt triumph, as if he had vanquished a great foe. Now as my soul rises to the stars, all I wish is that I didn't take the shortcut.

-Ella Mathews



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Sports here at School

Captain Catchups

It has been a fantastic few weeks for sport at Gordon's school, with some incredible wins and performances on display in rugby, netball, and hockey. Aside from the determination and resilience of the teams, home court advantage shone through in the incredible support for our teams demonstrated as lots of students turned up to cheer everyone on. There were some absolutely fantastic performances and successes which deserved to be celebrated, and it was amazing to see the school celebrating with them, as the atmosphere was heavy with a sense of community- one of Gordon's school's biggest strengths.

Gordon's Ace Rugby vs Hartpury College

The previously undefeated for five years Hartpury College proposed a challenging game for the Gordon's Ace rugby team on Wednesday 27th October. However, new players integrated excellently into the squad and the team put on a spectacular performance to come back from being 0-7 down, to bring it back to a draw, score for score, until they scored in the last five minutes to take the win 26-19. **Captain Ben Webb** described the event as a "really good win against an undefeated Hartpury side," and that he was "really proud of the boys for stepping up to take the win."



Gordon's 1st Netball vs. Putney High School

Gordon's 1st team netball took to the court expecting a tough and close-fought game, as Putney High are a notoriously good netball side, with an England Roses Academy player at GD. Indeed, the match was tense and both sides displayed talent and fantastic standard of netball as the score fluctuated teams. However, the determination of Gordon's paid off, as they took the win 38-32. **Captain, Sophie Bodell**, who played a masterful game as GA, said "I'm so proud of the resilience and composure the girls showed during the game. It was a huge team effort and the support we gave each other was brilliant. The win against Putney has definitely given us great confidence going into the rest of the season!"

Gordon's 1st hockey vs. Charterhouse

The 1st hockey team had their first national cup game of the season, and with a few talented players, Charterhouse had the potential to put up a good fight. But, it was never in doubt that Gordon's would take the win: 3-0. **Cara Falconer, Captain**, said "I felt the girls effort levels could not be faulted with everyone putting in 100% which allowed us to keep the ball and play the style of hockey we want to play!"

-Sadie Wilson

