

# THE DELEGATE

ISSUE ONE



# EDITOR'S NOTE

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I want to begin by introducing myself and my partner, this is mine and Sacha's first conference, so we are wholly inexperienced in the inner workings of Royal Russell's international MUN conference. When Miss Calvet first asked us to take part in the conference and lead the paper, we honestly didn't think it would happen, but here we are!

This first issue of the Delegate centres around 'the Environment'; problems we are facing and how we can tackle these issues. Together we can make small steps to create big changes. The question of meat consumption and global warming will grace these pages and make you think about your own lifestyle and habits.

We will also be covering the game show that we saw last night, and all the best bits that we watched. There also will be pictures documenting the arrivals that took place this morning and some questions we asked to get to know everyone. I hope you enjoy this first issue, and all the others to come over the next few days. Remember to enjoy yourselves and don't work too hard!



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESS

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After two years away we are delighted and excited to be able to welcome you all in person to our thirty-ninth RRSIMUN conference. This conference is being held despite the troubles and adversity that our world and communities have faced since early 2020 and many continue to face today. We know that some of you may have struggled to make it here today and faced your own challenges in the last 18 months. We want to thank each of you and your schools for travelling to join us as one community.

Whilst the 'C' word is one that we would like to avoid it is of course essential that we all take care of each other, and are thoughtful, respectful and vigilant in our actions and behaviours. Covid has shown us the very best of humanity and its phenomenal ability to adapt, support and survive; of course, it also has highlighted the unfair and unjust disparities that exist in the world such as the availability of vaccines and medicines and the

accessibility of information. It has sped up the growth and power of already powerful social media and online platforms that harness the ability to be used by us for virtuous and malevolent purposes. This conference gives us all a chance to reflect and think about these extraordinary events, our individual experiences and include them in the way that we think about problems and questions.

We are hoping that this post-covid conference will be our best one yet; we can all celebrate the wonder of being together, the joy of having in person conversations and interactions and simply have fun....lots and lots and lots of fun!

We encourage everybody to speak to as many people as you can and take the time to listen and learn from each other. If anybody has a question or wants help please speak to any member of the Royal Russel family who cannot wait to get to know you all.





# THE BIGGEST CLIMATE ISSUE

CAN IT BE RESOLVED?

The words 'global warming' are constantly being thrown about, with people protesting against it and talking about the effects it has on the earth. But do you actually know what these words really mean? Because I didn't until I googled it just before I wrote this article.

Global warming is the long-term heating of the Earth's climate system which has been occurring since the pre-industrial period due to many human activities, mostly the burning of fossil fuels. This increases the levels of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane, that trap heat within the

earth's atmosphere. The words 'global warming' are constantly used interchangeably with the term 'climate change' however the latter is not quite the same thing. Climate change is a long-term change in weather patterns that are caused by both human and naturally produced global warming and the effects this has. Since the pre-industrial period (1850 to 1900), human activities are estimated to have increased the Earth's global average temperature by about 1 degree Celsius and are currently still increasing it at a rate of 0.2 degrees Celsius per decade. For some of

you readers, you are probably thinking 'what? 1 degree is nothing' but trust me that 1 degree can cause a lot of harm to the earth. And that harm can already be seen around the world.

Many people assume that the effects of global warming are some future problem that will not have any effect on us living today. But that, unfortunately, is not the case. Scientists have already documented impacts of global warming and climate change that can already be seen throughout the world, such as extreme weather events. These can be seen in many countries where their



summers are getting a lot hotter and their winters are getting colder. This is because global warming is weakening the circulation of the North Atlantic Ocean, which plays a very crucial role in the world's climate, including keeping winters in places like western Europe relatively mild. If this weakening continues, the impact on Europe and the US east coast could be extremely serious as winter weather is more likely to become less stable, with more outbursts of extremely cold air from the arctic. However, during the summer it would have the opposite effect and cause extreme heatwaves for

example the 2015 European heatwaves. Other than having hot or cold extremes global warming has also led to extreme weather like changes in hurricane formations. The rising temperatures are also having vast effects on wildlife and their habitats and causing many species like butterflies, foxes and alpine plants to migrate further north or to higher cooler areas.

The melting of the world's ice is another effect of global warming that we can see across the world in today's society. This includes mountain glaciers, ice sheets covering West Antarctica, and

Arctic sea ice. Much of this melting contributes to the sea levels rising, which is at 0.13 inches each year, which is a much faster rate than in previous years. Due to this rise in the sea levels there will be future problems as floods and droughts will become more common and hurricanes and other storms are likely to become a lot stronger.

The United Nations has become the only forum to come to an agreement aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Global warming and the further effects of climate change involves every nation.

CAITLIN CHACKSFIELD

# FASHION

Over the next few days we will be choosing the best outfits each day and featuring them in a section of the issue. We hope to include an array of people from different roles, schools and countries. So make sure to be looking your best!









# IS EATING MEAT ETHICAL?

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is about responsible consumption and production and is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015. It is meant to ensure good use of resources, improving efficiency, sustainable infrastructure, and providing access to basic services, green jobs and ensuring a better quality of life.

Meat consumption is responsible for climate change by releasing greenhouse gases such as methane, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide and also destroys forests and many different ecosystems.

A reduction in consumption of meats and dairy products is essential to avoid further environmental impact and also positively impacts health. Research shows that

who eat red meat are more likely to suffer death from heart disease, have a stroke or diabetes. The scale and intensity of meat production, combined with projected population estimates. This shows current practices are bad for the environment.

Should we stop eating meat? There is not an answer to this question. It comes down to personal choice, without looking in any great detail about the ethical elements. It is also the responsibility of governments to change policies.

The impact meat has is not currently sustainable. As new technology and legislation are introduced, we can all make a difference to protect the planet with our choices. It all begins with our decisions.

SARA ZUMERAN





## GAME NIGHT RRSIMUN

For the first night of MUN, Royal Russell students were blessed with a 'Friday Night Game Show' put on by our very own Media team. Videos were shown of shows parodying Strictly Come Dancing and Squid Game, as well as Celebrity Hunted, Taskmaster and a hilarious Twilight skit. Hosts Polina Pavlyukevich and Max Newark-Symonds graced the stage with their charisma and hilarity, making us all laugh until our sides ached.

Teachers vs. Students was a close round as the teams were questioned on the shows the skits were based on. Unfortunately, students lost 3-4, though there were enquiries on the fairness of what was asked. It seemed teachers were asked significantly easier questions than students such as 'Is Twilight a film about zombies?'

Though they did manage to answer that wrongly so perhaps it is all just heresy. President of the General Assembly Anastacia Allen was one of the student contestants of the game show and felt very strongly about the difficulty of questions saying, 'the game was rigged, we should have won!'.

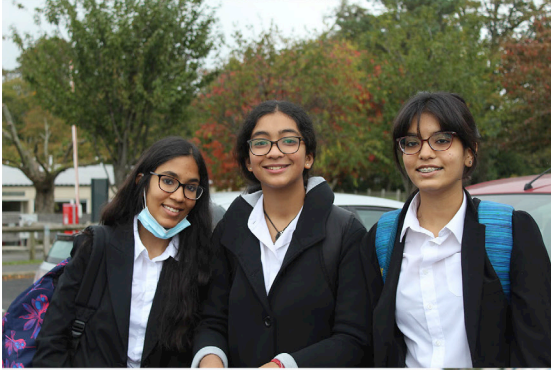
The night was a wonderful way to kick off the conference and we are looking forward to more laughs with all of you in the coming days.



BECKY WARD



# ARRIVALS





# SET-UP



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