

# The Paw Print

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## A YEAR IN REVIEW

\*From Bottle flipping to a holy Gorilla

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Dear Paw Print Readers,

This is not only the final issue of the calendar year, but also the last time Justinus and I write to you as your editors of the newspaper, as we will be handing over the reigns to Suh hye Park and Nathaniel Beardsley at the conclusion of this issue. We hope that you have enjoyed some of the changes we have introduced, and are excited to see what the future of the Paw Print holds!

The theme of this month's issue revolves around reflection and looking back at 2016, both within school and in the world. Our lead article addresses an impression of the Student Council Presidential Elections, which occurred last week, and its potentially flawed voting system. The transcript of a speech given by "K", an 40th grader, during a Student Council meeting, has been attached. Hopefully there are steps we can take to focus on some of the points made in this speech.

In the science and technology section, we have a review of some of 2016's most contentious and exciting tech advancements and debates, such as Artificial Intelligence and the incredible head transplant that was followed closely by the media. In politics, we take a look at Merkel and her stability in the German government. With elections for Chancellor coming up next year, it will be interesting to continue to observe her attempts to remain in power. Another article discusses the internet sensation that is Harambe the gorilla; the unfathomable debate over the shooting of this animal in exchange for the safety of a child and the resultant creation of millions of memes.

Within BBIS, this half of 2016 has provided many opportunities for reflection. Suh hye Park reviews the BerMUN conference, an annual Model United Nations meeting with schools from around the world hosted by the John F. Kennedy School. We also delve into the world of sports at BBIS and provide an analysis of our school's first sports season. Furthermore, I write about the Waste Management situation that has been a prevalent issue at BBIS for some while, as well as give an update on the Student Council activities this month.

In a new segment we have added, Constantin Ernst provides us with his very own memes created based on our school. We do not wish to offend, and hope that everyone enjoys them as much as we have! Lastly, in our alumni section, Amalie Rasmussen, one of the former editors of the Paw Print, gives us an insight into university life and her experiences after leaving BBIS. Hopefully seniors applying to college can find this information useful!

Being a part of this Newspaper has been an immensely rewarding experience, as one gains unique perspectives on a variety of previously unknown topics. We would like to once again encourage any student from Grade 6-12 to come join the Newspaper! It not only gives you those highly valued CAS hours, but provides you with stronger writing skills and a willingness to openly share your opinions. We meet Mondays at 11:05 in Ms. Barker's classroom. I'm excited to see you there!

*Have a wonderful break,*

*Justinus Steinhorst*  
Editor-in-chief

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# Why the Presidential Election voting system is flawed

- by Gyugyung "K" Kang

Friday 9.12.2016

Dear Student Council,

My name is K, and I am in 10th grade. The election is going to be finished this week, but I have to tell you about the voting system of BBIS. I was confused and felt ridiculous about this system. There are three serious problems with this voting system.

The first Problem is about collecting signatures. I realised the importance of signatures when I myself had to collect signatures for orchestra purposes. Before i though signatures were just about freeing with a certain request, but its importance is far greater than I had thought. Most musicians hesitated to sign this document for the orchestra, and Ms. Organ even asked if the peers voluntarily gave me their signatures. During the BBIS presidential elections however, the importance of signatures depreciate in value. I had two requests from candidates. Before agreeing to sign their forms, I asked a few questions such as "what is your vision?" or "do you have a plan?". One candidate replied: "Man, just sign it, nobody cares!" or "why do you need a vision anyways?"

I went on to reply, "was there nobody else to ask you about your vision?"

The candidate replied with: "You are the only guy who asked me for that, 29 students signed without asking."

I know that the purpose of collecting signatures is to check if the candidate is trusted and has support from the students. But a clear plan or vision is the first step needed to choose a new student council president.

The second problem is related to the presidential debate. The biggest purpose of doing this debate is to know each person's opinion, and coming up with good ideas to solve the main problems in our school. Unfortunately, we had only 40 minutes to watch the debate, and many students, including myself, found it hard to understand the candidates' visions or the implementation of their plans. In order to know their plans, I took brief interview with both sides, and they both finished with the following "[The other candidate] doesn't have a plan or vision, I don't know why [he/she] even ran in the first place." Even both sides didn't know their opponent's pledges. Unfortunately the 40 minutes of debate were too short. How can people communicate their ideas in only 40 minutes?

Because of this problem, the students probably voted with the following reasons: popularity and friendship.

\*K shows the council a series of voice recordings depicting brief interviews with students, questioning their motivations behind their vote\*

The third and final problem is the lack of neutrality of the election administrators. On Wednesday during lunch, the nl was waiting for the next lesson, the elec-



tion administrator of the Student Council recommended me to vote. I said "I am still not sure about who I should vote." And guess what this person said next? They recommended me to vote for a specific candidate. This was a shock that the election administrator was not neutral, and chose to request me to vote for a specific candidate. I asked, "Did you recommend to all voters to vote for this person?"

His answer: "Kind of, yes!"

This is a serious problem and it has definitely harmed the neutrality of the election administration. It is great, that the method of choosing a new president for BBIS is based on a democracy, but it has changed for the

worse, to a "popularity vote". Would this case be repeated on real world elections, the aspect of justice and ability that a leader must have, would disappear, and people would simply vote for the person that they like more. I would like to propose a revote, but I know this might not work as the voting procedure ends today.

What I want to say is I want to see a reformed system in the future. A clear and fair vote, not a popularity contest.

Thank you.



# THE WORLD'S FIRST HEAD TRANSPLANT

- by Carolina Vasilcisin

**Prof Sergio Canavero wants to carry out the first ever head transplant as early as next year.**

The surgeon states that he has got a lot of volunteers from the UK who want to get a head transplant, which involves the patient using a donor body and having their head implanted to it. Although many medical experts around the world argue that the success of the surgery is impossible, Professor Canavero assures that he is confident about the outcomes of the procedure. "When everything will be set, I expect a 90% chance of success", says the surgeon, mentioning that the patient will wake up without any damage and start moving and walking within one month of physiotherapy.

The surgery will either take place in UK, Germany



or France, and is estimated to cost around 14 million pounds. The surgery will be performed on Valery Spiridonov, who suffers from Werdnig-Hoffman's, also known as a muscle-wasting disease, which results in him not being able to move, breath or swallow, leaving him in a wheelchair. The patient is willing to have his head transplanted to a healthy body, since his condition is getting worse everyday increasing the chances of death.

How will the procedure work?

The procedure will require at least 150 medical staff and approximately 36 hours for the completion of the



operation. The first step would be to freeze the head and the body of the patient in order to stop the brain cells from dying. The neck of the patient will then be cut, followed by cutting the spinal cord, which is considered to be the hardest step of the procedure. The step will be performed using a special knife made out of diamonds due to its immense strength. The head will be placed onto the body of the donor (who is classified brain dead but otherwise healthy) and will be attached to the spinal cord using a glue like substance called polyethylene glycol, which is the key ingredient to fusing the ends of the spinal cord together. The veins, muscles and organs will be reattached, and the skin will be stitched together.

The success of the procedure could give new hope to thousands of paralysed and disabled people in the future.



# Potential of the ocean

- by Constantin Ernst

**A concept that makes Tesla technology look antique**

Casting a shadow over conventional renewable energy resources, the Quant limousines powered by the NanoFlowcell AG are not only designed for admiration but also promise to be the solution to the world's ever growing energy demand. Nunzio La Vecchia, head of the company, outlines that the Quant FE-Type (centre vehicle) is the most powerful of the fleet with stunning specifications. Top speed of 300km/h with an acceleration of 2.8 seconds to a 100km/h despite a weight of 2.3 tons, all-wheel drive and powered by 4 synchronous motors with a total of 1090 horsepower, as well as a range of up to 800 kilometres. In comparison, the Tesla Model S offers only half of this immense torque and range. However, it is not the engine power that is most significant about any of the Quant limousines, it is the substance that fuels this technology: ionized saltwater. The exact composition of the liquid is kept secret and the vehicles are not allowed to leave the country of Liechtenstein, however the NanoFlowcell AG took the concept of a flow cell battery from NASA and perfected it. The process of obtaining this energy starts off by separating the liquids into two separate tanks in the car, one positively and one negatively charged through ionization. The electrolyte fluids undergo an ion exchange through a membrane that provides electric current, which then powers the 4 electric engines.

In 2014, the NanoFlowcell AG presented the Quant E at the Geneva Motor Show, however many were sceptic about the cars actual ability, others even claimed it was all "fake". In October 2016, the well-known German magazine Auto Motor und Sport had the opportunity to examine as well as driving the Quantino and the Quant FE-Type, but only under the

observation of Nunzio La Vecchia. Alexander Bloch was able to interview La Vecchia during a trip with the Quantino, and according to the electric pioneer the electrolyte is not available at common gas stations, but since it is not toxic and inflammable, it would be fairly easy to install a functional infrastructure. The only emission of the car would be the filtered fluid, merely vaporized water. The Quant FE is even more impressive, the insensible steering reminds Bloch of other prototypes, which makes the experience more authentic. His conclusion is that there is a difference between prototypes and actual cars for everyday use, but Quant technology proves that the cars can drive and La Vecchia seems to keep his promise.

All in all, this exciting outlook onto the possible solutions for our future keeps many on the edge of their seat, awaiting further results.

To convince the world with more visuals, the NanoFlowcell AG produced a short-film advertising the Quant E Type, and it is highly effective. Scan the QR Code below to head over to the video.



# Artificial Intelligence: It's coming

- by Nathaniel Beardsley

Throughout much of the modern history of mankind, people have dreamed of having devices like robots, intelligent, mobile machines that will tell them anything they want to know and perform tasks that people don't want to do themselves. It may feel like science fiction, but as the clock ticks onward and technology becomes ever more intricate and advanced, you may find a lot of books from the science fiction section of your library making the transfer to realistic fiction.

I say this because in the year 2016 we have made massive leaps towards creating a world where AIs live and work among us and where robots are an ordinary part of our everyday lives. Drones are now so common that there are signs in public places forbidding their use, and devices such as Amazon Echo and Google Home, though not true 'robots,' are certainly useful for things like turning on and off lights, answering queries, and playing music, making them feel like robots at times.

But perhaps the most exciting developments are those being made in the field of autonomous robots designed for manual labor; after all, drones that can play Strauss' Also sprach Zarathustra are cool, but hardly the most useful purpose for these machines, especially when humans can perform somewhat less...robotically.

Among the developers working on creating these types of advanced robots are Boston Dynamics, Honda, and NASA, with their robots Atlas, ASIMO, and Valkyrie respectively. Each of these robots is designed for unique tasks, for example, Atlas is designed for heavy lifting and search and rescue missions, whereas ASIMO is better at interacting with people, doing things such as serving food, shaking hands, and even conducting orchestras. Yes, that's not a joke. Valkyrie is designed for being sent to Mars or other planets ahead of humans in order to

construct some facilities there before human astronauts come to work along with it.

These robots aren't just remote-controlled devices useful for doing chores, however, as they are also very intelligent. ASIMO is able to recognize the faces of people it has interacted with before, and is also able to sense the strength of forces acting on it so it knows how hard to hold things and hence not break them. In other words, it won't break your arm if you try to shake its hands, and if it is helping an old woman move across a room, it has the capability of being very gentle. "The stuff that seems kind of everyday," says Lance Ulanoff, chief correspondent of Mashable.com, "like picking up a cup and pouring and all that is actually even more exciting in some ways than the running, because to figure out 'cup, cup, pour, don't crush, keep it balanced'...that means they're starting to figure it out."

There are some drawbacks, however. Most of these robots do not have a very long battery life, and have to recharge themselves frequently. That's combined with the fact that the robots- given the way they have to calculate movements exactly, and cannot do so nearly as fast as the human brain- oftentimes perform tasks very slowly. Using a robot such as this requires a good deal of patience, for the time being, at least. There isn't any doubt, however, that in the future things such as this will improve significantly. As a matter of fact, Honda's first designs for walking robots, built back in 1986, took 15 seconds to complete a single step. In comparison, ASIMO is extremely fast, even having the ability to run at 9 km.h-1.

Overall, it looks like there is much to look forward to in the future within the realm of AIs, and it won't be long until we see robots like Atlas and ASIMO in our everyday lives. "These things are gonna be walking down the streets in 10-15 years, deliver-





ing pizzas," remarked Insider.com CEO Jason Calacanis. "This is really the end of manual labor." What exactly will that mean for us? We'll just have to wait and see.

These new developments can certainly be disconcerting at times, as all major technological devel-

opments in the history of mankind have been, but it is clear that robotics and artificial intelligence is the future, and we're living in a time where we'll witness firsthand the start and perpetuation of this exciting new technology.



# The defining moment of the 21st century

- by Christoph Baetz

When attempting to catch the essence of the 21st century, a plethora of definitive moments may come to mind; the terrifying victory of Trump, the impressive progress of the millennium development goals, the worrying nature of the refugee crisis, and the list continues. But, undoubtedly, the most definitive moment of the 21st century, was the death of one gorilla and the global outcry that emanated in reaction. I am talking of course, about Harambe.

A local attraction at Cincinnati zoo, Harambe brought continuous joy and happiness to the denizens of the world, entertaining through his, at time, graceful strides, at other's, his humorous antics. A free thinker, an unapologetic questioner, a gorilla of the people, Harambe represented all that humanity strived to be.

Tragically, as with many of the positive facets of humanity, Harambe's time roaming the earth had to come to an end. On May 28, 2016, a three-year-old boy fell into the western lowland Gorilla's enclosure, prompting zoo officials to kill the gorilla based off safety concerns. The tragic shooting occurred just one day after Harambe's 17 birthday.

The killing sparked international outcry to the morality of zoos and sparked debate amongst biologists and primatologists as to the ethics of primate captivity. A bystander's video of the incident quickly went viral on the internet, a decided impetus to the endless memes following the heroic Gorilla's death.

The memes were plentiful, and quickly outgrew their expected online lifespan, ranging from rewriting the lyrics of popular songs to be about the gorilla to making epic social media responses to the death of the gorilla, Harambe became a meme to be reckoned with.

But Harambe transcended the internet and the memes, becoming a political symbol and beacon of hope for those disheartened by the state of the world. In late July 2016 during the American Election process the gorilla had nearly 5% of votes, beating green party candidate Jill Stein. Numerous songs were written about the gorilla, including works from rap titans young thug and dumbfoundead.

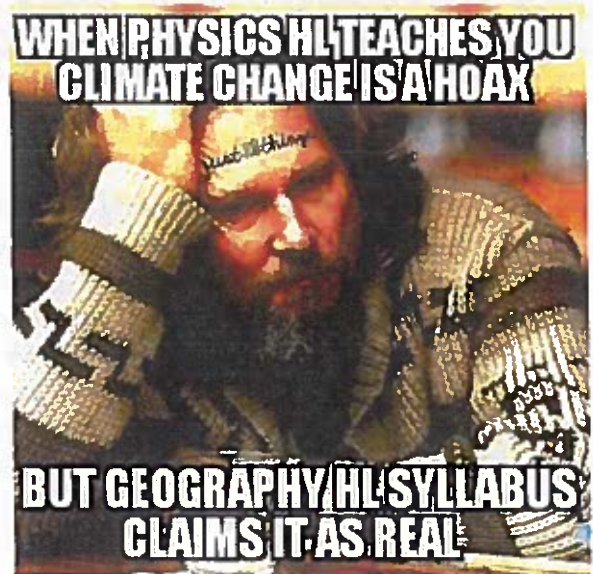
The meme continued to grow, penetrating many crevices of the internet. In a Chinese zoo holding an online naming poll for a newborn gorilla, "Harambe Mcharambeface" won by resounding victory. In Australia it became a running joke support Harambe as a candidate on the ballot for federal election. It became evident that the gorilla had found its way into peoples hearts, a symbol of hope and happiness, which always stands in stark contrast to the tragic circumstances of his death.

Because the sad reality of the matter is, that Harambe in his wholesomeness will never return to us. Yet a semblance of hope remains, in the realization that



Harambe continues to live in our hearts and the collective mind of the internet, having entered human

history as venerated meme and cultural-icon.



# Merkel the Everlasting

- by Justinus Steinhorst

After increasing speculation, incumbent Chancellor Angela Merkel has finally published her decision to run for a third term in office, once again as Chairman of the CDU and Chancellor of Germany. Her announcement two weeks before the annual Party Congress of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) does not come as a surprise. Amidst the rise of Donald Trump and Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) within her own ranks, pundits have widely forecasted her decision.



Merkel's renewed commitment to the party and nation is widely seen as a sign of stability amidst a perpetuating global political crisis. As she stated, in these "difficult and uncertain times" it is crucial to strengthen the foothold of our current establishment, reaffirming the security the disillusioned electorate has so long been yearning for. In regards to the fragmented political climate within her country, she vowed to lead an open debate with her opponents. "We shall come together and argue like Democrats, not to hate, de-

grade or ostracize"

The Chancellor's decision is met with harsh criticism from the opposition. Bernd Riexinger, Chairman of Die Linke (The left), voiced his concerns in an interview following the publication of Merkel's decision. "The decision for the renewed candidacy is a signal for stagnation. Nothing will change in our country under a fourth term." Supporters of Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen (Green party), however have remained largely silent. The party might be withholding their usual scrutiny for Merkel, in order to pursue their long-term aspiration of forming a coalition with the CDU following the Federal elections in 2017.

The highlight of Merkel's announcement, during a CDU press conference, remained the bold symbolism of the televised backdrop. The clear blue background towering behind her figure; a color strongly associated with loyalty, stability and trust; precisely what the incumbent Chancellor will have to convey to the German people, if she wishes to extend her reign. Most strikingly however, the words "Die Mitte" (The Middle) stood anchored at the focal point of the shot. Amidst an ever growing right-wing tide, the traditionally conservative CDU has become an increasingly progressive party. Pulling towards the liberal left, Merkel thus hopes to attract voters from both sides of the aisle. While hindering the advance of the AfD will likely remain Merkel's primary objective, uniting the establishment parties including the Left-Green opposition will prove crucial in Merkel's final chapter at the helm of the German government.



# Ending Human Suffering: The 25th Anniversary of BerMUN

- by Suh hye Park

This year, the annual 25th BerMUN opening ceremony was held at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, a prestigious political institute located in the center of Berlin. Berlin Model United Nations is a three day conference where students from all over the world meet together to debate a particular problem pertaining to the modern world and enact preventive measures against these problems whilst representing a country. BerMUN started off with the main guest speaker and former spokesperson for the U.S. Information Agency for President Clinton's Administration, Kimberly Emerson. She spoke about the active and crucial role of MUN in the lives of students and implementing solutions to problems centered around "active volunteerism." More than 700 students from over 90 countries attended the BerMUN Conference. From BBIS, five delegates took part in this conference; from 12th grade, Shawan Biswas and Alex Meyer and from 11th grade, Johannes Krauss, Emma Schuetze, and Suh hye Park. We were all representatives of the Sudanese delegation and were part of the Political Committee, Environmental Committee, Special Conference, Disarmament Committee, and Human Rights Committee.

*"It was amazing, interacting with all those people to create a solution that would benefit everyone without controversy. Then again, there were also those moments when people would make clauses forcing all nations to bow down to Kim Jong Un accepting him as their world leader, so it wasn't serious the entire time." -Cheeku Biswas (Grade 12)*

This year, the BerMUN conference had a special theme encompassing all the values of the UN; Ending Human Suffering: Reassessing the United Nation's Role in the Globalized World. With the misconception that MUN is a "mock debate that privileged kids attend to revel in self-importance for a few days," the creators of this BerMUN's theme sought to question and bring back the essence of UN and what it stands for. With such inspirational and burdensome topic, the delegates each went to their committees to start their three-day debate. However, it was not all seriousness when the sessions were in place, the delegates passed notes to each other asking to be allies, to build a wall or to fund to build a wall, and to put Kim Jong Un as everyone's supreme leader. At the end, the delegates indulged in something called the "Confession Box" where delegates could anonymously

express their feelings about anything that happened during the session. These ranged from "hot Chairs <3 <3" to "Kim Jong Un!!." All in all, it was a great

conference where people could make new friends and debate passionately about our globalized world's issues.



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# Join MUN!



# The Student Council

## - A monthly update

- by Darya Guettler

In this segment, I will be informing the student body about the Student Council has been doing, what our plans are, and what events to look out for!

### What is the Student Council?

If you are a new student, or have simply never heard of us before, here is a short explanation of the duties of the Student Council. We attempt to serve as a bridge between the administration and the student body. Unhappy with the crowded IB Study Room? We will fight for more space! Dislike the cafeteria lines? We are addressing it! Sometimes, however, these things take time. So if you think that we are doing nothing, please think again.

### What is your Homeroom Representative there for?

At the beginning of the year, each homeroom was asked to elect their Homeroom Representative, who will serve as the connection between the Student Council and the Student body. They are meant to inform their Homeroom about the decisions the Student Council makes, Council events, and poll homerooms about Student Council decisions. Also, we have now changed the const



### What have we done so far?

We are currently celebrating the last spirit days of the Calendar year, the second being a whole school initiative. We have also just completed elections, and the new Presidents and Executive positions have been voted in, taking over the Council in January. In addition, we are running a school supplies and bike helmet drive at school for a local refugee shelter, which will be in conjunction with the Elementary school. Therefore, if you have any extra school sup-

plies, or any old bike helmets, please bring these in! Boxes will be in the Atriums of Houses 2 and 3.

### What are our goals?

We are currently trying to create an IB Common room, which would serve as a student lounge, as opposed to a Study Room. In addition, we will continue to push for collaboration with the local community through the school-wide Bike, Bike Helmet and School Supply Drive!

### What are some events you should look out for?

We are currently planning a Prom for Grade 11 and 12. Tickets will be available this calendar year already! We will be posting a link to the online ticket system tomorrow. Furthermore, get excited for the annual Winter Breakfast, which is today! Also, we are planning a Dodgeball tournament with High School students and teachers, where teams will compete against each other to find the dodgeball champions!

### How can we help YOU?

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests, feel free to contact me at [daryaguettler@gmail.com](mailto:daryaguettler@gmail.com) or [bbiscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bbiscouncil@gmail.com), speak directly to me or your homeroom representative, and come to our Student Council meeting at 11:30 on Friday in Room 2401. Also, please friend us on Snapchat! There are notices all around school for the snapchat. We will be including updates on our meetings in our story every week.

# What you don't know about BBIS' sustainability

- by Darya Guettler

For several years now, we have been hearing rumors that our trash is not being sorted, despite the distinctly marked trash bins. Some people have claimed that they have seen the cleaners combine all the trash into one bag, displaying a complete disregard for the clear color codes. But is it true?

Chantal Materne, the Student Council Environmental Officer, and I sat down with the CFO of BBIS, Mr. Burkhard Dolata, and the Facilities Manager, Nikolas Nießen, in order to determine the truth behind these allegations. The discovery was quite surprising.

In the contract that BBIS has with its cleaning company, it is stated that the separate bins should be treated as such: separate. This separated trash is then filled into different containers, at which point the paper and the plastic waste are transported to a recycling facility. The cleaners are contractually obligated to leave the trash compartments separated. Failure to do so would result in severe consequences for both the individual janitor and the cleaning company. This information was all confirmed by the facilities manager and the CFO. Why, then, have there been so many testimonials stating otherwise?

It is in fact the power a cyclical argument that has created BBIS' waste management issue. The fact that cleaners are mixing the different types of trash is a likely possibility, but this is not necessarily their fault. The contract states that they are requested to leave

the trash separate, but not to sort our trash. Therefore, if students place a banana peel in the Paper bin and a cardboard box in general waste, there is no point in sorting the trash.

By seeing cleaners do this, students believe that trash is not sorted, and there is subsequently no need to take the time to throw trash in the correct compartment. As a result, cleaners cannot respect the waste separation clause in their contract, and the vicious cycle is created.

And there is only one way to break it. We, the students (and the teachers), should go out of our way to ensure that we are fulfilling our end of the contract. Therefore, the next time you are throwing something away, take a moment to think about the correct trash container. Only if we complete our side of the bargain can the cleaning company complete theirs!

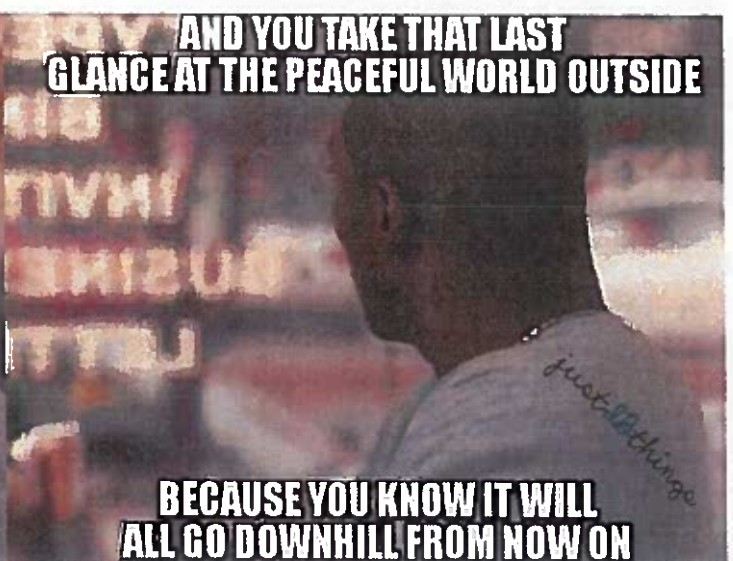
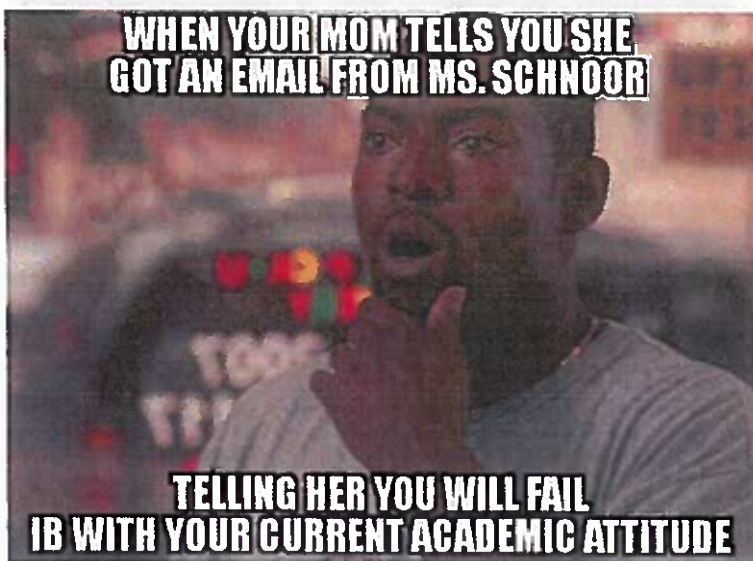
This is not the only sustainability initiative BBIS is taking. The school is also collecting rain water, which is used in cases of fire and some plumbing. Furthermore, we have invested in CO2 detectors in the Elementary School, which indicate when levels of CO2 in the building are too high. In addition, BBIS is participating in a project to measure our overall CO2 emissions, in order to determine where we need to make cuts in the future and how we can be as efficient and smart in our use of utilities around school.





Therefore, try to be supportive and help out, next time you think about BBIS' sustainability. There is still

much to be done, but a lot that is already being addressed that students are just not fully aware of.

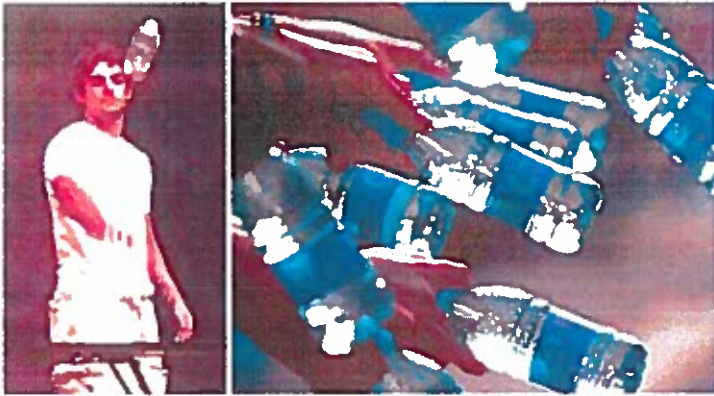


# Challenges of 2016

- by Emily Lauterbach

## Bottle Flip challenge

This challenge, as we all know, involves flipping a partially filled bottle into the air in an attempt to land it upright on its bottom. The challenge is to do this with the first try. Eventually, it extends to flipping it higher, faster, from a larger distance or onto other objects. It overtook the internet, where people filmed themselves attempting to do this challenge not only with one but with multiple water bottles. It looks easy, but it takes practice. The trick is to have just the right amount of fluid in the bottle as this greatly influences how it flips and lands. Have you mastered the Bottle Flip?



## Running Man challenge

Similar to other dance trends like the Harlem Shake (remember that!) it involves a variation of the running man to an old 90's hit song called My Boo by Ghost Town DJ's. This trend was made popular by Jaylen



Brantley and Jared Nickens, two University of Maryland basketball players.

## No mirror makeup challenge

This challenge is simple: Do your makeup without using a mirror. This challenge went viral on YouTube where makeup artists and YouTubers like Jaclyn Hill, Manny Mua, or Kathleenlights filmed themselves doing it. Of course, many were accused of having used a mirror based on their 'flawless' results, but the whole point was to do it without. When it comes to things like lipstick or mascara, a mirror might not be necessary but it's amusing to watch youtubers try to do their eyebrows or eyeliner without a mirror.



*The mannequin challenge*



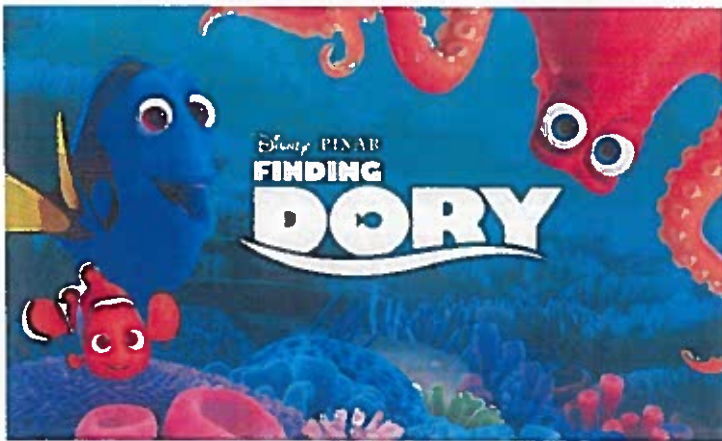
# The best movies/ shows of 2016 and to come in 2017

- by Emily Lauterbach

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## Successes



### Finding Dory

Featuring: Ellen DeGeneres, Ty Burrell, and Ed O'Neill

A sequel to the original classic Finding Nemo where the wide-eyed tang fish Dory goes on a journey to find her long-lost parents. Nemo and Marlin accom-

pany her on this quest but on the way, Dory gets captured by the humans. Dory is sent to the quarantine section and Nemo and Marlin attempt to rescue her, plot being very similar to Finding Nemo. Will Dory find her parents? Can Nemo and Marlin rescue her? Watch to find out.

Ratings: 94% (Rotten Tomatoes); 7,6/10 (IMDb); 5/5 (Common Sense Media)

### Deadpool

Featuring: Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin

Ratings: 84% (Rotten Tomatoes); 8,1/10 (IMDb); 4/5 (Common Sense Media)

### Lights out

Featuring: Teresa Palmer, Maria Bello, and Gabriel Bateman

Ratings: 77% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,4/10 (IMDb); 4/5 (Common Sense Media)

### The secret life of pets

Featuring: Kevin Hart

Ratings: 75% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,7/10 (IMDb); 4/5 (Common Sense Media)

## Disappointments

### Suicide Squad

Featuring: Margot Robbie, Jared Leto, Will Smith, and Cara Delevingne

"Figuring they're all expendable, a U.S. intelligence officer decides to assemble a team of dangerous, incarcerated supervillains for a top-secret mission. Now armed with government weapons, Deadshot (Will Smith), Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie), Captain Boomerang, Killer Croc and other despicable inmates must learn to work together. Dubbed Task Force X, the criminals unite to battle a mysterious and powerful entity, while the diabolical Joker (Jared Leto) launches an evil agenda of his own."

Ratings: 26% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,5/10 (IMDb); 2/5 (Common Sense Media)



### Batman vs. Superman

Featuring: Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Amy Adams, and Jesse Eisenberg

Ratings: 27% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,8/10 (IMDb); 3/5 (Common Sense Media)

### Alice through the looking glass

Featuring: Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska, and Anne Hathaway

Ratings: 30% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,3/10 (IMDb); 3/5 (Common Sense Media)

### Jason Bourne

Featuring: Matt Damon, Alicia Vikander, Tommy Lee Jones, and Julie Stiles

Ratings: 56% (Rotten Tomatoes); 6,8/10 (IMDb); 2/5 (Common Sense Media)

### Movies to come in 2017

It seems as if the year of 2017 has many great movies prepared, most of which are sequels, such as Fast 8

or another classic Disney movie remake Beauty and the beast starring Emma Watson. I think that we are all most excited about this one, whether we want to admit it or not.

- Wonder Woman
- Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
- Star wars: Episode VIII
- Fast 8
- Beauty and the beast
- XXX: Return of Xander Cage
- Despicable Me 3
- Fifty Shades Darker
- Divergent Series: Allegiant- Part 2

### Best shows of 2016

#### Gilmore Girls: A year in the Life

Although this isn't technically a movie, it certainly is one of 2016's highlights. Gilmore Girls, which first aired in October of 2000, is one of the most popular and beloved TV shows of all times. It follows the life of a single mother, Lorelai (Lauren Graham) and daughter Rory (Alexis Bledel) and their inseparable best-friendship. The show has everything from family drama to friendships, romance and comedy all taking place in a fictional town called Stars Hollow. The show ended in 2007 with all questions left unanswered: Will Luke and Lorelai end up together? Who will Rory choose? Dean, Jess or Logan?

Now almost 10 years later "Gilmore Girls: A year in the Life" launched on November 25th as a Netflix original series. It features four episodes, each 95 minutes, recreating the once so beloved but old-style TV series. The excitement is huge but you will need to watch it for yourself to see if Amy Sherman successfully managed to recreate the show to our satisfaction.

#### Other new shows:

- Westworld
- Stranger Things

#### Shows that took off this year:

- Orange is the new black
- Pretty little liars (PLL)
- How to get away with Murder
- Game of Thrones
- The Walking Dead
- Narcos



# An Interview with Amalie Rasmussen

- by Darya Guettler

**How has life been since you left BBIS?**

Since leaving BBIS I have started studying Biochemistry at the University of St. Andrews, after a great summer filled with travelling, sun and no IB stress. So far I have really enjoyed my time at St. Andrews with interesting lectures, exciting lab practicals, and the many balls and events. I am super happy I decided to come here!

**What do you miss most about BBIS?**

I miss the lunches and study periods with my friends!!

**Do you have any tips for rising seniors applying to university next year?**

Look at all aspects of the universities you have applied to before you decide which to attend. To me, even small details, such as when exams dates are placed, may greatly affect your university experience. For me, making pro/con lists for my various choices, very much helped!



**What are your plans for the future?**

After completing my degree at St. Andrews, my plan is to get a Phd in virology as in the future I would like to do research into viral diseases.

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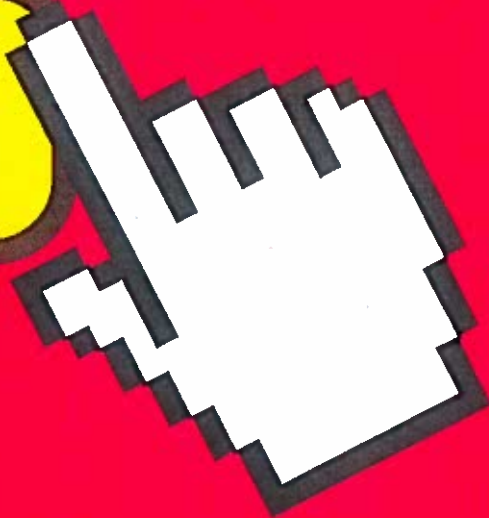
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