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Welcome to *The Review*

Dear Readers:

Welcome to the Fall 2015, the “International” edition of our school magazine *The Review*! Our journalism team are excited to bring you the latest reports and updates on both local and International events and topics that interest you.

Our student writers have taken the time and care to curate a selection of both informative and entertaining articles for your enjoyment .

With a host of travel recommendations from around the world, discussing the “Brain Society” of MENSA, looking at what you’ve been listening to on your MP3 devices, testing out the latest apps for your iPhone and attempting to decipher Tennis Slang, we have it all. We hope you enjoy this semester’s school magazine!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Natalie Joyce

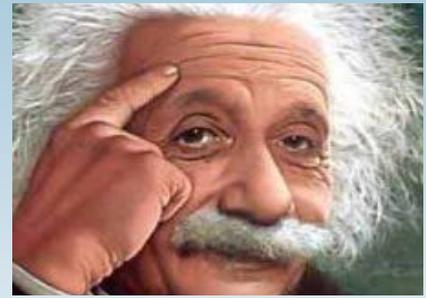
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Are You Smart Enough?



School Trip 2015



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Endorsements in Sport



Pray for Our World



Art Worth Millions



School Trip 2015



Francesca Jones

Grade 10

The Semester in Pictures

October:

• *Student Council Elec-*

The student body elected our student council representatives.



• *Halloween Festivities*

Lessons for Elemiddle school were Halloween themed and teachers and students dressed up for the occasion.



• *Thanksgiving Luncheon*

As part of the American tradition, on the 27th of November we enjoyed delicious Turkey and gravy and as per usual, some of the seniors helped out as waiters for our Thanksgiving meal.

• *School Excursion to Sant Hilari Adventure Park*



Check out the menu!



Make a wish!



“Movember” is an annual charity event which originated in order to raise awareness of **men’s health issues and other worthy causes**. Moustaches and beards are left uncut from the start of November all the way until the 30th and people are encouraged to sponsor participants who take on the challenge. This year, four of our male teachers at ES International - Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Greene, Mr. Baroni, and Mr. Lopez took part in the event. Students aimed to raise \$1500, to make Mr. Gaudin shave his long-term beard and there were some very generous student and teacher sponsors who attempted to make that happen! The money will go to the “Make a Wish” Foundation. A local charity that works with young children in hospital dedicated to making their dreams come true.



Top row taken on November 2nd, L-R: Manuel Lopez, Lee Hendrix, Geoffrey Greene, Simone Baroni

Bottom row, photos taken mid November

This year, with your help and generosity, we managed to collectively raise 200 euros. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated!



Louisa Han

Grade 12

Eastern Promise

Want to have a great vacation? Thinking about where to travel on holiday? Why not travel to Asia? People always think that Asia is too far to go or too mysterious because it's perceived to be very different from the Western world. Parts of Asia may indeed be surprising but definitely a vacation to remember. Here are some good recommendations for places in Asia from people who know and love it.

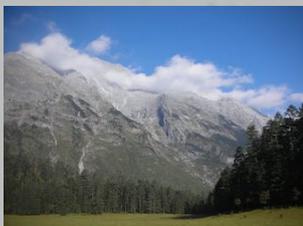
CHINA

Louisa Han (18 years old, lived in China):

Jade Dragon Snow Mountain: It is located in South Western China, in the Yunnan province which has great natural views and tropical rainforests. This snow mountain is one of the most famous places in Yunnan. From a distance, you can see the glacier on the top of the mountain which is ice white and partially hidden in the clouds. Under the mountain there are verdant lawns and natural, cascading pools so clear that you can see right to the bottom. There are always many yaks (a type of bull) in the streams drinking water. However, the temperature is usually very cold in the snow mountains so you have to rent a special thermal coat. There are also people selling shashlik (pieces of meat on a stick, like shish kebabs) of yak meat, which is delicious.

What to eat:

Dim Sum: It is traditionally served as a side dish when drinking tea. All the food is prepared in small portions in small steamer baskets or plates. The three main ways of cooking are steaming, frying and baking. The tradition was to drink tea and eat dim sum while chatting with family and friends like the Brits do with "Afternoon Tea". However, now we can go to restaurants anytime to order Dim sum as a full meal.



Jade Dragon Snow Mountain



Dim Sum

SINGAPORE

Susan Guo (20 years old, sister of Louisa Han, studying in Singapore):

Sentosa: If you come to Singapore, you have to visit Sentosa. It is a small island and it's a great place for entertainment and sightseeing. From a distance, the whole island looks green. You can walk along the beach barefoot and bathe in the sunshine. You can go up the Merlion Tower to see the view from a height of 37 meters. You can go inside Butterfly Park and Insect Kingdom to see some lovely animals and you can also visit Fort Silosi to learn about the culture and history of this former military base. There are also uncountable entertainment facilities which will provide you with a unique and exciting experience.

What to eat:

Chili crabs is the most popular of all crab dishes in Singapore. It is always served with potatoes or bread. It looks very red but it's actually not so spicy. The crab is fresh, tender and every morsel melts in the mouth.



Sentosa beach



Merlion Tower



Chili Crab



JAPAN

Ririka Hasegawa (19 years old, alumni of ESIS class of 2014, living in Japan):

Kiyomozu-dera Temple: It is located in Kyoto which is one of the oldest cities in Japan and known for its historical heritage because it remained standing during WWII. It is one of the most famous temples in Japan. It has a huge observation deck where you can enjoy the view of Kyoto. The temple is located in the mountains surrounded by many maple and cherry blossom trees. As the seasons change, so do the views. In spring and summer, the temple is hemmed in by green leaves and pink blossoms; in autumn, all the maple leaves turn red and the cherry blossom trees turn yellow. In winter, the whole place turns white since the snow is very heavy. Not only can you enjoy the view, but many people also go for the divinity: to find answers to spiritual problems and wish for good luck.

What to eat: Sushi is the iconic food from Japan. When you think of Japanese food, everyone thinks about sushi. Sushi in Japan is completely different from anywhere else in the world and the Japanese are very particular about their sushi. In the past the Japanese only ate sushi on special occasions but due to its popularity, they now order sushi whenever they want. Opt for good restaurants that prepare the freshest sushi.



Sushi



Sushi



Kiyomozu-dera Temple

SOUTH KOREA

Ririka Hasegawa (19 years old, alumni of ESIS class of 2014, living in Japan and has visited South Korea many times):

N Seoul Tower: It's a communication and observation tower located in the center of Seoul on the Namsan Mountain and is the world's second highest tower. People always take the cable car to go up the mountain and then walk to the tower. You can climb up to the observation deck to see the view of Seoul. The daytime view is completely different to the nighttime one. There is a museum and restaurants of different cuisines in the tower. Another famous spot in the tower is the "Padlock of Love" railing. Couples come here to put a lock on the railing symbolizing the locking of their love forever. In front of these railings, there are special benches designed for lovers. The two ends of the bench are higher than the middle, thus two people will automatically be joined together when they sit on the bench.

What to eat: Kimchi jjigae, is a traditional Korean soup, like a stew. It's made with kimchi (spicy cabbage), pork (or sometimes fish), with some vegetables such as onions, scallion and tofu. The soup is red in color and works up your appetite. It tastes a bit spicy and it's more delicious if you eat it with white rice.



N Seoul Tower



Kimchi jjigae

After seeing all these places aren't you persuaded? For your next holidays, forsake the beach and travel to Asia, the mysterious continent for the trip of a lifetime and experiences you will never forget.



Anton Kropotkin

Grade 12

Bizarre food combinations

There are many unusual food combinations that are very tasty. For example, chili and chocolate, or Tobasco sauce on ice cream which are unexpectedly delicious combinations. Bizarre food combinations always start from somewhere. I chose some of my own strange combinations for my classmates to try. Here are the results.



We mixed milk and cola together in a glass to concoct a drink that resembled a carbonated milkshake.

Taster: Nicole Pavlova

What does it taste like: It tastes like old coca cola which has expired. You can not taste the milk at all which is quite surprising

Comment: I wouldn't choose to drink this, but it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be even though it smelt revolting.

Trivia: In fact, this beverage is known as "brown cow" in Ireland.



We slathered a dollop of mayonnaise on a slice of banana.

Taster: Alexander Ovechkin

What does it taste like: When I first put it in my mouth I wanted to spit it out as I hate mayonnaise. The smell of mayonnaise was too overpowering so that really put me off.

Comment: It was horrible, mainly because I hate mayonnaise and the texture was too soft and mushy and you couldn't taste any of the banana.



We wrapped a slice of sandwich cheese over a piece of Mars Chocolate.

Taster: Georgy Topchishvili

What does it taste like: It tastes very disgusting; I never imagined it would taste so bad, because I like cheese and chocolate but together it tasted like a sickly salty mess.

Comment: I didn't like it. I think it may have given me a stomach ache!



Bedrooms Across the World



A bedroom is not only a room for sleeping, but also a personal space for yourself where you spend a large part of your time. Bedrooms are the places where people feel the most comfortable and relaxed. However, recently I read a feature by photographer James Mollison who compared children's bedrooms around the world. Because many children around the world have less, the feature made me appreciate what we have and reminded me to be thankful. In this article, let's see what the personal spaces of some of our classmates are like.

Ahkohxet, 8, Brazil, from the original feature.



Thais, 11, Brazil, from the original feature.



Yang Hu, 17, China, ES International



Alexandr Ovechkin, 18, Spain, ES Interna-



Jiayun Zhu, 14, China, ES International



Laura Lopez, 15, Spain, ES International

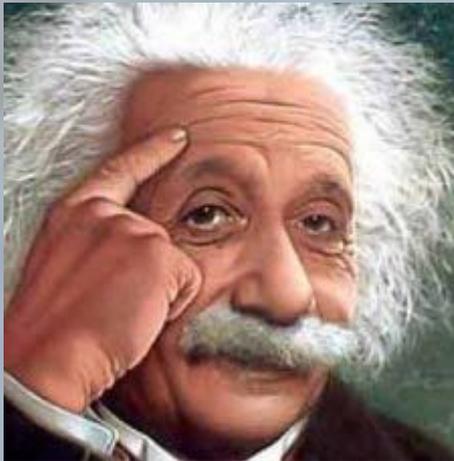




Aleksandr Ovechkin

Grade 12

Are You Smart Enough?



What is Mensa?

Mensa is a society that was founded in England in 1946 by Roland Berrill and Dr. Lance (a barrister and scientist respectively). Both were eager to form a society for bright people. The word Mensa means table in Latin. According to the Mensa Society, your social background is irrelevant, the only thing that matters is your intelligence. High IQs would be the goal for the members in future. Everyone is welcome. Race, religion or your political views don't matter. The primary focus is to have an IQ score in the top 2% of the world's population, which is above a score of 130 and that's pretty challenging.

What are Mensa's goals?

Mensa has three main goals: Firstly, to benefit humanity, by finding and putting the most intelligent people in one group, provide opportunities for the members to improve their talent, and lastly, to encourage research in fields such as nature and medicine, varying the use of brain capacity and character.

Who are its members?

Nowadays there are more than 120,000 people, or Mensans, from 100 countries around the world. Most Mensans are aged between 20-60, and all of them are far from just geeks and nerds. Many of them are currently working as truck drivers, firefighters, police officers, artists, and even militants. But each and every one of them is successful in their own right.

Famous Members:

Actor Steve Martin, who plays a foolish police officer in "Pink Panther" has an IQ of 142. He majored in Philosophy at University.

Quentin Tarantino, a cult movie director, has an IQ of 160.

Steven Hawking, a famous physicist and one of the most intelligent human beings on earth, has an IQ of 160.

A recently added Mensa member, 12 year old Lydia Sebastian from England, earned an IQ score of 162, beating everyone above and puts her in the top 1% of the population.





What is an IQ Test?

An IQ test is a score derived from multiple standardized tests designed to show and assess human intelligence. However, the idea that intelligence can be measured by IQ tests is false according to the latest study of the human brain. IQ tests don't take into account the complex nature of human intellect and its components. Scientists found at least three distinct intellectual abilities: memory, reasoning, and verbal skills, which they argue are the most important parts. All of these interact with one another through nerves and circuits in the brain. Each ability has its own unique capacity. A person can be good in one of these areas, but on the other hand they can be deficient in one or more of the other two.

Case Studies

Researchers asked 100,000 people from around the world to complete 12 mental tests measuring different aspects of cognitive ability, like memory, reasoning, attention and planning. They found that there were three main components: short term memory, reasoning and a verbal component. In conclusion, our brain capacity proved to be too complicated to be measured in such a small range of numbers.

Opinion:

Mr. Simone Baroni:

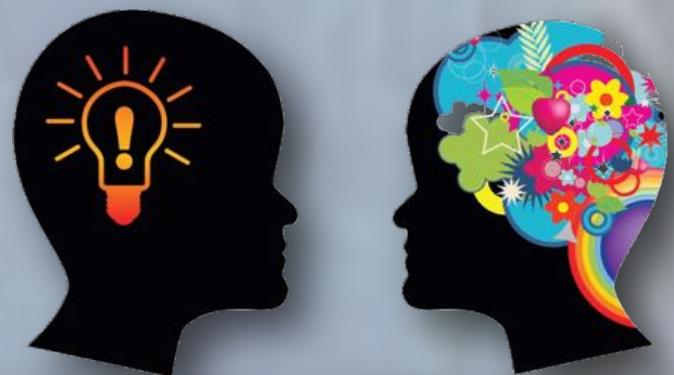
What does real in-

telligence consist of?

"It's certainly not only the ability to solve problems at school, like maths. It is also the way you tackle real life situations of any kind, like survival or your daily life. There are also artistic and social elements of intelligence we all need in order to achieve our goals. Solving how to get from point A to point B most efficiently, or having the initiative to give yourself some challenges to keep yourself mentally agile are important too."

What does your IQ reflect?

"An IQ score includes academic intelligence as there are many logical questions like observing patterns and general maths. Some questions are also related to language skills. The problem is that IQ scores do not reflect the full capacity of human intellect, such as artistic, musical or even emotional intelligence. I've seen examples of questions and most of them were logic problems and truly living takes much more than just the logical and rational mind."

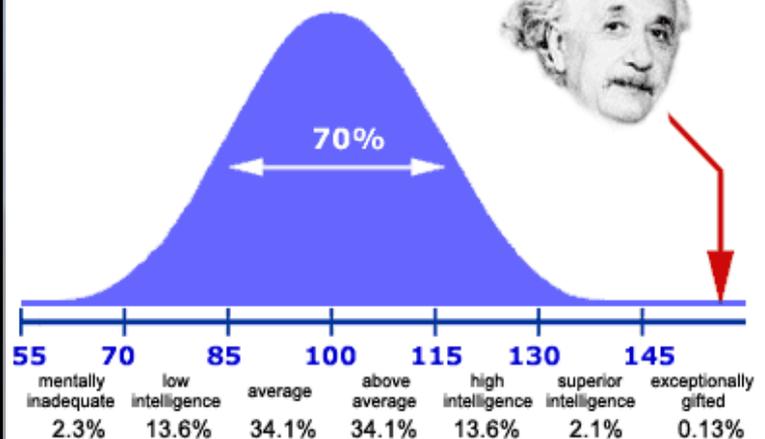


IQ vs. EQ

Image: Ironziom Consulting 2012

Einstein's IQ = 160+

What about yours ?



Test your own IQ online at www.free-iqtest.net



Vlad Herescu

Grade 12

Art Worth Millions

Earth without art would be just “eh”. Ever since cavemen who inscribed their everyday lives on the walls of their caves, art has come to be an important way of expressing one’s feelings and beliefs. Trying to decipher what the artist intends to communicate in their network is a creative challenge for anyone. Sometimes though, artists create pieces of art that seem to have no deeper meaning other than to elevate the artist’s ego. What is more, those pieces sell at enormous prices, topping tens of millions of dollars. This article will talk about a few of those “pieces of art”, that questionably sell at tremendous prices, despite merely portraying, in one case, colored squares on a white canvas.

Here is a countdown of 8 of the most questionable pieces of art valued at over a million dollars.

8. Rhein II (Sold at \$4.3 million) (Andreas Gursky)

The most expensive photograph of all time is by Andreas Gursky. A photo which at first seems pedestrian and at second glance seems even monotonous, somehow managed to sell for more than \$4 million. The auction company itself could not justify the elevated price paid for such a simple photograph.



7. Achrome (Sold at 17.1 million dollars) (Piero Manzoni)

A white texture with heavy paint dripping from the brush in random linear paths by Piero Manzoni, challenges its viewers with the extent of its “intricacy”. We can clearly see the irregularities in the painting, which according to the artist show the flow of life and nature. We can also see the irregularities in the buyer’s thinking; who, after all, spent more than 17



million dollars on an over-painted canvas.



6. Bear and Policeman (sold at \$8 million) (Jeff Koons)

Well, the title says it all. This life-sized sculpture by Jeff Koons, made of plastic and paint, is a bear holding a policeman’s whistle and it has managed to make it on the list of the most dubious art pieces sold for millions.

5. FLAG (Sold at \$36.1 million) (Jasper Johns)

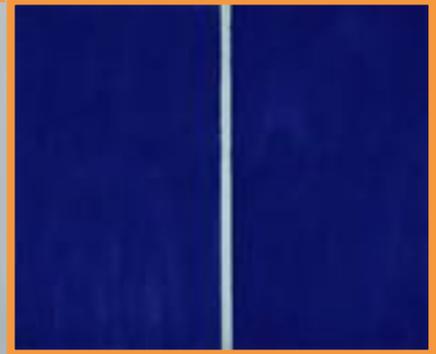
Being patriotic seems to be expensive nowadays. The majestic red and white lines with the shining stars on a blue canvas painted by the famous Jasper Johns makes up the most expensive flag ever sold. Johns stated that the idea of the flag came to him in a dream. I guess it’s true what they say, money never sleeps.





4. Onement VI (Sold at \$44 million) (Barnett Newman)

An apparent masterpiece painted by the expressionist Barnett Newman portrays a white line on a blue canvas, with the intent of symbolizing the human figure and his famous “zip” managed to get some serious value from the time it was painted (1953) to the time it was sold (2013).



3. My Bed (Sold at \$4 million) (Tracy Emin)

Starting up on the podium, at number three is a quite controversial piece. What do you do after a rough night of heavy drinking and obscene decisions? You confess to everyone, of course. That’s what Tracy Emin decided to do in a very “creative” manner. She decided to auction and present her very own bed, portraying all of the empty alcohol bottles, dirty underwear and messy sheets just as they are seen in this unconventional installation.



stallation.

2. Black Panel 1 (Sold at \$3.7 million) (Unkown)

With a shiny bright silver medal, we present Black Panel 1. A painting that at first seems like it was created on the computer program Paint by a ten year old experimenting with shapes, has been proudly proclaimed by famous auctioners- Sotheby’s as part of a distinguished private luxury collection owned by an anonymous buyer. This fifth of a circle has managed to raise more attention than any other cheese-wheel shaped illustration ever created.



1. Fresh Air Non Visible Art (Sold at more than \$10,000) (James Franco)

Famous actor James Franco (*The Interview* 2014, *127 Hours* 2010) has managed to pull one of the biggest scams in the history of art. Contributing to the MONA (Museum of Non Visible Art) in New York, he has managed to sell an actual piece



of art that is non-visible and non-tangible. The explanation of the organization is that you are buying the ideas of the artist in a written text on a small piece of paper, and that everything is legit and above board. The buyer also stated that she believes it is genuine and she even gave a detailed description of Franco’s



Francesca Jones

Grade 10

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PRAY FOR OUR
WORLD

ISIS (aka the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) are an extremist religious group. They have committed many crimes and are now known as the most dangerous terrorist group in the world - along with Al-Qaeda. But who are these people and what do they want? How is it possible they have become so influential in such little time? And why do they attract so much attention?



Many unfortunate events have happened this year, one of which was the killings of at least 130 innocent people in Paris, France on the 13th of November. This attack on Paris attracted much attention due to the way they were carried out. The attackers targeted restaurant and bars in the outskirts of Paris, as well as suicide bombs outside Stade de France, and at the concert venue Bataclan during a heavy metal concert.

Charlie Hebdo was another attack carried out by what was a branch of Al-Qaeda that later developed into ISIS on the morning of the 7th of January 2015. The number of fatalities were fewer, with 12 people being killed. It was carried out by two brothers called Saïd and Chérif Kouachi, as they forced their way into the offices of the French Satirical newspaper in response to images of the Prophet Mohammad which they deemed as blasphemous.

On 25th November 2015 in Tunisia, ISIS claimed responsibility of a bus blast by a suicide bomber. The bus they blew up killed at least 13 Presidential guards as the bomb was detonated by a jihadi on board. This was not the only attack ISIS have carried out in Tunisia, as on the 26th of June, 38 people were shot to death, with many others wounded, by Seifeddine Rezgui Yacoubi, a gunman who was disguised as a tourist, at the popular tourist resort 'Port El Kantaoui'.

On the 12th of November 2015, two suicide bombers detonated explosives in Beirut, Lebanon, with more than 35 people being killed. The first bombing occurred outside a Shia mosque in the outskirts of the country's capital, and the second blast occurred 20 meters away from the first.

On the 31st of October 2015, the Metrojet Flight 9268, an international chartered passenger flight, operated by the Russian airline Kogalymavia, was blown up by ISIS. The plane went down above the Northern Sinai, having departed from Sharm-El-Sheikh (Egypt), heading to Pulkovo Airport (Saint Petersburg, Russia)



One of the most important factors as to why ISIS are on the front pages of newspapers, more than other terrorist groups (i.e. Boko Haram, the Taliban etc), is because ISIS spread their ideology and activity via the internet. During the World Cup in 2014, ISIS began to use the hash tag #WorldCup2014, this meant that the audience for one of the largest events in the world would be open to ISIS's propaganda.

Later on that year, on August the 7th, Barack Obama ordered airstrikes on the areas controlled by ISIS. ISIS responded via the internet using the hashtag #AMessageFromISISToUS and filmed the beheading of an innocent American named James Foley. They also tweeted a picture of an ISIS flag in front of the White House. In this video, the executioner condemned the airstrikes and then said that any aggression by America would "result in the bloodshed of your people". Do you feel, as a young person, that the dangers of social media are growing? Do you think children are jeopardized by taking politics to social media?



The tweet that ISIS used to threaten the U.S.

ISIS have attracted such a large amount of people to what they consider their achievements, because of radical reasons behind the killings, and also because of how and where the killings were carried out. ISIS disgraced the historical city of Palmyra, where they shot dead 25 Syrian regime soldiers on the stage of the Roman Amphitheatre, which was formally used for annual festivities in the city. People read the story because of the brutality, and because the executioners were under the age of 18. Jihadists then filmed a 10 year-old boy carrying out a beheading. Imagine your child was brought up in such a horrific environment? ISIS have also killed at least 30 homosexuals. Furthermore, they demolished parts of the ancient city of Hatra in Iraq in early April.



The soldiers being executed (left). Civilians who didn't tolerate ISIS executed (right).

ISIS will go to the most extreme of measures to reach their objective. ISIS have manipulated social media to their advantage, making us question the wide implications of social media. Their audience has widened over time as their frightful headlines have attracted attention from different parts of the world, even recruiting members from the UK and Australia. And at the end of all of this ISIS seem to be under the impression that they murder for justice. How scary is that?



Alex Meintjes

Grade 11

Endorsements in Sport

Sports today have become prestigious high paying jobs with huge money making potential. Sports such as soccer, tennis, football, boxing, formula 1 and baseball all have athletes earning millions annually from external marketing such as personal sponsorships or product placements.

Sports such as Formula 1 and football have guaranteed salaries per contract with teams so you don't have to win to be a high earner paid however, in sports such as tennis and boxing, you earn prize money meaning, you have to win to be paid.

Sponsorships are obtained by athletes who perform consistently well or have a large fan base which means companies use them to market their products and expand their consumer base.

The most marketable athlete ever is Roger Federer who earned \$58 million in 2014 through endorsements alone from companies such as Nike, Rolex and Mercedes. He also earned a further \$10 million through prize money, but this didn't make him the highest paid athlete despite earning nearly \$70 million that year. The current highest earning athlete is Boxing's Floyd Mayweather who earned \$300 million in one year- \$285 million of which was prize money.



Roger Federer Wimbledon 2015

Money has not been a part of sport forever and being a sport professional is a very recent idea. Sportsmen used to have regular normal jobs, who played some matches and trained whenever they had some free time. This was because there was no way for them to make money by only being an athlete, as commercial corporations had not yet figured out the earning potential for athletes to market their products.

Sport today is at a whole different level commercially and requires athletes to be extremely physically fit and in most sports, mentally fit as well, in order to maintain public interest and keep their endorsement contracts.

To put this change into perspective, when Rod Laver won his first Wimbledon title in 1969, he was awarded a cheque for £2,000 whereas today that figure would be closer to £3 million. This big change in sport means there is much more competition with many more athletes attempting to become professional, which means it is much harder to succeed today than it was fifty years ago.



Floyd Mayweather 2015



At ES International, a few of our own home grown talents are proud owners of various sponsorship deals.



Francesca in Porto 2014

Francesca Jones 10th grade

“I enjoy tennis and I work hard at my sport. Its great having sponsorship deals and it feels rewarding to have good quality equipment for me to use. My advice to other budding athletes is to always try your best and the rewards will come eventually.”

Kuzey Cekirge 10th grade

“After many years of hard work and practice, and finally some good news. I was going to be sponsored. After a while they told me they had granted me this pleasure as I had not only worked hard, but I had achieved many important and great results on tournaments. This has now motivated me to keep training hard and improve day by day.”



Kuzey Cekirge



Vlad in new sponsored suit

Vlad Herescu 12th grade

“Getting a sponsor just a year after I started skydiving was a big opportunity for me to get known around the extreme sports world. Signing with two great sponsors like DRIFT that provide me with HD action cameras and Vertical Suits that fit me perfectly to the last inch, so I can increase my free fall speed, was a big milestone in my life. Extreme sports are demanding, and unless you compete you usually can't land any contracts, so I was quite happy.”





Joseph White

Grade 9

Ethical Trading

Many people think of slavery as a thing of the past, for example when pirates used slaves to clean their ships and lords ordered them around their mansions. It is largely unknown that slavery is now at an all-time high, with 30 million people who are unfairly compensated for their services and labour around the world. These people affect you. Economic tests on the internet reveal how many people 'work' for you, via the products you buy and services you use. The staggering amount can often reach seventy-five people for the average person.

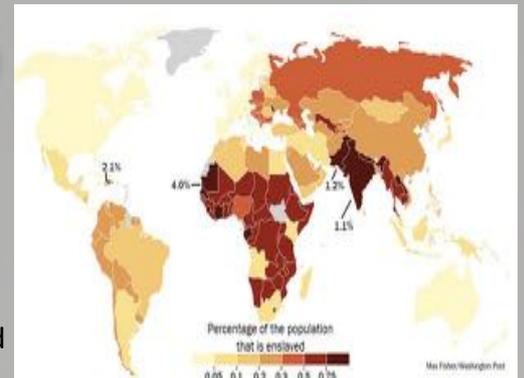
There may not be so many actual slaves, in the traditional sense of the word, in Europe, but many of the day to day items we use are made through slave labor. Look around your room. Electronic devices, clothes and a few different foods and drinks (e.g. rice, nuts, and coffee) are the things likely to be made through slave labor. So, by buying these products you are funding slave labor. How can we stop encouraging slavery but keep buying all the latest things that we enjoy? Well... it's difficult. Honestly there isn't a way that is very easy and effective, but you can avoid buying things from countries known for

not paying fair wages. Countries such as India, Pakistan, China and Russia are typical culprits but also a lot of developing Asian countries and many African countries. This can be counterproductive however, as manufacturing is often the main source of income for the developing world where slavery is usually found. Another option is to only buy from companies with the Fairtrade policy, or companies that give out full disclosure on the production of their goods.

The Fairtrade Policy is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for workers. By buying products with the Fairtrade symbol (right) we can encourage better lives for less fortunate people.



We know the industry of mainstream slave trade is pretty non-existent in Europe, so if it is not in Europe, where is it based? In numbers, there are just under 30m slaves on this planet today. Seventy-six percent of these are all in ten countries, most notably India, with an appalling 14m. That's three times the population of Norway! The highest percentage of slaves per population is in Mauritania with a whopping 4% of the population. Despite these stats, the slave industry creates a huge pool of money. A reported profit of \$32 billion every single year. Many people believe the U.S.A's past in mass slavery has been integral to their economic success. Even though the model of slavery is morally wrong and a ghastly business, it is undisputedly a huge asset for a countries economy, but we can all do our bit by consuming as consciously and as ethically as we can.





Tennis Jargon

Tennis players can often find themselves completely misunderstood, almost as if they are speaking a foreign language when talking to non-tennis players. For example, calling someone a “Bunny”. By this tennis players mean someone who is an absolute rookie, but in the humans mind they now have a picture of a rabbit in their head.

Bagel/Double bagel - 6-0/6-0. Losing 6-0/6-0 will make you want to reconsider how things are going in your life.

Bunny - A general rookie (someone new to An activity). Not much more to say about a bunny to be honest. You just know if someone is a bunny by the way they play.

Captain Hook - Someone who loves a cheeky bad line call.

Choke - To tighten up in a good position in the match.

Grind - To put the ball in the court over and over again. Grinders love a three hour match.

Hack - To hit the ball really, really high during a point. The ball can often come down with snow on it.

Hot Dog - To hit the ball through the legs. The opponent always chokes the point if it goes in.

Shank - To hit the ball with the frame of the racket.

Slap - To hit the ball really hard with no spin and hope it goes in.

Sledge - Someone who tries to pull a mind game by saying something inflammatory to you.

Tank - To “throw” a match away or anything else for that matter.

Toy - To play around with your opponent by wrong footing or moving them about.



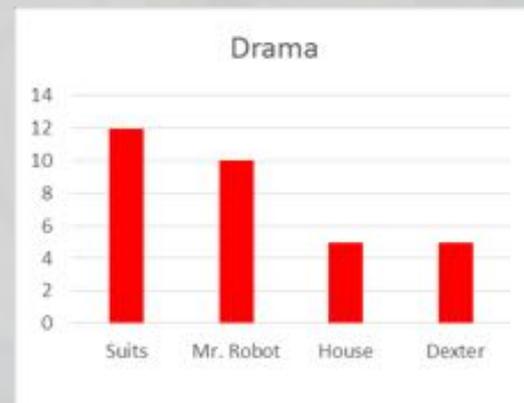
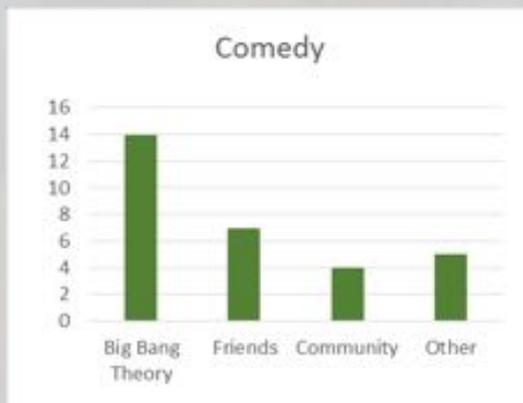
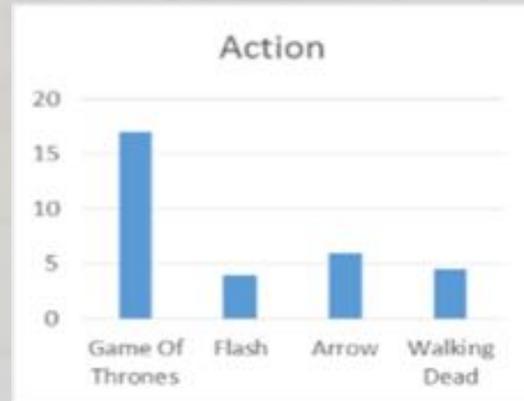
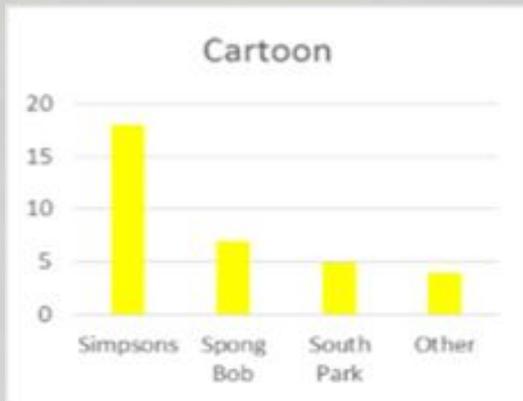
Anton Kropotkin

Grade 12

Types of TV Series Watched at ESIS

There are more TV series on television now than ever and more ways to view them through Netflix and other online sources. I surveyed 32 students at ES International School on their favorite TV shows in Action, Cartoon, Drama and Comedy genres and here are the votes and winning TV shows.

Statistics showing the winning TV shows in each categories



Action Series: Action shows are series that in each episode the main character gets closer to his or her goal, by doing something new, going somewhere else, or typically fighting someone who has come in his or her way. They are probably watched as much as drama series, as it grabs the attention of the viewers and always end with a cliff-hanger, making you want to watch more every time.

Winning Action Show

Based on the novels by George R. R. Martin, Game of Thrones is a long running series about rival families competing for a seat on the ruling throne.





Cartoons Series: Cartoons are animated drawings that usually depict humorous situations. In cartoons you will never see any live-action people or animal. Even though they animate humans and imitate real situations, they are not real. An example would be the Simpsons, which illustrates the life of real people in a humorous way often using irony and satire of . They are normally funny for us, as the situations are exaggerated.

Winning Cartoon Series

The Simpsons was created by Matt Groening, and has spanned for 3 decades. It is about a cartoon family and their entertaining life.

Drama Series: Drama is usually a serious narrative or program, where the plot or story has been made with dramatic effects. These types of series are the most watched as they create tension and leave the viewer intrigued for the next episode. Examples of types of dramas are Dexter, Dr. House and Mr. Robot. Suits was the most watched at the academy.

Winning Drama Series

Suits was created by Aaron Korsh and is an American legal drama TV series. It follows the life of Harvey and Mike, two lawyers in New York.



Comedy Series: Comedies always have a big range of viewers, as they can normally be watched at any age, and everyone likes to watch things that make them laugh and enjoy their time. Most people watch these types of series with friends or family so they can have a good time together.

Winning Comedy Series

The Big Bang Theory was created by Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady, is an American sitcom about four scientists.





Sergi Ferrer Ramos

Grade 12



The World Music Crowd

A lot of students at ES International School listen to American pop music, such as Taylor Swift and Pharrell Williams. However, due to the international nature of our community, there are some unusual genres and artists that stand out from the popular standards. In this article you will read about some students who I was able to interview about their musical taste.



Louisa Han, 10th Grade: **K-POP** (Korean pop music)

- ⇒ **Tell me an artist/group you listen to?** EXO.
- ⇒ **Compare it with common artists/groups?**
They're a Korean rock boyband like Imagine Dragons.
- ⇒ **Why do you like it?** Because it reminds me of Korea, which is a country that I really like.
- ⇒ **When do you listen to it?** All day.

Martin Sonnekus, 12th Grade: **Classical music**

- ⇒ **Tell me an artist you listen to?** Sebastian Bach.
- ⇒ **What is his music like?** He's a classical music composer from the "Baroque" period. Some of his stuff is dark, but generally it's melodic.
- ⇒ **Why do you like it?** Because its pure.
- ⇒ **How does it make you feel?** Relaxed.
- ⇒ **When do you listen to it?** While I'm doing homework, reading books, or brainstorming masterful ideas.





Sarp Pinar, 7th Grade: **Turkish Traditional Music**

- ⇒ **Tell me an artist you listen to?** Ut Besen.
- ⇒ **Compare it with common artists/groups?** You can compare it with Indian traditional songs.
- ⇒ **Why do you like it?** Because it reminds me of Turkey and my family.
- ⇒ **When do you listen to it?** I always listen to it with my family.

Anton Kropotkin, 12th Grade: **Russian Chanson**

- ⇒ **Tell me an artist you listen to?** Grigory leps.
- ⇒ **Compare it with common artists/groups?** American folk or Country Music.
- ⇒ **Why do you like it?** It reminds me of Russia.
- ⇒ **When do you listen to it?** When I'm with my family, or Russian friends.



Alex Harris, 8th Grade: **Heavy Dance**

- ⇒ **Tell me an artist you listen to?** Dilan Francis.
- ⇒ **Compare it with common artists/groups?** It's DJ-based, atmospheric music with little vocals...like Martin Garrix.
- ⇒ **Why do you like it?** It's intense and makes me feel good.
- ⇒ **When do you listen to it?** Everyday, specially before matches to get me motivated.

Speaking to students about their music has helped me find new music and understand why everyone has their own type of music they adore and listen to at different moments. I also realized that music actually helps people in one way or another and is not only used to entertain people. Some use music to get motivated and others to relax.



Louisa Han

Grade 12



The number of people currently using smartphones is always increasing and is very integral to our society at all levels. The reason that smartphones are so popular is that they not only offer basic functions, but other applications such as social network, entertainment, productivity, photography etc. In this article, I will show you the most used applications for smartphones in each category chosen by users in our school.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:

NO.1 WhatsApp Messenger 7/19 votes

It is a messaging app available for smartphones. It uses your phone's internet to message and call others who have this application. You can send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos and voice messages.

Reviews:

Sara Vecchione: I feel that it's a good app because I can keep in touch with people, especially the ones that are far from me such as my family and friends. The text messages get sent very fast and I like the fact that I can see when it had been sent and if the person saw it. We can also make group conversations which make it easier to organize events or to make announcements for multiple recipients.

NO.2 Instagram 6/19 votes

Instagram is an app that allows you to share and see photos and videos. You can follow people you know and also inspirational Instagrammers, photographers, athletes, celebrities and fashion icons. You will be able to put likes and comment on others' pictures and videos. The use of the hashtag is very useful when you try to search for certain topic and when publishing pictures and videos.

Reviews:

Vlad Lionel Herescu: Vlad Lionel Herescu: Instagram is probably the most user-friendly social media. I mean, it's very simple to use. You scroll in two directions (up and down) and if you like a photo you just double tap. I like it especially because you can follow pages of similar interest such as motivation quotes or sports athletes and keep track of what they do. It's also a good way of advertising yourself or

your brand for free if you know how to use hashtags!

PHOTOGRAPHY:

NO.1 Instasize 7/13 votes

It is an app that allows you to edit your photos and videos. You can change your photo how you want by using filters, stickers, borders, adjustments and collage frames. It also allows you to share to different social networking apps directly.

Review:

Karina Crivtonencu: Karina Crivtonencu: It is very good because if you want to put a picture on Instagram and it doesn't fit (you have to crop pictures into a square shape for Instagram), you go to Instasize and you can put a frame and it will fit.

NO.2 Instamag, 2/13 votes

It is an app that allows you to do photo collages. It offers three collage modes: magazine, manga, and modern style. In each mode you can choose different layouts and stickers and also insert text in the photo.

Review:

Louisa Han: It is very good because it allows you to do photo collages, with many different styles and models. When you want to post something on a social network site, but you have too many photos, you can use this app to do a collage, making it one picture. You can put text in the photo.

MUSIC:

NO.1 Spotify Music 12/18 votes

Spotify is a music app. With internet, you can search for any track, artist or album and listen for free. There are also personal recommendations and ready made



playlists for different genres. You can listen for free with ads, or get Spotify Premium, which costs €12.99 per month. With the premium, you can listen to ad free music any time on any device, listen offline and get better sound quality.

Review:

Meritxell Jimeno (11th grade): I like Spotify because you can use it everywhere and play any song you want. If you want to use the Premium, you can share your account with someone so you can pay half of the price. With the Premium, there are no ads and you can listen to music offline.

NO.2 Shazam 4/18 votes

It is a multifunctional music app. With internet, you can identify music. You can also follow artists to see which songs they are Shazaming (using the application to identify music) and their new singles, albums and videos.

Review:

Nicole Pavlova (11th graded): It is a good music app because you can look for music anytime. Especially if you hear a song and want to know who the singer is you can Shazam it to find out. You can also see what are the latest songs and news from artists.

GAMES:

NO.1 FIFA Ultimate Team 16 6/14 votes

It is a football game application and lets you experience a realistic set of football features. You can choose over 10,000 players from over 500 licensed teams and battle against other players from real leagues in real stadiums from around the world.

Review:

Alexandr Ovechkin (12th grade):

I was able to get to know all the players in different teams and learn many things about football by playing this game. This game also brings many people together because people who play this game will have a lot of things to talk about. It is very exciting and fun in the competition.

NO.2 Kim Kardashian: Hollywood 2/14 votes

This game allows you to create your own star personalities and customize your look with hundreds of style options. You can socialize with other celebrities, fans and the paparazzi. Make yourself rule the red carpet and become the focus of everyone.

Review:

Eleanore Mihaylova (10th grade): The game portrays Kim Kardashian's early life: starting as a retail worker in a shop, you can become a celebrity and reach A-list, which is the highest status. In general, the game lets you experience Kim Kardashian's rising to the top. This game may not be for everyone but it lets you experience the world as a celebrity to see how they get to the top in their career.

EDUCATION:

NO.1 Google Translate 9/13 votes

Goggle translate provides translations for 90 languages. You can use your camera to translate text in 26 languages and use speech translation in 40 languages. You can also download the program for the language you want for offline use.

Review:

Sergi Ferrer (12th grade): It is the only translator I use. It helps me a lot in my studies when I have some words that I don't understand. I also use it to search words in languages other than English to communicate to people in our international community.

In our life now, people start to use phones all the time in all occasions and there is a lack of real communication between us; Smartphones have changed our original life pattern and they obviously are beneficial for us, however, sometimes we should face the world physically instead of getting information through a small limited tablet. Additionally, using phones for a long time is harmful for our eyes and health.



Alex Meintjes

Grade 11



SCHOOL TRIP 2015

On Friday 23rd October we went to Sant Hilari Adventure Park just outside of Girona. We left early and met in the car park ready to depart for the trip. We were divided into groups with two teachers as group leaders in order to navigate our way around the activities spread around the country-based facility. Once we completed initial registration, we got on to the buses. We arrived about two hours later after a short detour to the neighboring adventure park. When we arrived at our destination, we were given our packed lunches and made our way to our first activities.





First we played water polo in the heated indoor pool. My group thought that this was the best activity of the day. We were apprehensive about swimming first as we were worried about getting chilly but the weather held out and the pool was warm so we were refreshed, ready for the next activity.

Next we went across the adventure park to the high ropes course. The course had an array of different challenges from balance bridges to zip lines. This was my favorite, I enjoyed the zip line to finish off the course.



Next was archery which some enjoyed a lot because it was a new experience for them.



Football was another option for those who had more energy to spend outside of the scheduled activities. →

← The Segway was definitely one of the best activities and left most of us wanting to buy one by the time we finished for the day.





Ferran Romero

Grade 11

WHAT TYPE OF TENNIS PLAYER ARE YOU?

Have you ever been frustrated in a tennis match when playing at a high level and still couldn't figure out a way to defeat your opponent? For example, has your opponent ever broken your rhythm by coming to the net at every occasion? Or he simply drove you to desperation by never missing a single ball? Most competitive tennis players have perfected a certain tennis strategy, based on their best abilities. As a competitive tennis player, you will encounter a lot of players with different styles of play. Here are the main types of tennis players and how to defeat them.

AGGRESSIVE BASELINERS

They are most common on the ATP World Tour. Aggressive baseliners usually have powerful groundstrokes and a harmful weapon (e.g.: a strong inside out forehand). Their aim is to move the opponents, making them tired so they can offensively go for winners. Archetypical players for the aggressive baseliner strategy are Juan Martin del Potro, Jerzy Janowicz, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Asarenka



Juan Martin del Potro (ARG)

Tactics against an Aggressive Baseliner

Keep the ball deep. Avoid giving them short balls since they will mercilessly attack them.

Vary your shots. Hard hitters feel comfortable hitting the ball at the same strike zone. So, vary between slices and high topspin balls, mixing up the speed.

Include drop shots. This will force them to play volleys which usually is their weakness.

Adapt a pusher style. The opponent will lose patience and eventually miss an offensive shot.

Don't come to the net too often. Aggressive Baseliners usually have excellent passing shots.



Victoria Azarenka (BLR)

COUNTERPUNCHER, PUSHER OR GRINDER

Counter punchers are players who always get the ball back into play and wait for the opponent's mistake. They usually stay far behind the baseline and hit slow, low risk shots with heavy top spins or floating slices to prevent the opponent from attacking. All of a sudden they can stun their opponent with an incredible counter attack winner. They are mentally tough, have good stamina and are prepared for long matches. Players of this style are G ael Monfils, Feliciano Lopez. In the 80's Brad Gilbert, author of the bestseller "Winning Ugly", was a master of the Pusher style.



Feliciano Lopez (ESP)



Tactics against a counterpuncher

Attack the net. Counter punchers don't like to be rushed.

Be patient. Wait for the right moment to attack.

Wrong-foot them. Pushers are used to covering the open court. Hitting a shot behind their back will surprise them.

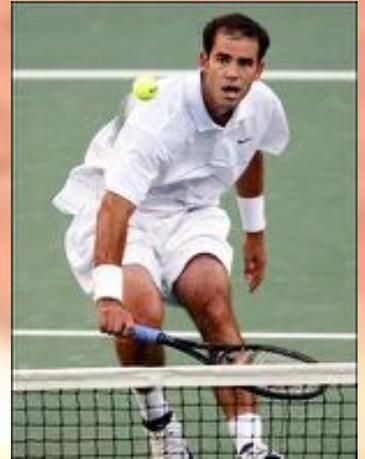
Attack the second serve. This will put pressure on them.

Hit drop shots. Pushers stand far behind the baseline and will have problems reaching short balls.

Occasionally hit moonballs to the backhand. They will have to hit a high lob, which can be easily smashed.

SERVE AND VOLLEYERS AND CHIP AND CHARGERS

The characteristic feature of this strategy is to approach the net as soon as possible to put pressure on the opponent. Serve and volleyers mostly have tremendous serves followed by fast approaches and good volleys. When returning, they frequently chip the ball with a deep slice into the court and then run to the net. Former masters of this style were Goran Ivanisevic and Pete Sampras. Lately this style has drastically diminished, due to advances in rackets which allow players to generate a great amount of top spin. Ivo Karlovic and Dustin Brown are exceptions on today's pro circuit.



Pete Sampras (USA)

Tactics against a serve and volleyer and chip and charger

Use a lot of topspin to **return low at his feet.**

Reduce the opponent's time to approach the net by **hitting the return on the rise.**

Use **down the line returns** more often than crosscourt returns.

Keep the opponent at the baseline by **hitting deep shots** and making the point as long as possible. Serve and volleyers usually don't have consistency in long rallies.



MOONBALLER

The moonball strategy is the extreme form of a pusher. A moonball is a stroke hit with massive topspin that passes the net at a very high altitude and usually lands close to the opponent's baseline. This unorthodox style of play is often applied against short juniors to frustrate them with high balls bouncing over their heads. Former Austrian World Number 1 Thomas Muster was known for his excellent moonballs on clay.

Tactics against a Moonballer

Attack the net. Join in the moonball rally and then all of a sudden attack the net to hit a volley or smash.

Pull the opponent to the net with **drop shots and short angle balls** so he won't be able to hit a moonball.

Hit the moonballs on the rise. Moonballs are the toughest if you let them bounce way above your comfort zone.



Sergi Ferrer Ramos

Grade 12

Teacher and Celebrity Love-Children



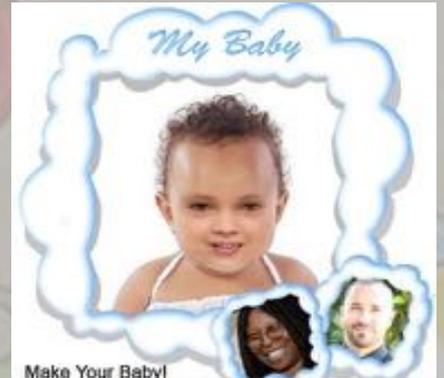
Have you ever wondered what your baby would like if you mated with a celebrity? Here are some teacher-celebrity babies. Aren't they adorable?



Whoopi Goldberg



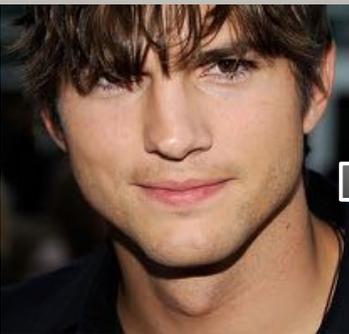
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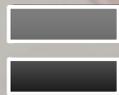
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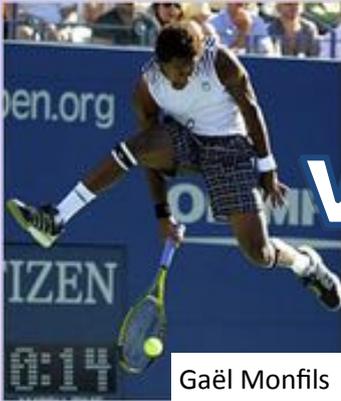
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ESIS players vs. Pro players

A lot of our ESIS surprisingly bear a certain resemblance to some pro tennis players. Moreover, they also demonstrate great talent in imitating their gestures and expressions. Does that mean they have a bright destiny? Let's just hope their athletic ability can match that of the pros.



Gaël Monfils

VS.



Zaid Ahmed

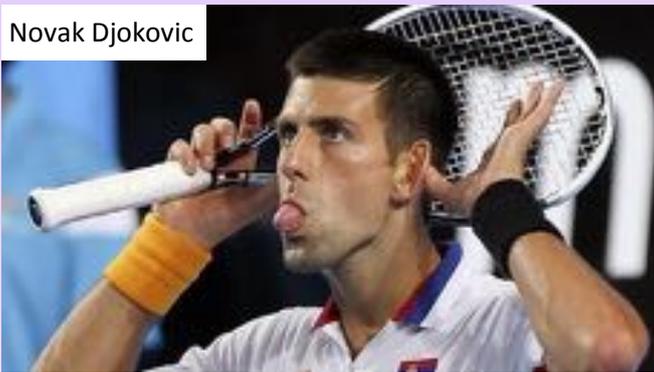


Sam Groth

VS.



Piotr Sowinski



Novak Djokovic

VS.



Aurel Romero



Nick Kyrgios

VS.



Arman Tavana



Ana Ivanovic

VS.



Meri Jimeno



Vinci & Pennetta

VS.



Vecchione & Valci



Sergi Ferrer Ramos

Grade 12

TAXI TOWN



What if I told you driving your own car was no longer possible? It may not seem like a big deal for some, but I'm sure many would do whatever it took to be able to drive again. This is the unusual case in Bethel, a small village in Alaska, where almost no one owns a car. It's not because they stand as an extremely environmentally friendly village nor because they have not been able to adapt to the needs of the 21st Century, but because private automobiles are unusually expensive.



Taxi queue in Bethel.

When I first read about this little, strange village in Alaska, I asked myself if a village could sustain itself without its residents being able to freely move around with their own cars. However, as I kept reading, I realized how hard maintaining a car was. Firstly, no roads lead in or out of Bethel, making it exorbitantly expensive to bring cars or other types of vehicles into the village. Consequently, cars that make it into Bethel are worth double of what they would normally cost on the mainland. A clear example of this would be a second hand 2003 Ford Focus priced on the mainland for \$1,833 in "good" condition. In Bethel, the same car is listed for at least \$3,500 (3,119 euros).



Not only are used cars far out of the price range for most people in Bethel, gas prices do not help either. The same way it's hard to bring vehicles into Bethel, transporting gas has its own additional difficulties that add to the costs. Gas currently costs \$6 (5.35 euros) a gallon, which makes it impossible for you to afford to move around the village with your own car – it forces you to find other means of mobility. Nevertheless, here is where, in my opinion, Bethel's government has miserably failed in helping its inhabitants. If people cannot afford their own car the most reasonable thing to do would be to use public transport. But what happens when there are only two shuttle buses?



The government started a public transportation system just five years ago with merely two shuttle buses. However, the system is rapidly failing, as no residents use the buses as they prefer to order and move around in private taxis. (\$3-2.67 euros bus, \$5 taxi-4.46 euros)

It has reached the point where even the vice-mayor, Leif Albertson publicly stated, "In one sense, our cabs are our public transit". However, this does not mean that transportation is affordable. A ride in town costs \$5 per person, no matter how short the distance is. Every stop during the journey costs an additional \$1: you get an idea of how hard it is for people to move around within the village, especially for the 23 percent of the populace who live below the National poverty line.



Aerial view of the Bethel area.

It's hard enough for people to maintain a private car, but it's a travesty that they do not have a reliable public transportation system to reach out for. The government should prioritize and realize that if people cannot afford a car, they should have a public transport system that is consistent and efficient for the people of the village to use. If the population cannot afford these public rides it's the government's job to make sure they do.





Francesca Jones

Grade 10

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Please let me introduce you to the wonderful new people who have joined our community at ES International School. They all have different opinions on the campus life, activities, and daily minutes at the academy. To be exact, 36 new students joined our school since September 2015, most of which play tennis.



Matyas Metyko 11th Grade

- *What do you like most about the academy?* I like the international atmosphere this place has, as well as the amount of new friends I have made and I enjoy time with now.
- *What do you miss the most?* I would say my friends back home but I made really good friends here from the start. I think I miss my family's constant support.

Aitana Ituarte Gomez 5th Grade

- *Why do you enjoy being here?* I think that being able to play tennis and studying is a great opportunity.
- *What do you like most about the school?* I like how teachers are always looking out for you, and how teachers and coaches co-ordinate to make our lives easier.



Peter Lederman 12th Grade

- *What surprised you the most?* What most surprised me was the struggle to adapt mentally and physically to being a student-athlete.
- *What have you improved since you came to the academy?* My mental strength to be able to deal with both school and tennis at the same time.

The Advisor: Daria Makagonova, 11 Grade

- *What would your advice to new kids be?* My advice to the new kids would be that even though it's always hard to start all over again, you should enjoy every moment you spend here. Work hard in all subjects and tennis because before you know it, you will be graduating!



Class Photos

4th Grade



L to R: Iva Jovanova, Salma Hejazi, Ilya Pesin, Zachary Miano

5th Grade



L to R: Neela Nesari, Aitana Ituarte Gomez, Konstantin Gogeliya, Manric Romero, Sonya Hopfensperger, Alexandra Grabko

6th Grade



Front row: L to R: Octave Fernandez, Zino Mirtorabi

Back row: L to R: Borjan Jovanov, Kian Nesari, Oleg Vyunik, Devan Austin Tanto Pedraza

7th Grade



L to R: Hugo Ortega Gomez, Sabrina Triska, Veronika Khrankova, Bonifacy Varisella, Sarp Súleyman

Not pictured: Eusebio Alberga

8th Grade



Front row: L to R: Ramzan Arkallayev, Kirill Dranchenko, Matthew Wilson, Sebastian Miano, Mohamad Omar, Nikolai Paleev, Vadim Grabko

Back row: L to R, Alexander Harris, Xinhang Qin, Jimena Ituarte Gomez, Athena Yilmaz, Jiayun Zhu, Alicia Carmona, Liubov Piskun, Karina-Stefania Crivtonencu, Galatea Mesochoritou, Rui Campelo Leitão

Not pictured: Aurel Romero, Ruslan Kaydashov

9th Grade



Front row: L to R: Joseph White, Niall Craig, Santiago Gonzalez, Anton Korolev, Pavel Ognev, Maximiliano Roman Mayorga, Sergiu Celebidachi

Back row: L to R: Sophia Gottlie, Arantxa Montero de Espinosa, Julia Triska, Clara-Kei March Okuyama, Olivia Sonnekus-Williams

Not pictured: Darya Shcharbina, Bekkhan Atlangeriev, Selina Atay

10th Grade



Front row: L to R: Jordi Ferrer Ramos, Asher Kandathil, Zyaan Ahmed, Eleanore Mihaylova, Shivit Dhamija

Back row: L to R: Christopher Herrera Hernandez, Kuzey Çekirge, Marc Feliu Gómez, Artur Gannev, Alikhan Atlangeriev, Georgy Topchishvili, Mazim Petrov, Antonio Muñiz Hidalgo

Not pictured: Diego E. Moura Herrera, Francesca Jones, Laura Lopez Giese, Wiktoria Nowak

11th Grade



Front row: L to R: Daniil Alekseev, ArmanTavana, Matyas Metyko, Brain Bogdanovich, Zaid Fahmi Ahmed, Yang Hu, Alex Meintjes

Back row: L to R: Nikol Pavlova, Yana Leshchenko, Daria Makagonova, Dagbjörtlna Gudjonsdottir, Camila Ituarte Gomez, Flaminia Valci, Meritxell Jimeno, Sara Vecchione

Not pictured: Francesco Denicoli, Michele Fenoaltea, Ferran Romero, Piotr Sowiński, Edgar Urmanov, Laura Vetter

12th Grade



Front row: L to R: Anton Kropotkin, Sergi Ferrer Ramos, Gianluca Montessoro, Jana Astort-Fabra, Fernando Monytero de Espin, Aleksandr Ovechkin

Back row: L to R: Martin Sonnekus-Williams, Mihai Stoica, Stefan Moise, Jack Oldfield, Ivan Ryabov, Robin Bogdanovich, Peter Lederman

Not pictured: Vlad Herescu, Luis Janko, Ioannis Kasampoulis, Catarina Rokke, Nikita Roshka

The Faculty



Front row: L to R: Adela Gavozdea, Jennifer Ferrara, Eimear Wynne, Laura Jimenez, Lee Hendricks, Gloria Junquera, Yolanda Rodriguez, Marian Antuña, Jamie Fulcher, Harriet Sandilands, Monique Nuñez

Back row: L to R: Carlos Lizardi, Rosa Lama, Jacqueline Boerekamps, Manuel Lopez, Aisling Lawless, Natalie Joyce, Simone Baroni, Paul Gaudin, Geoffrey Greene, Joanne Burns

Not pictured: Abigail Hatto, Samanta Lipquin, Antonella Rossi

OUTAKES

