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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear School Community,

St. Gilgen International School continues to go from strength to strength. As this edition of 'Lakeside' shows, there is so much enrichment taking place both inside and outside the classroom that we should all feel very proud. In addition, we are confidently forecasting at least 140 students for September 2011, together with some talented new teachers.

We have been careful to maintain a delicate balance of nationalities and we have selected some remarkable young people. We are also expanding our Boarding facilities in particular to help manage this planned growth.

At this time of growth it is essential that we remain true to our founding vision and values, remembering all that is fundamental to our unique ethos and geographical context. School buildings matter and ours are beautiful, but it is the people, their spirit and their soul that brings a school truly to life, be it in a classroom, rowing on the lake or climbing the Zwoelfferhorn. This is all StGIS.

The foundations we lay now will influence so many generations, long after we have gone. I believe the answer lies in the Trinity; what one might call the power of three. We should start by thinking about the trinity in our school, especially for those of us inspired through our faith in the Holy Trinity.

We are three years old in the summer. This is a good time to reflect.

Fundamental to our beliefs is Healthy Mind, Healthy Body and Healthy Spirit. These are three key dimensions of human development and I do not believe that a person is truly 'educated' (as we would define it at StGIS) without all three of these dimensions.

We have three key elements of our work : Academics, Activities and Boarding / Family life. All have parity. In a boarding school, activities and life in the boarding house (or at home) all complement and are fundamental to the academics.

We have three Alms or Houses that are becoming more central to our ethos and will become more defined as we grow. Most importantly are our three core values, Respect, Discipline and Courage.



But the most important element, at least to me, is courage. As a historian, I enjoy reading historical speeches and understanding the impact they had on the world once they were delivered. One of my favourite is from US President John F Kennedy on 12th September 1962, at the height of the 'Space Race'

"We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

Going through life is never easy, but very often the right path and the right choice is hard. Think about the Kennedy speech. When our Chairman chose to found and build a school in this village, he did it not because it was easy but because it was hard. Students have chosen to come to this school and the workload, self-discipline and language is hard.

The IB Diploma is hard, because it is the best. Teaching is hard. Your staff made this choice. Being the parent of a child at boarding school and away from your family is hard.

As we think about the future of our school, think about what really matters, think about the Trinity of mind, body and spirit. Above all, think about courage, what it means and the implications for taking the right path through life. The right choices will be hard choices, but they will still be right.

We are so keen for you all to be educated to the highest standard. To achieve this means hard work, climbing mountains and developing your inner spirit. You will go on to great positions of influence around the world, such is your talent. Use this influence wisely, never forget global compassion and choose the right path through life, not the easy one. Have courage, respect and discipline.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Chapman', with a large loop at the start and a long tail.

Michael Chapman
Headmaster



THE MAGIC OF A TINY VILLAGE

Is there any place in this world more lovely than home? When you move into another place, it is like being an outsider. But Sankt Gilgen is a magical tiny village in Austria; a place where everything has life. Every morning, the sun rises with a big smile on its face; a place where people are nice to each other; a place where you can find peace and quiet.

This little village is surrounded by mountains and it is on a big lake. Every time you wake up, you look through the window and you see the massive mountains in front of you. They might look aggressive but they will always want to be your friends. The sun looks like he takes them in his arms and takes care of them; just like a father does with his children.

When you sit on the bridges enjoying the warm from the big yellow ball up in the sky, the lake keeps you company.

Its voice is the wind blowing in your face, moving your hair from side to side. It whispers to you what a wonderful place you found. You are in an amazing little place, full of life; just like the story "Alice in Wonderland". You feel safe, because the trees are everywhere and they protect you from danger. Every single object from this tiny village will become your best friend.

Sankt Gilgen, a name that leads your mind to think of Saints. Yes, this name is the definition of the people who live in this place. All of them are just like Saints. Every single person is special with their own personality; people that have magic inside them.



When you look around and you see all these wonderful things, you feel as if you don't want to leave it. Sankt Gilgen is a world of magic situated on a small land where nobody could guess how it was created so beautifully.

The village that will always be your second home. The place that takes the word "Abracadabra" in its arms.

St.. Gilgen is...AWESOME!

Diana Baubic



JUST FULL OF BEANS!

Have you ever experienced the feeling of complete relaxation when sitting on a Bean Bag?

The Bean Bag slowly warms up after sitting on it for a few seconds and the warmth spreads through your whole body. This heat loosens your tense muscles from having had to concentrate on schoolwork and clears your head from all the gossip that is gathered during an exhausting school day.

Being able to sit down in a Bean Bag during break time or falling asleep on one is the most cosy and comfortable way to relax. The good feeling one gets when one nestles down into a Bean Bag fills you with new energy and gives you strength to keep up with schoolwork, even though you are worn out.

Bean Bags are a magical cure against burnouts. If you feel exhausted or you have a headache. Or your eyes hurt from staring at the computer for hours trying to finish your English essay or History assignment. If not even the strongest coffee can keep you awake for more than a couple of minutes, its time for Bean Bags!

Lying down on a Bean Bag for half an hour can work wonders. It does not only help you keep your spirit up but it is a relief for the people surrounding you, seeing you with a smile on your face rather than being snapped at by a grumpy classmate who obviously lacks sleep..



Bean Bags in all their cosiness and restfulness are AWESOME!

Daria Batthyany



TALK TALK: IT'S MY LIFE

Sonja Zobel

"Astonishing", "Outstanding", "Creepy", these were only a few comments about the TEDx event on the 10th of March in the Kino. The level of quality was at the highest rate and the audience was certainly blown away by the extraordinary speaking and performing talents of the speakers.

The concept of TEDx is simple: Find an issue of interest, develop an idea and share it. Speakers, such as Bill Gates, Isabel Allende and Gordon Brown count to enormous amount of presenters who shared their idea with audiences all over the world. The variety of speeches can incorporate global issues as well as the most basic thing, such as our street number system, and can give way to an unlimited number of topic choices. Motivation and ambition amongst the speakers were raised by the fact that you can freely watch the best performances on tedx.com later on.



Our event certainly set the level of quality at the highest possible standard and it would not be surprising if we find all of the performers as successful speakers in organizations such as the UN in the future. The event was marked with energy, enthusiasm, creativity and a diversity of thoughts, which showed the enormous potential of our students.

The variety of themes included pollution, groupthink, fair play, the manipulation of media, the way to success, the exploitation of third world countries as well as the negative effects of plastic, and we were presented with fantastic use of rhetoric skills.



Especially outstanding was Kami Krista (Grade 6), who stepped up first and blew the audiences away with her idea of the multi-tasking solar car, which should lead to a rethink in our existing car production sector.

The quality of the speeches was high throughout the entire evening and it is impossible for me to only talk about the best performance, because everyone was best.

However one performance broke all walls and led to a feeling of slight discomfort and creepiness amongst the audience. The IB theatre art class decided to present a short show on the manipulation of media. They successfully broke the fourth wall and moved the audience in a feeling of uneasiness so they did not know when to breathe. A slight relief was seen when this performance ended, with a 15 minutes interval during which the audience was able to collect itself and get ready for the last of the outstanding performances.

Finally, this evening was another confirmation of the potential, talents and skills of the students in our school and showed again how different and talented we are.

However this evening would never have been possible without the huge effort and planning of Mrs. Chough, Mr. Ford, Mrs. May and Ms. Hawkins who supported all performers and let the dream of StGIS worldwide become true.





'A-POSITIVE' REVIEW

Mrs. Bristol

Blood Hunters is just one title from the best-selling UK author, Steve Voake. But he's also published a book entitled *Hooey Higgins and the Tremendous Trousers*, so you can see he's a man of variety!

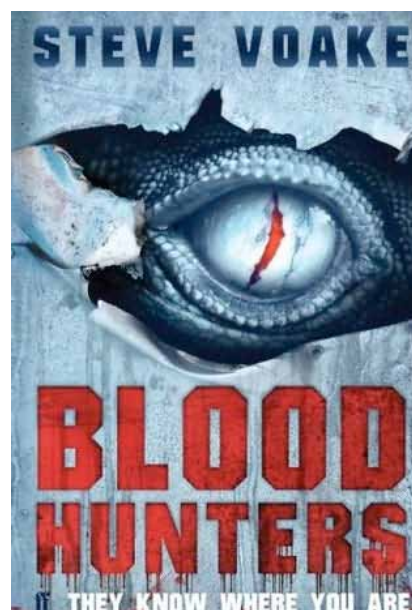
He writes books. He loves books. And he's coming to St. Gilgen International School so you too can meet a real live author!

On Tuesday 7th June, classes will be interrupted so that everyone can meet him. He will run two separate workshops; one in the morning for grades 5 to 8 and one in the afternoon for grades 9 and 10. Any IB students who would like to come along are encouraged to do so. He lectures in Creative Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University in the UK, so you might pick up all manner of handy hints and tips to see you through your IB English.

He has written a wide range of titles, most of which are already waiting for you in the library. If you like the idea of being able to step inside a giant bumble bee and fly it like a helicopter, while saving the world, then you'll like *Dreamwalker's Child* and *Web of Fire*. (Or should I say, *Moskito* and *Feuernetz*, their German titles?!)

In them there are fleas as big as motorbikes which can jump as high as Everest – exciting stuff, and you'll get to meet a plucky girl called Skipper who some of you might just be able to identify with! If you're more into seeing what Daisy Dawson did at the beach, then there's a series for you too.

And if you're into *Bloodhunters*, then you already know what's waiting on the shelf for you.



But who is he? He was born in the south west of England, and studied philosophy at University. After a stint of selling ice-creams in the south of France, very nice too, he decided he should probably get a proper job.

He went on to have a career in teaching, becoming headmaster at a primary school, during which time he got up at 5 o'clock every morning to write. He sold his first book, and since then has not looked back. He writes books, he lectures about writing, he loves it. And so will you, after talking to him.

To be set underneath or around it – the blurb from *Hooey Higgins and the Tremendous Trousers*...!! Like explosions? Like trousers? Like to see some exploding trousers? Read this book and you ... might!

The world's a dangerous place, innit? Have you ever found yourself in danger and thought, what I really need is a pair of super-protective trousers to keep me safe from crocodiles, flying toffee-apples and log-flume malfunctions? Yes? Well, come visit Shrimpton-on-Sea, where Hooey, Will and Twig are working on their genius health and safety invention – the all-new-super-TremTroc!



SPEAKEASY NEWS

Our first musical, *Bugsy Malone* was performed in the last week of the winter term and it was a gooey, messy success! Fat Sam and Dandy Dan's gangs proved to be excellent rivals and each show held its own surprises and joys. Some particularly memorable moments included Connie's rendition of *Tomorrow* and Freya's solo *Ordinary Fool*.

My favorite song was the cast finale *You Give a Little Love* complete with cheesy choreography and heartfelt sentiment, this was also a crowd pleaser! Of course the showstopper was the outrageous splurge fight on closing night where all of those who had worked hard to develop this musical got to shoot splurge all over the cast! Fabulous!

With the success of the show it is right that we say thank you to the many people who helped in big and small ways. We would like to thank Sharon Wieser and Jess Murphy for their excellent work in hair and make-up, Mr. Wren for the projections and Mrs. Hambleton for the printing and front of house design.

We would also like to especially thank the maintenance crew for their hard work fixing lights and projectors in the Kino before the big production.

Thank you to all who made *Bugsy Malone* a wonderful production for our community.

Miss Davey and Dr Wildridge





SPEAKEASY NEWS



ZIP THE LIP, WISEY!



GRAMMAR IN GLASSES

Grammar is not everyone's favourite and German grammar by many is considered even worse. Whenever you ask someone who studies the language and who spends hours on end trying to make sense of the German word order, articles or cases, you always hear the same; "how boring!"

But it doesn't have to be boring and a frustrating experience and the students of German B3 (Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10) have shown that you can do it differently and in a fun way.

The task was the following: The students were split into 4 teams and they were given a certain number of grammar tasks which had to be explained in a fun, entertaining and educational way.



Two teams set off to make a film for children whilst the other two teams prepared a film for adults. The task was not easy, but it was entertaining and educational as the students had to revise their grammar in order to explain it to someone else.

The results were fantastic and it was wonderful to see all those different approaches that included Disney characters for one group and animal characters for the other.

The most outstanding film was produced by the students of grades 7 and 8.

Corinne, Mira and Caspar put different elements together, which included a murder mystery film and a song with their own lyrics.

Mrs. Wren



ALTERSHEIM ALIVE!



Once upon a time, there lived fourteen little girls who lived in seven little rooms in a little house, on a little campus, of a little school, in a little village, next to huge lake. Every day was different, every day brought new experiences, and every day they faced another challenge.

But after each different day, their new experiences and the challenges they faced brought them once again back home, together.

They were like sisters, spending each and every minute of their free time together whether it be sleeping or eating cakes. Some days, they would go ripsticking or having night walks, other days they would just go around watching a movie, sun bathing and sadly mostly doing homework.

Until now they've lived happily ever after... legend has it, they still live there today...

For autographs, come to the Altersheim!

Alex, Maike and Corinne



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

From The Junior Girls...

One of the most important components of the daily routine within the vibrant and energetic junior girls is dinnertime. The ladies dine within the Altersheim dining room each weekday evening. During this time the house comes together to share individual experiences of the day. The topics of conversation are often far reaching and cover a diverse range of topics.

Some evenings the ladies immerse themselves in discussing the latest world news items and on others they debate who is going to win America's wanna-be model.

In addition to these entertaining topics of conversation is a moment for reflection. Each evening there is a "Thought For The Day". On a weekly rotation everyone has the opportunity to choose a poem or a verse that has a special meaning for them. Some of the thoughts result in laughter and some touch the heart. Here are a selection of verses that have been shared within the house for you to read and enjoy.



"Remember today, for it is the beginning of always. Today marks the start of a brave new future filled with all your dreams can hold." Diana

"Don't be sad for even a minute, because you are losing 60 seconds of happiness." Corinne

"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we should dance." Heidi

"There comes a time you must stand alone, you must feel confident enough within yourself to follow your dreams. Don't stand in someone else's shadow when it is your sunlight that should lead the way." Rike

Mrs. May





THE AFRICAN DREAM

This past March I had the opportunity to do a preliminary visit for our South African expedition. Without giving too much away, I will just say that I am convinced all the students participating will have an exciting and rewarding experience.

While in South Africa, we will be doing literacy work with three schools in the Kwa Zulu Natal region.

Our students will not only be creating books and games to bring to South Africa but they will also assist in tutoring students on how to teach the literacy skills they have learned to younger classmates.

Additionally our students will also have the opportunity to perform with several other secondary schools at a literacy fundraiser.

It will not be all work however. While there, our students will have the opportunity to travel along forest canopy, visit a national park to view animals in their natural habitat, visit a shark museum, host a beachfront barbeque, and have a chance to swim with turtles.

Furthermore, aside from the natural wonders, we will visit such sites as the location of the 2010 FIFA championship, a Zulu village and popular attractions and restaurants in Durban.

Stay tuned to *Lakeside* for updates on our preparations and progress.

Ms. Cicero



INSPIRED BY THE GREATS

To paint is not to copy the object slavishly, it is to grasp a harmony among many relationships.

Paul Cezanne

When the weather gets too unpleasant, artists have traditionally done the sensible thing and moved indoors.

Not wishing to break with this tradition during the winter term that intrepid band of brothers and sisters, the Alpine Art Club, moved back into the Art Garage for its creative Wednesday afternoons.

'Still life with Tomatoes' by Mira Goma



'Still life with Apples' by Alexandra Dineva

Seeking inspiration from Paul Cezanne, and working for the first time with oil on canvas, the team experimented with tonal variation, colour theory and composition.

The results of their efforts (two of which are shown here) speak for themselves.

Mr. May
Alpine Arts



THE SPACE, THE STYLE

Images from 'St. Gilgen Goes Fashion!'





GLOBAL ISSUES NETWORK



The StGIS' Global Issues Network (GIN) attended the annual GIN conference in Luxembourg, March 24 to March 26, 2011. The conference was hosted by The International School of Luxembourg and was held at the Chambre de Commerce, Luxembourg.

Diana Babuic, Lily Tran and Katie Gugerell joined over 30 schools from around the world in a conversation about various global issues.

The theme this year was "Creating Equal Opportunities." Students listened to inspirational keynote speakers such as Kate Otto and Dr. Dame Claire Bertschinger. Kate Otto is now only 24 years old and is working for the World Bank developing health policies and infrastructures with government leaders across sub-Saharan Africa. She shared her experience of her work in Ghana, Tanzania and Indonesia where she

worked with grass-roots organisations serving HIV/AIDS afflicted communities. Dr. Dame Claire Bertschinger served as a field nurse in the Red Cross for many years.

She shared many moving stories about the tragedy and pain that she saw, but also gave everyone a sense of hope and made everyone understand that we all have a role to play. Both speakers were wonderful and motivated all who were present to take action.

In addition to the keynote speakers, several schools held their own workshops. The topics were all related to "Creating Equal Opportunities." Some schools related to the division of resources around the world, while others asked the question "Is equity for all really possible?"

Everyone was blown away by the calibre of the presentations and left each session feeling more knowledgeable and challenged.

At the end of the conference, each school was asked to create an action plan and to present it. Lily and Katie did a fabulous job representing our school by presenting our action plan to everyone.

This conference was an invaluable experience for all who attended. Everyone was filled with inspiration and we look forward to carrying out our action plan at StGIS!

Ms. Chough



LEARNING IS A PARTY!

This year the Grade 5,6 and 7 students have been working with the Grade 1 students from the local primary school to teach them English.

The children at St. Gilgen International School have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to work with younger children. This has taught our students to develop a sense of responsibility towards their young friends.

During our last session we explored the 'party' theme and all students put their creative talents to the test and made party treats, decorations and designed some pretty trendy costumes!

Mrs. House



1 HOUR FOR 1 PLANET

On Saturday 26th March at 20.30 we gathered in the soft space. Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia when 2.2 million individuals turned their lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change.

This year the global community rallied to show it is united in its commitment to a sustainable future, with hundreds of millions of people, in more than 5,000 cities, in 135 countries and territories across the globe taking part in Earth Hour 2011 – a small but significant group from StGIS was a part of this global movement.



We held a thoughtful discussion, switched off the lights and began a blindfolded adventure. After some crashing and bashing and fun all round we finished round the campfires by the lake.

Thanks to all those who took part and sorry there are no pictures (I forgot my camera).

Mr. Woodman



FULL OF EASTERN PROMISE

In the first week of April we had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Model United Nations conference in Istanbul (RCIMUN). This was the first MUN conference for most of us, but definitely an exciting 'Turkish-experience' filled with the smell of kebab, with a variety of Turkish Delights for all.

We started experiencing Istanbul on our way from the airport to the hotel, as our taxi-driver drove us fast and furious(ly) through the heavy Istanbul traffic. We found out only a few hours later (during our Istanbul-cultural experience) that this is just the way they drive in Turkey.

Though dangerous, it is effective – thanks to the taxi drivers we had enough time to see 'The Great Bazaar' and do a little cultural...shopping.

Of course, we also went to the mosques (where we had to take our shoes off and girls had to cover their hair) and we almost saw the Topkapi Palace and the world's biggest diamond. We also enjoyed a cup of Turkish tea on that first day.

The conference itself started on the second day at Roberts College, which is a school with an amazing campus (not that it would be better than ours of course!). We were representing two countries: New Zealand (Artur, Katie, Olga and Rati) and Slovakia (Ina, Marieta, Misha) and were represented in all committees.



After the interesting and quite time-consuming opening speech, we enjoyed the MUN dinner and the party in the BUBBLE. We started lobbying on the second day and then most of us succeeded in finishing our resolutions the next day.

Some of our delegates held their first speeches and some of us managed to enlighten some other delegates, explaining to them that Czechoslovakia hasn't existed for almost 20 years now.

Two of our delegates (Katie and Marieta) also joined the boat-trip on the Bosphorus on the last evening. Unfortunately, we had to say good bye to all the charming chairs and distinguished delegates earlier than we'd hoped and we missed the closing ceremony due to flight timings.

RCIMUN was definitely a 'worth-going' experience, not just because of the well-organised conference, but also because of the wonderful mosques, omnipresent smell of kebab and unforgettable taste of Turkish coffee. (Many thanks to Ms. Cicero, who was keeping an eye on us all the time and making sure that we got up early enough every morning...)

Marieta Saktorova



RELATION WITH CREATION

Students from all grades worked tirelessly to finish their masterpieces and present them in the Easter art exhibition. Many works were on show, including original pieces from Ernst, Ivan, Leon and Mimi.

Congratulations to the printmaking and oil painting groups whose works really shone, showing off their artistic talents. If you missed the exhibition you can view many of the works online at the art garage's Flickr photo sharing site. Our flickr name is "stgisartgarage" and our address is: www.flickr.com/photos/stgisartgarage

Well done to everyone who took part, you should all be very proud! Now let's get working for the summer exhibition!

Miss Lamont





SHOWING SOME SOLE FOR THE WORLD

On April 25th 2011 St. Gilgen International School (along with thousands of others all over the world) went 'one day without shoes' to raise awareness for those (millions) all over the world less fortunate than us.

For example, in certain regions of Ethiopia, wearing shoes and practicing good hygiene can prevent pododermatitis, a disease that causes swelling of the feet and legs due to prolonged exposure to irritant soil.

And in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, HIV positive people and street children walk dangerous city streets littered with glass, metal, and even sewage without any foot protection at all. Shoes to these people are a status symbol.

Then contrast this against our situation where in some cases we have so many shoes we are running out of places to store them. Shoes for us may also indicate status yet when set against the backdrop of those who go without, all of a sudden it seems far less worth while.

I would like to take this opportunity to very much thank those who took up the challenge to spend 'one day without shoes' (or part thereof). It was extraordinary to see so many of our school community lose their shoes and experience one small aspect of what life may be like for so many less privileged than us!



If you were like me, my first impressions were that it was a novel and fairly easy task! Yet by the end of the day after treading over rock, pebbles, and all manner of other sharp objects the reality set in hard and fast, and to think shoes are only one of many comforts we enjoy that many fellow humans cannot.

My strongest sense of gratitude however came the following day when I got dressed for breakfast and reached for my shoes. Knowing it is one day for us and maybe a lifetime without shoes for another made me all the more aware of my position of privilege.

As we all know however, privilege comes with responsibility. We can make a difference. In big ways and in small, and through small things that grow big! The future (ours and the worlds) is truly in your hands.

So thank you all for your generous and joyful approach to spending 'one day without shoes'!

Mr. House



GRADE 9 HACKS HIT THE HEIGHTS

On Tuesday 3rd May the Grade 9 Geographers descended on the Postalm in the rain. The scenario involved a large Russian real estate company planning to invest hundreds of millions of Euros into the Postalm area to develop new ski and other tourist facilities.

The Grade 9s were there to report the 'back story' and consider the pros and cons of such a proposal.

Despite the weather the students all engaged in the task with enthusiasm and produced a range of informative and entertaining news reports.



After gathering footage on location, we returned to school for editing and then viewed each other's final reports.

The best overall news clip, as voted by the class, was the one produced by Isabel, Franziska, Daria and Harper (from her sick bed). Congratulations to all.

Mr. Woodman



GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT

Discipline, Respect, Courage and Excellence: these are the pillars upon which the football program at St. Gilgen International School is built and the benchmarks against which we measure our performance.

Putting the ball in the back of the net is important but the ultimate goal is the development of our team culture. Team culture (what we value and accept as normal) enables team success or secures team failure and is ultimately what all teams stand and fall upon.

The value of a strong team culture based on discipline, respect, courage and excellence is evident not only on the field but is equally apparent in the way we approach all things in life.

In football, if we are disciplined in our physical preparation and in our on-field conduct we will have superior fitness and composure when it is required of us. Equally, if we are disciplined in our work ethic for study we find attainment of our academic learning objectives easier.

In football, if we respect our team mates and ourselves we find strength and support when it is required of us or from us. If we respect our opposition and officiators we are welcomed into competitive environments and the joy of competition can be shared with a greater number of people.





Equally, if we treat everyone we meet with respect, and value rather than mock our differences, we can truly benefit from the diversity of the world.

In football, if we show courage toward winning 50/50 balls and to fighting hard even when the odds seem insurmountable, we find a power we may not have known was within us.

Equally, if we have the courage to approach all of life's challenges front-on regardless of their size and scope (because they are right and worthy – not because they are easy) we will learn that we are the greatest influence over the reality we exist in.

When we commit wholeheartedly to discipline, respect and courage we can attain personal and collective excellence in whatever area we choose to focus our energies. There is no secret to excellence, it is a habit, it is a mindset and it is your choice.

When 13 men from St. Gilgen International School make this choice together the sky is the limit to what they can achieve. This April after a fantastic season the St. Gilgen International School 'Saints' 1st XI Football Team toured Portugal with the aim of taking our team performance to the next level and testing our team resolve in new and uncharted waters.

Pleasingly we defeated VVIS 16 to 1 in our first match and came away with a 3-3 draw against Lagos junior development squad.



Most importantly however I am proud to say all of our students represented themselves with the Discipline, Respect, Courage and commitment to Excellence we have come to expect of each other.

With no formal football tournaments for the remainder of the year the squad is still training twice a week leading up to the long break.

I can't wait to see what the team can achieve together next year!

Mr. House



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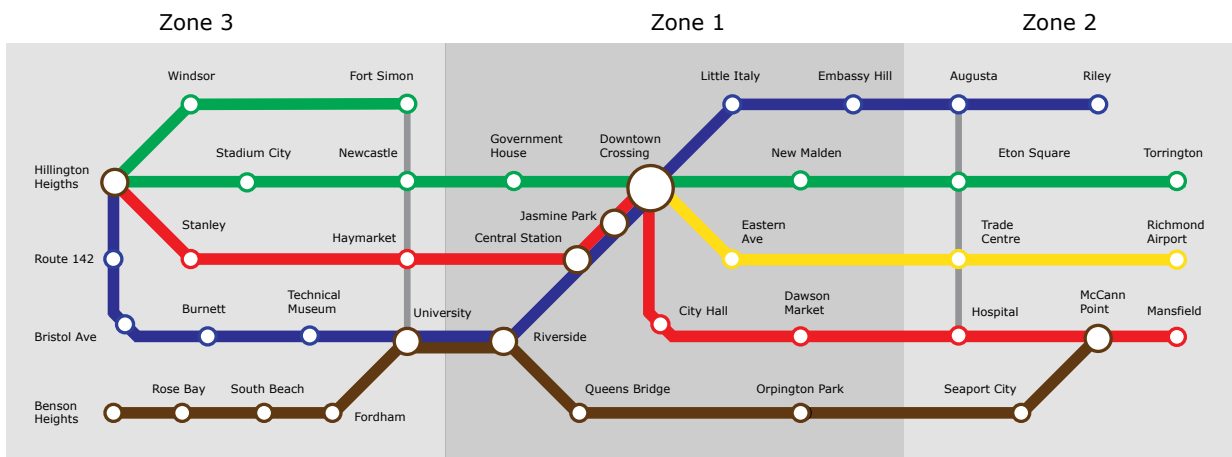
The brief was a different one compared with our previous creative challenges. This one focused on Information Design, the design we see every day but rarely stop to engage with its creative and practical value. Using a fabricated city map, the task was to design a subway plan using the classic schematic model we see around the world.

Well done, designers! You produced realistic, practical and attractive concepts. You can find more examples here along with the new brief: www.agencyatstgilgen.blogspot.com

Mr. Wren



Richmond Underground Map



Felix Brandstetter
&
Paul Batthyany

RCTA
Richmond City Transportation Authority



A UNIQUE WAY TO WALK

The Postalm is Austria's largest and highest pasture plateau and was the destination for the Lower School Snow Shoe hike just before the Easter break.

Now, snow shoeing is not everyone's cup of tea for a few common-sense reasons. After all, why would anyone stick what can only be described as oversized tennis rackets on each foot and attempt to walk through deep snow, when you can catch a ski lift up a hill and use skis to glide down?

The answer is simple, snow shoeing allows you to access almost all alpine areas and more importantly, it's just great fun, especially if your group have never done it before. Admit it, most of us laugh when we see others fall over.



So imagine walking through a stunning landscape on a beautiful day watching people wearing tennis rackets on their feet, falling over, a lot. Laughter from Snow Shoeing is definitely good for the soul and highly recommended!

Well done and thank you to Rike, Mariya, Mimi, Carmen, Alex, David and Miss Hambleton for a great effort on reaching the bottom of the Labenberg, for their good company and hours of entertainment.

Mr. Wadsworth



WHY I LOVE: NEW ZEALAND

By Mrs. May

I love New Zealand because of the kilometers of wild and rugged landscape, the startling clear night skies with the ever prominent southern cross, the hot springs and geysers and boiling mud pools, the rainforests and crystal clear lakes, the imposing volcanos and the gently rolling hills framed by an infinite number of sandy white beaches.

Most of all I love Wellington harbour, the waterfront, Dockside relaxing with a glass of bubbles overlooking the Cook Strait, shopping at Lucy Lou for tights, Kirkcaldies to visit Santa Claus, Witchery and Karen Walker for the party dresses and of course the lunching ladies of Silverstream.





WHY I LOVE: CHEESE

By Ms. Cicero

I love all things cheese, especially British cheese. There is Cheddar, Stilton, Wensleydale, Gloucester (don't pronounce the middle letters) – but there is also cheese, and no one does it better than the Brits. Recently I was able to indulge in some of both as I found myself in good ole London over the spring break.

I did a Harry Potter walking tour, following Harry's and Hagrid's steps to Diagon Alley. I also visited the London Bridge Dungeon where people covered in fake blood and rags lured you into the torture chambers of old (the gift shop is definitely cheese worthy).

I was able to watch everyone go mad with the preparations for the Royal Wedding. Shop keepers were decking out their stores with flags, foreign news journalists were basing themselves at Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and one of America's leading morning programs was airing live from The Tower of London (go figure).

My favorite bit of cheese came from my souvenirs – my Kate and William commemorative plate – used for cheese, of course - and my Racing Royals.





WHY I LOVE: MOTORCYCLING

By Mr. Chapman

There is no better feeling than starting a motorcycle on a crisp, spring morning and heading up in to the mountains. The sound, the adrenaline and the peace to be completely alone with your thoughts makes it almost a spiritual experience as you wind upwards through the pine forests that are fresh with the morning scent.

I have been riding a motorcycle for almost 40 years and have had the privilege of riding almost every type of machine in every continent.

It makes no difference whether you are road, track, rallying, endurance or touring on the bike; it is a chance to break with routine and get away from telephones and computers to just 'be'. Riding a bike awakens all your senses and is all-engrossing in the commitment required.

It feels like all my life I have had responsibilities. On the motorcycle I am just another rider, at peace with my world and the feeling of 'perfect loneliness' that a long journey encourages.

The friends I have made over the years from across the globe have led to almost magical experiences. I have owned a motorcycle for almost four decades and I can never imagine being without one. It is my 'escape'.





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