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Sir Ian Felton, Deputy High Commissioner of the United Kingdom, is interacting with the students of Trio World on the School Lawn.

The Grand Opening Ceremony of the Children's Playground and the Waterfall

On Wednesday, 14th of September, Sir Ian Felton, Deputy High Commissioner of the United Kingdom, and his wife graciously cut the ribbon off the new TWS waterfall and playground. This new playground is set up for Primary School children. The High Commissioner interacted with our student body and was very impressed with our community. Later, he played football with the Middle and High School students and had High Tea with us. The TWS parents and families shared tea and sandwiches on the school lawn. We found out that he is new to Bangalore and is enjoying the city life. -By Allyson Whittaker, Year 12



Dr. Meekin and Sir Ian Felton greet the high school students and teachers

Special Upcoming Events at Trio

- **Fun:** Celebrate Halloween on Thursday the 3rd of November from 6:00-7:30 PM at the school playground. All are invited
- **Announcement:** School basketball team being formed for inter-school competitions. For details talk to Mrs. Whittaker
- **Announcement:** Scholastic Book club 1: Third week of October for Brochure please contact Ms. Nisha
- **Announcement:** Students who are participating in MIX the Inventure Academy Fest kindly contact Ms. Suparna. This event will take place on 4th and 5th of November, 2011.



The Indus Model United Nations

The High School students of TWS participated in the Indus Model United Nations 2011 from 23rd to 25th of September. The event was launched by an inaugural ceremony on the lawn of the Evoma Hotel in Whitefield. The ceremony included a number of speeches from students and guests of honor, including noted economist Dr. S.L Rao who spoke in-depth about the functions of the UN. The CEO of the Indus Trust Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray enlightened the students with his speech about the benefits of the MUN and how it helps develop world leaders.

The meetings took place in conference rooms of the Evoma Hotel. The three days of the IMUN were tiring and strenuous, yet stimulating and interesting and this reflected the real workings of the United Nations. Trio's MUN team actively participated in the proceedings of their respective councils with great enthusiasm. They delivered effective speeches and took part in heated debates. They had to develop foolproof resolutions for ongoing global issues such as the political instability of Pakistan and the Civil War in Libya, and also had to solve spur-of-the-moment issues that threatened global conflict, thrown into the debates by the crisis committee.

The Model United Nations ended on the 25th of September with a final award ceremony on the hotel lawn. Four delegates, namely Arzan, Navneet, Deepak and Rahul of Trio's MUN team were recognized for their performance in the proceedings. These were the delegation of Colombia in the Security Council and the delegation of Croatia in the NATO Council. **-Arzan Asif Year 11**



Deepak and Rahul representing Colombia. Behind them are Arnav and Mathew



The participants of the MUN
From left to right: Navneet, Rahul, Mathew, Bhavana, Ishika, Arzan, Deepak and Arnav



Relaxing after three days of intense debating



Trio world school delegates at the opening ceremony



Charlie Moran busy being the Headmaster for a day



Dr Meekin spends some quality time with Rahul Kumar on the thinking chair

The Special Headmaster
By Arnav Dhaka
Year 11

As we all know, about two weeks ago a note was passed around in school about an essay writing competition, in which the winner would take Dr. Paul's place as headmaster for ONE FULL DAY!!!

I am sure that most of you know this as well, but this essay competition had been won by none other than CHARLIE MORAN of YEAR 11!! He wrote a brilliant poem that has been posted outside the headmaster's office for you to read.

A few days ago I went and asked our dear new Headmaster a few questions.

I asked him how he felt about being Headmaster for a day. He said, "I've got mixed feelings about it. Of course, I'm thrilled about taking his place and all, but I'm also a little nervous."

Also, I asked him what changes he would be making on the day. He said, "Oh, mostly classes are going to go on as normal. But I decided to cancel the 6th period and ECAs, and we are going to be eating pizza at that time.

I'm sure you all had a great time on October 4th and that you were satisfied with Mr. Moran's epic leadership.



The Language Immersion Program in Nursery



The Language Immersion Programme at Trio

If you have never set foot in the Nursery room then come and take a look. Our little learners are hard at work singing, dancing and learning in five different languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Hindi). This is our newly introduced Language Immersion Programme.

The Foreign language Immersion Programme is designed to enrich the speaking abilities of our Preschool learners. The key to the Immersion Programme is linguistic and cultural enrichment.

Researchers consistently find that bilingual learners benefit cognitively, exhibiting greater non-verbal problem solving abilities and more flexible thinking. -Suparna Chattarji

Meet Mr. Bud Chapman

An Interview with Mr.
Chapman



Mr. Bud ????!!
Artist: Dr. Meekin

Why You Should Choose Me for BIG Brother By Pranav Kandikuppa Year 7

Suuuuuuuuuuuppppp! People! I am Pranav and I loveeeeeee to explore places like the woods or even houses. I love steak and I was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in the South East of USA.

I am very crazy, weird, mischievous, clever, bright, sly, shy, good at teasing people (especially short tempered ones), talented in sketching, singing and I play the piano. Every day I am doing something crazy. For example I once urinated in the laundry basket while I was sleep walking. In another incident, I went camping and picked up deer droppings (of course with gloves) and I kept them in a chocolate box and tried to fool my sissy that they were chocolates and she asked me where they were from and I had no answer.

I do things that many people don't, which is catching bugs and small animals like snakes, lizards, toads and birds. Every Friday and Saturday night I go frog hunting where I catch frogs and rescue frogs that accidently jumped into the swimming pool. That is who I am, so please, please, please vote for me. Your vote is awesome.

Mr. Chapman why did you come to India?

My initial answer to this is I wanted to have an adventure. Whereas really life had become a bit predictable, my wife had a teaching qualification and I could do most things so we thought about teaching overseas. We just had two teachers from Beijing staying with us so we had a desire to see a different part of the world.

What were your expectations when you came to India?

I thought it would be different, hotter, more crowded but for me, most of all my expectation was that no matter what I would love it, and I do. Coming to India has been one of my best life choices and life is all about choices. (Continued on Page 7)

Letter from Planet Earth

By Viraj Vimal Prakash

Year 7

Dear Zorg,

How are you? How's Planet Zar? The world has changed a lot since I wrote to you three years ago.

Earlier this year, Japan was hit by a devastating earthquake followed by a Tsunami. There has been a global financial crisis and people are still struggling. There were also riots in London recently. On a happy note, Prince William got married to Kate Middleton.

In sport, Spain won their first football world cup and Barcelona became the best football team in the world after winning the Champion's League. Chennai Super Kings won their second IPL in a row. They are a tough team to beat.

I've got a new Xbox 360 Kinect games console which is a lot better than any of the consoles I mentioned in my last letter. You don't even need any controllers to play the games. You've probably had something like this on Zar for a while but for me it's really cool.

I moved to Bangalore a year ago and will be here another couple of years. I love it and have recently started a new school which reminds me of London.

Write soon.

Your Earthling Friend,

Viraj



Students arriving with their parents



Krishna and Sam of Year 7 on the first day of school

First Day of School



Dealing With the Stress of College Applications

Chandrika Nama
Year 13

The school year is barely underway but for high school seniors, the pressure is already on. Facing retakes while keeping up with the onslaught of A-level and battles with our parents about the business of getting into college can really take its toll on us. The stress of college applications is now so well documented that the dean of admissions at one of USA's most reputable colleges, Massachusetts Institute of Technology considers it as a health risk.

The college admissions process has become increasingly competitive and cutthroat. The pressure on students to get accepted at elite colleges – some of which admit as little as 10 percent of applicants, has seemingly risen in recent years. Competition among peers has become the norm. Increasingly, students, parents and educators are concerned about the effects of this intense stress.

Here are a few tips you can use to handle the pressure – while still holding yourself to high standards and putting your best foot forward for college admissions

Avoid Burnout

Often, students overload themselves with classes and extracurricular activities in hopes of creating the perfect college resume. Sometimes called “over scheduling”, this phenomenon affects many high school students shooting for college admissions. While each additional activity or class will possibly make your application that much more appealing, try not to burn yourself out by doing too much.

Do What You Love

Participating in an extracurricular activity because you think it will “win over” admissions officers is the wrong approach, writes college consultant Nancy Feiderspiel on her web site. Instead focus on quality over quantity—a full schedule is only impressive if you have a passion for what you do. Remember, the college admissions process is the beginning of your career, not the end.

In addition to hardworking and overachieving peers, pressure can also come from less academically-focused individuals. This kind of pressure can entail partying, skipping class, or a lax approach to studying and extracurricular activities. Measure yourself against your own progress and achievements.

If you continuously compare yourself to others, you will end up disappointed more times than not.

Figure out What's Causing the Pressure

Certain students do well in all their classes, have great GPAs and class ranks, and participate in a number of extracurricular activities. There is nothing wrong with measuring yourself with your peers; however, don't turn school and the college admissions process into a competition.



The construction of the children's playground in progress.



Be Realistic with Your College Choices

As you get closer to doing your college applications, you will have a better understanding of where you stand in the application process. You need to make sure that the colleges you are looking at are realistic based on your profile.

To find out whether you are qualified for a specific university, contact their admissions office and go over their standards. Divide your college choices into three categories: schools you are overqualified for, schools you expect to get into, and schools that may be a bit out of your range. Select a healthy mix of schools from all three categories. While almost everyone has at least one “dream” school, don't pressure yourself into thinking that there is only one college out there for you. Many college students do not get into their preferred universities, yet still have fulfilling college experiences.

Stay True to Yourself

Ultimately, the most important way to avoid unnecessary pressure is to focus on you. You don't have control over how well (or poorly) your peers are performing in relation to you. As long as you are putting your best effort in everything you do, the stress and pressure of the college application process should prove manageable.

Fun Zone



By Bryan Khoo, Year 10

Word Jumbles

See if you can solve them

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10 Reasons why TWS is Awesome!

Bhavana Brindavan

Year 13

1. Submitted your homework on time? Pink slip! Been a good kid all week? Pink Slip! Helped a teacher? Pink slip! All of us love getting pink slips so that we can go to Dr. Paul's office and open that glorious cupboard filled with all kinds of goodies and pick ourselves one!
2. As the tag line says – We're truly international!
3. The awesome teachers. They're always ready to help us anytime and as the popular proverb goes "A friend in need is a friend indeed".
4. No matter what, from Dasara to Halloween, Christmas to Holi, Valentine's Day to commonwealth day, we're celebrating it. We're totally multicultural.
5. The school is always clean. Of course once in a while Dr. Paul has a few tricks up his sleeve and throws some trash to see who picks it up and rewards them very generously for keeping the school clean!
6. Excellent extra-curricular activities. We even have a Pokémon club!
7. It is awesome how we're a small, tight knit community.
8. From Sociology to Art and Design and from Math to German, it's amazing how wide the ranges of subjects being offered are.
9. Our very funny and head full of hair headmaster.
10. The water fountain.

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What are the high and lowlights of your experience?

Highs are the school, the kids, the staff, the work I do here, the culture, the country, the people, everything really. I still get those moments of wonder when I realise that I am living in India. The lows, only one, I miss my two other sons who live in New Zealand. There are things that are very different about India and New Zealand, but if I wanted India to be like New Zealand then I should have stayed there.

Do you miss New Zealand? In what ways?

I miss fish n chips, other foods are not common here, but that is all and for the pleasure of living in India I am happy to forgo those other food pleasures. Anyway, I have the joy of Indian food, what more could anyone ask for.

– Interviewed by Rutuja Pattanshetty, Kangan Kher and Amulya Rao - Year 9

Did you know???

In a 2008 survey, 58% of British teens thought Sherlock Holmes was a real guy, while 20% thought Winston Churchill was not.

People didn't always say "hello" when they answered the phone. When the first regular phone service was established in 1878, people said "ahoy."

In the Hatfield vs. McCoy feud, three dozen lives were lost between 1878 and 1890...all over a pig.

Posted by- Dhashrath
Year 10

Art and Design.



Art work by High School students

African Wire Art

Some of the world's most spectacular art forms were born in Africa's culturally diverse countries. One such art form, famous for its fascinating ability to turn recyclable materials into works of art, has been spotlighted in Cape Town, South Africa for many years. These unique creations are known as wire art.

They range from animals to bikes, key chains etc, all handmade with wire and beads. This interesting form of art was introduced to the high school art students by Ayatiin. She has brought these interesting sculptures for us to view and create, as you can see in the pictures. Watch out next, for sculptures, by us in this style. _ Pooja Gokul



The Trio Newsletter

The Trio Newsletter has left us all excited as this will be our first attempt to publish a magazine. We would like to thank Dr. Meekin, our Head Master, for giving us this exciting opportunity. A number of students of all ages have signed up to work as reporters, researchers, writers and photographers.

The project is rather ambitious and we are planning to publish 6 issues this year. If you are a writer, cartoonist or a photographer –and have some real talent to show off, come and give us your work of art and see it getting published in this magazine. Cheers!

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