



St Edward's College

Dwardu's Scoops

So much to do, so little time

With the start of the New year, this edition of Dwardu's Scoops is looking to bring you all information which was difficult to include in the mad run-up to the Christmas holidays. College life was strongly laced with the inebriating spirit of Christmas it is true, but life went on with all sorts of activities taking place.

One of the more unique experiences was the visit which the Year 8 students had on board the ARM Cuauhtémoc, a sail training vessel of the Mexican Navy, named for the last Mexica Hueyi Tlatoani (ruler) Cuauhtémoc who was captured and executed in 1525. She is the last of four sister ships built by the naval shipyards of Bilbao, Spain, in 1982, all built to a design similar to the 1930 designs of the German firm Blohm & Voss. More of this on Page 5.

The upcoming year will have its high points and its challenges. With the Covid pandemic still very much present, it is likely that established events in the school calendar may have to be modified, even if it is as yet too early to say and, in any case, the headmaster will keep everyone informed. In the meantime, the College will be implementing the regulations and recommendations handed out by the authorities for the safety of one and all.



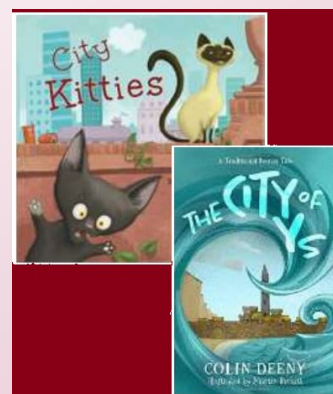
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Books of the month — January

Every month, the Literacy and Information Support Unit (LISU) issues a list of books suitable for different age groups.

Access the list [here](#)



Getting to know you

Headmaster, Section Heads, Teachers, Learning Support Educators, Administrators, Support staff...these are all people we get to meet every day. We work with them, we study with them and sometimes we get told off by them. But do we really know them?

So, here goes: first few faces we certainly get to see most frequently and a few personal elements which will get us to know them better!



1. My favourite colour is Green
2. My favourite food is cabbage and bacon
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be playing for the Ireland Rugby Team
4. I wouldn't be seen dead ...playing soccer
5. As a student I wished I could play rugby for Ireland.
6. The activity I enjoy most is sailing because of the connection with nature.



Nollaig Mac an Bhaird
Headmaster

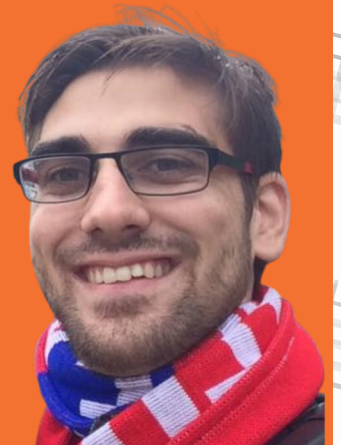


1. My favourite colour is orange
2. My favourite food is anything with seafood.
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be probably working with animals.
4. I wouldn't be seen dead doing bungee jumping or anything involving heights.

5. As a student I wished to go on a world tour with my heavy metal band.
6. The activity I enjoy most is playing team sports because I really enjoy socializing and keeping fit.

I teach because I want to make a difference.

Jalen Galea
Head of IB Diploma Course



1. My favourite colour is blue
2. My favourite food is a nice rib eye
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be a geologist somewhere underground/offshore.
4. I wouldn't be seen dead doing anything that involves blood or needles.
5. As a student I wished to become a professional skateboarder.
6. The activity I enjoy most is traveling because you get to see the world one snapshot at a time.

I teach because it is my goal to pass on the love of geography to the next generation!

Daniel Caruana Smith
Head Senior School



1. My favourite colour is light pink.
2. My favourite food is mushrooms! And pasta (unfortunately).
3. As a student I wished for less homework and to pursue dancing.
4. The activity I enjoy most is meeting my friends and family often, but also try to steal some quiet time and enjoy a good book.

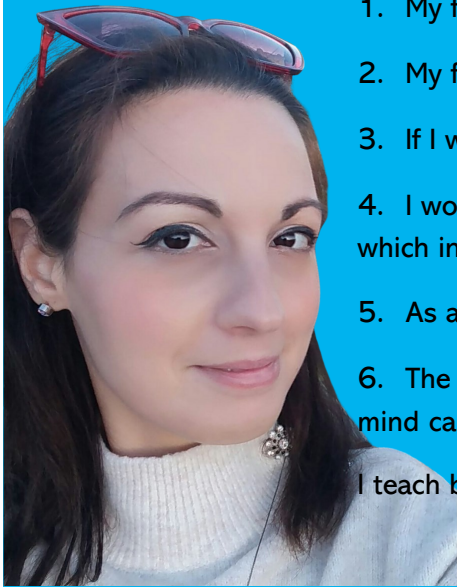
I teach because I love the 'aha' moment students experience once they realise they achieved a new skill or understanding. I love helping them grow into the individuals they are.

Stephanie Grech
Head Early Years

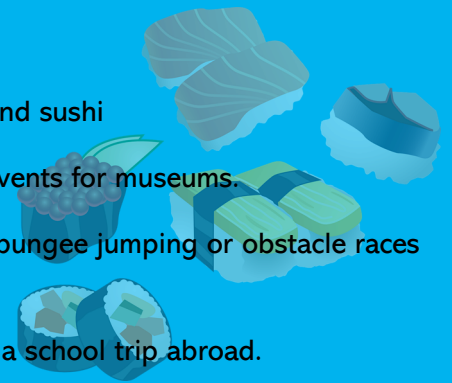


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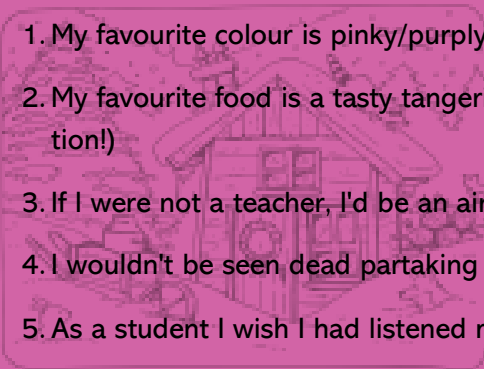
1. My favourite colour is Blue
2. My favourite food is a tie between pizza and sushi
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be organising events for museums.
4. I wouldn't be seen dead doing zip lining, bungee jumping or obstacle races which involve unsteady surfaces.
5. As a student I wished I was able to go on a school trip abroad.
6. The activity I enjoy most is watching TV especially reality TV because my mind can chill and I get inspired by what I see.



I teach because I like the routine and I like my subject.

*Samantha Abela
Head Middle School*

1. My favourite colour is pinky/purply...can never make up my mind!
2. My favourite food is a tasty tangerine (healthy option), or chocolate (not so healthy option!)
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be an air hostess/hairdresser (my aged 6 life ambitions.)
4. I wouldn't be seen dead partaking in a sky dive.
5. As a student I wish I had listened more to my parents!
6. The activity that I enjoy the most is Christmas with family in England.



I teach because you make a difference to the next generation and the legacy lives on, even when you're gone.

*Louise Mallia
Head Junior School*



1. My favourite colour is but will say blue even if I like all colours
2. My favourite food is pasta.
3. If I were not a teacher, I'd be a Speech therapist working with children
4. I wouldn't be seen dead becoming a politician and eating insects... but never say never!!
5. The activity I enjoy most is anything related to sports or dance. Because it mostly relaxes the mind

I teach because it is very satisfying to watch the children grow and develop

*Clara Cremona
MCO*

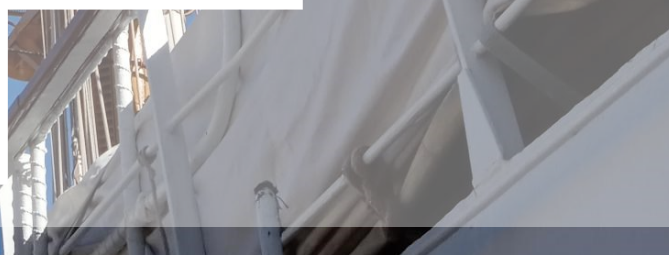
Ahoy!

By Samantha Abela

Is this a caravel? Is this an army ship? These were questions that our Year 8 students asked themselves when they approached the majestic ARM Cuauhtémoc which was docked in the Grand Harbour, Valletta, late in December. As the boys learnt, the ARM Cuauhtémoc is a sail training vessel of the Mexican navy, named after the last Mexica Hueyi Tlatoani Cuauhtémoc, the Aztec ruler who was captured and executed in 1525. She is the last of four sister ships built by the naval shipyards of Bilbao, Spain, in 1982, all built to a design similar to the 1930 designs of the German firm Blohm & Voss. Like her sister ships, Cuauhtémoc is a sailing ambassador for her home country and a frequent visitor to world ports, having sailed more than 700,000km in her years of service, with appearances at ASTA Tall Ship Challenges, Sail Osaka, the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Races and more. It docked in Malta for a few days, paying homage to our harbour with festive music and the sailors all atop of the masts. It comes in sign of peace, collaboration and of course to spread Mexican culture and knowhow around the world.

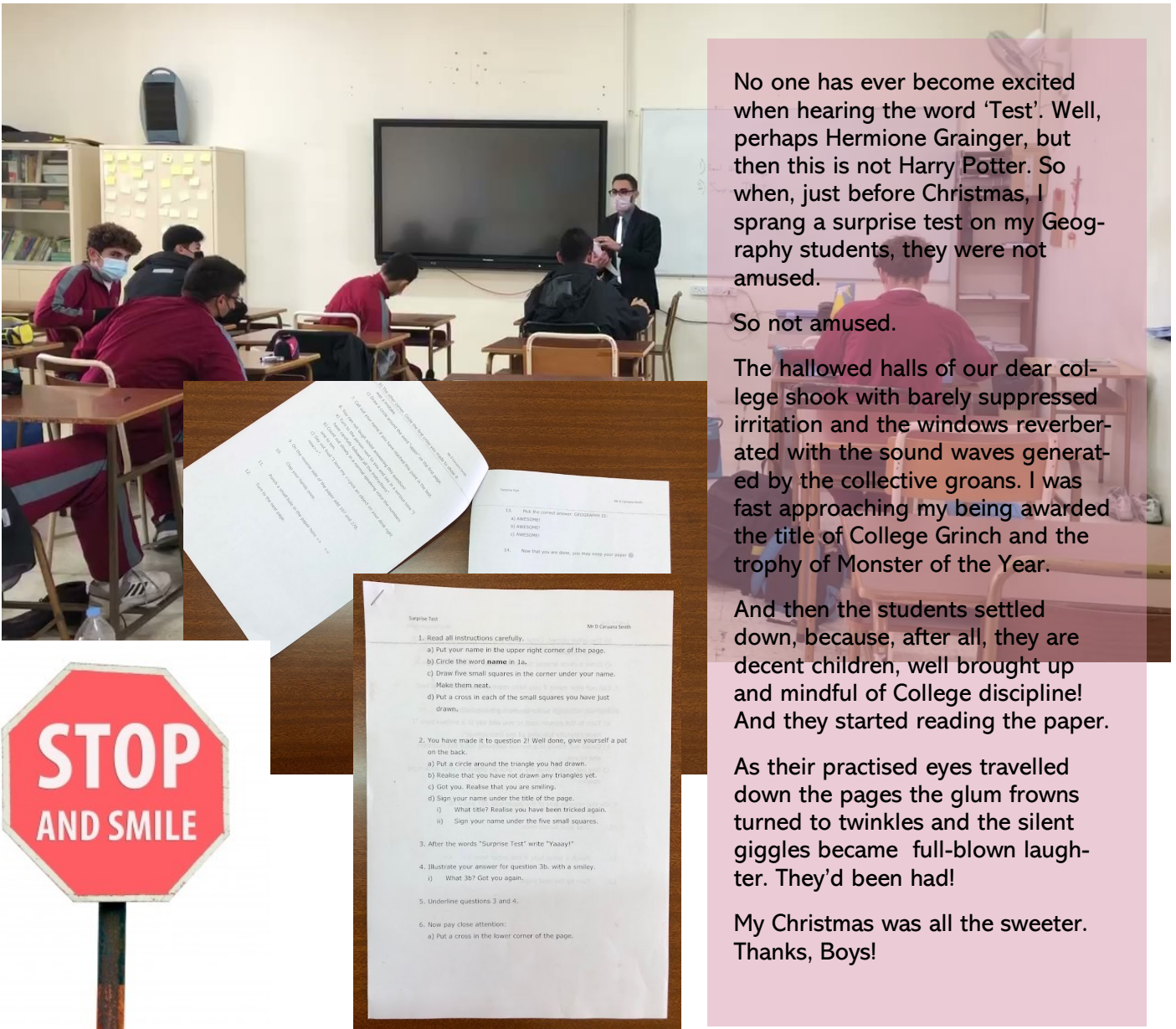
Around 30 Year 8 boys went on board the ship one sunny Friday afternoon accompanied by staff members. The crew welcomed them very warmly. They gave them a tour of the ship as well as some nibbles. The boys learnt a lot about the Officer's experiences onboard, about the mission of the ARM Cuauhtémoc and as well as what life is like at sea. They were impressed by the majestic look of the vessel from the outside as well as how beautiful and well kept it is on the inside. This trip offered a different kind of learning opportunity for our students which would also help our students to create memories that will last a lifetime.

This visit was possible thanks to the coordination of Dr Louise Cachia Caruana and of course His Excellency, the Ambassador of Mexico for Malta Mr Garcia de Alba.



The fine print

By Daniel Caruana Smith



Top-level meeting

Headmaster Mr Nollaig Mac An Bhaird paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of Italy to Malta H.E Mario Sammartino. The meeting was very cordial and the Ambassador was appraised with the work carried out by the college. Headmaster was accompanied by the Communications executive Ms Sylvana Debono.





Like Tony Stark, I am Iron Man from The Avengers



Keep your friends close but your enemies closer (The Godfather)



Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in. (The Godfather)

READY, AIM, LASERTAG

Lasertag outing for the IB Students went down a treat as a Christmas bonus. And, to add to the fun we tagged (ahem!) the pictures with some famous quotes from action movies. Be afraid...be very afraid especially of Ms Busuttill Gili!



Say hello to my little friend (From Scarface)



Hasta la vista, Baby! (after Terminator)



There are three ways of doing things around here: the right way, the wrong way and the way that I do it. (Casino)



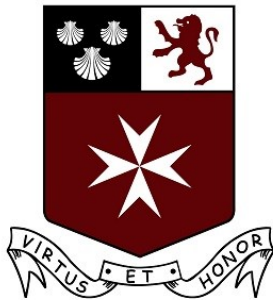
I will have my vengeance, in this life or the next...said Maximus in Gladiator!



Leave the gun, take the cannoli. (The Godfather)

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At St Edward's College we strive to create exemplary citizens in this increasingly globalised and technological world, placing strong emphasis on character formation, genuine intercultural understanding and leadership skills which will assist them to contribute to the well-being of society.



Selling their parent's homes? That's a fine way to start the year! Actually, these year 9 students were practicing at selling their homes, yes, but in Italian. So they go to practise their linguistic skills. With Ms Luana Cassar.

My college and other animals

Gerald Durrell's title from his famous Corfu trilogy lent itself beautifully to this event. College is, indeed, like family and for the younger pupils, this family included also the Mounted Police and the K9 Section of the force. The children learnt about the horses and how the police take care of them. Their training includes noise as the horses have to be trained not to be afraid of noise and crowds. They heard how the dogs were specially trained to smell out certain things and not others. In a brief demonstration, the police officers showed how the dogs could sniff out a suspicious item which was hidden in the College grounds. A demonstration of agility followed and the children were impressed by the obedience of our best friends.

