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A Christmas Tail: Minty Mouse





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Welcome from the Head of School, Mrs. Alison Cobbin

Welcome to our Term 1 edition of the Dwight Magazine.

We enjoyed our first event before the term even started by inviting our new families to enjoy an ice cream at our sports field, giving them the opportunity to get to know each other and some of our staff. It was such a lovely afternoon and a great way to welcome them to the Dwight community.

Our students have been out and about this term, enjoying many day trips in and around London. We are so lucky to have such amazing educational opportunities on our doorstep. Our Upper School students also had the opportunity to bond over five days at our new retreat venues in the Lake District, Dorset and in Cornwall at the Eden Project, which they all enjoyed.

I have been so proud of our younger students on so many occasions this term. The Year 2 students put on a super exhibition about saving the planet, it is always so lovely to see how their Units of Inquiry inspire them to take action. Our Early Years students also put on a wonderful performance of *Minty Mouse*, it was so much fun and full of energy. You really must read about Teagan from Year 3 on page 11! She has introduced such a fabulous new initiative in the Lower School and we are really very proud of her.

The Upper School students have also made us proud as we have enjoyed wonderful musical, talent and drama evenings. It was fantastic to welcome students from our sister schools in Shanghai and New York as well as students from local London schools and Berlin. They filled the corridors and classrooms with music and laughter at our annual Choir Fest. I was so impressed with our Diploma musicians when they dazzled their audience at their recital evening. As always, our drama students wowed their audiences during their many performances and we were also delighted to see the students put on another amazing talent show. They never fail to amaze us.

It has been a delight to enjoy more music at the weekends with the introduction of our Saturday Music Conservatory. It is wonderful to see our Year 1 musicians playing alongside our Diploma students. This programme is also open to students from outside Dwight, so please feel free to let your friends know about this great new opportunity.

I was also extremely impressed with our Diploma students for putting together another successful Model United Nations event here at school. It is inspiring to see them debate about such current global issues. I feel assured that our future leaders will make this world a better place.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to page 22, where we have introduced a new section 'Life After Dwight' to our magazine that showcases our Alumni, it is fabulous to hear how our past students are getting on and hear about what they have been up to since they have left us.

I wish you all a peaceful holiday period, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best wishes.

Alison Cobbin
Head of School



New Family Fun

On Friday, 24th August at our school fields, we welcomed all our new families to a social afternoon. The afternoon was lovely, with the sun shining and ice-cream being eaten by all! The new families got to meet the staff, play games and mingle with each other. It was a brilliant start to the new academic year.



Personalised Learning

Igniting the Spark of Genius in every child

Year 5 and 6 Transition Day

Whilst the Upper School students were on their retreats in September, the Year 5 and Year 6 classes each spent a day at the Upper School! During the day, they got involved with some messy science experiments: Year 6 investigated how to make a rainbow out of acid and alkaline liquids and Year 5 created some slime. They also used the laser cutters in the Design Technology Lab to create some Halloween decorations, played instruments in music and learnt about Chinese culture in Mandarin class!



Getting Dramatic at ISTA

From Monday, 8th October to Wednesday, 10th October the D1 and D2 Theatre students attended the International Schools' Theatre Association course in Holborn at the Conway and Seven Dials Centre. They were joined by 14 other international schools from as far afield as the British School Jakarta, Indonesia and International School of Kenya as well as several European schools such as the Antwerp International School, Belgium.

The course consisted of three days of ensemble drama work and specialist master workshops on practitioners such as Meisner. The students also learnt about mask work with the Trestle Theatre Company. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Done and they all attended two productions as a group.

On the Monday, they saw *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* at the Apollo Theatre: a high-energy piece about a boy who wants to be himself and wear a dress to his school prom. On the Tuesday, they visited the Rudolf Steiner Hall in Marylebone and saw a play called *Rachel* about the Holocaust. They described this as being a very moving and emotional piece.

It was an inspirational three days and the teachers and students both agreed it was extremely informative and stimulating. D1 cannot wait to return next year. In the future we hope to also take our M1- M5 students to the ISTA Middle Years festivals.



Mathsmania in the Lower School



On Tuesday, 20th November the Lower School celebrated Maths with a fun and interesting day. It began with a Maths Assembly Quiz where students had the opportunity to win points for their Houses by answering questions. This was followed by an entire morning of workshops. Students used fractions to write their own music, created patterns and tessellations to make artworks and designed their own version of Hogwarts Castle to name just a few of the many engaging activities. Year 6 students also organised a Maths Treasure Hunt for Kindergarten and Reception, allowing our youngest children to have fun while showing their understanding of size, pattern, shape and much more. Some of the older students also took part in the worldwide Primary Mathematics Challenge. Congratulations to Theo for obtaining the Gold Award, Filippo for the Silver and to Tamar and Koutarou for the Bronze.

Getting Creative in the Cuttlefish Studios

We have had many different Art Trips to the Inky Cuttlefish Printmaking Studios for our MYP and Diploma students this term. They have learnt about Lino Cutting, Collagraphy, etching and printing. These workshops have produced some wonderful artwork!



Emotional Monologues in M5

On Thursday, 22nd November the M5 Drama class performed their original interpretation of the *Anne Frank* story. They all wrote a monologue as one of the characters from the diary and produced ensemble scenes. The play ended with a film of (her father) Otto Frank speaking to the audience, reflecting on his life, Anne, the diary and how he was not bitter about what had happened. It was an emotionally-charged moment, which the audience remarked upon in the question and answer session afterwards.



An Imaginative Evening with D2

On Friday, 30th November, the D2 Theatre Students performed their original experimental collaborative plays. The first play was called *Devil's Advocate* and was influenced by the theatre company Complicite's and their production called *The Encounter*. The second show was based on a well-known conspiracy theory about how to change the world into a happier place with devastating consequences. The techniques used in the play were inspired by an East London Theatre company called Temper. The final production was called *Labels* and the students took the American Theater Company *Split Britches* as their stimulus and wrote a piece that explored social issues through theatrical expression.



All the students performed extremely well on the evening and we enjoyed a question and answer session afterwards to allow students to assess if the audience perceived what they were aiming to portray. Well done, a highly imaginative evening!

Global Vision

Diligent Debating at Dwight

As one of the founders of Dwight's second ever MUN conference, I am happy to say that I am very proud of the outcome of this initiative and all the hard work that once seemed impossible to all the members of the MUN Student Board of Directors. We were thrilled to welcome students from Southbank and Halcyon to share and learn about Model United Nations from this experience. It was amazing seeing so many students form new bonds as well as developing confidence and knowledge of global issues through debating. Overall, I enjoyed being involved in the creation of this successful event and am thankful to all those who assisted. - *Portia, D2*



Getting Cultural in M3

This year M3 Spanish students celebrated the Day of the Dead and as part of the global context Cultural and Personal Expression, they learnt about all the intricate aspects and rituals taking place on this holiday.

The students started the week making their own sugar skulls, which they decorated in a workshop on Friday. They also created some masks which they decorated with wonderful colours, stones and paper petals. All this while listening to some traditional music for the day. It was great to hear James join in with his own version of *Un Poco Loco* from the film *Coco*.



Finally, the students had their Mexican lunch at Mestizo Restaurant where they tried the delicious pan de muerto (bread of the dead). It was a wonderful week and we thank Ms. Delgado for organising this event again this year.

Musical Maestro

This years Diploma Music Recital involved seven of our top senior music students. It was a real treat being invited to listen to Clara (Chinese traditional instrument 'guzheng'), Tarkan (saxophone), Ran (piano), Ezekiel (cello), Yael (classical guitar), Herbie (violin) and Reika (piano) and their dazzling and competent interpretations of compositions by Chopin, Bloch, Monti, Golson and others. As usual, the performances were recorded for IB DP examinations and Mr. Kraft had good reason to be a proud man considering the outstanding standard displayed by all students alike!

Choral Extravaganza

In many ways, the Dwight Choir Fest in October encapsulated the spirit of our school. It was a joy to have students and teachers from Shanghai, New York, Berlin and London filling our corridors and classrooms with music and laughter.

The rehearsals and participation of our guests in the lessons were both eye-opening and inspiring and the concert on Saturday was dazzling, with outstanding performances and high energy. The real triumph of the festival was the creativity, collaboration, and relationships that were built throughout the four-day festival. This is the power of the arts - it inspires, motivates and brings people together. We cannot wait for the next Choir Festival!

Choir Fest



Community

Coffee and the Community

At our Whole School Coffee Morning, we enjoyed welcoming our new and old families back to a new term. It was a lovely morning, where the atmosphere was so friendly and full of excitement for what was to come. Remember we hold termly coffee mornings so join us on our next one on Wednesday, 9th January.



Wearing Jeans for Genes

It was amazing to see our students take part in Jeans for Genes charity day where they raised £145! Getting to know and understand genetic disorders is important. Not only did our students develop their learning and empathy skills, they also raised money that will help fund projects such as providing nursing care, state of the art equipment, activity weekends and online support and counselling. Thank you to all who donated!

Inter-House Fun

Mr. Clare organised the first major inter-house event this academic year - a Scavenger Hunt in Friary Park - involving students from both the Lower and Upper Schools. Whole School House events are becoming traditional half-termly activities to promote Whole School House spirit.

Students were allocated into mixed-age House groups of 10-12 students. Each group was captained by a Diploma student and had a teacher assigned to the group as well. They were provided with a map of Friary Park and a 'stamp sheet'. The teams had to collect items, answer questions, find flags and complete 'teacher challenges' in order to gain house points.



The groups decided on how they go about collecting the points, or which category they focus on in a time limit of 45 minutes. What a fun way it was to finish the half-term and send everyone off having enjoyed some outdoor education. Thank you to all the staff involved in this creative House event.

Getting Out and About

The Dwight Parents Out and About Club have had a busy first term. In September, the group visited Chiswick House and got to see a glorious example of 18th century British architecture. October brought a trip to the London Postal Museum including a ride on the postal train which transported the mail underneath the city for many years. In November, the crew went on a theatrical, historical, spooky pub crawl from Hampstead to Highgate, even walking for 15 minutes in the pitch black Heath! To finish the term, in December, the group toured Dennis Severs House, an artistic time capsule of a 1700's Huguenot family and capped off the evening with a private dinner at Delamina.



The Dwight Out and About club is an outing club run by parent Michele O'Neill. All parents are welcome to join in for the monthly outings in and around London. Outings are announced in Dwight Connect and on the school's DPA calendar. For more information contact Michele O'Neill at michele@seanoneill.com.

Taking Action

Well done to Teagan in Year 3 for demonstrating Taking Action! She had identified that sometimes in the playground, some students want to play with other students but they don't know how to let each other know. So she invented the Friendship Bench! Students can sit on the bench to show that they are ready to play with someone new. This is a fantastic way of taking action and the bench is lovely too!



Beyond the Classroom



Diploma Psychoanalysis

'Psychology students in D1 and D2 had the privilege of visiting the Freud Museum in Hampstead. We got a tour of the house which including seeing Freud's glasses, chair and the famous coach where his patients would sit when he analyzed their dreams. We were also able to watch some home videos and listen to a brief recording of Freud himself speaking about psychoanalysis. While learning about Freud, we also learned about his youngest daughter, Anna Freud, who was also a famous psychoanalyst.' - Yael, D1

Beliefs and Values in Year 5

As part of their learning about beliefs, values and opinions, Year 5 visited different religious places. At the London Central Mosque, they learned about the Five Pillars of Islam and at the Mandir in Neasdon, they were able to take part in a Hindu prayer ceremony. The children were very interested in the Torah and were delighted when they had the chance to see it and hear it read aloud. Many guides commented on how knowledgeable, curious and respectful the children were!



Chopsticks in Chinatown

On Monday, 10th December our MYP Mandarin students took a trip to Chinatown in Central London to gain a better understanding of Chinese culture. They ate lunch in the heart of Chinatown and enjoyed dim sum. A number of the students ordered their dishes in Mandarin. They also went to two Chinese supermarkets and visited the Charing Cross Chinese Library to browse their selection of Chinese books.



Transporting Year 3

This term Year 3 had a trip where they used as many different modes of transport as they possibly could! This was all part of their understanding of transport and how transportation networks are designed to meet the needs of the community through their Unit of Inquiry. They travelled on the underground, the overground, the DLR, which they loved because the train drove itself! They also travelled on foot and on water using the riverboat where they spotted loads of tourist attractions and pointed out where their parents work! Their favourite parts of the day were the travelling by cable car over the Thames and a quick visit to London City Airport where they saw the planes land and take off! Well done to Year 3 for being such good risk-takers.

Meeting the Teachers in Lower School

Meet the teacher is the 'term' used when parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher in their classroom. It usually takes place at the start of the term and is an ideal opportunity for the teachers and the parents to get to know one another, spend time in the classroom and to go through what the year ahead will look like.

The content of the meeting tends to be on logistics, timetables, lessons, equipment required, curriculum areas covered, upcoming trips and events etc. During the presentation about the curriculum teachers sometimes involve the parents in an activity or get them involved with some homework tasks.

It also gives the school a chance to reinforce other Lower School procedures such as clubs, newsletters, healthy snacks, water bottles, open-door policy, medical needs, transport etc. We had so much fun meeting our new parents at the start of the year!

Getting Spooky in The Lodge

The Lodge held their spook-tacular Autumn party on Halloween this term which the children really enjoyed! They were joined by an entertainer who showed them some fun magic tricks, played some exciting games and allowed them to dance away! There were a number of brilliant costumes seen ranging from some scary witches to some beautiful princesses and even some muscular superheroes! We would like to say a huge thank you to the DPA for organising this event and for providing some lovely snacks!



Disco Delight

We celebrated our annual Halloween Disco for Years 3 - 6 on Friday, 2nd November. The hall was suitably spooky with cobwebs, scary pictures and skeletons setting the scene. The children arrived to be greeted by an array of terrifying characters in the main entrance and then made their way into the hall. We were so impressed by the costumes and the effort that the children and the adults who attended had put in. We had vampires, ghosts, witches and even scary dolls show up to scare even the bravest souls!!! A great time was had by all, dancing to Halloween tunes provided by our DJ and snacking on yummy treats!!! Thank you to our Parent Association and volunteers for another superb event.



Humanitarian Hero

D1 students had the amazing and once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Ravi Singh, a humanitarian and founder of the organisation *Khalsa Aid*, speak to us about his work. When he spoke there wasn't a single noise in the room as we were all totally engaged listening to him. Except of course for when it was question time! He told us about some of the work he has done which was truly selfless and amazing and he showed us that if you put your mind to something you can achieve anything you want to! - Yael, D1

Sensational Swimming

Our Lower School swimmers represented Dwight at the swimming gala, held at Barnet Copthall swimming pool in November. There were over 22 schools from the local area competing in several events for individuals and relay teams.

We would like to thank our dedicated swimmers; Leo, Nobuhiro, Andrew, Chloe, Thea, Tess, Elisa, Ellis, Eva, Audrey, Theo, Josh, Alex, Bruno, Koutarou and Eliza - for their commitment, spirit, perseverance and the way they represented our school with dignity and impeccable sporting behaviour.

This year we came 6th overall, which we as a school, are very proud of. Congratulations to Elisa who came first in her Year 5/6 freestyle heat and Leo and Nobuhiro who both came 3rd in the Year 3/4 breaststroke and freestyle heats. A huge well done to all of our swimmers, particularly our reserves Alex and Ellis for their great support of the whole team.

We are hoping that some of our swimmers will go onto to represent London in the national competition hosted at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in Queens Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford.



Design Wizards

The M1s visited the Design Museum on Monday, 5th November and attended the Designer, Maker, User Exhibition, which showcased iconic pieces of design within the past century. From innovative London architecture to state-of-the-art 3D printed furniture, the students saw it all! They also participated in a hands-on design workshop, led by the lead museum teachers. M1 really enjoyed the trip and are able to take the skills they learnt back into the classroom with them.



The M3s visited Harry Potter World on Tuesday, 6th November to enhance their knowledge of movie merchandise for their current design project. They participated in a graphics workshop and received an in-depth insight into the film industry, which attracts large revenues to the British Economy. They really loved the trip and getting behind the scenes of Harry Potter!

On Tuesday, 13th November, all of M5 and D1 Design students had a day trip to the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster to attend Product Design in Action lectures. The centre said: *'Our engaging and interactive Product Design inspiration day will take your students to the cutting edge in Design'* and after the day our students did feel that they were able to take away such inspiration!

Included in their talks were the design manufacturing process/radically simple framework of six things you need to think about if you are making design decisions. These being: Products, Process, People, how do you think about design, and the power of ideas and where they come from.



Rigorous Retreats

In a new approach to retreat trips this year, we sent all the Upper School students for a full 5 days and 4 nights to three great new venues of high quality and greater challenge. Our students visited the Lake District, Bournemouth, Dorset and a visit to the Eden Project.



Dwight's got Talent

This year we had the return of the wonderful Dwight's Got Talent. We had an amazing panel made up of the brilliant Miss. Rajput, our alumni volunteers, Ani and Gabe and Diploma student Costanza. The event was skillfully organised by Ariana, Rojina, Dayna, Mya, Nelly and Tess.

The acts did not disappoint and they showcased incredible talent as usual! With Mira and Teodor returning to host the show, the event showed an array of talents including singing and music but also some more hidden talents of gymnastics, painters, dancers and whistlers! This years votes were cast live by the studio audience via text!

The winners were a musical group consisting of Luke, Aniela, Iyare, Clara and Rena who performed a beautiful song called *Complicated*.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Dwight Parent Association for supporting this fun-filled event that was enjoyed by all. Well done to the Talent Show Committee for running this fundraising event for CPotential, a local charity for children with physical movement disorders.



Saving the Planet

Year 2 showed off their amazing exhibition on Recycling, Reusing and Reducing waste to save the planet. They had a number of visitors across the Lower School from teachers to other classes where they got the opportunity to present their work and inform others about the importance of saving the planet!

It was really fantastic to see all of Year 2 get so excited about the steps they were taking and informing others that these changes must be implemented in the world for future generations. We are so proud of every student for taking these steps in understanding the importance of taking action.



Saturday Symphonies



Come and join our bands or ensembles at our Saturday Music Conservatory.

**Contact Mr. Kraft for more details:
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Sports News

House Games

Our Upper School House Games took place on Thursday, 29th and Friday, 30th November with many sporting activities being played in order to find a winning house. M3 and M4 played football and dodgeball, M1 and M2 took on netball and football and M5 students faced American Football and Speedball. Artists became our 2018 House Games Champions! Well done.

Total Points:

Artists: 138

Pioneers: 124

Visionaries: 116



Lower School Sports

Girls Football Team-Report - Nolen McIlwain (Captain)

So far we have been doing pretty well. In our first match we were doing a good job but in the end we lost 3-1 to St John's School. In our next match against Norfolk House we were split in half to play two different games. One group (Eliza, Elina, Tess, Ellis and Reina) won their game 5-3 and the other group (Nolen, Claire, Nixi, Gali and Lola) won 9-2. In our last game against Devonshire House School we won 3-0 with the goals scored by Claire x2 and Nixie. Our next game was the return fixture against St John's and we were much improved as we drew 4-4 with goals scored by Gali and a hat trick by Claire. The last game before Christmas was against Southbank school and the game was very close and exciting as it finished 5-5 with goals scored by Claire x4 and Ellis. We will finish our season in February and hope to get more good results. In our training sessions we have practised strategies for defending and attacking and most recently using different parts of our foot to strike the ball. As team captain I lead the cheers for the opposition and I help keep up the team spirit.



Boys Football-Report - Josh Hood (Captain)

The A team have won one and lost two of their games so far. The first match against King Alfreds was a very close game, which finished 1-3. The game was in the balance until the final minute when we conceded two goals. Our goal was scored by Oliver Hayes, who was also named man of the match. Our next performance was disappointing and we ended up losing 6-0 to Gower School. The team attitude wasn't good enough and we said we'd put it right for the next game. The next game was against Southbank School and we showed a much better attitude and won 8-0 with goals by Dax Reeves x3, Lorenzo Nastro x2, Antoni Hawkins, Oliver Hayes and Sachin Benedini. Our last game before Christmas is against St John's and we hope we can win! The B team have also won one and lost two games this season so far. The first game against King Alfred was their first game together and we lost 4-1. A great strike by Grant Davis was the stand out moment in the match. Against Gower School the B team showed signs of improvement by winning 3-0 with goals by Grant Davis, Taira Shikano and Leo Vitums. The game versus Hendon Prep School was very close and finished 3-5 with goals by Nobuhiro Takase, Taira Shikano and Ali Reza. Mr. Williams was proud of their performance as the opposing team had some year 5 players in it, but they never gave up and showed a great attitude. The team look forward to winning some more games after Christmas.



Teacher in Focus

Meet Chris Williams

Which campus do you work at? Lower School Campus.

What year group and subject do you teach? Reception through to Year 6 and I teach Physical Health Education (PHE.)

How many years have you worked at Dwight School London? 10 years.

What is your favourite thing about working at Dwight?

I really enjoy working in an international school as there is such a diverse community and the IB curriculum really lends itself to personalised learning which extends, challenges and supports the students.

What is the best thing about living in London? The different cultures and the lively, upbeat vibe of the city.

If you were not a teacher, what would your dream job be? Professional footballer or pilot.

Do you have any hobbies? Playing or watching sport, keeping fit and following politics.



Meet Anne Murnaghan

Which campus do you work at? Dwight Upper School.

What subjects do you teach and to what year? M4 and M5 Individuals and Societies; Diploma 1 and 2 History.

How many years have you worked at Dwight School London? I'm in my third year at Dwight.

What is your favourite thing about working at Dwight?

The people! We have a lovely staff and student body. It's amazing to work with such a diverse, multicultural, multilingual group of people. It does broaden your

horizons. I enjoy coming into work knowing my day will be filled with wonderful people.

What is the best thing about living in London? The arts! From late nights in the museums and art galleries, to West End shows and Nights at the Proms, one simply cannot be bored in this wonderful city. Also, London hosts the tennis. I have spent many happy summer days at Wimbledon.

If you were not a teacher, what would your dream job be? I would be a painter!

Do you have any hobbies? Yes I play music (piano and guitar). I'm also in a choir. When I have free time I paint and draw (mostly portraits).



Teacher in Focus



Meet Tony Dickenson

Which campus do you work at? Upper School

What subject and year groups do you teach? I teach English to M3, D1 and D2 students.

How many years have you worked at Dwight School London? 17 years.

What is your favourite thing about working at Dwight? It has got to be teaching and the students.

What is the best thing about working in London? Everything! Seeing the 'world' in every face I see.

If you were not a teacher, what would your dream job be? I would be a footballer or a writer.

Do you have any hobbies? Writing!

Meet Katie Hendry

Which campus do you work at? Dwight Lower School, Woodside Campus.

What subjects do you teach and to what year? I teach Year 2!

How many years have you worked at Dwight School London? This is my third year working at Dwight School London.

What is your favourite thing about working at Dwight? My favourite thing about working at Dwight is getting to know the many different cultures Dwight represents and learning with and from them.

What is the best thing about living in London? The best thing about living in London is that there is always something exciting going on; theatre, film, exhibitions, festivals, museums etc. Because of this, living life in London is never boring!

If you were not a teacher, what would your dream job be? Working at a farm or animal sanctuary.

Do you have any hobbies? My hobbies are watercolour painting, yoga, field hockey, learning to play the ukulele and running.



Life after Dwight

An interview with Nick Elliot Class of 2017

What did you do right after you graduated?

I spent a large part of the Summer after graduation in New Zealand - attending a conference and then travelling. I was also in Northern Ireland, where my family is from, with some of my friends from Dwight, before they returned to their home countries across the globe.

Which university and degree did you choose, and why?

I'm studying Law with European Law at Oxford University. I was conflicted between studying Law, which is obviously academically-focused, and something more creative like Theatre. Eventually, I chose Law because I figured that I could always make time for creative projects alongside this degree, whereas I couldn't gain legal experience alongside studying Drama. I chose European Law, for which I will spend a year abroad in The Netherlands, particularly because of my education at Dwight. I wanted my degree to possess an international element and allow me to study alongside culturally diverse and non-like minded individuals.



How did the IB help your experience at university?

I think that I found it much easier to settle into university life than students who studied A-Levels. At university, studying is highly self-directed. We have two one-hour tutorials (classes with 2 - 3 students) per week and daily lectures, but a large portion of the day is "free". It's up to the individual student to fill this with the necessary reading and writing required to complete two weekly essays. In my IB, I studied an extra subject, which I had to schedule myself outside of regular class time. We also had projects like the IAs and the Extended Essay, which had to be completed outside of regular class time. Because of this, I felt accustomed to setting and following my own schedule. Because of this, I've had so much free time to pursue other projects.

To which locations have you travelled since leaving Dwight?

I feel incredibly lucky to have been able to travel to so many places since leaving Dwight. I have been to New Zealand, Spain, Italy, Canada, the USA, South Africa, France, and Germany. Next year, my friends and I plan to travel to India, as we had an arts-based trip there with Ms Kennedy and Ms Ross and it was amazing.

Life after Dwight

An interview with Alex Georgiades

Class of 2014

What did you do right after you graduated?

Slept for 48 hours straight! No..erm...I went into clearing to get the course I wanted. I had a phone interview with the University of Westminster and was accepted immediately. I couldn't wait to start in September 2014.

Which university and degree did you choose, and why?

I chose the University of Westminster's BA Television Production course. The Media, Arts and Design (MAD) campus out in Harrow has an exceptional reputation for media.



How did the IB help your experience at university?

The IB helped me with public speaking and essay writing. The first year was a breeze and the skills gained from writing the extended essay came in very handy when I began writing my dissertation. The IB doesn't give you knowledge as much as it gives you tools to gain knowledge. It sounds a bit whimsical that but believe me it's true; time management, keeping calm under pressure, managing workload between modules - I couldn't have coped without the IB.

If you are currently working, what does your job entail?

I currently do image work for Sky Sports, including team photo retouching and set graphics. However, because I am a freelancer I also own my own company; Speedbrake Pictures. I shoot videos for weddings, corporate events and promotional shorts.

Which unique interests do you enjoy in your spare time?

In my spare time I practice magic, I have done for 8 years. I don't know if I would call myself a magician but I know my way round a deck of cards haha.

To which locations have you travelled since leaving Dwight?

Since leaving Dwight I've visited Canada, it's somewhere I've always wanted to go. I went to Toronto with my best friend and former Dwight classmate James. We had an amazing time drinking in the culture, one guy thought that, despite my accent, I was Canadian!



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