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Message from the Editor-In-Chief



Noah Molenaar

As the returning Editor-in-Chief of RISSUE, I am so grateful for the opportunity to participate in this ninth edition of the RISSUE magazine and to share what we have been working on behind the scenes at Rotterdam International Secondary School. The production of each magazine edition serves as a valuable tool for students to acquire transferable skills, fostering critical thinking and the application of knowledge across various contexts. Our students have demonstrated engagement with our community by sharing reflective opinions, captivating stories, and meaningful experiences.

In this issue, we celebrate the graduating class, which includes RISS's very first IB Career Program, and explore the world through school trips. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated writers, photographers, teachers, and professional publishers who generously committed their time and effort to the production of this magazine.

A special thank you goes to Mr. McMinn and Mr. Badya, whose invaluable assistance made the completion of each edition possible. I also want to acknowledge and appreciate their commendable dedication and continuous commitment to the achievements of our team and the broader community.

Although the Hall of Fame marks the departure of the Graduating Class of 2024, our alumni will continue to uphold the key values and principles advocated at RISS, whether they pursue higher education, enter the workforce, or embark on new and unknown adventures.

Noah Molenaar



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



By Dr. Gilbert-Sáez

I'm delighted to present a few words in this latest edition of RISSUE. This publication embodies our annual life at RISS, celebrating the commitment we have to building a community centred on our mission for 'every student to enjoy their youth' and our vision of 'educating for self-awareness, curiosity, and integrity in a changing world'. These statements are not mere symbols devoid of practicality; they are aspirational endeavours that have defined our work.

Celebrating a Year of Success and Change!

Since joining RISS in 2017, I have seen how we have all experienced a great deal and learned immensely. No person is an island, and the dedication of our school members to transform RISS into an enviable institution has yielded tremendous dividends for us all, especially our children.

Special message to Grade 12 and Grade 10

Regarding Grades 12 and 10, I always mention them in the last issue of the school year. It was a significant achievement for them to complete another assessment cycle and advance to the next stage. Our Grade 10 students have completed their IGCSEs, and our Grade 12 students have fully finished their IB examinations. Both examinations are demanding and require study, revision, and preparation hours. I reflect on the

efforts of our teachers, who have been exemplary in preparing our students with the necessary knowledge, skills, maturity, and critical thinking required to navigate each assessment independently. My gratitude extends to my colleagues, and my best wishes and pride go to their students and families, who have been remarkable through their collaboration, understanding, and support for the school during their time with us. Thank you for everything you have contributed, and well done to all the students.

Social Media Impact

I am a staunch advocate of digital technology and its myriad benefits across various fields. It fills me with pride to witness and participate in what is regarded as being at the forefront of

innovation that promises to positively impact the lives of millions for generations. Digital tools have revolutionised how we gather information, connect across distances, and solve complex problems, which undeniably enrich our learning environments and societal structures.

However, I have also become aware of the less favourable aspects, notably the impact of algorithms and how, with insufficient support, our students fall prey to the hidden pitfalls of social media platforms. These platforms can deprive our children of the time they need to simply be children, immersed in social environments that better prepare them to manage the tensions of individuality within society.

Our decision to restrict the use of mobile phones at RISS has proven beneficial, not only in reducing cyberbullying incidents but also in encouraging students to engage in verbal communication and connect with one another. This has provided robust evidence of the effectiveness of such measures. While not flawless, these policies can reduce the omnipresence of students' virtual availability, enhancing their opportunities to develop as confident individuals with a strong sense of self-efficacy and the ethical capacity to make decisions based on values of compassion to bring peace and connection with one another.

Ultimately, our aspiration as a school is for our children to be happy and fulfilled. I trust this is the same for parents and families. Yet, the truth remains that many young people everywhere are struggling with mental health issues, and their levels of resilience are notably low. Our school must address this critical issue in its future goals, consistently working to foster a robust sense of self that is reliable and capable of overcoming challenges despite prevailing uncertainties. The school is committed to doing what it can and continuously self-assesses its practices to proactively seek a better environment for our students.

CIS/NEASC Reaccreditation

Our CIS/NEASC reaccreditation process and outcome was an unequivocal success. The school community, particularly our teachers, worked diligently and passionately to present a transparent, proud, and reliable account of our mission to the evaluators, students, and families. We embraced every challenge posed by CIS/NEASC, emerging with the knowledge that our past five years represent a history of consummate

dedication to our work and the belief that this profession is not just a job but a true vocation and an inner calling to assist others, especially young people.

Our reaccreditation, granted with immediate effect, is a significant achievement that few institutions manage to secure so swiftly. This qualification does not mean we can rest on our laurels; rather, it marks a new beginning that calls for celebration and a renewed commitment to refining our practices. It also urges us to confront and address emerging issues within a rapidly changing world. I am confident in RISS' ability to rise to these challenges and continue its journey of excellence.

Finally, a farewell from me, your principal, Dr. Gilbert-Sáez.

Serving you all during good times – and challenging moments – has been a profound honour. For me, the latter times have been particularly instructive, and I have learned a great deal during the dark days of the pandemic and through the painful grief of losing dearest Renata.

At times, in this role, it is easy to become entangled in systems, administration, and events rather than focusing on a school's capacity to effect change through the power of education. I came into this role believing that, when executed correctly, education can transform lives for the better. I am even more confident of that now.

*Thank you all, truly, for everything.
The spirit of RISS will stay with me forever.*

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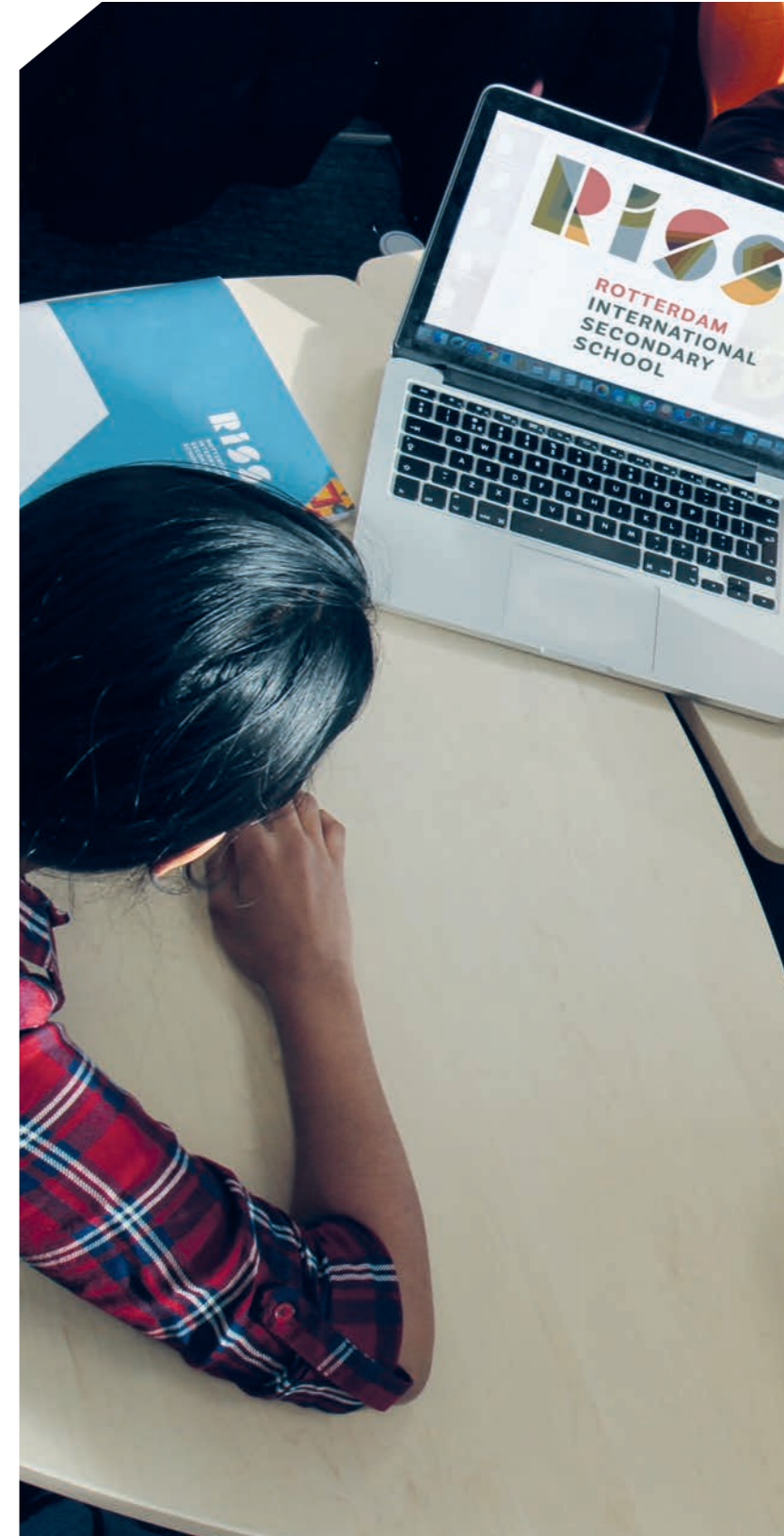
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SkiTrip 2024

By Nicole Sene Berjeaut Grandi

Earlier this year, members of RISS went to **Zell am See in Austria** for the annual ski trip. The trip lasted six days, from February 25 to the 2nd of March. Students from all grades that were able to go, including some lucky members of staff.



FROM SKI LESSONS TO APRÈS-SKIING TO SWIMMING

The week had a packed itinerary, ranging from ski lessons to après-skiing and swimming. The bus rides, however, weren't the easiest slope to start our journey on, so to speak. It was a 14-hour bus ride from the Junior Campus to our accommodation in Zell am See. An improvement from the predicted 16 hours, but not everyone could look on the bright side as we had been told we had an entire day of skiing ahead. After we dropped off our belongings at the hotel and made sure we chose the right beds, we quickly got changed into our ski gear, which we soon became very familiar with.

THE FIRST DAY ranged from a very challenging introduction to skiing to a very rewarding day. Falls were occurring left and right, but memories were also being made and laughs were had. The majority of people were either easing into the realm of skiing or snowboarding, while others were struggling to find their footing. However, the hour-long lunch break was welcomed by all, with the food being described by many as heavenly. What made lunch so much more valued was also the spectacular views provided by the outside dining space. Overall, the day was pleasant, with everyone being even more exhausted by the end of it. Dinner was a sight to behold; the conversations, or the lack thereof due to how everyone had grown an insatiable appetite, had the place buzzing with life. After dinner everyone rushed back to their rooms to unpack and most importantly, for a well-deserved and overdue rest.

THE SECOND DAY everyone was much more rejuvenated and ready to head up the ski slopes, which were going to be in a different location than the day before. The ski slopes proved to be in way better condition, as it had snowed the day before and they were packed with more snow – and the fact that we were higher up, with some parts of the mountain even being above the clouds, helped to keep the skiing conditions pristine. Everyone divided into their respective groups to continue skiing and snowboarding at various heights of the mountain. Lunch was again a smashing success, with the variety of food options enabling everyone to have their personal and customised choice of the day, due to the free-to-roam style of the restaurant. After the well-deserved break, everyone was buckling their ski boots back into their so-called 'cosy' fits. The rest

of the day was spent either navigating the new environment while skiing and snowboarding, or enjoying the adrenaline rush from the extreme sport. Dinner was again delightful, as we were served a three-course meal with typical Austrian dishes, and again we all went back to our rooms, but this time we were more social after dinner since we were better rested than the day before.



‘Everything looks clearer from the top of the mountain’



THE THIRD DAY we rose yet again to face the ski slopes, this time more confident in our abilities to efficiently get into our ski-gear and manoeuvre our way around even with ski boots. That day was a shorter day on the slopes however, due to the plans that had been set that people had been looking forward to all week. Skiing and snowboarding were again a thrill, but some people had been injured or were suffering from the effects of altitude sickness finally getting to them, and people's batteries were starting to wane. After a gratifying lunch break, the skiing and snowboarding was resumed, this time a shorter session due to our schedule. As we were getting into our bus again, an entertaining sight occurred. A battle of snowballs took place between students, teachers and ski instructors. Many were already on the bus and decided to leave to take part in the snowball fight. It was an entertaining sight to witness as there were kids being thrown on the mounds of snow next to the bus and fighting for their lives. As we got back to the hotel, we had to get ready for the much-awaited activity that took place after dinner. Dinner was, once again, delightful and welcomed by everyone. After dinner, everyone very excitedly left the hotel to make our way to an indoor pool. While at the pool, everyone was either lining up to dive from the diving board or to slide down the slide. People's competitive spirits came to light as they started racing their friends and teachers to see who could swim the fastest.

THE FOURTH DAY everyone's confidence was much improved, after a good night's rest and a full day of confidently skiing and snowboarding, with again the schedule being shorter than usual since we had the plan to après-ski, a concept that was unfamiliar to the majority. After half a day of skiing, we all met up next to the restaurant, where the après-ski was to take place. The après ski consisted of dancing and bonding that seemed too short when we sadly had to return to the bus back to the hotel. We ate our dinner with eagerness, having worked up an appetite yet again.

THE FIFTH DAY was spent at the mountain that we went to on the first day, with the mood being more laid-back and casual since we were preparing ourselves for another 14-hour bus ride back to the Junior Campus. The lunch was welcomed by everyone with relief after half a day of skiing and snowboarding, with everyone enjoying the thrill of the sport after spending the trip learning or reinforcing their skills in the sport. At 5:30 pm we settled into our seats, and buckled up for the 14-hour ride ahead of us. In contrast to the bus ride to Austria, the journey back to Rotterdam, was much quieter and more restful for everyone, since after dinner at McDonald's you could hear a pin drop in the bus, with everyone absolutely tuckered out from the week's events finally catching up to us. Overall, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip, with some of their own words graciously given for this article.

"I was on the ski trip, and it was an amazing experience. I got to meet new people and making my old friendships stronger on the ski trip. Me and my friends got into a lot of deep conversations while on the ski trip. I learnt many new things, for example to ski better and to do a few tricks and I got to see beautiful views with my friends. I hoped I could go to the other people's room but I understand why I couldn't (because of safety reasons). It was very fun with the students and teachers to go to the swimming pool and to the disco."

Amelia Pandita Gunaverdana (grade 6)

"The ski trip was an exciting trip and I left worried about how I'd do skiing and came back with a load of intriguing stories. It had its ups and downs, but at the end of the trip I felt genuinely sad about going back home. The bus rides to and back were... eventful, but that's what made them genuinely interesting. One particular lowlight (and also highlight) I remember was on the second day of skiing. Me and my friend were lacking in our skiing skills compared to the group and we asked if we could stay at the bottom of the lift and wait for them. However, little did we know that the lifts were shutting off. One ski instructor had to come get us and they called a ski mobile to bring us to the other ski lift. I was scared out of my mind, but the adrenaline I felt made up for it. One highlight I remember was going to the pool and going down the slide. I remember going down the final stretch of the slide and getting drenched in water. My overall skiing was... of low quality to say the least, but I finally got the hang of it at the end of the week. I wish I had been able to stay for 2-3 days longer so I could try it out for a longer time."

Eden Jammalieh (grade 11)





Message from Ms. du Plessis

[Deputy Principal]

Dear Graduates

At the end of an academic year, it is always with mixed emotions that I watch our graduates walk confidently into their world post-RISS. As staff and school, we have invested so much cognitive effort, time, thought and care into our students, and though we love seeing you step into the exciting challenge of the rest of your lives, we always feel a small sense of loss as well. You have been an intrinsic part of our lives for a number of years.

As graduating cohort of 2024 you have had an interesting last few years of your school career – the first ‘normal’ post-covid cohort, our cohort with a sudden influx of Ukrainian students, the emergence of AI and our first full CP graduating cohort. Yet you have become a group of resilient students whom we confidently can send out into the world, to intrepidly go and make our earth a better place for all of us.

On the last school day, we celebrated your educational journey by looking at pictures of your first day at school – and we marvelled at the journey you have been on. These past 12 years, you have learned so much about becoming a successful human being. We hope some of the approaches we tried to instil into you according to our school values – like taking responsibility

for your own learning and choices; respecting yourself, your environment and the opportunities you are given; and having the courage to continue and do what at times feels undoable due to personal and practical obstacles – will be there to support you throughout your life. Building relationships, however, is the crucial value which you not only benefited from in the past years, but which you should nurture explicitly in your future. We cannot do it alone because it takes a community/family/school to raise a child and ensure they enjoy their youth. All staff in school have invested time, energy, care and passion to support you as you develop yourself and become a kind, principled and academically successful person. We do this because we care and believe in you. Please continue to foster your relationships with others, as that is what helps us get things done and enables us to enjoy our existence. I would like to urge you to use the RISS core values to help guide you in navigating this world and change it into a better place for us all. It takes only one person to effect great change. We are rooting that each of you will be that person.

The world we are sending you off into, is not a straightforward and uncomplicated place – and sometimes we can feel overwhelmed by a sense of hopelessness. As a literature teacher, I always find solace in other people’s ideas, and I would like to leave you with the first poem I had to teach to a class of grade 6 students when I was an intern many years back. Now reading the poem by Miroslav Holub I am struck by how sexist it is, but please look past that fact and celebrate the act that we are all limitless and full of potential:

**A BOY’S HEAD (1963),
MIROSLAV HOLUB**

In it there is a space-ship
and a project
for doing away with piano lessons.

And there is
Noah’s ark,
which shall be first.

And there is
an entirely new bird
an entirely new hare
an entirely new bumble-bee.

There is a river
that flows upwards.

There is a multiplication table.

There is anti-matter.

And it just cannot be trimmed.

I believe
that only what cannot be trimmed
is a head.

There is much promise
in the circumstance
that so many people have heads.

Message from Tutor: Mr. Alberts



Grade 12A, how these two years have flown by. It has always been a joy to see you Tuesday and Thursday mornings in 004. I learned to appreciate the calm nature of this group, with a few exceptions of course. Thanks for the memories, laughter and (in general) being the best tutor group I have had in terms of CAS progression! To my geo students, once again you continued the trend of RISS IB students being fun to teach, participatory, and engaged. Thank you for your effort, views, and curiosity. And to the rest of grade 12, whether it was Ameland or in the halls of the SC, your presence in some way has had an impact on me. All the best in your future endeavours to all of you, and I am looking forward to seeing you again in the future.

Message from Tutor: Mr. Kacor



The G12 business class was full of very different personalities, but you guys were always nice to each other and eventually figured out how to get your work done together. I enjoyed being with you for the last two years and I always looked forward to seeing you again. I will miss you. I wish you the best, good luck to you all.

Message from Tutor: Mr. McMinn



We always talk about the IB being a journey and as you read this message your IB journey will have reached its conclusion. As my first tutor class since joining RISS I truly feel like we have been on the rollercoaster journey together. We have had tears, tantrums, triumphs but most of all we have had a lot of laughter and support for one another. Each one of you brought something unique to our tutor group and I thank you for making my first two years at RISS an enjoyable and memorable journey. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours and please stay in touch.

Message from Tutor: Ms. Kaijser



Dear grade 12 students, a few last words from me. Remember, success is not only about the outcome of this exam, it is also the journey of growth and learning you've embarked upon. Thank you for your commitment, effort and fun we had the last two years. Good luck with all your next steps in life. You've made me a proud tutor.

Success!

By Eva Noorduijn



How do we define success? What does it mean to be successful? Who determines if you are successful? When you are successful? You are successful, but how is this determined?

TOK students will hopefully recognise that being successful is extremely subjective.

One aspect which links all cultures is that great importance is placed on being successful. It is not just teachers, parents, family members and friends who drive you to be successful, but society as a whole. Most of us strive towards success in our professional and private lives.

Imagine the following scenario: you have been to a university or a college of further education, you have a well-paid job, you have found a life partner to share your life with, you have bought a home, you are able to travel for leisure purposes, you have a large circle of friends and perhaps you also own a car. As fast as you have achieved this, in your highly successful career, this can all unravel just as fast. You start socialising with the wrong people, you make the wrong decisions, you lose your qualifications, you lose your job, you lose your home, you lose your partner, you lose your friends.

Before you start to determine your criteria for success, try to think more in qualitative terms, rather than quantitative terms. Is success really just measured by the amount you earn? The price of your house or car? The types of holidays you take? The friends you socialise with?

What about other criteria for success: you know who you are; you know what interests you; you get up each morning with a sense of purpose; you end your working day with job satisfaction; you are proud of the work you produce; you are passionate, engaged and driven. Are these not indicators of feeling successful?

The IB philosophy of learning is very much centred on approaches to learning: thinking about the task, investigating, researching and planning, executing the task but then always reflecting afterwards: what further questions do I have? If I were to do this task again, what would I do differently? I hope that as you end your IB journey, you continue to focus on the process and not only on the end product. Success is built on your awareness of the process: what inspired you in the first place, what gave you

the idea, how did you answer the questions you had when you started, which obstacles stood in your way and how did you overcome these, how did you make your decisions and how did you evaluate your final product? Make sure you reflect on the process from start to finish and not only measure the end result.

You will all have role models who represent successful people in your mind. Look carefully and study their path to this success. How many years did they train in their sport to reach the success of a gold medal? How much money did they first lose before they floated their company on the stock market and made millions? How many projects failed before the entrepreneur found a product they could sell successfully?

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.”

[Senator J. F. Kennedy, Coliseum, Raleigh, North Carolina, 17 September, 1960]

You have reached a welcome lull in your lives. You are awaiting a set of exam results. Perhaps you are waiting to hear from universities whether you can study your chosen course. Or you are waiting to hear from a future employer whether you are offered a job or an internship. Use this lull to start setting a course. What is it that you wish to achieve? Perhaps it is not easy to look five years ahead, 10 years ahead, 25 years ahead, so how about one year ahead? Where do you want to be in one year's time? What is it that you want to have achieved? Set realistic objectives, SMART goals and use these to measure your progress towards a successful life. Others will continue to judge you: whether you are successful or not – but remain true to yourself, set the success criteria yourself and give yourself the satisfaction when you reach your goals. And remember to set that course: without direction, you cannot set goals. Without goals, it is difficult to measure success, let alone achieve success.

HALL OF FAME 2024



SENIOR QUOTE
"DON'T ASSUME THE ANSWER IS NO BEFORE YOU ASK THE QUESTION."

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
STUDYING AS A GROUP WITH MY FRIENDS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BOENKIE

Ashika
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE BIOCHEMIST



SENIOR QUOTE
SOMETIMES THINGS END AGAINST OUR WILL, BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE BERLIN TRIP AND THE FREE PERIODS TO "STUDY".

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE "INQUIRY BASED LEARNING":)

Anushka
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE EDUCATIONIST/TECHNICAL ENGINEER



SENIOR QUOTE
IT MAY TAKE LONG, BUT THE TIME WILL PASS ANYWAY.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
PLAYING FOOTBALL OUTSIDE WITH MY FRIENDS.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE COMFORT OF MY CLASSMATES ALSO NOT HAVING DONE THE WORK.

Ardan
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE ARCHITECT



SENIOR QUOTE
I'M PASSING MATH BECAUSE OF MY DAD.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
FEELING PREPARED FOR UNIVERSITY.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE GREENHOUSE.

Abby
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



SENIOR QUOTE
CONVICTION IS KEY

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
LEARNING ABOUT THINGS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED, PARTICLE PHYSICS AND STARTING OF CALCULUS IN MATHS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
FOOTBALL DURING BREAK

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FUTURE QUANTITATIVE ANALYST

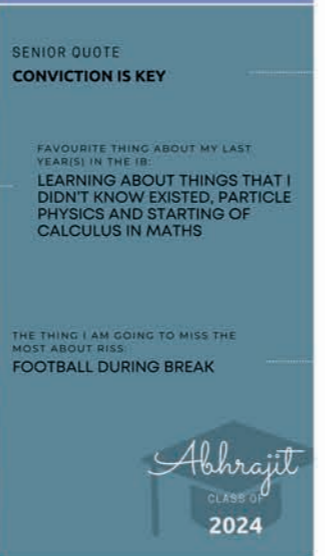


SENIOR QUOTE
MONDAY LEFT ME BROKEN ~

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND LEARNING NEW THINGS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
SCHOOL TRIPS

Arron
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE ECONOMETRICIAN



SENIOR QUOTE
LIVING IN PEOPLE'S MINDS 24/7, DON'T EVEN GOTTA PAY RENT.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MRS HALIMA

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE BASKETBALL COURT

Badr
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE CLOTHING BRAND OWNER



SENIOR QUOTE
"SOME DAYS ARE A TOTAL WASTE OF MAKEUP"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
BREAKS TO SPEND WITH FRIENDS COMPLAINING ABOUT IA AND CAS DEADLINES.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
FRIENDS, TEACHERS AND THE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

Alessia
CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE DIPLOMAT



SENIOR QUOTE
THE VOICES KEEP TELLING ME TO SKIP FIRST PERIOD

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
EATING IN THE LIBRARY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
SANTI BUILDING STRUCTURES WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

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CLASS OF 2024
FUTURE TROPHY HUSBAND



SENIOR QUOTE
I CAME AS A FART, I LEFT IN THE WIND?

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MY FRIENDS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MY TEACHERS

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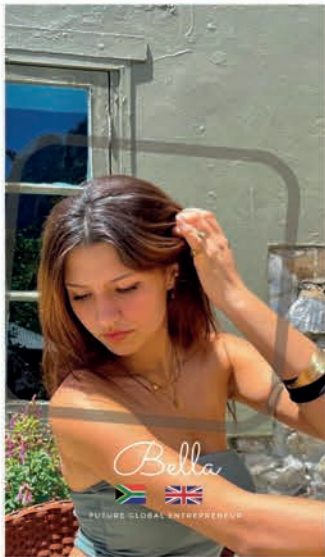


SENIOR QUOTE
"THE GREEKS HAD SOCRATES, Y'ALL HAVE ME"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
LEARNING FRENCH (I TOOK SPANISH)

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
EATING IN THE LIBRARY

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SENIOR QUOTE
...SHE DOESN'T NEED A CROWN (BARBIE: PRINCESS CHARM SCHOOL)

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MR. MULLER'S HATE/LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ENGLISH CLASS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE ART ROOM DEBRIEFS

Bella
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
ADD ME ON CLUB PENGUIN @KEY36

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
SPORTS SCIENCE CLASS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
CHOCOLATE MUFFINS FROM CANTEEN

Celeste
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
THEY CALL ME THE GREEK FREAK, BUT NOT BECAUSE I'M GOOD AT BASKETBALL. (I'M 0.5 FOR 7)

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
NOT BRING PART OF THE DRAMA

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
EVERYTHING BUT THE ASSIGNMENTS

George
 CLASS OF
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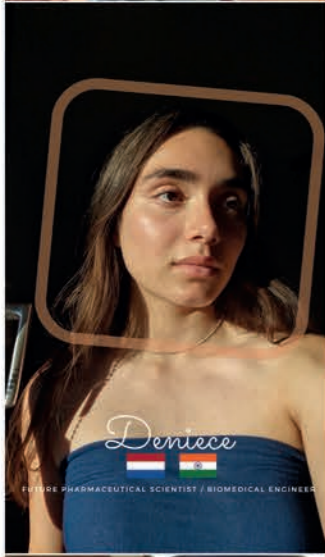


SENIOR QUOTE
"PRESSURE? PRESSURE WHAT? YOU CANNOT PUT PRESSURE ON ME." - JOSE MOURINHO

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MAKING PRESENTATIONS WITH TOBEY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BOTHERING MR MULLER WITH TOBEY

Hicham
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?" "WITH LUCK, FORWARD." - REMY

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
ALL THE FREE PERIODS WHEN I GOT DISTRACTED AND DID ABSOLUTELY NO WORK

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
I'M GOING TO MISS ALL THE AMAZING PEOPLE I HAVE MET OVER THE YEARS AT RISS AND THE WONDERFUL TEACHERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME THROUGH MY TIME HERE.

Deniece
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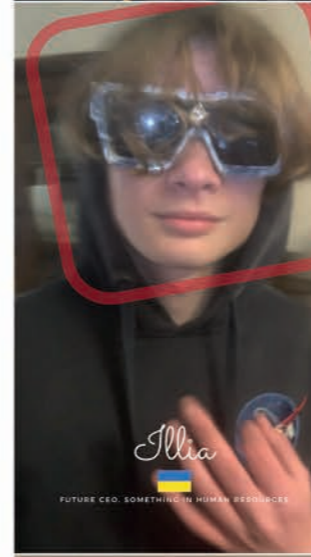


SENIOR QUOTE
"STILL LOOKING FOR THE BEST 4 YEARS OF MY LIFE"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
FRIENDS, THE SKI TRIP AND LOWKEY SOME PARTS OF THE AMELAND TRIP LIKE THE BEACH DAY WITH ACTIVITIES

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BEING ABLE TO SEE MY FRIENDS EVERYDAY, MOMENTS OF BEING UNABLE TO HOLD IN OUR LAUGHTER IN CLASS, THE MENTAL HEALTH WALKS, AND THE DEBRIEFS DURING FREES AND BREAKS... DEFINITELY NOT THE IB THO :)

Denise
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
"I USED TO BE JEALOUS OF THE WAY HARRY POTTER WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO SNAKE, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I HAVE FOUND OUT I DID IT ALL ALONG"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE AMOUNT OF TIMES I CAN BE LATE

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MR GOPAUL

Ilia
 CLASS OF
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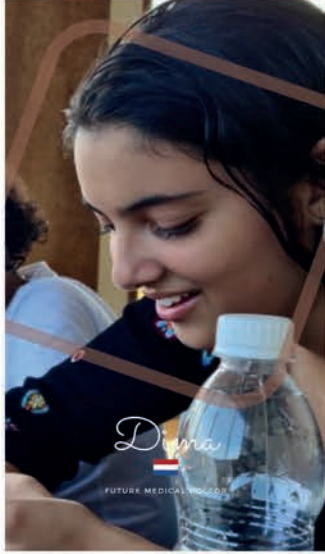


SENIOR QUOTE
HERE FOUR MONTHS AND ONLY HIT BY A BIKE TWICE

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
GOING TO ALBERT HEIJN

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BEATING ANDREAU IN CHESS EVERYDAY

Ingrid
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
WHATEVER LIFE THROWS AT YOU, DUCK AND LET IT HIT SOMEONE ELSE.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
HANGOUTS BY THE TABLES OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MR HEALY'S HANGTIME INTRO TO THE LESSONS

Dima
 CLASS OF
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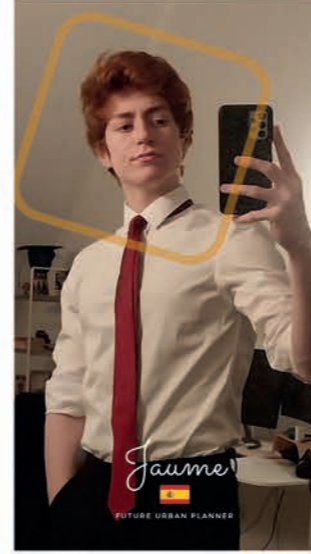


SENIOR QUOTE
I LOVE BACK DAY

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
HANGOUTS BY THE TABLES OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE COUCH IN THE IBCP ROOM

Elias
 CLASS OF
2024

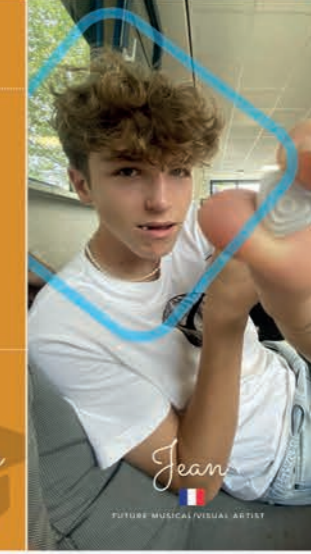


SENIOR QUOTE
"I'M NOT THE HERO THIS CITY NEEDS, I'M NOT THE HERO THIS CITY DESERVES, BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE IT'S GOT" - LEGO BATMAN

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
BERLIN GEOGRAPHY TRIP

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE OPPTS, THEY KEPT ME GOING FOR REAL

Jaume
 CLASS OF
2024



SENIOR QUOTE
"STICKING FEATHERS UP YOUR BUTT DOES NOT MAKE YOU A CHICKEN." TYLER DURDEN

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
GARTIC PHONE

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MS. MARCINA EN HALIMA/ TETA

Jean
 CLASS OF
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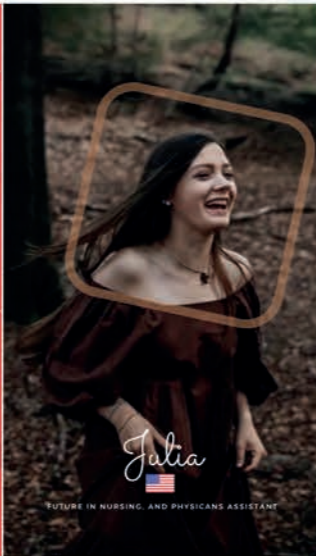


SENIOR QUOTE
"I THINK MY CLOSET BI-POLAR, CAUSE IT JUST KEEPS THROWING FITS."

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 THE FEELING OF COMPLETING MY REFLECTIVE PROJECT

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 MR. MULLER

Jeremy
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: CHIEF MARKETING EXECUTIVE OF NETFLIX

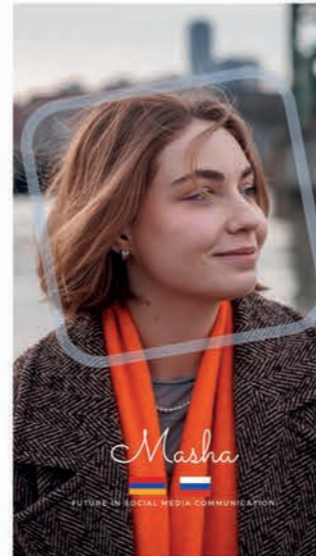


SENIOR QUOTE
"A LIE DOESN'T BECOME TRUTH, WRONG DOESN'T BECOME RIGHT, AND EVIL DOESN'T BECOME GOOD, JUST BECAUSE IT'S ACCEPTED BY A MAJORITY."
 — BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 THE AMELAND TRIP WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ENTIRE YEAR.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE AMAZING AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THAT RISS HAS.

Julia
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: IN NURSING, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



SENIOR QUOTE
"I DID MY WAITING!!! 12 YEARS OF IT!!! IN AZKABAN!!!" -SIRIUS BLACK

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 ENGLISH B CLASSES AND OUR UNFORGETTABLE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WERE TRULY TRYING TO NOT CONVERT INTO FIGHTS EACH TIME

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 ENGLISH B CLASSES AND OUR SMALL TRADITION TO MAKE A HUGE LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS WITH MILANA

Masha
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: IN SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION



SENIOR QUOTE
"THE UNIVERSE IS NOT, AFTER ALL, A HOSTILE PLACE. THERE IS SOMETHING OUT THERE, AND I THINK THEY WILL BE OUR FRIENDS." - IT WAS THE BEST OF HYAMS, IT WAS THE WORST OF HYAMS (ODYSSEYARCHIVE)

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 GETTING TO BE A NERD ABOUT NICHE TOPICS ON MY EXTENDED ESSAY.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PLACE. THIS SCHOOL IS LIKE ITS OWN MICROSOCIETY; THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS SO DIFFERENT IT'S ALMOST WEIRD.

Max
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: ARCHITECT, 5 TO 6 POWER



SENIOR QUOTE
SIDE QUEST COMPLETED

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 COUNTLESS TRIPS TO ALBERT HEIJN EVERY DAY.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE EXTRA GEOGRAPHY LESSONS ON A FRIDAY WITH MR. ALBERTS

Katya
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: ECONOMIST

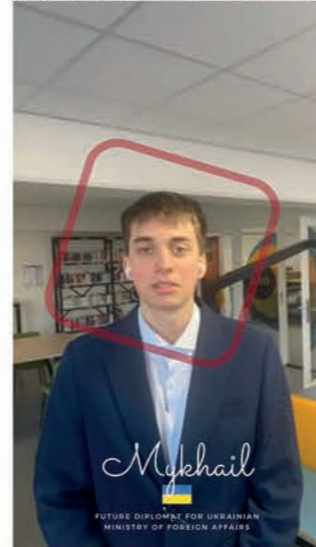


SENIOR QUOTE
FASHION SLAY, JETSET PLAY, PARTY ALL THE WAY AND MAKE THE PLOT GO CRAY CRAY.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 ROOM 2.06

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE SECOND CHANCES.

Laís
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: IN BUSINESS



SENIOR QUOTE
CHALLENGES EXIST, ONLY FOR US TO ANSWER WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS AND HOW TRULY WE WANT A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR OURSELVES.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 CONVERSATIONS WITH TEACHERS ABOUT THINGS NOT-RELATED TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 FRIENDS.

Mykhail
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: DIPLOMAT FOR UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



SENIOR QUOTE
"IT'S BASIC KNOWLEDGE"- MR GOPAUL

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 PARNIKA

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 OPENING THE LIBRARY DOOR.

Nayonika
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: ...



SENIOR QUOTE
"NO ONE LOSES ANY LIFE OTHER THAN THE ONE HE LIVES, OR LIVES ANY OTHER LIFE THAN THE ONE HE LOSES"- MEDITATIONS, MARCUS AURELIUS

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 GOING TO APPIE IN BREAKS.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE DIFFERENT TRIPS, FREE PERIODS, MR. ALBERTS' LESSONS, AND PLAYING POOL, TABLE TENNIS, AND BASKETBALL.

Lauend
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: FINANCIAL ECONOMIST

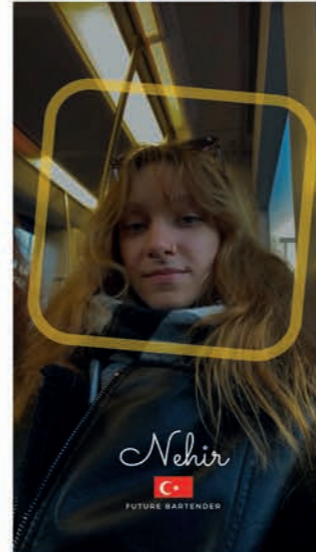


SENIOR QUOTE
"OF JY ERVAAR MY, OF JY AANVAAR MY"
ENGLISH TRANSLATION: EITHER YOU EXPERIENCE ME, OR YOU ACCEPT ME

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 MY MOST FAVOURITE WOULD HAVE TO BE THE ENTIRE CAS COURSE. ALWAYS DELIVERING EXCITEMENT AND A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT WHEN LOGGING CAS REFLECTIONS.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 I WILL MISS MR. MOTTRAM'S GREAT MONOLOGUES WHICH PROVIDED AMAZING INSIGHT AND PERSPECTIVE, POSITIVELY INFLUENCING MY APPROACH TOWARDS LIFE.

Liam
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: RYAN GOSLING STUNT DOUBLE

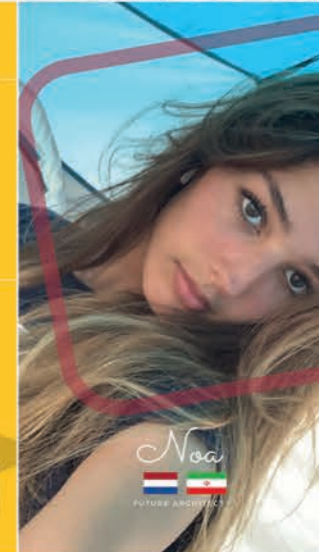


SENIOR QUOTE
TIME DOESN'T KILL YOU, SCHOOL DOES :)

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE COMMUNITY THAT TRIED HELPING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES.

Nehir
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: BARTENDER

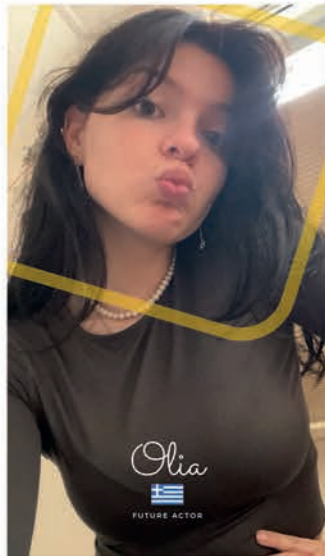


SENIOR QUOTE
PRETEND I HAVE A GOOD QUOTE.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
 THE SKI AND BERLIN TRIP

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
 THE SCHOOL TRIPS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Noa
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE: ARCHITECT



SENIOR QUOTE
"THIS COURSE GAVE ME THE ICK (STILL DOES)."

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE TABLES OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
OUR LOVELY CANTEN LADY.

Olia
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE ACTOR



SENIOR QUOTE
"GOODBYEEEEE! OK, I'M GOOD NOW"- MATER

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MANAGING AN EVENT UNIT, AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE THROUGH IT.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BEING COMFORTABLE, AND MOTIVATED.

Olivia
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER



SENIOR QUOTE
"MIRACLES DO HAPPEN, BUT NOT FOR US"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
• MIGHT JUST SAY "TEACHERS," BUT I'D RATHER SAY WHATEVER THAT FOLLOWS THE PHRASE: "SIR, MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION...?"
• SECOND BREAK ON THURSDAY - GREEN TEAM PEOPLE. ARE YOU STILL ALIVE? :)
• ENGLISH CLASS AND OUR FASCINATING AND CHARMING DISCUSSIONS UNTIL THEY TURN INTO A COMMENT FROM THE TEACHER "WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE."

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
• THE FEELING OF COMFORT AND PEACEFUL HAPPINESS THAT PEOPLE WERE GIVING
• LIBRARY ATMOSPHERE WHEN YOU ALL HOPE TO FINISH WORK, BUT YOU END UP PLANNING YOUR NINTH LIFE OR DISCUSSING HYPOTHETICAL CULTS.

Polina
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE IN BIOCHEMISTRY FOR NOW AND THEN LET'S SEE WHAT LIFE BRINGS



SENIOR QUOTE
SIMONE'S QUOTE IS TELLING THE TRUTH

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE BREAKS AND FREES BETWEEN LESSONS.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
FRIENDS AND MEMORIES. OH.. YEAH, AND THE POOL TABLE IN THE FLEX ROOM.

Puneet
CLASS OF
2024

HE IS SO COOL LIKE THE GREEN AND BRIGHT!



SENIOR QUOTE
CURT KOBAIN POV

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
OCCASIONALLY SNACKING IN THE LIBRARY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE MONEY I LOST PAYING FOR BASIC STUDENT AMENITIES

Olivier
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE MUSICIAN



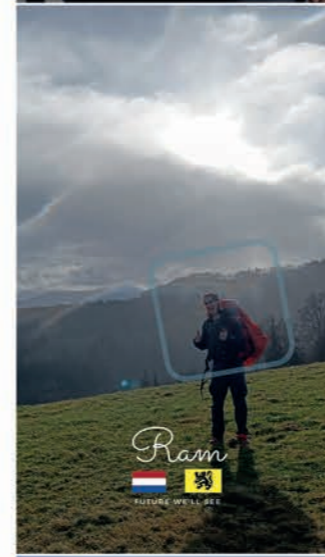
SENIOR QUOTE
"TIME IS A FLAT CIRCLE"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
1ST BREAK OUTSIDE

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MR. MARSHALL'S ANECDOTES REGARDING LIFE

Olivia
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE CORPORATE STRATEGIST



SENIOR QUOTE
PASSED MATH AA HL WITHOUT A TUTOR

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
SLEEPING WITH ZAEEM IN AMELAND

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
PLAYING GAMES IN TOK

Ram
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE WE'LL SEE



SENIOR QUOTE
YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED. USE THEM TO THROW OPEN THE WINDOWS OF YOUR SOUL TO THE SUN.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MR. SPIERTZ'S AND MR. MURPHY'S INSANE CHEMISTRY CLASSES.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE UNITED COMMUNITY OF OTHER HALF-DEAD KIDS, SUFFERING THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS I DID.

Raven
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE BIOANALYTICAL SCIENTIST



SENIOR QUOTE
"I DON'T GET IT, IS THIS A MAGIC SHOW?" - ALAN, HANGOVER PART II.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
LONDON TRIP

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THEATRE CLASSES. CAN I HAVE A COOKIE NOW?

Oseremen
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE PUBLIC SECTOR CONSULTANT



SENIOR QUOTE
"LALALALALALL CAN'T HEAR YOU"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
GOSSIP TIME WITH NAYONIKA

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
GRANDMA COUCH BASKETBALL COURT

Parnika
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE BUSINESS Y



SENIOR QUOTE
"TIME FLIES AT 5C, BEFORE YOU KNOW IT YOU ARE IN UNIVERSITY."

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
EXAMS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE COMMUNITY OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Robert
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE ARCHITECT, FISCAL/TAX/LAWYER, CYBERSECURITY EXPERT



SENIOR QUOTE
NO I WASN'T HITTING ON YOUR GIRLFRIEND

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
EATING AN 8 COURSE MEAL IN THE LIBRARY

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE APARTMENT I BUILT INSIDE THE SCHOOL W/O THEIR KNOWLEDGE

Santi
CLASS OF
2024

FUTURE COMPUTER SCIENTIST



SENIOR QUOTE
"LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO DRIVE ORDINARY CARS; I PREFER THE EXTRAORDINARY"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB
GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BERLIN

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
PLAYING POOL DURING GRADE 11 FREE PERIODS

Sarim
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE IN SALES AND MARKETING

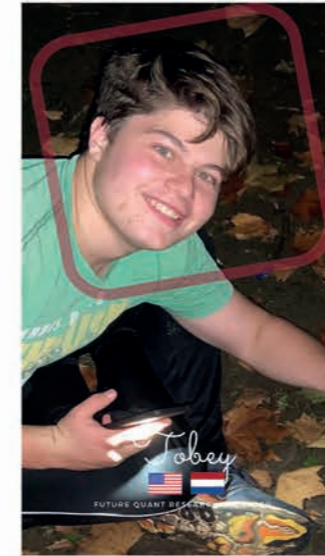


SENIOR QUOTE
YOU CAN TELL SHE'S A PRINCESS... (BARBIE: PRINCESS CHARM SCHOOL)

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
FREES

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
GRANDMA COUCH

Silia
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE LAWYER



SENIOR QUOTE
"AS THEY SAY IN BOLIVIA, ADIOS. AND AS THEY SAY IN PERU, ADIOS. AND AS THEY SAY IN MEXICO, ADIOS." - MAXIMILIAN OBERT

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
MAKING PRESENTATIONS WITH HICHAM

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BOTHERING MR MULLER WITH HICHAM

Tobey
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE QUANT RESEARCHER



SENIOR QUOTE
CAN I EAT MY LUNCH NOW?

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE BULLIES

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
WEDNESDAY FREE PERIODS

Zaem
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE ANYTHING BUT HOMELESS



SENIOR QUOTE
WELL I CAN'T SAY IT WAS FUN BUT, I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY OVER

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
TAKING NAPS DURING THE FREE PERIODS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
HOW THE TOILETS ARE CLOGGED EVERY WEEK

Simge
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE LAWYER

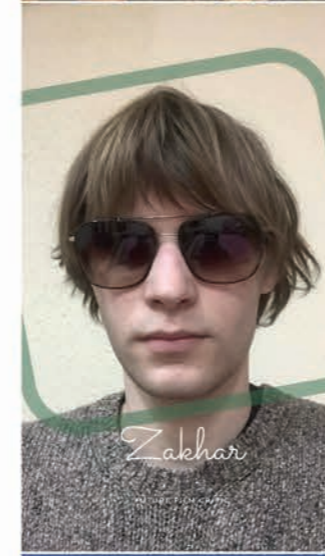


SENIOR QUOTE
PUNEET'S QUOTE IS A LIE.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
BREAKS

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE PULL UP BAR

Simone
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE LAWYER

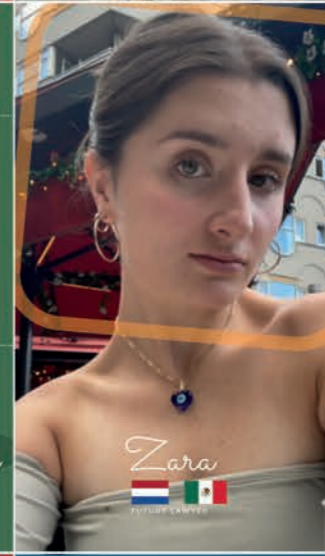


SENIOR QUOTE
WENN ICH SONNTAGS IN MEIN KINO GEH' UND IM FILM DIE FEINEN LEUTE SEH' DENK' ICH IMMER WIEDER: KÖNNT' ICH MAL ACH, KÖNNT' ICH MAL GENAU SO GLÜCKLICH SEIN

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
DIVERSITY OF THE BOWLING COMMUNITY.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
LEVITATION CLUB.

Zakhar
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE LAWYER



SENIOR QUOTE
"I DON'T SUFFER FROM INSANITY, I ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF IT." CHEECH AND CHONG

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
NOT BEING ABLE TO GET A MINUTE OF STRESS FREE SLEEP

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
MR. MULLER'S PASSION AND FEISTINESS OVER CAS

Zara
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE LAWYER



SENIOR QUOTE
"HOW MUCH CAN YOU BENCH 🏋️"

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
OUT BENCHING EVERYONE

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
BENCH IN THEATRE ROOM

Tarik
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE BATMAN



SENIOR QUOTE
AN APPLE FELL TO THE GROUND AND NEWTON DISCOVERED GRAVITY. THOUSANDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN FALL, YET NO ONE HAS DISCOVERED HUMANITY.

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE AMELAND TRIP!

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THE SWEETEST, MOST KIND HEARTED & FUNNIEST PERSON, MS. HALIMA!

Taybah
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE SENIOR IN FINANCE



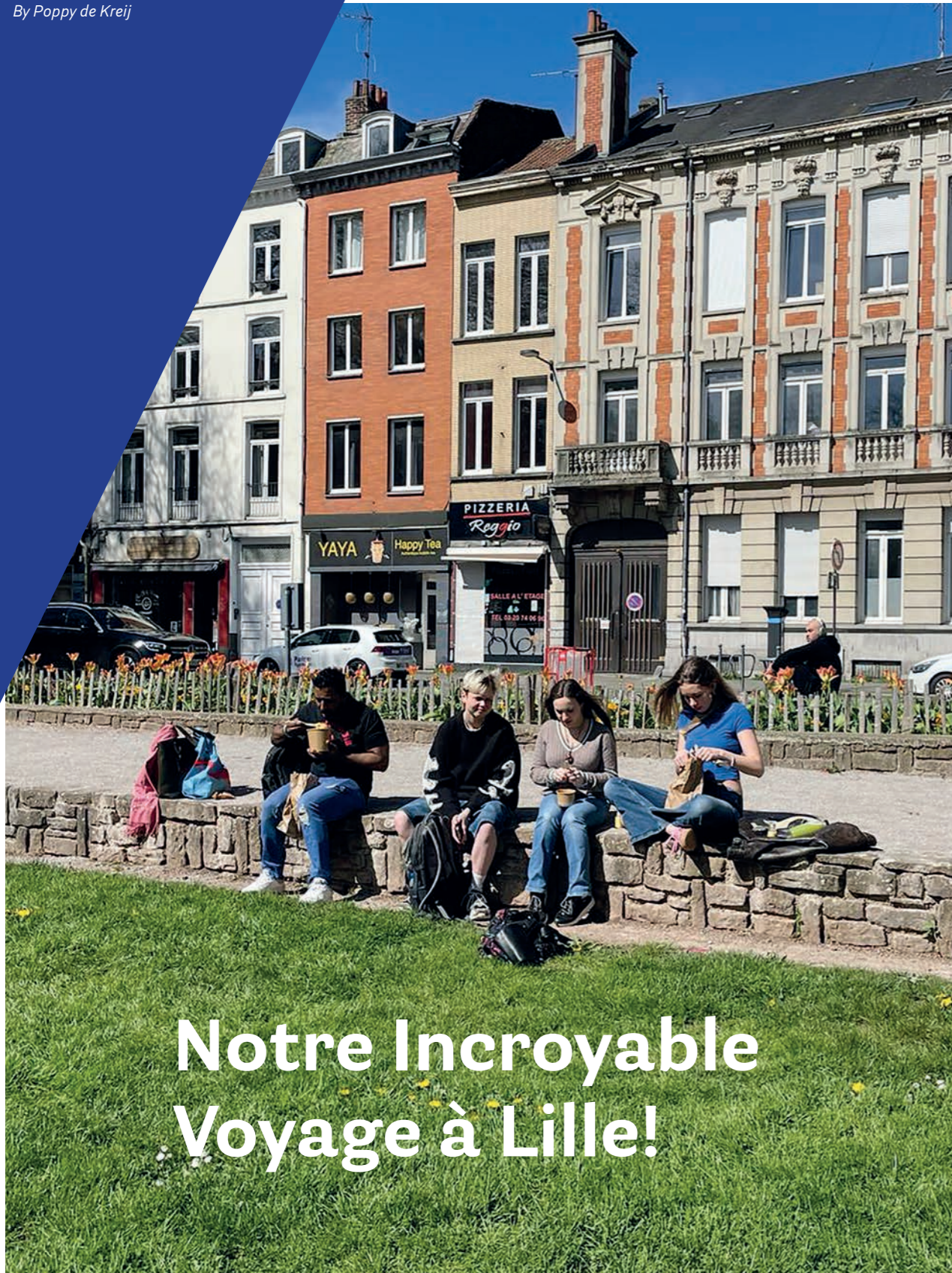
SENIOR QUOTE

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT MY LAST YEAR(S) IN THE IB:
THE SUMMER HOLIDAY, HOWEVER SHORT IT MAY BE.

THE THING I AM GOING TO MISS THE MOST ABOUT RISS:
THOSE TWO MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF CLASSES AND MS. HALIMA.

Zeynep
 CLASS OF 2024
 FUTURE ARCHITECT

THE FUTURE IS YOURS!



Notre Incroyable Voyage à Lille!

Lille [In English]

In April, the French B students went on an exciting excursion to Lille for three days. This trip was aimed to improve our knowledge of French culture, as well as of the language itself. While the French class consists of only five of us, we had an incredible time exploring the picturesque cobblestone streets of Lille. We visited the Palais of Beaux Arts, the cathedral, saw a real French movie, and went to an incredible food hall, which was followed by a picnic. Fortunately, we enjoyed beautiful weather the whole trip, which made it even better! But don't just take all of this from me, because here are some of the particular highlights of the trip which come from the students of French B class!

One of the things I enjoyed most about the Lille trip was probably the language and being able to understand it, for example ordering in French and understanding casual conversations, in other words something I cannot do in the Netherlands. Another highlight was their cuisine, even though we only got one chance to try it. We were also very lucky with the weather, it was sunny and warm the whole time!

Al

I particularly enjoyed the atmosphere of the city. There was a chill park close to the hostel where I took walks in the morning, with plenty of trees and benches to relax on. Furthermore, it was nice that the streets were similar to the way they are in smaller cities here, with more pedestrian-sized cobblestone roads instead of big, concrete sidewalks. The architecture, especially of the main square, was also impressive, and something I will probably remember even a good while from now.

Domos

The trip was very enjoyable overall, with lots of nice activities that we got to participate in, and lots of free time for us to explore this city on our own. One notable thing was the opportunity for us to practise our French skills so we can one day apply them if we need to. Despite all this, I reckon the most memorable thing we did in Lille was visit the Palais des Beaux Arts, where interesting historical artefacts and paintings were just

there for us to learn about. I especially liked the casings of the mediaeval equipment alongside the various statues which we got to take a good look at on the ground floor. Just the exterior of this beautiful museum was enough to tell me I'd enjoy the hours we would spend there. I hope that one day, another French teacher will provide their students with the opportunity to visit such a nice city as Lille.

Gabriel

The trip to Lille was very interesting and fun. I'm glad I was able to experience a different culture and immerse myself in the language, which helped me progress in my French lessons! The planned activities were very unique and exposed us to, and allowed us to try to express ourselves in, French more than usual. I loved being able to see and visit new things, especially in a city I'd never been to. Overall, the trip was a great idea and I was happy to help organise it!

Alexia



Lille [En Français]

En avril, les élèves de français B ont effectué une excursion passionnante de trois jours à Lille. L'objectif de ce voyage était d'améliorer notre connaissance de la culture française, ainsi que de la langue elle-même. Bien que nous ne soyons que cinq élèves dans la classe de français, nous avons passé un excellent moment à explorer les rues pittoresques de Lille. Nous avons visité le Palais des Beaux-Arts, la cathédrale, vu un vrai film français, et nous sommes allés dans un hall de restauration incroyable qui a été suivi d'un pique-nique. Heureusement, nous avons eu un temps magnifique tout au long du voyage, ce qui l'a rendu d'autant plus agréable! Mais ne vous contentez pas de me croire sur parole, voici quelques-uns des moments forts du voyage, racontés par toute la classe de français B, y compris Mme Noorduijn elle-même!

L'une des choses que j'ai le plus appréciées lors du voyage à Lille est probablement la langue et le fait de pouvoir la comprendre, par exemple commander en français et comprendre les conversations informelles, en d'autres termes, quelque chose que je n'ai pas aux Pays-Bas. Un autre point fort a été leur cuisine, même si nous n'avons eu qu'une seule occasion de la goûter. Nous avons également eu beaucoup de chance avec le temps, il faisait beau et chaud tout le temps!

Al

J'ai particulièrement apprécié l'atmosphère de la ville. Près de l'auberge, il y avait un parc où je me promenais le matin, avec beaucoup d'arbres et de bancs pour se détendre. De plus, c'était agréable de voir que les rues ressemblaient à celles des petites villes d'ici, avec des routes pavées de la taille d'un piéton plutôt que de grands trottoirs en béton. L'architecture, en particulier celle de la place principale, était également impressionnante, et c'est quelque chose dont je me souviendrai probablement dans un bon moment.

Domos

Le voyage a été très agréable dans l'ensemble, avec beaucoup d'activités agréables auxquelles nous avons pu participer, et beaucoup de temps libre pour explorer la ville par nous-mêmes. Une chose remarquable a été la possibilité pour nous de pratiquer nos compétences en français afin de pouvoir les appliquer un jour si nécessaire. Malgré tout, je pense que la chose la plus mémorable que nous ayons faite à Lille a été de visiter le Palais des Beaux Arts, où des objets historiques et des peintures intéressantes étaient là pour que nous puissions en apprendre davantage. J'ai particulièrement apprécié les boîtiers des équipements médiévaux ainsi que les différentes statues que nous avons pu admirer au rez-de-chaussée. J'espère qu'un jour, un autre professeur de français donnera l'opportunité à ses élèves de visiter une ville aussi agréable que Lille.

Gabriel

Le voyage à Lille a été très intéressant et amusant. Je suis heureuse d'avoir pu faire l'expérience d'une culture différente et de m'être immergée dans la langue, ce qui m'a aidée à progresser dans mes cours de français! Les activités prévues étaient très uniques et nous ont permis de nous exposer et d'essayer de nous exprimer en français plus que d'habitude. J'ai adoré pouvoir voir et visiter de nouvelles choses, surtout dans une ville où je ne suis jamais allée. Dans l'ensemble, le voyage était une excellente idée et j'ai été heureuse de participer à son organisation!

Alexia

Dans l'esprit de cet article bilingue, je vais ajouter quelques mots en français et en anglais. Nous avons eu un séjour fantastique à Lille, avec un temps splendide, pas trop de gens et sans incidents qui pourraient gâcher nos expériences. Je vous recommande fortement de visiter cette ville, au lieu de toujours choisir Paris ou Bruxelles.

This French trip was planned collectively by the Grade 11 French B class. Although the destination was chosen by the teacher, the students investigated how to get to Lille quickly and cheaply (FLIX bus!) and where to stay (The People hostel). The students also had the opportunity to choose sites to visit and were given various tasks to complete. Al, Alexia, Domos, Gabriel and Poppy were super ambassadors for our school, and I could not have wished for a more joyful and fun school trip. We were lucky to have Mr. Mardaymootoo, Physics teacher and native French teacher, accompany us. I think we enjoyed the trip as much as the students!

Ms. Noorduijn



While the French class consists of only five of us, we had an incredible time exploring the picturesque cobblestone streets of Lille.



2024 Geo Trip to: **Berlin**

Every year, Mr. Alberts takes his IB geography class on a school trip to Berlin. This year's class was the largest he had ever taken on a Berlin trip, so this was bound to be a fun trip. The group met at the senior campus on the 18th of April, then went to Rotterdam Centraal to catch the NS train to Amersfoort, from where we would board the ICE train to Berlin. The ICE trains are infamous for their unreliable punctuality. In all of the previous Berlin trips, the ICE had always been late, but this time it wasn't delayed by much, so this was a good start to an amazing trip. The train ride was peaceful and went smoothly. The group walked into the a&o hostel where we were met with an Italian school partying and singing – it was interesting, to say the least. Later, all of us went out to try Berlin's famous doner kebabs, which did not disappoint.

On **DAY 1**, we were split into two groups, who could visit a museum of their choice. We were given a choice between the Topography of Terror, a museum centered around the holocaust, or we could visit Futurium, which is a museum/exhibition containing various artworks and information about sustainable technologies of the future and how they could affect us. I visited Futurium, which was right next to Berlin Central Station. The building itself was very modern and futuristic looking, and the visit was very interesting and informative. We then visited the Berlin Mall, which was HUGE! Most of us took the time to relax and eat lunch. Afterwards, we visited a re-purposed fallout shelter in the center of Berlin. The guide was very informative and funny, sneaking in jokes here and there, and trying to keep the mood light as the information could sometimes get depressing for some. We were taught about the real purpose of the shelters, how they were made, the history behind them, and were given a tour of two bunkers. We even got to sit on the bunk beds and try to operate the air filter machine. The group then went to the Hackescher Markt, a popular square in Berlin right across from the Berlin cathedral filled with lots of restaurants and shops, which was very cool.

DAY 2 was more interesting as we visited **Teufelsberg, the Devil's Mountain** in English. It is an abandoned Cold War era CIA base built on a man-made hill that was built using the rubble of Berlin after WW2. The building itself is fairly well-preserved, and artists have been allowed to paint there without any restrictions, which makes for a very abstract scenery. Some machinery, such as the big furnaces the CIA used to burn paper evidence, has been left intact.

Mr. Alberts had also prepared a 'secret' activity for the group, although it wasn't as much of a secret since we found it out beforehand from another teacher. We were taken to the famous Kurfürstendamm street, the Champs-Élysées of

Berlin – I mean, some of the houses on the street had gold railings! We were given a large list of geography syllabus points and were instructed to find real-life evidence of those points in the street. The class was split into multiple groups, some large, some small, we were given limited time, and the prize money was 50 EUROS! Some groups were committed to winning that cash prize while others took the time to relax and eat some food. The scavenger hunt was over after an hour or two of working hard to find the points on the list. After the exhausting hunt, we went to Boxhagener Platz for dinner; there was a park and several restaurants, so it was a nice area to wind down after a full day of exciting activities.



Berlin is by far one of the best cities I've visited...

BERLIN

The morning of **DAY 3** was the results day, when Mr. Alberts announced which group had won the scavenger hunt. The groups that were first and second respectively were very close, points-wise. One member of the group that came second, the G5, tried his best to contest this decision but it was to no avail (Mr. Alberts knows who). We then went to a famous flea market, which had a wide variety of goods for sale. Day 3 was my favorite as we visited the Berlin Wall, where we saw famous murals, and the Reichstag, where we took a group photo. It was a magnificent building with lots of history behind it.

THE BEST PART HAS TO BE WHEN WE VISITED THE BRANDENBURG GATE. The gate was majestic and surrounded by embassies of nations such as France, Russia, the United States, Hungary, and Canada. I probably took a hundred photos of the gate itself. Next, we visited memorials for the Romani people and the memorial for the Holocaust. Then we took a small walk to the site of Hitler's bunker, where he committed suicide during the final moments of the war as Soviet forces surrounded Berlin. Afterwards, we went on the fastest elevator in Europe, reaching speeds of 8.5 m/s. We briefly visited Potsdamer Platz, a place we had learned about during our IGCSE geography years. Next, we went to Alexanderplatz, another place we had learned about in IGCSE, where we were given free time, but I just fell asleep in the middle of the street on a bench so nothing much happened there for me.

Towards the end the day we came to the last activity of the Berlin trip; Mr. Alberts took us to a Bavarian-themed restaurant where we all indulged in authentic German cuisine. There was a live band and the place was very well-maintained and nice. After dinner, some students went up and started dancing to the music. At the hostels, one of the rooms decided to do something special for the teachers as a way to convey their gratitude and thank

them for this amazing experience, which was only seen by the three teachers who came on the trip, Mr. Westra, Mr. Alberts, and Mrs. Van Rooij. That something will forever stay a secret to those who weren't meant to see it.

On the last day of the Berlin trip, we all boarded the train back home to Rotterdam. Mr. Alberts, being the diligent teacher he is, pulled out his laptop in the middle of the train ride to fix someone's grade on Magister. I asked some students about their Berlin highlights; one of the students expressed how the Cold War bunker tour "helped open our eyes to the grim origin of nuclear warfare", which introduced him to the Cold War and piqued his interest in these topics. Another student felt that the rush and excitement of the Kurfürstendamm scavenger hunt had been their favorite moment. Others found exploring the Teufelsberg compound to be the most interesting. I also heard some students praising Berlin's public transportation system, which really had been quite good. Berlin was filled with little comical moments, like one where I caught the attention of a Mickey Mouse mascot that looked questionable at best or when the sites we wanted to see were under construction.

All in all, the trip was a massive success and helped forge unforgettable memories and experiences. The Berlin trip went very smoothly, and the trains weren't late for once! If you have any doubts about going to Berlin then throw them all away! Berlin is by far one of the best cities I've visited, and I'm not just saying so without reason – go visit and experience it for yourself.



A Journey Through Its

By Venus Chan

Before this idea solidified into an actual plan, I had always dreamt of traversing the land beyond my limited scope. There were some instances where I came across Malaysia in a variety of media, ranging from magazines featuring tourists at foreign landmarks to the vivid portrayals commonly seen in travel documentaries or similar shows on television. Essentially, this plan meant I had been given the opportunity to experience these wonders myself, and as someone who had barely even skimmed the South-East Asian surface, I felt a heightened sense of curiosity build up inside of me.

Not only would we be staying in the country for several days, but I had been informed that our visit would be divided into two connected parts; the first half of the trip would be centered around **KUALA LUMPUR**, with its vibrant city life, and this would be followed by a few days on Langkawi Island, which contained expansive landscapes of nature.

I had a vague understanding of what kinds of places we would be heading to, for I genuinely knew very little about the landmarks, names or anything else of the country itself. **MALAYSIA** greatly appealed to me regardless, being a place that seemed to offer an endless number of amenities for those who had taken an interest, such as tourists like myself and others intent on creating long-lasting, unforgettable memories. I can still recall the moment when we were all deep in discussion on what we expected from the destinations we set for ourselves, and from that moment onwards our minds shifted towards the upcoming journey we were about to experience.



The modern backdrop of Kuala Lumpur was filled with a energy from the people around me, making my first impression of Malaysia very much positive. I think it really embodied the feeling of a bustling capital city, being an example of the country's dynamic spirit and vibrant diversity. The towering structures reminded me of Hong Kong a bit, reflecting the golden hues of the sun whilst it set behind the distant horizon. I imagined the window view on the higher floors would have to be one of, if not the most, stunning view(s) out there. At the heart of where I stayed was Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, which captured the overall essence of luxury and sophistication of the cityscape. Just by observing the mall's interior I was slightly intimidated by how many stores it contained, although I should have been used to this concept by now, as someone who grew up surrounded by similar buildings. We came across a large selection of options for dinner during our exploration of the mall. There were lots of mainly Asian-themed restaurants, but they had local and Western foods to choose from as well.

Captivating Destinations

I'll move on to the pristine Langkawi Island, known for its beaches, lush rainforests, and crystal-clear waters. Our chalet was situated between rows of magnificent trees, encapsulating the island's elements of authenticity in regards to their maintained natural environment. After we made sure every window in our chalet was closed (we were warned beforehand of trespassing animals), we continued on to the next segment of our excursion: a tour around several mangroves and bat caves near the island. My family and I were fortunate to have such a knowledgeable guide for our boat ride, whose explanations regarding the food chain in the local community of organisms benefited our knowledge of the area significantly. I have written down what I remember below:

There was a conservation project involving the golden eagles, which were dying as a result of pollution as a consequence of which the green tree snakes were overpopulating the island. It turned out they (the snakes) were the main food of the golden eagles, and that they in turn were responsible for killing the monkeys.

When they fed the eagles in captivity, the eagles forgot how to hunt and so they had to teach them how to hunt again. Those eagles consumed the snakes, resulting in an increase in the population (of eagles) since there had been an increase in their food supply.

In the end, the snake population started to decrease, thanks to which the monkeys survived, leading to an increased population of monkeys.

At some point, we actually encountered a few of the aforementioned monkeys once our boat was near a cave or two. They crawled up and around the boat, taking occasional glimpses of the food in our hands. It was certainly not the most pleasant moment for me, yet the trip did reinstate the importance of nature for the country, showing the lengths the country had gone to to preserve their cultural heritage using such methods of nature conservation.



Reflecting on our travels, I felt quite content with what I had seen and done in Malaysia. It was a place I would not mind returning to, seeing as how we only saw a small fraction of the many wonders this country has to offer. I really appreciated the people's hospitality and the richness of the culture, from its bustling city streets to the lush rainforests of the island. But beyond the sights and sounds, I believe it was the genuine connections made with both the locals and fellow travelers that left a lasting impression on us all. As I boarded the plane, I carried a newfound appreciation for not just Malaysia and its breathtaking scenery, but also a growing fascination with traveling abroad.

Woof Woof, All! It's your furry friend, Boenkie, here with some tail-waggingly good advice for your SUMMER 2024 break adventures!

By Boenkie



Let's dive into your summer horoscopes, with a sprinkle of canine humor and wisdom thrown in for good measure!

• **ARIES** [March 21 - April 19]

Hey, Aries pals! This summer, unleash your inner pup and embrace the thrill of adventure. Just like us dogs, you're full of energy and enthusiasm, so get out there and explore! But remember, sometimes our enthusiasm can get us into a little trouble!

• **TAURUS** [April 20 - May 20]

Hello, Taurus friends! Ah, summer – the perfect time to kick back, relax, and enjoy the simple pleasures in life. Just like us dogs, you appreciate the finer things like a nice walk around the park. So go ahead, indulge in some well-deserved relaxation!

• **GEMINI** [May 21 - June 20]

Hey there, Gemini buddies! Summer is your time to embrace your social side and make memories with friends old and new. Just like us dogs, you love to sniff out new adventures and meet new pals along the way. So go ahead, socialize to your heart's content, but remember to pace yourself and take time to enjoy the moment!

• **CANCER** [June 21 - July 22]

Ahoy, Cancer crew! This summer, cherish the bonds of family and home just like us dogs cherish our pack. Whether you're having a backyard barbecue or cuddling up for a movie night, remember that the best moments are spent with those you love. So go ahead, enjoy those family & friends moments, but give your loved ones a little space too!

• **LEO** [July 23 - August 22]

Roar, Leo lions! Summer is your time to shine and bask in the spotlight, just like us dogs love to show off our latest tricks. Whether you're performing in a talent show or organizing epic pool parties, remember to share the spotlight with your friends. So go ahead, embrace your inner star, but remember to stay humble and share the spotlight with others!

• **VIRGO** [August 23 - September 22]

Hello, Virgo pals! This summer, channel your inner organizer and tackle those summer projects with gusto. Just like us dogs, you thrive on routine and structure, so use this time to get organized and set goals. So go ahead, get organized, but remember that sometimes it's okay to go with the flow and embrace a little chaos!

• **LIBRA** [September 23 - October 22]

Hey there, Libra buddies! Summer is your time to socialize and make connections, just like us dogs love to sniff out new friends at the park. Whether you're hosting backyard barbecues or organizing game nights, remember to bring people together and spread joy. So go ahead, socialize away, but remember to stand up for yourself when needed!

• **SCORPIO** [October 23 - November 21]

Scorpio squad, listen up! Summer is your time to embrace your intense passions and dive deep into your interests, just like us dogs love to sink our teeth into a juicy bone. Whether you're pursuing creative projects or exploring new hobbies, remember to trust your instincts and follow your heart. So go ahead, pursue your passions, but remember to take breaks and enjoy the journey!

• **SAGITTARIUS** [November 22 - December 21]

Ahoy, Sagittarius adventurers! Summer is your time to roam free and explore the great outdoors, just like us dogs love to sniff out new trails and chase butterflies in the sunshine. Whether you're embarking on road trips or camping under the stars, remember to embrace the thrill of the unknown. So go ahead, explore to your heart's content, but remember to stay safe and stick with your pack!

• **CAPRICORN** [December 22 - January 19]

Capricorn crew, listen up! Summer is your time to set goals and work hard to achieve them, just like us dogs love to fetch that ball until we're panting with exhaustion. Whether you're pursuing summer jobs or studying for upcoming exams, remember to stay focused and disciplined. So go ahead, work hard, but remember to pace yourself and take breaks when needed!

• **AQUARIUS** [January 20 - February 18]

Hey there, Aquarius amigos! Summer is your time to embrace your individuality and think outside the box, just like us dogs love to march to the beat of our own drum. Whether you're volunteering for causes you believe in or pursuing creative projects, remember to trust your intuition and follow your passions. So go ahead, be unique, but remember to stay grounded and connected to the world around you!

• **PISCES** [February 19 - March 20]

Pisces pals, listen up! Summer is your time to dive deep into your imagination and explore the wonders of the world, just like us dogs love to chase dreams in our sleep. Whether you're getting lost in books or spending hours daydreaming under the sun, remember to embrace the magic of the moment. So go ahead, dream away, but remember to stay present and enjoy the beauty all around you!



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SUMMER'S EMBRACE

In the warmth of summer's gentle embrace,
We seek solace, finding peace in open space.
Minds clear, hearts light, as we embrace the sun,
A season of renewal has just begun.

Gone are the shadows that weighed us down,
Replaced by joy, our faces don a crown.
We dance with laughter, beneath azure skies,
Our spirits soaring, like birds that freely fly.

In the garden of our souls, we tend,
Planting seeds of hope, watching them ascend.
Each day a canvas, painted with delight,
As we bask in the glow of healing light.

With each sunrise, a promise unfolds,
A chance to break free from the chains of old.
To nurture ourselves, in body and in mind,
Leaving the past, all worries behind.

In the rhythm of nature, we find our song,
A melody of wellness, sweet and strong.
With every breath, we inhale serenity,
Embracing the journey to mental clarity.

So let us welcome this season anew,
With open arms, and hearts that pursue.
A summer filled with joy, and harmony,
A mentally healthy haven, for you and me.

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