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EDITORIAL

Hello everyone! Welcome to those both from Royal Russell and external visitors! Whether you are from this school, wider Britain or across the globe, we graciously welcome you to the tsunami of stress and deadlines that awaits you here. Whether you are working for the media team, secretariat team, as a delegate or even here in press, we assure you that you will lose your sanity.

That being said, we at the press team are here for the next four days to guide you through this flurry of resolutions, policy statements and speeches with hard-hitting political pieces almost as controversial as our fashion highlights. We hope you at least skim our publications when bored to death in GA or when the delegate of Poland seems to talk for ever.

First of all, a massive thank you to everyone working hard to ensure we publish each and every edition, on time (hopefully) and to the fullest quality possible, including Ms Calvert, Mr Moseley, Mr Whiteley and Mr Otti.

Now without further ado, lets jump into today's pieces:

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A special thank you to everyone who agreed to be interviewed for this edition of the delegate!

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Our tribute to the wonderful Huw Peach

It was overwhelmingly sad to lose our long term RRSMUN supporter Huw earlier this year. On hearing the news of his devastating prognosis we wrote and some of our words to Huw are below:



"We hope that you will not mind us writing to you at this incredibly difficult time, but we feel overwhelmed by the need to say something. Firstly, all of us here at Royal Russell hold a massive respect for what you have done for us and especially the values for which you stand. Your calm, supportive, humorous, and compassionate approach has had a profound effect on us all. We can only imagine how you have changed the lives of all those you have taught."

In response Huw included these very special thoughts:

"The reason I came to your brilliant conference again and again were the wonderful teachers at RRSIMUN, the overwhelming warmth of the reception and the enthusiasm and professionalism which everyone involved with your conference exuded.

Real learning happened there, real possibilities for positive change happened, real lasting relationships were created and we all had huge amounts of fun and laughter."

Martin & Sue Tanner (RRS)

When I was told of the cruel diagnosis Huw Peach had received ten months ago, I wrote to him to thank him for his many, many years of support for RRSIMUN and for being such a good friend to me and to many others. Typical of Huw, when he wrote back, he only spoke about our conference and thanked us for creating something that he called 'special, unique and life-changing'. He and the students of Shrewsbury played a huge part in making our conference what it is today. When we trialled our first crisis committee, he and another MUN director agreed to co-ordinate the committee, but he knew instinctively that his role was to get the committee going that Sunday morning and then leave the students to get on with it. I was amazed

that within three hours they had unanimously agreed a great resolution, and a new annual institution had been born. Again, when we tried out the first MUN's Got Talent he encouraged his students to form an a cappella group and they deservedly won first prize. My first RRSIMUN was in 1997 and Huw was already a veteran, and he attended every conference until I retired, ever smiling and ever cheerful. As I and other MUN directors aged he seemed, if anything, to get younger. I cannot believe he will not be with you at the conference this weekend. I will always remember him as a committed MUNer and passionate European, but most of all as one of the nicest, kindest people I have ever met Simon Keable-Elliott (ex MUN Director, RRS).

Many of you will have very fond memories of Huw. Maggie Evans, from Cheadle Hulme School, has kindly given us this very special message: "To those of us fortunate enough to call him a personal friend, and all those students from countless schools over many years, Huw stood for all that is good in MUN. He offered the hand of friendship to all he met, in my case in 2002 when I took my first away group to Royal Russell School. This was the school that Introduced MUN to the United Kingdom, I was understandably nervous. A colleague had said, "Don't worry, find Huw Peach, he will look out for you." So began over 20 years of MUN adventure together, both in the UK and abroad. A conversation with Huw made you feel that your opinions mattered, and you were valued, from the youngest 11-year-old Secretary, to the oldest advisor. Although he is not here this weekend, his spirit is here, inspiring and helping every one of us to get the best from this wonderful activity, MUN. People like Huw are rare, and his memory will always be treasured."

Rest in peace our dear friend.



Model United Nations – 'Horrorscopes' with Mr Tanner – it's an absolute scream!



<u>Aquarius</u> (Water Bearer): January 20–February 18

As the water bearer, you had better watch out for the weather. Make sure you pack your umbrella as the Croydon microclimate will ensure that it rains on you every day while you are here at MUN. Prepare to get soggy and wet.

| Pisces (Fish): February 19-March 20

Whatever you do, don't wear those 8" heels for the MUN got talent show tonight or you could end up in A&E with a broken ankle. Believe me, you do not want to be waiting 8 hours to be seen in Mayday Hospital.

P Aries (Ram): March 21-April 19

Don't bother putting too much effort into your resolutions today – they are sure to be rejected out of hand. Don't let anyone tell you it isn't personal: it is, the Approvals Team actually hates Aries.

8 <u>Taurus</u> (Bull): April 20-May 20

'Bull' has other connotations, doesn't it? Don't believe you can just make stuff up and think you'll get away with it. Your BS will be found out. You have been warned.

A Gemini (Twins): May 21-June 21

You are unique: just like everyone else. The only difference is that, s a Gemini twin, you have a doppelganger somewhere. Let's just hope they don't show up here at MUN from, say ... er, Dublin!

© Cancer (Crab): June 22-July 22

The Crab: are you a poisonous shellfish, just here to make everyone else feel ill? Let's hope that's not the case because the officials will soon work out who's responsible and **nip** you in the bud.

Q Leo (Lion): July 23-August 22

Do you roar like a lion or just have a little 'meow' like a kitten? Don't fool yourself; we know you haven't really got any experience and you'll definitely be brought down to size by the big cats in your debates.

<u>Virgo</u> (Virgin): August 23–September 22 Yeah, right! With hair like that, you really stand no chance.

Libra – the scales is all about balance and being fair. Justice. Truth. All of these are admirable qualities, and you'll soon find that they are all in really short supply here at MUN. Balance – you must be joking. Get over it.

M Scorpius (Scorpion): October 24-November 21 You have a sting in the tail. You are the craftiest of all the debaters – you woo the delegates with your silver tongue and then deliver a deadly finale, leaving the opposition for dead. Go in for the kill.

Sagittarius (Archer): November 22-December 21

Does your arrow hit the target? Don't make me laugh, you couldn't hit a barn door with a banjo! You had better get practising your arguments if you want to get anything past the Approvals Committee because, as it stands, you are well wide of the mark.

GOAT – Greatest Of All Time. Carpicorns have it all:

Intellect, amazing physique, charming, good looks. You are bound to succeed without really having to try too hard. That's what Mr Whiteley told me anyway (his birthday is 16th January).

Get to know the student officers!



Iris Nuredini (secretary general)



Brief description of job role?

You'll see me chairing the general assemblies, helping in committees, meeting and greeting and overall making sure everyone has a great time. I'm here to ensure everything

goes smoothly.

Biggest challenge so far?

research reports. I'm pretty sure everyone says this, but they are a long process of chasing people down for reports on the different questions. I know it's a boring bit of work, but it has to be done and is very useful for the delegates debating. Since it has been done, I have felt much more organised.

Fav Mun moment?

It is hard to say, I've been a part of this community since year 7, something which comes to mind is last year's talent show. I was one of the judges and it was great to see so many funny and talented acts. Specifically, whoever it was that did the magic trick on me, to this day I don't know how you did it, truly magic.

What part of this year's conference are you most excited for?

Meeting as many people as possible. I love the friendships and conversation from meeting people from all over the world as it is a unique and exciting opportunity.

Fun fact about you?

I love shopping!

What's your star sign?

Virgo.

Fav pick up line?

I'm not Abraham, but when are we Lincoln?



Lucas Easton (Head of security council)



Brief description of job role? As president of the security council, I chair the debates of the 5 permanent member

states and the 10 non-Permanent. The SEC council is able to demand rather than advise on resolutions, so the resolutions are extremely important.

Biggest challenge so far?

I would have to say, that learning the new powers and language used in the security council.

Fav Mun moment?

The 2023 RRSIMUN at the Hague in the Netherlands was definitely my favourite MUN moment, sharing a room with Fran was an experience to say the least.

What part of this year's conference are you most excited for?

Obviously, the Barbie disco night!

Fun fact about you?

I have double vision (I see double of everything)

What's your star sign?

I'm a Proud Leo apparently that makes me vain and egotistical, I don't see it.

Fav pick up line?

I'm so depressed about the crisis in Central African Republic I really don't think I should spend tonight alone...



Alexander David LeCreff Chesters (Head of security council)



Brief description of your job role?

I serve as a more important version of a committee chair with expanded responsibility and powers since the Security

Council is the most important debate centre.

Biggest challenge?

nothing just built different innit.

Fav MUN moment?

2023 Haileybury conference, my friend found the love of her life.

Fun Fact about you?

I am from one of the ancient Celtic nations Brittany and am attempting (key word attempting) to learn Breton and Chinese.

Star Sign?

Libra

Fav pickup line?

As a kid I used to chase butterflies but now you bring them right to me



Jasmine Rihal (Head of secretariat) Brief description of your job role?



Head secretariats have many responsibilities but overall, we are responsible for the whole event running smoothly. We ensure all guests are situated in their rooms with all the necessary information, such as placards and badges. It is a tough job but essential to ensure the conference can take place.

Your biggest challenge so far?

The biggest challenge so far has been organising all the school envelopes, which would include their placards and badges. We also must set up all the conference rooms.

What has been your favourite MUN moment?

Favourite MUN moment last year was working in GA, I found very interesting and fun as a majority of the secretariats were there together.

What are you most excited for?

I am most excited for Saturday morning when all the guests will start arriving, as that's when the conference really starts to begin.

A fun fact about you?

Fun fact I have a dog, called Roxy.

What is your star sign?

I am a Capricorn.

Best pick up line?

I politely refuse to state a pickup line.



Nadra Webb (Head of secretariat)



Brief description of your job role?

I'm head of secretariat so

essentially, I organise the secretariats and check everything flows smoothly for the conference.

Biggest challenge so far? I would say my biggest challenge is people not committing as it leads to us having to reshuffle schedules.

Fav Mun moment? I'm actually not sure, this is my first time doing the conference!

What part of this year's conference are you most excited for?

Probably hearing some of the debates and meeting the pupils from other schools.

Fun fact about you?

I can play James Bond on the guitar.

What's your star sign?

Sagittarius

Fav pickup line?

Are you school air because you take my breath away

Brief description of your job role?

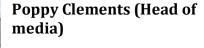
Well, we're the entertainment, so the job consists of filming, editing and organising the game show for Friday, and MUNs got talent for Sunday, and creating fun videos for social media. One of the most important things is streaming the conferences live to YouTube, so that families can watch, and the event is documented.

Biggest challenge so far?

Organising everything and sending emails around to get people involved. Very stressful.

Fav MUN moment?

Probably the discos just because they're a break from the actual work.



What part of this year's conference are you most excited for?

I'm most excited for leading the media team this year and coming up with fun things to do. I know it's going to be a lot of work because it's left in Will and I's hands this time.

Fun fact about you?

I wear 2 pairs of fluffy socks under my school uniform because my shoes are too big and I'm too delusional to get new ones, I've also had the same pair of air forces for 4 years because I can't let go of them.

What's your star sign?

I am a cancer, which apparently makes me emotional, which would be true.

Fav pick up line?

Are you iron? Because I can never get enough of you

The Rise of Far-right groups

Following World War Two far right groups were ostracized in Europe and saw a steep decline in membership, however in recent decades there has been an obvious increase in these groups' popularity. Here in Britain groups such as Patriotic Alternative have seen a rise in membership, causing them to be bolder with their actions and protests, for example in August of this year they applied to be a political party under the name 'Homeland UK'. Whilst the group denies allegations of Neo-Nazism, it recruits members from Neo-Nazi forums and have been accused of recommending 'Mein Kampf' to followers.

Similarly, in Germany the number of far-right rallies tripled in the first six months of this year (according to the interior ministry). 110 marches were held by neo-Nazi and other far right groups in this period compared

to 75 in the same period in 2022.

And it's not just right-wing fringe groups which are. gaining popularity, right wing political parties are also experiencing a surge of popularity. The Conservative

party have held the majority in the UK since 2010, Giorgia Meloni, Italy's first female prime minister, was previously a member of neofascist group Movimento sociale Italiano and has been openly apologetic of Mussolini, in addition to this early opinion polling predicts AFD (alternative for Germany) is likely to be the second most popular party in next year's German federal elections. As of today, right wing parties hold the majority in France, Italy, Greece, Austria, and Finland marking a distinct shift to the right for the European Union.

Whilst it is difficult to pin a direct cause of this phenomena, there are some factors which clearly led to an increase in the right's popularity. In the 2000s some landmark events which contributed to this would be 9/11, the financial crisis of 2008, and the beginning of the age of social media.



.Members of Patriotic Alternative protesting outside of a hotel being used to house migrants

Following 9/11 fears of terrorism and violent islamophobia saw an increase in nationalism and support for right wing rhetoric and groups which wanted to keep America for Americans. Even small changes post 9/11 played into the rights favour with 79% of adults a month later admitting they had displayed an American flag to showcase their patriotism and following the beginning of the war on Iraq a poll showed that 62% of Americans supported the war.

The event which caused a dramatic increase in the far right in

Europe was the financial crisis of 2008. The Crisis led to many

countries introducing policies of austerity, which widened the gap between

the privileged elite and the

working classes

, creating an environment of dissatisfaction and anger far right groups and other radical groups are

able to harness to their advantage.

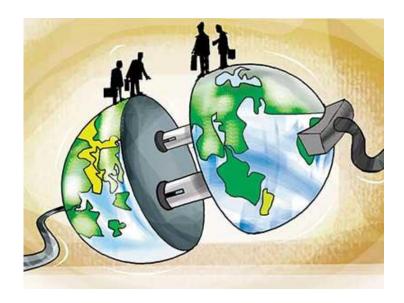
The final and perhaps most decisive factor in the rise of far-right groups is the age of social media. Groups use social media to coordinate training, raise funds, radicalise and recruit others and to meet likeminded individuals with a former member of Islamic state admitting that social media and the internet were essential for their operations, providing them with 'better off' supporters from all around the world. Al-Qaeda and the EDL are have also been known to use these methods, targeting individuals and groups on forums such as Twitter and Reddit.

By Hollie Taylor



Image from an Islamophobic protest post 9/11

The End of Globalisation?



Many geographical critics debate whether the future will bring de-globalisation or a revitalisation of the concept. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, economic security has been a focal point for Transnational Companies and countries alike. Many states have already began responding to recent geopolitical challenges by ensuring protectionist trade measures and barriers for cross-border trade- essentially deglobalisation. National interests are being placed above the desire for global partnerships. Climate change is also presenting an influence on globalisation- supply chains currently account for around 60% of anthropogenic (human generated) carbon emissions. This is creating an immense pressure for businesses to transition to more sustainable processes. It is essential that business's need to act on these global events, either together or individually before considering increasing their inter connectivity.

What is Globalisation?

The International Monetary Fund defines globalisation as 'the increasing integration of economies around the world, particularly through the movement of goods, services, and capital across borders. With the digital revolution of the 21st Century, it appears that inter connectivity between countries globally has never been more apparent.

Factors Influencing Globalisation

Despite this, the last decade has brought a series of 'shockwaves' which have disrupted this inter-connectivity such as the 2008-2009 stock market crash, tensions and conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has caused worldwide flows of trade and capital to dwindle. Likewise, climate change is an imminent impact overshadowing globalisation. For example, the melting of the Arctic will allow for northern countries to be accessed more easily for flows of trade. Yet global warming is also influencing the global common of Antarctica- calling for countries to collaborate on sustaining the continent.

What's in store for the future?

It appears that only time will tell to see whether globalisation will sway towards increasing or decreasing.



Kittie Gregory

Interviews with New **Arrivals!**

Three of our press team set out to interview some of the new arrivals. It was great chatting however we do have to apologise if we spell names incorrectly (c)

Jake and Katie:



Which school are you from?

Jake: 'The Highschool'

E: '...'

Jake: 'Dublin'

Who are you representing/what's your role?

Jake: Ambassador of Specpol 2. Katy: The Special Commission for women and Delegate.

What country are you representing? (in unison) 'Ghana'

What do you you think the biggest issue you are addressing over these next few days?

Katy: 'wait hang on I have a specific

one in mind'

Jake: 'she knows her stuff'

Katy: 'I really like the question of education and technological change in

achieving gender equality'

E: 'humble plug, but I think we are doing an article on that, so you'll have to check it out'

What is the biggest news in your country?

Katy: 'well in Ireland, we had our biggest cocaine Seizure ever'

https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/thirdman-charged-in-relation-to-huge-drugseizure-off-irish-coast-

1533518.html#:~:text=A%20total%20of%202 %2C253kg,the%20history%20of%20the%20

What's your favourite pick up line? Katy: giving them the Wi-Fi and saying

telling them that they will need it later.

Amina, Temi, Rosie, and Chloe: What school are you from? Sutton High.



Who are you representing/ what's your role?

Iran.

How is globalisation a problem in your country?

Chloe: 'we need more but we don't want it'

One fun fact about your self?

Rosie: 'I like to sing!' Chloe: 'I do ice skating'

What are you most looking forward to?

Meeting new people.

Favourite pick up line?

Chloe: 'are you from Tennessee, because you are the only ten I see'

Bianca, Anissia, Derya, Alyssa, and Daria



Where are you from?

Romania, George Cosbuck School.

Role/who are you representing? Libya.

Fun fact?

We laugh a lot, maybe too much! We're organising our own IMUN conference.

Most excited for?

Talking about drugs, meeting people and making friends, exploring and the church service as we attended last year and found it interesting.

What do you think is the biggest issue being discussed here?

Freedom for elections especially for Libya, and violence against women and girls.

What's your best pick up line? 'I dreamt about you last night...'

Greg and Darry (Dizzy)



Where are you from?

Dublin, Black Rock College.

Role/What are you representing? Brazil.

Fun fact?

This is our first international MUN conference and Greg once got lost in a mental hospital.

Most excited for?

The talent shows. (look out for the Blackrock college boys singing 'I want it that way' acapella)

What's your best pick up line? What material is this shirt made of? Boyfriend material.

 Hollie Taylor, Natasha Kirmani, Elspeth Gardiner

"Social Media CEOs
Announce New 'Like Tax'
– Each like on your post
will now cost you 10
cents. Start budgeting
your virtual popularity,
teens! #LikeTax"

"Social Media Detox Clinics on the Rise – Discover the luxury of not refreshing your feed every 5 seconds. It's called 'nature,' and it's trending! (2) (2)* #UnplugAndHike"

The Making Another Global Crisis -Ultra Processed Foods

Cadbury mixed cacao with milk and sugar to attack our teeth; the tobacco companies like BAT hid the dangers of smoking from several generations; food corporations are attempting to hide the risks associated with ultra processed foods.

Globally, child obesity rates have grown exponentially over the last 50 years. These rates have increased by nearly a factor of 10. This means that 21% of children are leaving UK primary schools obese. How have we let global food corporations exploit loyal customers to the detriment of their health? Because as a complex human race, we're living on ultraprocessed foods. This is why I'm writing about the harmful and negative effects that ultraprocessed foods have not only on our bodies, but also our brains.

Let's start by defining what ultra-processed foods are: They are foods that have undergone a large amount of processing, usually transnationally.

Our supermarket shelves are stuffed with these problem foods: ice cream, carbonated drinks, and often many breakfast cereals. If we were to categorise food as a whole, you would come up with three main groups:

- **Group one:** would be minimally or not processed foods. These are foods like locally sourced vegetables and fruit, and also UK farm products like chicken breast, eggs and milk.
- **Group two:** would be food that's been processed to preserve shelf life, like some milk or exotic fruit and also ingredients that have been processed to create new food like making cheese or churning butter.
- **Group three:** this is where the ultra-processed foods are. Let's say we take the chicken breast from the first analogy, but we strip it of all of its healthy nutrients, and we turn it into a paste, shape the paste into a diplodocus and stick it in the freezer

where it can be stored for half a year and longer.

Now you can see where the issue is with group 3 products if we have taken away all the healthy nutrients and you are left with a waste product. So why are ultra-processed foods so attractive to substantial amounts of the global population? To put it simply, ultra-processed foods are cheap, accessible, and addictive. This is why so many people are falling for the trick. I mean, in today's fast paced and quickly moving society, a microwaveable meal from Tesco seems like a more desirable option to spending 40 minutes to an hour preparing a homecooked meal. And at this time of extremely high global energy prices, it is a lot cheaper to cook something in the microwave than heat up an oven.

Let's say you are bored one day, and you are scrolling through your phone on the social media app you use the most and without thinking about it, you pick yourself up and you take yourself to your fridge. Now this could be the first time or even the fifth time you have done this that day. Now you know there is no new food since you last checked and you know you are not hungry, but your brain is telling you, that you need to eat. Your brain is telling you because you are bored, you need to eat. This shows how ultra-processed foods are addictive.



Doctor Chris Van Tullekan underwent a fourweek experiment, in which he ate an 80 % ultra-processed food diet to 20 % minimally processed or not processed food diet. Two out of ten people in the UK currently have this diet. During this experiment, Dr Van Tulleken would eat ultra processed foods whenever he felt hungry, which, as the experiment went on, he discovered to be increasingly regular. This is because these kinds of foods mess with the

brain's understanding of hunger. Two weeks into this experiment, he experienced fatigue and headaches. Three weeks into this experiment, he experienced constipation, piles and heartburn. Four weeks into this experiment, he experienced broken sleep, insomnia, weight gain and general anxiety.

By the end of this experiment, Chris had gained 6.5 kg. His body mass index increased by two points, which meant he became classified as overweight. He also gained 3Kg more body fat. The hunger hormone in his body increased by 30 %. There was also a decrease in the fullness hormone. At the end of the experiment, he compared before and after brain scans.

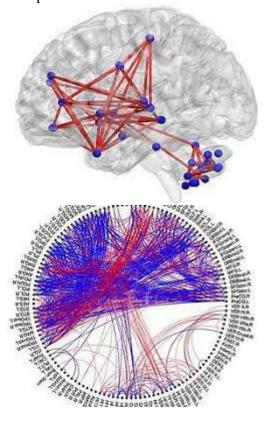


Image 1 Image 2

The blue lines in image 1 are all the connections and pathways his brain was making before the experiment, and the red lines were all the connections and pathways his brain was making after the experiment. In image 2 These are all the pathways his brain is making after the experiment. These scans showed that his diet links to the reward centres of his brain with the repetitive automatic areas of his brain. This means his brain was telling him to eat without him actually wanting it, showing again that ultra-processed foods are addictive.

Now these are the effects it is having on a 42-year-old brain over just four weeks. So, what are the effects it is having on our developing brains?

Although scientists know so little about highly processed foods, studies have shown these kinds of problematic foods put the consumer at an elevated risk of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes and some kinds of cancer. Scientists at the Journal Public Health Nutrition discovered that people who consume mass amounts of ultra processed foods are prone to depression and constant anxiety. Yes, that is right. Your eating habits not only alter how you think, but also your moods.

Now it probably doesn't come as a surprise to you that sugary snacks and baked goods are not that good for your body, but you should know how bad they are for not only your body, but your brain. To sum up, ultra-processed foods are addictive, too accessible, too affordable, and not nearly well researched.

Food for thought then! - Elspeth Gardiner

"World Leaders Unite to Solve Social Media Crisis – They're considering a mandatory daily selfie quota to boost self-esteem worldwide. Say cheese or face the consequences! #\$ #SelfieSaviors"

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GA – Then V Now!

As all of those prepared enough to check know, General Assembly is taking place in the sports hall facility this conference, but it wasn't always like that. In fact, we normally have GA take place in the great hall (this years Disco venue.) So lets compare the way we have grown and adapted, then V now!



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N O W



The Headmaster of Royal Russell School warmly welcomes all delegates and advisors to the 41st International Model United Nations conference. A new attendance record has been set this year with 700 people present.



This is an AI-free zone...

How the other half lives

Whilst the rest of us were tucking into our chilli and rice, your Approval Panel were enjoying fine dining with foie gras and champagne at a nearby restaurant. It's all about levelling up.



Best Be-Real competition!

We'd love to see the mischief you're getting up to outside (or maybe even in) the debate rooms, please send your best Be-reals, snapchats and photo's in general to us for everyone to enjoy! Email them to - 18dionet@royalrussell.co.uk or 17taylorh@royalrussell.co.uk

Best Dressed!



you there! (21:30 -