

WHY NOT?

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ALL THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING... WHICH IS
A LOT!

OUR FAVOURITE SERIES IS BACK:
Secrets Beyond The Grave

Letters from the team



Hey guys, can you actually believe that 2018 is almost over! We're so excited to include your new year's resolution next issue. However, that's not our main topic right now. This month's issue is our second successful published magazine this year, and it will not disappoint. We've got an article about ENMUN, in case you missed it, and the continuation of the story 'Secrets From Beyond The Grave', and many more exciting articles. I hope you enjoy this issue and the many more to come!

From your Editor in Chief - Gamila





Hey everyone!

So, winter's made a nice surprise appearance. I must say, even though I'm stuck here under the covers sniffing and sneezing, I'm pretty excited. With winter comes this nice, warm feeling of new beginnings- what with all this New Year and Christmas and all that fun stuff coming up and everything.

There's also this feeling of dread because, hello, exams are right around the corner. But I'm gonna choose to ignore that fact.



Bad idea, I know.



Anyways, be sure to get into your comfiest pair of pajamas, grab a cup of cocoa and get cozy because this month's issue is a whole load of fun! From movie reviews (did you SEE the new Fantastic Beasts) to a bunch of reviews about this past month's school events, you're going to have a blast- I just know it.

Stay warm (both literally and figuratively!) everyone.

Love,



Sohaila Hesham, Creative Director

TO ALL THE DREAMERS OUT THERE

WE ALL HAVE DREAMS: Don't we? This dream might be as small as passing a test next week. Or to be the richest human in the world! You might think they're different, but if you look closer, you'll see how similar they are.

Achieving your dream might seem impossible. However if you take it step by step, you will end up reaching the stars.

1) Believing in yourself:

This might seem a cliché, regular piece of advice but it will surprise you how far you can go by believing in yourself and blocking out the haters. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying it's going to be easy, but that is the number one step before achieving anything

2) Set specific goals:

Make sure that your goal is crystal clear, otherwise you won't succeed. Never generalise what you want. Know exactly what you want to achieve.

3) Think as if your life depends on it:

When you shift to a determined mind set, you tend to discover solutions to problems you may have deemed impossible. If your literal life is on the line won't you find a way to save yourself?

4) Work towards your dream:

Always remember, your dreams will never come to you. Get off the couch and do something. Anything counts as a step towards the ultimate goal.

5) Ask for feedback:

Never hesitate to ask for someone else's opinion; sometimes all you need is a second angle to help you get past an obstacle. Although it's important to know other's opinions, NEVER EVER let them drag you down.

6) There is always more to learn:

Always find ways to improve yourself in what you like doing the most. Weather it is a subject at school, a sport or a hobby, keep on learning more.

TO ALL THE DREAMERS OUT THERE CONTD.

7) Work with what you have:

Don't bind yourself with what you don't have. Work as hard as you can with what you've got. Anything that has love and passion will turn out beautiful.

8) Get involved:

Yes get involved. Work as an intern, or follow a professional at what you want to achieve. Always remember, the best maestro was a back row violinist once.

9) Use the internet:

We live at a time where everyone around the world is connected. Use this to your advantage. Try to reach to as many people as you can. Share what you do best with the world.

That concludes my list to reaching your dreams. I personally am chasing my dream to become a professional photographer, and I know how hard it is, but I keep doing it. I never give up, because I love capturing moments. Many of you might not know what your dream is, but trust me; you'll stumble upon a hobby that will give you this incredible willpower and passion that will drive you crazy if you don't pursue it. I express myself through photos, how do you express yourself?

By: Omar Mahmoud - 9B

You Deserve A Stable Life

By Raghad Helal

Whether it is better to live in one place for your entire life or not is an argument that has always stirred debate. Some argue that by regularly upgrading your life through living in different places, you get to know more people; others insist, and I believe too, that there is nothing better than settling down in one place - and that is what you should call "home".

How can you lead a stable life when you are literally changing it every once in a while? That way, you are logically forced to change your job regularly, which will inevitably balance off any chance of you getting promoted and eventually progress in your career. Even worse, if you are a child, you will have to transfer schools, where the system of education may differ, not to mention losing friendships that could have otherwise lasted for life.

*Another thing is that moving to a new country may wreck you emotionally as you will be **CONSTANTLY** looking for new friends and unfortunately, you may end up losing them all as you drift apart when you leave. Of course, this is assuming that we are in the perfect world where you will find a group of friends, with whom you will fit in every time you go to a different country.*

On the other hand, some may claim that living in different places helps you to explore more about the world. Well, this is true to an extent, but we are in the 21st century and all the information you can ever dream to know is one click away. Not only that, but you can always travel the world and visit new places; you don't necessarily have to live there.

To conclude, I believe, heart and soul, that you deserve a stable life with a good job and successful friendships that will last with you a lifetime. Living in one place is the ideal solution.

DENZEL

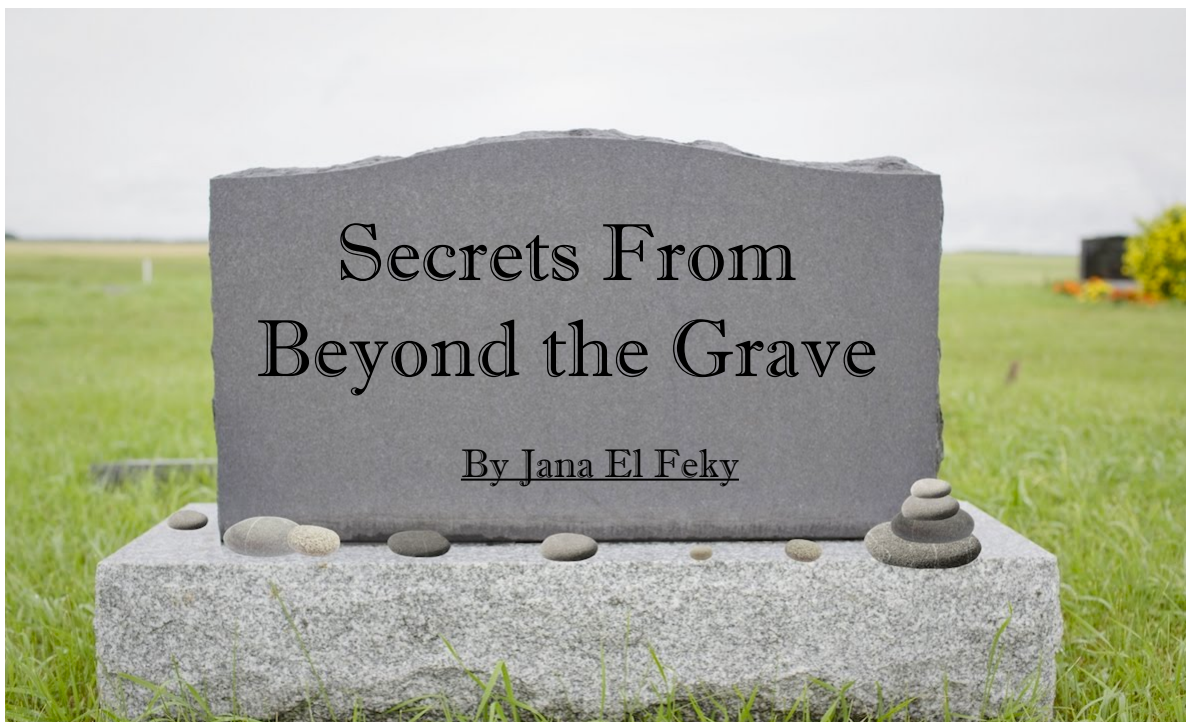
Don't we all just love sitting in the movie theatre eager about knowing what's going to happen next in the movie.
Well if you don't, at least I do!

And that's exactly how I felt watching the Equaliser 2 starring the one, the only... Denzel Washington! If you didn't watch this movie, then honestly you should. Denzel Washington is honestly THE BEST, not only in this movie though, but in every other movie he did. And don't worry if you haven't watched part one of this movie, you'll still understand everything. Denzel Washington plays the role of the taxi driver and also the detective who manages to get anyone he knows out of trouble.

Now this is my favourite and I think most savage part. When Denzel feels suspicious about someone - say the person riding the taxi with him- he tries to find the approximate time it will take to kill or hurt him, - 30 seconds for instance- then he scans the room or place he's sitting in just to -you know- make a plan of how he's going!

By Dana Khedr





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Darling,

You know how much I love you. Before you read this, I need you to believe me when I say, all the bad things I did, I regret every single one of them. Please keep this at heart while reading because you may hate me after you're done.

I know how little girls look up to their dads, and you were no exception, you put me on a pedestal, high enough to reach the clouds, and I let you down. Hel, it's time for you to know what kind of man I was... a bad one.

I was a criminal. I stole, I smuggled, I killed. I'm not proud of who I was, but I believe that my last decision was a good one. I lied to you, and to your mother, and I am so sorry for that, but it kept you alive, and that's what's important, you.

I thought I was invincible, but I am only a man, and all of us die in the end, rich or poor, strong or weak, good or bad, black or white, we all end up consumed by the Earth after being buried, and only then, will our differences not matter. When I die, which will be soon, I'll die because I brought death upon others. That's karma for you, she strikes when you least expect it, and by then, it's too late to stop it, all you can do is wait, wait for death to take its toll on you.

Carl Chamberland, I killed him. He was part of a powerful family, and they tracked me down, so here I am, getting killed to protect you, but I don't regret it, not a single bit.

As I wait for them to find me, for death to take its toll on me, here's one last piece of advice, please don't be like me. Never turn out like me. Don't lie to the people you love most, don't hurt them. Never. I love you so much.

I am so sorry, Hel. Really, I am.

Dad

How could this be? How could I be so stupid? How did I not realize that my own father was a criminal? And I'm not talking about taking candy without paying, I'm talking about murder, people's blood on his hands, his cold, dead hands. How could this be?

Mum came in to check in on me several times today, but I pretended to be asleep whenever she came in. I just can't tell her about this, at least not now. I keep wondering how she'll react when I tell her. I guess I'll find out when I tell her, which won't be anytime soon. I have mastered the art of avoidance over the years. My motto is "if you ignore it for long enough, it'll go away". I don't think it's applicable in this situation, though. I know I'll have to confront her eventually, just not now.

A Nostalgic Twist to Fall Recipes

To all you food lovers, here are some savoury dishes with an ancient dash you'd love to try!

Who doesn't love biscuits? For an even tastier and more old-fashioned version of our favourite snack, try the butter milk biscuits!

All you will need is:

- o 4 cups of self-rising flour, plus more for rolling out
- o 1 tablespoon of baking powder
 - o 1 tablespoon of sugar
 - o 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
 - o 2 cups of buttermilk

On the other hand, if you're looking for something more sourly, then Grandmas old-fashioned potato soup will do the trick; the rich-tasting final result will definitely soothe your taste buds!

Here is what you'll need:

- o 1 1/2 cup of diced onion
- o 1/4 of cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- o 4 cups of large-diced potatoes (about 2 to 2-1/2 pounds)
 - o 1 carrot, coarsely grated
 - o 2 cups of water
 - o 1 tablespoon of salt
 - o 1/2 tablespoon of pepper
 - o 1 tablespoon of dried dillweed
 - o 3 cups of milk
- o 2 tablespoons of chopped fresh parsley
 - o 1/4 cup of potato flakes

By: Sama Sherif

The whole letter was pretty confusing, but the part that really confused me, was when he wrote that he did it all for us, that what he did kept us alive, that he got killed to protect us. What does that even mean? How is he protecting us by getting killed? This whole thing makes no sense. I decide to ignore it, like I do with everything, so I place the letter carefully in my drawer. I'll think about it tomorrow. I'm too sleep deprived to think about it anyway.

I keep thinking about that line "getting killed to protect you.". The problem is that I do know what it means, it means we were the cause of his death, it means that if it weren't for us, he would still be here, alive and well. It's strange to think about how you're the reason someone's dead; at first, you blame yourself, and then, a part of you starts thinking that the dead person is the one to blame, but after that, you remind yourself that you should never blame the dead person, and it starts again and again, a never ending cycle of guilt, anger and pain.

I do the first thing any rational person would do, I google Carl Chamberland. A lot of search results pop up, and most of them are messed up. There are many articles talking about his brutal murder, but they all say the same thing about the murderer, unknown. After that, I find many articles and interviews about his father's company, and how he's going to take over in a few months, of course, the chance never came. Turns out, Carl had a very wealthy and powerful family that knew how to keep their secrets. So, my research turned up dry, and I have no other ideas.

I do what I do best, I ignore it. Whenever Mum asks about it, I just tell her he was saying goodbye. It's been three days since I got Dad's letter, and I think about it more and more every day, but I never bring it up. The art of avoidance.

I go eat in the kitchen, the first time in days, and I find no food, none at all. So, I hop in my car to go the grocery store, and I start thinking about Dad. I think about how much I loved him when I was young, how little by little, my adoration for him started to fade, I didn't see him much as I grew up, and I always assumed it was work related, but now that I know the truth, I'm angry at him. He couldn't be a normal father, he had to go out and kill people, instead of spending time with his own daughter. Anyways, I reach the store and grab a cart, and I start food shopping.

As I round the corner to the cereal aisle, I see him, standing there, picking out cereal, like that's where he should be, not in a casket, in the ground. He turns around, and as soon as he sees me, his face turns pale, and he drops to the ground, knocking over some cereal boxes. He has his head in his hands and he's crying. I go up to him, drop down next to him, and I cry with him. He composes himself long enough to look up at me and say, "Hi, Hel."

KNOW YOUR WORTH, KNOW YOUR VALUE

You deserve someone who knows just how important you are and how much you're worth. You should be the highlight of someone's life; someone's better half and the part of them that makes them want to be better.

You shouldn't be taken for granted, and definitely shouldn't be mistreated. To avoid any of this, you should know your worth, before anyone comes into your life and starts compromising you. A person who is appreciated and valued will always do more than expected. Stay kind to one another, and always appreciate everything; not only things but people, too.

By: Dima Hossam

It's easy to be wanted.
Wouldn't you rather be valued?

Not Worth The Risk

Genetic engineering has always been a matter that triggered debate. Surely, on the surface, genetic engineering may seem like the perfect solution to most of our problems, but would you still think so if you dig a little deeper?

From its start, people have been questioning whether genetic engineering is right. According to some religions, genetic engineering is considered a sin, since people would be tampering with God's creation if they start altering their features and such. Not to mention the fact that it is seen as an unethical practice to several societies.

Not only that, but there are many other reasons why this science does not bring about the ideal situation. One of those is that it would eliminate any presence of diversity we have - imagine a world full of blondes with blue eyes and not a hair out of place - the world would simply be bland, without a shred of uniqueness. Another reason is that we'd be meddling with nature. Although we have a good idea of how the human body works, there is still a great deal we do not know yet, and without the full knowledge of it, we cannot anticipate what genetic effects may occur.

On the other hand, some people may claim that genetic engineering may prove to be useful in the medical field. With its aid, we could finally eradicate all diseases on a world scale, creating a healthy, well-built, disease-free society, and this would help increase people's life spans by dozens of years. Needless to say, this would cause tremendous problems and shortage in resources.

Overall, with genetic engineering, we are treading turbulent, dangerous waters that would inevitably lead to the doom of humanity. Certain things are better left untouched, and I think that could be applied to genetic engineering. Humanity is already okay as it is, and what would be the point of fixing something that is not broken?

By:

Salma Hesham

Sama Sherif

Sara Osama

Ibrahim Rezk

Dear Anonymous,

*Look me in the eye and tell me that you weren't the one who started this humiliation, tell me that you didn't break me into pieces. Give me the chance of moving on when I can't let go. Stop me from drowning myself in sorrow, stop me from regretting what I can never regret. In my fairy tale dreams you lived, and on the monster of anxiety, you left me in the nightmares of reality. Believe me when I tell you I loved you. I can no more feel what I read, but write what I feel. *OVERTHINKING*, *regret*. My heart held me through the pain. Your green eyes and thick hair fitted you the most, but my eyes were counselled with your looks and talks, it viciously pulled me away from the misery of actuality. I am genuinely sorry for the image I created in my imaginary thoughts... turning you, a monster, into a prince. My tongue can't hold back from the words I would want to say, to the words I never thought of mentioning. You didn't only gaze me into your eyes, but you lost every girl, one by one, plummeting into you so hardly, that when I collapsed for you, you couldn't even fall for me... But the thing is, I still love you."*

To All the Music Lovers

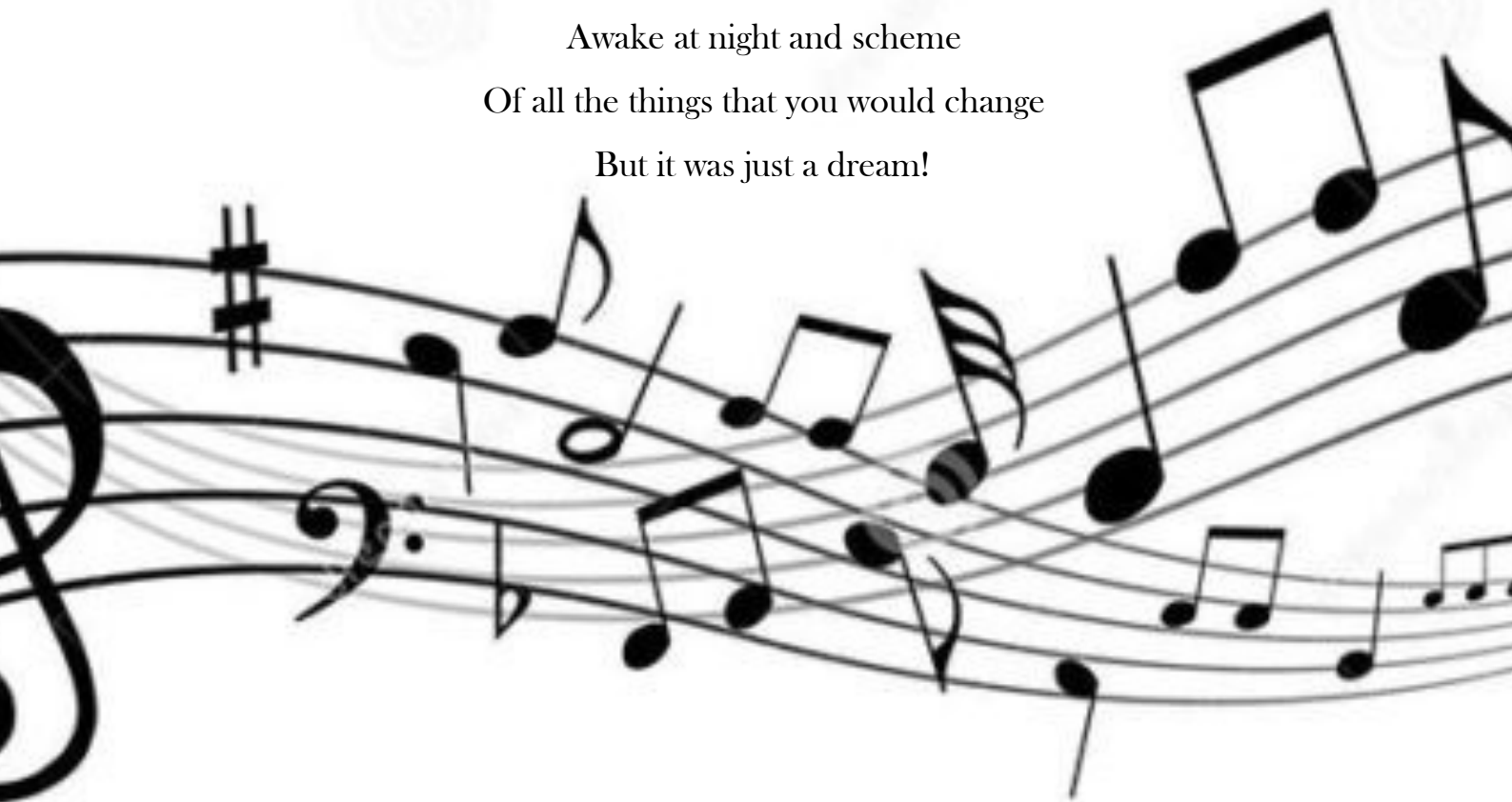
Here i was, thinking what can i do, so you, the people who bought the magazine, can have some fun reading. How about a fun little game of guess the song? I dove into my playlist and picked out the first verses of five songs. Let the game begin! Answers are at the bottom.

1. Here I am, stuck on this couch

Scrolling through my notes
Heart was broken, still not growing, nah
Waking up to headlines
Filled with devastation again
My heart was broken
But I keep going...

2. As a child you would wait

And watch from far away
But you always knew that you'd be the one
That work while they all play
In youth you'd lay
Awake at night and scheme
Of all the things that you would change
But it was just a dream!



3. Yeah, I'd rather be a lover than a fighter
'Cause all my life, I've been fighting
Never felt a feeling of comfort
All this time, I've been hiding
And I never had someone to call my own, oh nah
I'm so used to sharing
Love only left me alone
But I'm at one with the silence...

4. Will you hold the line?
When every one of them is giving up or giving in, tell me
In this house of mine?
Nothing ever comes without a consequence or cost, tell me
Will the stars align?
Will heaven step in? Will it save us from our sin? Will it?
'Cause this house of mine stands strong...

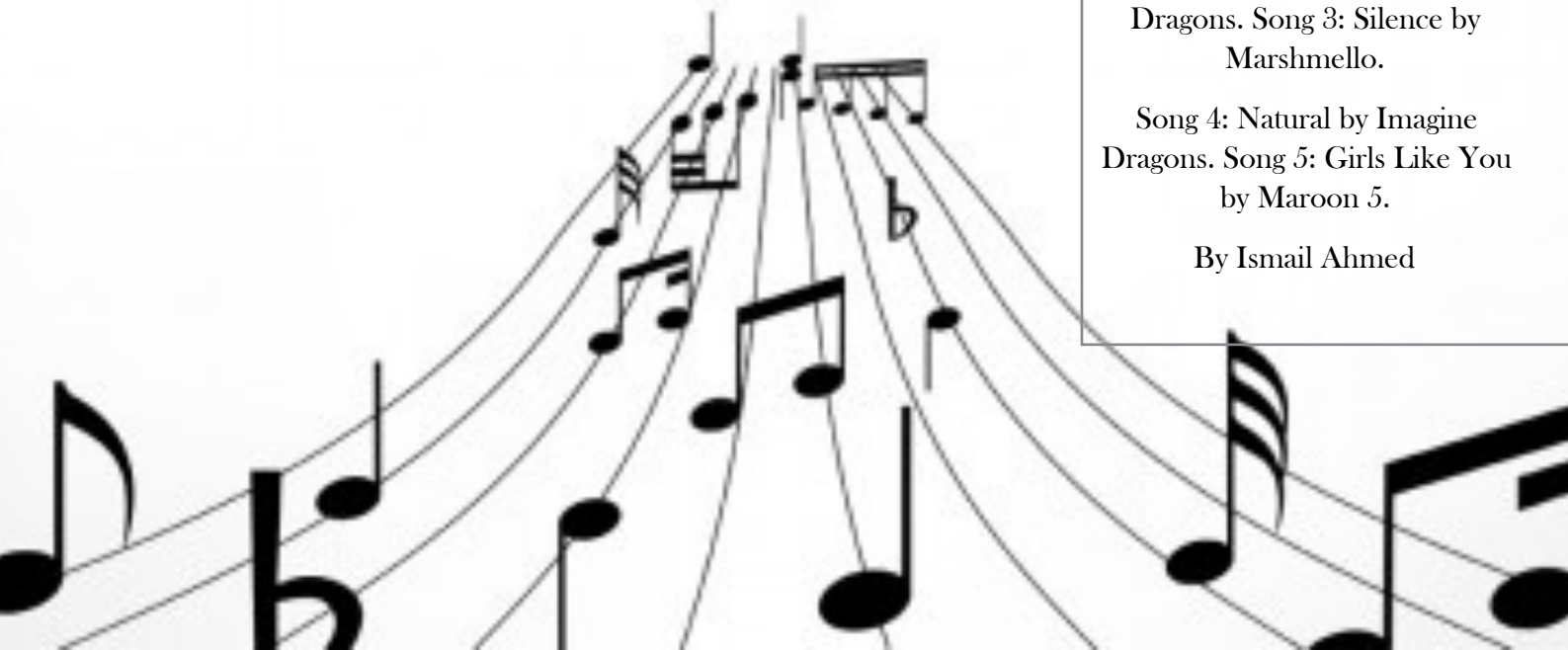
5. Spent 24 hours
I need more hours with you
You spent the weekend
Getting even, ooh ooh
We spent the late nights
Making things right, between us
But now it's all good baby
Roll that Backwood baby
And play me close...

Song 1: Youth by Shawn Mendes.

Song 2: Warriors by Imagine
Dragons. Song 3: Silence by
Marshmello.

Song 4: Natural by Imagine
Dragons. Song 5: Girls Like You
by Maroon 5.

By Ismail Ahmed



do all
things
with
love



Grade 11 spent a few days of fun under the sun in El Gouna in November. The happiness and the memories made were indescribable but some of them took a shot!





“It was the best trip by far! This trip needs to be repeated. All classes got closer to each other. What I’ll never forget is the nights we spent by the pool doing nothing but eating!”

Habiba Hany

“From good company, mornings at the beach and laughters at night, this trip marks itself as one of the highlights of 2018. Truly, it was an unforgettable. fun-packed experience”

Aya Emad





“This trip has to go down in history as one of the best trips in my entire life! From late nights spent in the Marina to the unforgettable memories created on the cruise. Every time I think about the cruise , I cant help but smile thinking about all the new friendships made and the endless laughs”
Mariam Yasser



Best Dressed At The Emmys

By Sally Hesham

Incase you didn't get to see the Emmys red carpet looks, here are a few of who I thought were best dressed:

1.) Dakota Fanning

Dakota was giving princess vibes by wearing a very elegant Dior mint green dress with matching emerald earrings.



2.) Noah Schnapp

Noah definitely knows how to dress for a red carpet alright! He wore a beige tuxedo with a black silk shirt and sneakers. Who knew a 13 year old could dress so well?



3.) Felicity Huffman

This black pantsuit was definitely made for her. This outfit shows that women can also rock black suits on the carpet.



4.) Millie Bobby Brown

Millie is wearing a pastel off-shoulder cupcake-shaped dress with matching shoes and jewellery. She doesn't dress to disappoint! Definitely my personal favourite.



5.) Madeline Petsch

The Riverdale actress rocked a green and gold ballgown with Tiffany & Co. jewelry.



6.) Andy Samberg

Last but definitely not least, Andy Samberg. Who knew he could make wearing simple black suit look so good? FYI: this man is 40 (WHAAT)



WHY I NEVER STOPPED

NO ONE WILL EVER IMAGINE HOW LIVELY I FEEL WHEN I VISIT THESE INNOCENT, PURE CHILDREN. I GET THIS FEELING THAT ALL I WANT TO DO IS TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER; AND WHEN I SEE THEM SMILE -EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT- I FEEL THAT I'M FINALLY LIGHTENING UP THEIR LIVES. SOME MAY NOT GET WHY I NEVER STOPPED VISITING THEM, BUT WHEN YOU'RE THAT RELATED TO A CHILD - ESPECIALLY IF HE'S AN ORPHAN- YOU CONSTANTLY WANT TO HELP; YOU WANT TO BE BY THEIR SIDE IN CASE THEY FACE ANY DIFFICULTIES; YOU WANT TO BE THE PERSON THEY GO TO WHENEVER THEY FEEL DOWN. THESE KIDS HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES.

BY RAGHAD HELAL - HEAD OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORPHANAGE PROJECT





A Perfect World Is Still Possible

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE WE CAN SAVE MILLIONS, IF NOT BILLIONS, OF LIVES IN THE YEARS TO COME – THIS IS ONE WHERE PEOPLE MAKE USE OF GENETIC ENGINEERING. WE SHOULD SEIZE ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO GRANT OUR PEOPLE THE PERFECT WORLD.

Genetic engineering is the way to wipe out ALL genetic diseases. Not only will it reduce cancer by double-digit percentages, but it will also be the key for handicapped children to live a fairly normal childhood. This way, you will save the life of a person and the suffering hearts of the people supporting him.

Another point is that genetic engineering can be used to boost the IQ levels – to say that it will be a world of geniuses would be an understatement. With this brainpower, technology and medical research will rocket ahead into the realm of the future.

Another side to this coin, however, is that some people still claim that genetic engineering is unethical as we tamper with God's creation. Nevertheless, nothing could be further from the truth, as when we use genetic engineering for these causes, then we are doing nothing but our best to help save the lives of all those disabled and incapacitated human beings. They deserve to live like you do!

All in all, life is not a gift or lottery; it is a right. That is why, I strongly believe that genetic engineering is bound to benefit mankind.

BY:

MENNA ABU HUSSEIN
RAGHAD HELAL
JANNA BARAKAT
NOUR SAMAHA

do
something
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today

To all the people who need inspiration

Some people may think that quotes can only be used as Instagram captions and commercial slogans, but other people look at quotes as a way for inspiration; a way for them to get back on their feet, and a way that would give them determination about something in their life. Some other people look at quotes as motivators for them to continue living life and working harder. Whether by looking at Instagram quotes or hearing motivational words in real life, each one of us draws power from quotes. Here are some of the most inspiring quotes that you will ever read:

“Imitation is suicide.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you’ll be criticized anyway.”
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

“I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.” ~
Mahatma Gandhi

“Better to write for yourself and have no public, than to write for the public
and have no self.” ~ Cyril Connolly

“Some people say you are going the wrong way, when it’s simply a way of
your own.” ~ Angelina Jolie

“Remember to always be yourself. Unless you suck.” ~ Joss Whedon

“If you cannot be a poet, be the poem.” ~ David Carradine

“Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind.” ~ Dodinsky

“Do what you must,
And your friends will adjust.” ~ Robert Brault

“Wanting to be someone else is a waste of who you are.” ~ Kurt Cobain

“the only time you should ever look back, is to see how far you’ve come” ~
BTS

~Lara Mohamed



A Lifetime Around the World By Hoda Hossam

Is it better to live in the same place your entire life or to get to experience what it is like to live in numerous places? I believe that there is a lot to gain from living in different places.

To begin with, getting to experience life in different places helps you develop better skills. When you live in different countries, it is guaranteed that you will have to learn how to adjust into the community and be aware of how to interact with the citizens there. This will definitely be an important factor in perfecting your communication and adaptation skills, which you will most definitely need throughout your life.

In addition, living in different places widens your knowledge of the world. Not only do you get to thoroughly experience diverse cultures, but you will also get to grow as a person. You will get to meet new people and come in contact with different mindsets, which will eventually help you develop into a more mature person.

On the other hand, some people may argue that you will have better friendships and stronger ties if you live in the same place your entire life. That may be partially true, but I believe it is crucial in the long run to expand your social circle that living in different place will surely provide.

To sum everything up, living in many places offers many benefits that you would not find otherwise, and I believe that it is one of the best ways that will help you become the best version of yourself.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Luxor and Aswan
January 4th

NMUN
February 10th

TedX Narmer
March 2nd

CWMUN
March 22nd - April 1st

Humans of Egypt

Inspired by Humans of New York page on Instagram. As part of broadening horizons and getting to know the world around them, students in Grade 9 were asked to ask someone in their life for their stories. They were encouraged to ask those who play a role but the students don't really know. Some were sad, some were fascinating and some were comforting to know that someone feels the same way you do.



3am 3abdo:

So, I was engaged and was about to marry my cousin when something happened. I went silent for 55 days without uttering a word. On the 25th day, my cousins family decided that they would not marry their daughter to someone like me as I want showing any signs of progress or healing. It was devastating, you'd never know what it was like not being able to speak.

But a miracle happened on my "55th day", I was at the mosque praying el 3esha when I found myself speaking. The first word I uttered was "**El 7amdallah**". And since that incident my cousins family said that they would now be OK with me marrying their daughter. Although I loved her dearly but I refused as I said to myself "**El Mayo5dnesh feh zemety,**

maya5odnesh khaliss"

By Seif El Din - 9B

Mr. Kassem:

I was very young, in Primary School, I think. There was a kid I got into a fight with but I was stronger and he was weaker than me and he was afraid of me. One day, we were walking in the street and I kept punching and bullying him on the way. One time I just pulled him and we both fell on the ground but he was on top of me. Although he had the upper hand, he just didn't want to punch me. Another kid saw us and started to punch me and bully me the same way I did to his friend. We both got into a fight and I was on top of him but because I was afraid of him I didn't punch him. At this point, I remember what I did to the other boy and never came near him again. I still remember this day like it was yesterday. I learned a very valuable lesson that day, when the tables are turned "**I shouldn't do things to other people, if I'm afraid of them happening to me**".

Marwan Mohamed - 9B

The Man Who sells Lemons:

For the past years, begging for money became lifestyle. Everyday, my worries grew bigger when I found out that my daughter got diagnosed by a very rare heart disease which requires 100,000 EGP surgery. After giving birthday to my daughter, by almost 4 years, my wife passed away and left me to deal with this crucial situation on my own. After her, it became hard, she used to be the family's backbone, she used to homeschool our daughter, now my wife's sister is teaching her some stuff but like one a month. Life gave no chance to my daughter for even surviving. I wasn't accepted by all means in any job, not even as a street cleaner due to problems in my right leg which prevents me from walking properly, that's when money begging became a daily basis activity literally, I never left the street due to having no roof above our heads, only a given away pillow and a piece of carton that my daughter lies on. One day, I woke up and began to cry, which was something normal to me when a random man saw me and asked me how he can help me, and what was wrong but he was very sincere, as he didn't want to interfere. When he found out my struggles and how devastated and helpless I was.

I explained it all and told him everything. When he knew, he too started crying a lot and he immediately thinking what we can do. The kind man connected me to a family that owned a farm and provided me with 20 KG of lemon monthly. It wasn't a lot but 2 years later, I was able to collect the money I needed by selling the lemons ALL over Maadi. One kind act of a man changed my family's life forever. *W law haya2of 3ala 7ayati, ana gahez eny a5aly baly men el ragel da w a3melo ay 7aga 3ashan howa makansh lazem ya3mel keda*". However my main problem is being treated inhumanely by normal civilians, I heard two people talking about me saying "That guy needs to be squashed and pressed and treated the way of what he actually is which is a piece of crap". I'm doing my best but I'm sure that this is not close to enough, I work so hard and I can barely making ends meet. If I lose my daughter, I will commit suicide because I live for only her. *Rabena yeshfeha w ye2of gambena.*

Karma Hamdy - 9C



Doaa, the cook:

For many years I have had only one dream which is having a normal child. To achieve this dream I've gone through a lot of hardships going from one doctor to another. I had many miscarriages of deformed babies and all of this taught me patience and tolerance instead of despair and hate. It strengthened my faith. I have learnt to keep praying and never gave up. It changed my life as I was always at peace. For 14 years, I kept my hopes up until my long awaited day came and my child came to life. My whole life has changed since then and my baby filled me with such appreciation, happiness and bliss.

Thank God for his beautiful blessings.

Malak Kamal - 9A

Not the place for me

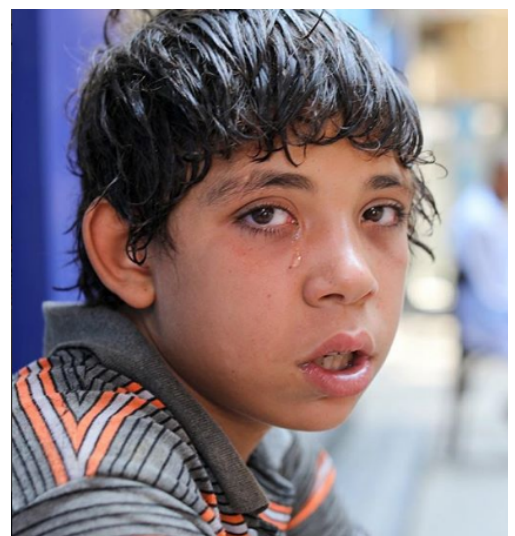
The Security

I am just a simple guy with big dreams. As a child I wanted to be a pilot just like any other boy. I ended up studying computer science. I was forced to join the army and when I was 22 years old, my last day in the army was the happiest day of my life. It was so different out there, it was much easier even though I didn't know anyone. I worked and worked until I had a job, made friends and made a great life. I wanted to live there forever. Unfortunately i had to go back to Egypt when my father passed away and I was woke up from this dream that was my life. But Thank God, I still have a good life here, I have a job, I earn good money but people are always in my business judging me and thinking they have a right to tell me their opinion about everything. I want to travel again because I believe Egypt is not the place for me.

Farah Zekry- 9B

The Man Who Lost Everything

I was a rich, well-respected man. I had everything. A lot of stores a big house and then I had nothing. Trade went down and I lost 6 million pounds and i had no other choice but to resort to drug dealing. Things went smoothly at first, until the cops caught me. 5 years in Prison, I spent. When I got out, I had a little apartment and just enough money to eat. I had nothing. After years of being depressed and VERY lonely, I decided to get married and start a family. I got married 3 times and none of them worked out.They all came in, took what little things i had left and took off. Nothing seemed to work out for me. I put the remaining of my money in the stock market thinking i could probably get some interest but the stock market of course to my luck dropped. Once again, I lost everything.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CAMP 2018

Unforgettable

If you didn't attend the school camp a few weeks ago, you missed *a lot*. The camp was quite a success. It was jam-packed with all sorts of fun activities, so it was pretty fun. Even when there was a little lull between activities, it was still enjoyable. There was music playing and people dancing, and, overall, the atmosphere was light and entertaining.

Right off the bat, the camp was incredibly fun. We set up the tents and played several cool activities in teams (the teams were named as the Friends characters — that was also pretty cool) — some were especially so that everyone wanted to play them twice. There was also a lot of laughter and dancing as well before we eventually all started to get a bit tired and changed into our pajamas. We watched a horror movie before we went to sleep, which I thought was the perfect way to end the night (although not all were particularly interested in the movie, and there was quite a bit of angry shushing throughout it from those who were actually watching). When the movie was over and we all went to settle into our tents to get a few hours of sleep before the second day, some people decided they couldn't really sleep (this led to a few complications, but we're just going to breeze right through those), and I personally think that was a testament to how good the camp really was, that people couldn't sleep from all the excitement surrounding the day.

The second day was a bit slow, but that's probably because of the lack of sleep everyone got rather than the camp itself being boring. Several of us woke up super early (although, naturally, I didn't — I do have a reputation of doing things late though; waking up, arriving somewhere, you know what I mean). There was an air of sadness that clung to the second day, though. I think most of us were a bit upset the whole thing ended so fast — you know what they say: time flies by when you're having fun. The camp was really rather special and I think most of us would look back and remember how fun it was, in the long run.

Overall, it was a really lively experience. If I could, I think I'd do it all over again, and I think that alone sort of speaks about how fun it was. I know that, if you ask, some people would tell you it was super boring and awful, but I think that, deep down, they had fun, too— it'd be impossible if they didn't.

By: Salma Hesham

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Here are some beautifully captured moments of the camp. The students in Grade 9 and 10 worked together to make an unforgettable camp for themselves by themselves.

Great job to all those who organised and thank you for the ones who came and made the camp what it was: a SUCCESS.







7th edition of ENMUN: The Legacy Continues

Another year and another massively successful ENMUN. This year, the 7th EBIS Narmer MUN took place from the 24th of November until the 1st of December, and throughout the week, both the MUN team and the delegates experienced many fun highlights and unforgettable moments; let's go over just a few of them.

The MUN kicked off on the 24th of November with registration day. On that Saturday, the delegates arrived at EBIS to register for the MUN and also to spend a day getting to know their councils and secretariats through lots of fun activities. "We had a lot of fun and got to know each other, the delegates seemed really nice from the start", says Mostafa El Said, a secretariat in AIA.

The following 2 days were filled with sessions over here at Narmer, where the delegates got to know all there is about the United Nations and their specific councils. "I learned a lot of new stuff, (it was a) fruitful experience", says Karma Hamdy, a delegate in AIA.

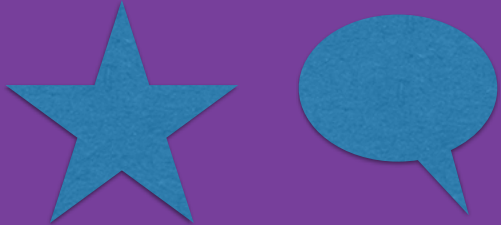
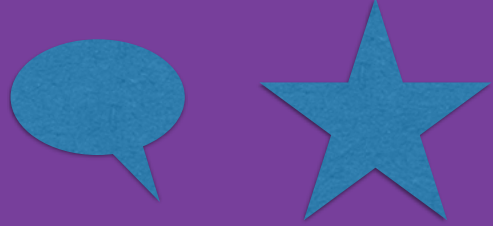
On Tuesday we had another day packed with fun; the sports day. On that day, the delegates in each council teamed up and competed against other councils in lots of different activities such as treasure hunt and the spoon and egg race to win prizes. Of course the delegates were super-competitive, making up chants to support their councils.

After that there were 2 more days of sessions at Narmer followed by the conference itself which was held at EBIS during the weekend. The conference was, as usual, very eventful; with heated debates, breathtaking solutions and of course, lots of laughter.

The MUN then concluded with an amazing closing ceremony, where the delegates received their certificates, took pictures, danced and where the awards for the best delegates were handed out. Mostafa: "Throughout the whole MUN, I grew attached to my delegates, they were just really bright." Sohaila Hesham the Secretary General of the MUN also said: "Tiring as it was, I think that it was worth it in the end because of the impact of the MUN on the delegates who were having fun and really learning something. The team was great and the delegates really had fun and it was an awesome week for me".

I think it's fair to say that the MUN was a huge success, and everyone involved had a great time. "Yeah you can label it model, I label it out-standing memory" said Karma, one of the delegates.

By: Yahia Hantira





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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR