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Editors' Note

Greetings!

Welcome to GMUN 2024, this is our first issue of our magazine for the weekend, so we hope you all enjoy the content inside as there is much more to come. This is Tia and I's first time running Press and Media therefore this is a fresh challenge for us, nevertheless we are confident that we have delivered our final product to a high standard.

Issue one consists of SPECPOL'S debate on the Uyghurs Muslims genocide in China, tips to maximize negotiation skills and even some fun activities to bide the time. Also, we cannot forget the super subtle moments when delegates were stolen from their committees for some special photography sessions. The results are printed at the back for all delegates to vote on for the best outfit of the day!

Meet the Press Team!

Hi, I'm Sharon and I am the Head of Press and Media this year. I first started MUN in year 12 by attending our school's clubs and got a real feel for the structure and routine of international debating. I'm so grateful for my other members of press team and would like to give a special shout out to the Heads of Secretariat and presidents of the GA.

Hey, I'm Tia and I'm Deputy Head of Press and Media this year. I'm only in Year 10, which is a little terrifying as I'm the youngest person on the GMUN organising team. I love MUN because of the intelligent conversation, and the social aspect—you always make friends at a conference. In my free time, I love musical theatre and performing, and my favourite subject is History.

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Hey, I'm Danni, I'm 14. Some of my hobbies are music, drama and netball, and I love to travel. My favourite thing about MUN is the atmosphere and the opportunity to network.

I'm Sitara, I'm 14. On the press team, I love the freedom I have to peek into everyone's debates and the fun of writing it up along with the quizzes (I strongly believe that there are more wheels than doors and I will argue about it). I like swimming, reading, listening to music and playing the piano

I'm Isla and I'm 14. At MUN, I enjoy meeting new people and being able to move between the different rooms and hear the different subjects and debates, and the differing opinions. I also like the competitive, but friendly spirit of the debates.

I'm Rani, 16. I'm photographer numero uno, my hobbies are playing badminton, sleeping, and playing just dance. What I enjoy the most about MUN is dressing up to impress no one and yapping on how my country will blow up the world.



Advisor Interviews

Miss Copeman

Gordon's

How many years of experience do you have with MUN?

5 and a bit.

What advice would you give to students participating in MUN for the first time?

The same advice everyone gives which is just get involved.

Which was more stressful-waiting for your teacher certification or planning for this year's MUN last minute?

Definitely doing this last minute!

Mr Blatch

Gordon's

What are your views on your first MUN as an advisor? I feel that everybody has prepared pretty well, every debate I've seen so far has been done earnestly. I'm very proud of how our students have prepared.

What has been your favourite part of this conference? Seeing the smiles on everyone's faces when they got here this morning and how excited they were to start debating with each other.

As you are from Australia, does your first MUN make you feel 'upside down'? It did first thing this morning but it's good to know there are some very organised heads and experienced debaters who know what they are doing.



Advisor interviews

Mr. Coles

Gordon's

How long have you worked at Gordon's?

I'm a year and a half in

How would you recommend MUN to prospective students?

It's a really good way to meet new people, network, develop your public speaking skills and have good fun .

Which do you prefer: GMUN or teaching history?

I'm a history teacher through and through but I really love weekends like this.

Lucy Mcknean

Reading Blue Coat

How many years of experience do you have?

I haven't had years at all, I joined a few months ago, at beginning of year

What advice would you give to students participating in MUN for the 1st time?

Do the research on MUN and how the process works, do the research on your country, speak to people who've done it before and speak to 6th formers who've done it before they give great advice and love to share what they've been up to

How would you recommend MUN to a prospective student?

Its academically really brilliant, it furthers yourself, connects you with other schools and students and is really good socially

What are your views on your first MUN as an advisor?

It's been brilliant, really good. I love going round and watching them all chat, debate and socialise. You see them at school and they're students but here they're like adults, its really great to see.

What has been your favourite part of conference?

I really enjoyed security counsel, it's really good to watch and really insightful. there's vicious debate being had!

Top Tips for Debating

from a former member of the UK mission to the UN

Last GMUN conference, Gordon's School hosted a speech from Samantha Job, CMG MVO. She spoke to us about her experience in the UN and Foreign Office, including sharing her top tips for negotiating, as written below.

Get to know people. In the end negotiations are with people, not countries. MUN is a great opportunity to get to know people and it will strengthen your negotiations, too. It's basic human nature - if someone likes you they are more likely to want to help. And if they don't trust you, they won't.

Own your texts and your positions - know what you will compromise on, and what you won't. Also think about areas where you don't care that much, so you can offer changes to others. Make sure all your delegation holds consistent positions so no-one can divide and rule.

Research the positions of the other delegations, too. The more you know about what they are going to say, the more prepared you will be. And the more you can work out who will support you and where areas for compromise might be. What will you do if one delegation doesn't want an outcome at all?

Do your homework on the topics: there is no substitute for knowing the issues. In a live UN negotiation we'd be working off previously-agreed texts, where it matters who has agreed to what in the past. At MUN you want to make sure you are fully prepared for any text you are leading on and any issue your country cares about deeply. I've seen delegates get caught out because they were just trying to be clever and wing it.

Outside the room - all the most important groundwork for any negotiation happens outside the room. The UN buildings are full of coffee shops for a reason. Use all your lobbying time well. Take time to talk to those who disagree with you as well as those who agree - you will always learn something useful.

Network like mad! You need to know who will support you, and who won't. And think about how you will use the network. For instance, who might help you reach that delegation who won't want to hear from your country, but might be persuaded by someone else? Build up as much of a supportive group as you can.

Stay flexible. The more “dug in” you are, the less people will want to work with you. Keep an open mind, be nimble with your drafting, you can collect more votes that way. Sometimes a small tweak to the text is all it takes - and doesn't really cost you anything. But be clear about timelines - if there's a point you need to finalise your text, make sure people know it, then stick to it. Some people will try to “time-out” a text by continuing to suggest amendments, knowing they are running down the clock.

Meals. Eat, drink, snack, keep water with you. If your energy dips, so does your ability to think on your feet. A hungry delegate is a cranky delegate, and it's hard to get the best result that way. I've been in long negotiations where the edge was definitely with those who had snacks in their bags.....

Use your speaking time wisely. If your intervention is too long, no-one will remember anything apart from the fact you talked too much. If your intervention is too short, or you speak too fast, people don't have time to absorb what you are saying (in a live negotiation the interpreters need time to catch up). At NATO, for instance, even Foreign Ministers are limited to 3 minutes. I've packed a lot into one of those statements.

Never try to “defeat” the other side. Outvote, outmanoeuvre, by all means. But no gloating, no humiliation. You may need their vote for something different tomorrow, and they will remember how you treated them. The best negotiations have an outcome where everyone can report back that they secured something good.

Written by Samantha and Tia Job



Samantha Job speaking last conference.

Interview: Chairs

We asked the chairs some questions:

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

Cheddar Cheese and Ham- Beth Bailey from the Environment Comittee

Chicken and sweetcorn- Owen Knight from the Security Council

It's a tough choice between ham and cheese and tuna mayo- Hamish Donald-Sinclair from DISEC

A tuna and cucumber from Sainsburys- Bayan Muhsen from the Security council

Do you have any funny stories from MUN?

When Bayan did a pushup competition- Beth

Highland dancing at Wickham Abbey, that was really fun- Dasha Hudson from Environment



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

A spoon- Owen

It's gotta be a Spork. Multi use - Hamish

(To Hamish) A knife, because you are abrasive!- Amber Bravo Faraday from Disec

I think I'd be a fork, or maybe a little spoon- Dasha

A fork- Bayan

Do you have any advice for people starting their MUN journey

Talk as much as you possibly can. The more you talk, the better you get- Hamish

Just get involved, and if you mess up, it's fine, no one will care - Owen

Stop caring what other people think- Beth

Give it a go- Dasha

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Interview: Chairs

What's your favourite aspect of being a chair?

Being able to sit on a swivel chair- Owen

POWER- Beth

To encourage people to debate, and also tell my co chair what to do- Hamish

What is one of your pet peeves?

When people chew with their mouth open- Beth

My Co chair stealing the comfortable chair- Hamish

People being indecisive- Dasha

People who talk too much- Bayan

Have you been impressed by MUN newcomers?

Yes definitely, they have all worked really well- Beth

Yeah quite impressed- Bayan

Yeah absolutely. There have been some people, who even, just over the last few resolutions, have really grown in confidence- Hamish

What's your favourite TV show character?

Amy Santiago- Beth

The serial killer from You- Dasha

Gus Fring- Bayan





GMUN Gone Vogue

From high street academia to runway couture, this spread shows the conference's most current and put-together ensembles, representing the delegates' aesthetic and mindset to this year's GMUN.

Vote for the look that serves. (QR code)

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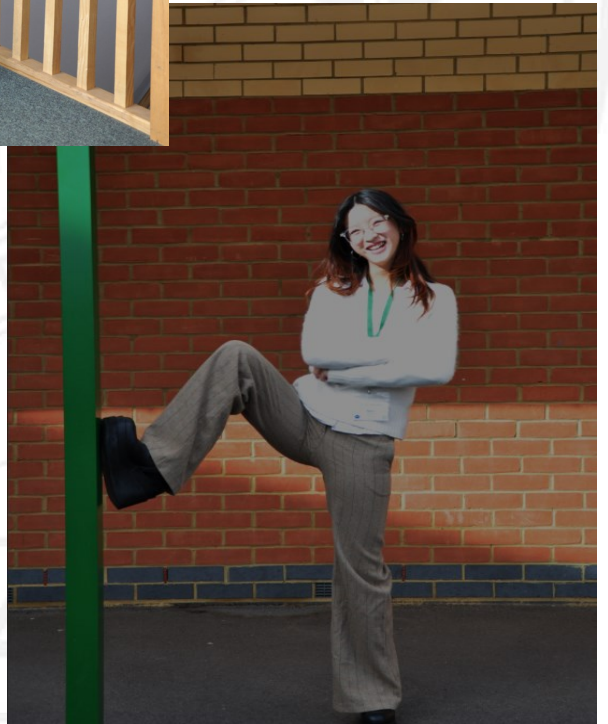
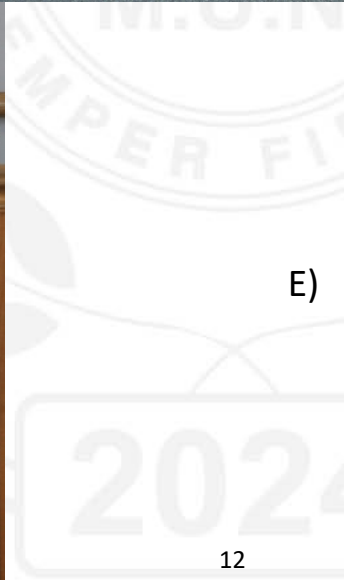
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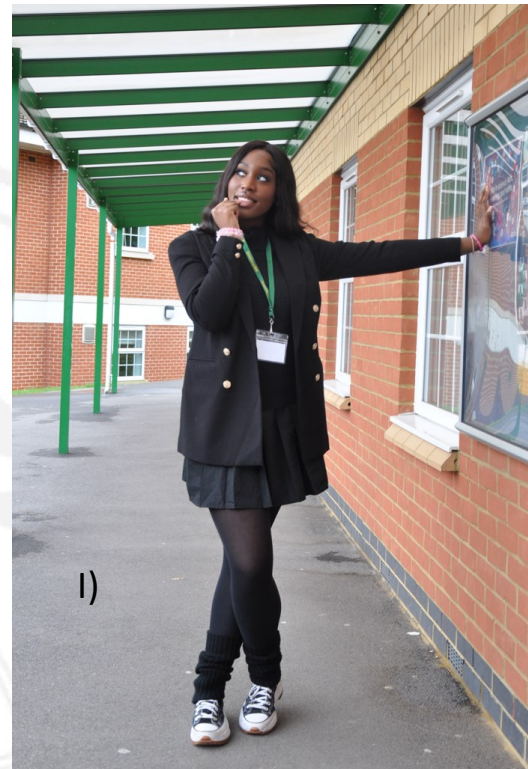
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VOGUE



In the Committees: Part One

In the committee rooms, there was much fruitful debate. We hope to cover some of the topics that we found particularly interesting in the rooms we entered. In SPECPOL, the delegates were debating the genocide of Uyghur Muslims in China and some possible sanctions to be placed upon them. In the Historical Committee, they were discussing the prosecution of former Nazi scientists, especially those involved with operation paperclip. Finally, In SOCHUM, the delegates debated the question of mental health care within prisons.

SPECPOL

In SPECPOL, the delegates were debating the question of the Uyghur Muslim genocide in China. The Chinese Government has committed a series of ongoing human right violations against multiple religious and ethnic groups, including Uyghurs in Xinjiang. As part of this, they have committed genocide, led by the Chinese communist party. Whilst the Chinese government has stated that their purpose is only to “teach Mandarin, Chinese laws...and to prevent citizens from becoming influenced by extremist ideas,” reports have concluded that the camps include forced labour, suppression of religious practices and forced contraception and abortion.

We entered in the heat of the debate, as the delegate of the UK was opposing sanctions on China as it would drastically impact and affect the West, who receive a lot of supplies from China. Conversely, the delegate of the USA believes that sanctions are crucial as they protect the international community as it prevents development of nations that are prone to terrorism and violating human rights. Following on from this, they reiterated that they condemn justice surrounding prosecution aims to stop crimes of humanity in China. They declared that they want to protect their national identity and uphold USA beliefs of democracy and freedom and concluded by acknowledging and apologising for their past mistakes.

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Quiz! Trivial Controversies

We are continuing a GMUN Press Team tradition by creating a divide with controversial questions. These have been known to bring out the stubbornness in the best of us. It almost brought the press team to blows while writing the form over the infamous wheels or doors question: the ultimate debate. The Press Team formally renounce all responsibility for any fights or animosity that



Questions

- 1) Are there more doors or wheels in the world?
- 2) Pineapple on pizza?
- 3) Is cereal soup?
- 4) Are oranges named after the colour or is the colour named after the fruit?
- 5) Glass half full or half empty?
- 6) Ketchup on the side or on the top of your chips?
- 7) See the future or change the past?
- 8) Success or happiness?
- 9) Spontaneity or predictability?
- 10) Save 100 strangers or one loved one?



Looking Back: The Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony began with a brief speech from our Headmaster, Mr Moss. He spoke about the importance of young people getting involved in current issues. If we don't care about the state of the world, it doesn't improve. After all, young people are the future.

Next, our secretary general, Jack Goate, gave a speech. It was about MUN as a collaboration and not a competition. Work together, and contest resolutions and issues, not people. Also, have fun. Conferences are supposed to be fun—remember that.

And finally, at 10:07 this morning, the conference officially began when our Jack hit his gavel onto the desk.



Puzzles

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Sudoku and Noughts and Crosses

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Sudoku

Thanks for reading!

