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# Teacher's Note



My dearest gentle readers,

I have come up with the idea of creating this magazine inspired by my students' excellent knowledge of English, their vivid curiosity, and their constant motivation to do something different, creative, and meaningful, at the same time unique. What you now hold in your hands is the result of their hard work, ideas, and collaborative spirit.

The magazine is divided into six main sections, each thoughtfully chosen by the students themselves, accompanied by a seventh special section featuring interviews with our students. The topics reflect the interests and voices of today's youth—what they care about, what they question, and what they wish to express. Each section includes a poem, an essay, and a student-conducted survey, as well as other unique topics that bring the themes to life in diverse and imaginative ways.

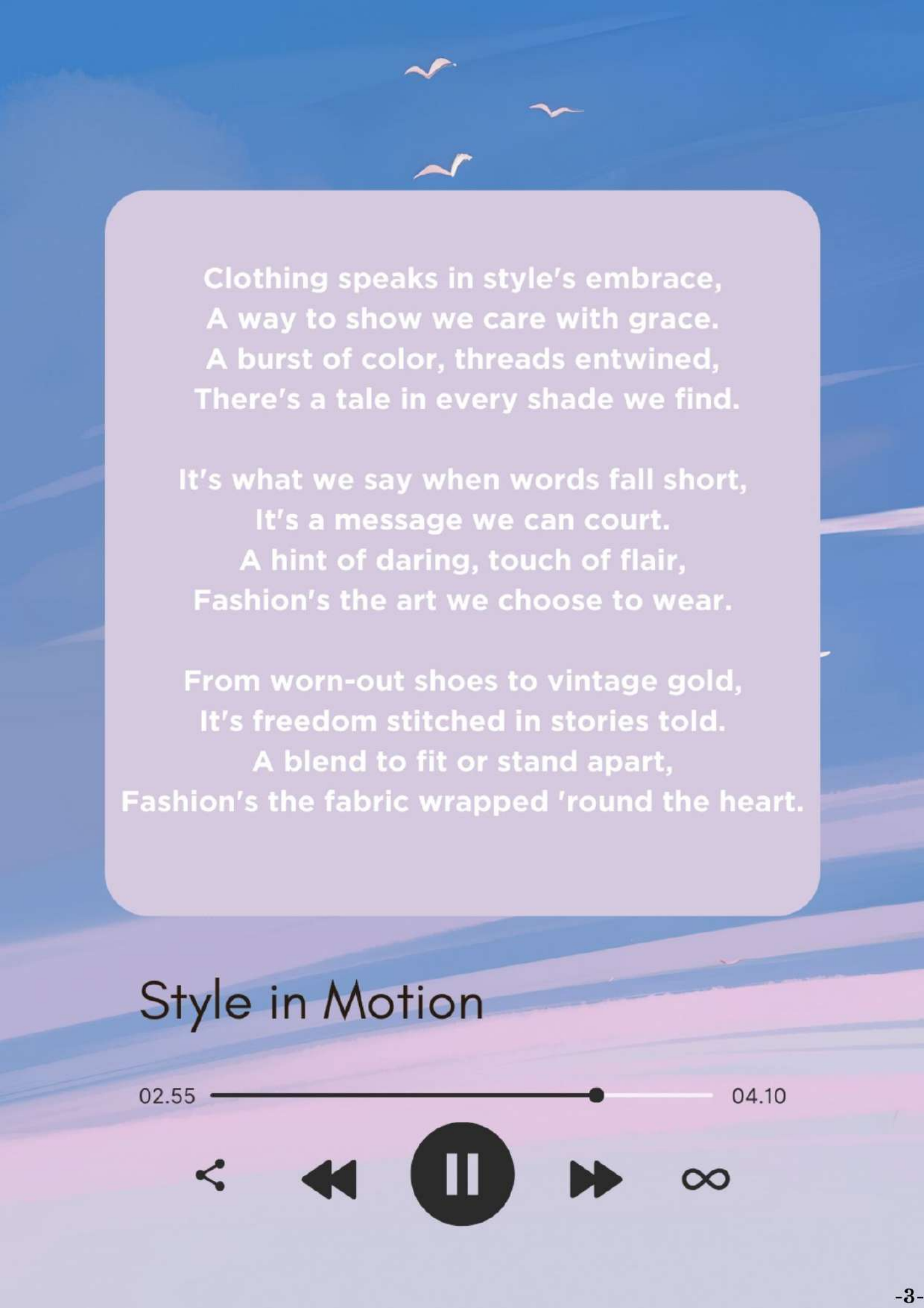
As the coordinator of this project, my role was to supervise and support the students while letting them decide which theme to choose and write about. I acted as a guide, helping them shape their ideas while encouraging them to take all the credits for their work. Watching them grow more confident and engaged throughout the process has been one of the most rewarding parts of this journey.

This magazine is more than just pages—it is a reflection of young minds working together with passion, purpose, and creativity. I hope you read it with the same joy and curiosity with which it was made.

Warmest regards,

English teacher, Gordana Cvetković





Clothing speaks in style's embrace,  
A way to show we care with grace.  
A burst of color, threads entwined,  
There's a tale in every shade we find.

It's what we say when words fall short,  
It's a message we can court.  
A hint of daring, touch of flair,  
Fashion's the art we choose to wear.

From worn-out shoes to vintage gold,  
It's freedom stitched in stories told.  
A blend to fit or stand apart,  
Fashion's the fabric wrapped 'round the heart.

## Style in Motion

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# Express Yourself

Fashion is a way to express yourself without speaking, without moving. The way you dress can speak more than we may be aware of.

Fashion was always present within people, though, in earlier years it wasn't as expressive as it is nowadays. Achieving your desired look became more affordable and accessible over time. Many new styles have been created throughout the years and people started accepting and applying them. Nevertheless, there are still people that are scared or embarrassed to dress some unique way because they don't want to get wierd looks and bad comments on their style. This results in them dressing casually or in some highlt accepted styles, even if they might make them uncomfortable just so they would be accepted. On the other hand there are people who dont care about the looks and comments they'd get as long as they feel good in their own skin. They believe that the purpose of having your own style is to express yourself and not be ashamed of it. And finally, there are people that dress strictly in the current fashion trends. Even if they may dislike it or find it ridicilous, they'd dess that way to recieve attention and fame. The moment the fashion trend changed, they'd change their style and do that over and over again.

The point of fashion is to show your true colors and not blindy follow trends. By liking and disliking certain parts of fashion we form our own style and our preferences. It's amusing that such thing as simply dressing up can change our view on ourselves, our confidence and our appearance.





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# The Art of Dressing

## *Expressing Identity Through Personal Style*



### ***Fashion and Self-Perception***

Fashion plays a key role in shaping self-perception. The way we dress can influence how we see ourselves, boosting confidence or reflecting our mood. Wearing clothes that align with our identity or values helps us feel more authentic and empowered. Fashion allows us to express who we are, which can positively affect our self-esteem and how we interact with the world.



### ***How Fashion Choices Reflect and Influence Individuality and Culture***

Fashion reflects individuality by allowing people to express their personality, beliefs, and moods through clothing. It serves as a visual language, showcasing unique tastes and preferences. Fashion influences culture by shaping trends, fostering identity, and reflecting societal values and changes.



### ***Fashion and Social Change***

Fashion plays an important role in social change by reflecting and driving shifts in societal values and norms. It often serves as a medium for challenging conventions, promoting equality, and amplifying voices for political and cultural movements. From suffragette white to gender-neutral clothing, fashion has continually evolved to mirror and influence transformative moments in history.



### ***Mental Impact of Clothing Choices***

The clothes we wear can have a big impact on how we feel and think. Wearing certain outfits can boost confidence, improve mood, or help us feel more focused. For example, dressing professionally might make someone feel more capable, while wearing comfortable clothes can create a sense of relaxation. Clothing choices affect how we see ourselves and how others see us, influencing our mental state.

# Fashion since '90s

## *Expressing Identity Through Personal Style*



The early 2000s was an era of eclecticism, where fashion took on a mishmash of styles. From low-rise jeans and crop tops to tracksuits and logo-heavy fashion, the decade was about experimentation and bold statements. Pop culture figures, particularly from music, such as Britney Spears, Destiny's Child, and N'SYNC, played a massive role in shaping the decade's fashion.

At the same time, fast fashion exploded. Brands like H&M, Zara, and Forever 21 capitalized on the demand for affordable and trendy clothing, bringing runway-inspired designs to the masses at unprecedented speed.



The 1990s was a decade marked by rebellion against the excesses of the 1980s. The early part of the decade saw the rise of grunge fashion, heavily influenced by the music scene in Seattle, led by bands like Nirvana and Pearl Jam. The 1990s also saw a rise in hip-hop fashion. Influenced by urban culture and artists like Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G., this style emphasized baggy jeans, oversized jerseys, and bold accessories like gold chains and sneakers.



VOGUE

The 2010s were defined by the rise of streetwear and the digital revolution. Streetwear, a style rooted in skate, surf, and hip-hop culture, grew into a dominant force in fashion. Brands like Supreme, Off-White, and Yeezy became household names, blending high fashion with urban aesthetics. This era also saw the rise of collaborations between luxury designers and streetwear labels, creating highly coveted limited-edition pieces.

Social media, particularly Instagram, became a game-changer. Influencers like Chiara Ferragni and Kendall Jenner helped redefine how trends spread.

As we move into the 2020s, fashion is more diverse and inclusive than ever before. The sustainability movement that began in the previous decade has gained even more traction, with brands and consumers alike prioritizing ethical production, recycled materials, and slow fashion. Upcycling and thrifting have become popular, with people increasingly conscious of the environmental impact of their clothing choices. As we look ahead, fashion is likely to continue evolving at the intersection of technology, culture, and sustainability. Innovations such as 3D printing, digital fashion, and artificial intelligence are beginning to make their mark on the industry, pushing the boundaries of what fashion can be.





# TIMELESS ELEGANCE



*Simplicity  
and aesthetics*



Timeless elegance is a concept that transcends fleeting fashion trends, embodying a sense of sophistication and grace that remains relevant across generations. It is characterized by classic styles, refined silhouettes, and high-quality materials that stand the test of time. Think of the little black dress, a staple in every woman's wardrobe, which can be dressed up or down for any occasion. Its simplicity and versatility are what make it eternally chic. In the realm of fashion, timeless elegance often draws inspiration from iconic figures such as Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly, whose styles continue to influence modern designers. Their ability to pair understated designs with impeccable tailoring and attention to detail showcases how elegance does not rely on extravagance but rather on the art of simplicity.

Moreover, timeless elegance extends beyond clothing to encompass accessories, such as a classic pair of pearl earrings or a well-crafted leather handbag. These pieces not only enhance an outfit but also serve as enduring investments in a wardrobe. Ultimately, embracing timeless elegance means choosing pieces that reflect personal style while celebrating the beauty of simplicity and craftsmanship.





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# FASHION ICONS

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## GABRIELLE BONHEUR "COCO" CHANEL

Gabrielle Bonheur was a French fashion designer and businesswoman.

She is founder of brand named Coco Chanel and the only fashion designer listed on Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century.

Next to clothes, Coco Chanel brand entails jewelry, fragrance and bags.

One of her most iconic perfumes is named "Channel N°5".

## MARILYN MONROE

Marilyn Monroe was an American actress and model.

She was a top-billed actress for a decade, and her films grossed \$200 million by the time of her death in 1962.

She was known as one of the prettiest women that ever existed and for her sultry, but soft signature style.



## PARIS HILTON

Paris Whitney Hilton is an American media personality, model, singer, actress, and DJ.

Paris ventured into fashion modeling in 2000, and was proclaimed "New York's leading It Girl" in 2001.

She opened several boutiques worldwide, as well as an urban beach club in the Philippines.

Her perfume line alone has brought in over \$2.5 billion in revenue, as of 2020.

## DIANA - PRINCESS OF WALES

Diana, Princess of Wales was a member of the British royal family.

Considered photogenic, she is regarded as a fashion icon of the 1980s and 1990s.

She did a lot of charity work throughout her life, dedicating herself to helping children around the globe.



# FASHION SURVEY

## HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU NEED TO DECIDE WHAT TO WEAR?

Ranging from 5 to 30 minutes students gave their answers. Girl need more time, that is 15 minutes up to half an hour, whereas boys need less, meaning up to 15 minutes.

## WHAT IS YOUR STYLE?

It depends on the person, day and mood. Students usually tend to dress comfortably and casually but there are days when they feel extra special so they try on new outfits.

## DO YOU JUDGE PEOPLE BASED ON WHAT THEY WEAR?

The majority of students gave a negative answer believing they don't judge but I'm wondering: is that really the truth?

## DO YOU OFTEN TRY NEW STYLES?

We got a mixture of various answers here. While some students prefer not changing their styles, others are likely to experiment and explore with new ones.

## WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON MODERN FASHION AND CURRENT TRENDS?

Students gave divided answers emphasizing that current fashion trends are constantly changing and that they cannot make head nor tail of them.

## DO YOU FOLLOW TRENDS?

Trends are differently accepted among the students. It is questionable whether we have choice since trends are being imposed on us on a daily basis. Therefore, like it or not, trends are not avoidable!



Travel is the call of roads unknown,  
A journey far from the comforts of home.

It's mountains climbed and oceans  
crossed, The thrill of finding what was lost.

It's winding paths and skies so wide,  
New cities found with every stride.

The world unfolds in every mile,  
A story told in every smile.

With each step, horizons grow,  
There's magic in the places we go.

Travel is freedom, a chance to see,  
The world as it's meant to be.

## Chasing Horizons

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# Adventures Beyond Borders



Getting away from our everyday lives, changing and experiencing new cultures and people, as well as trying out new things is what forms a great travel experience. It's exciting to visit new countries and each trip offers a chance to discover something new about the world and, perhaps, something new about ourselves. Most people travel so they can change the environment that's constantly surrounding them, however, going to different places comes with a lot of challenges. Changing the world around us puts us out of our comfort zone and we are forced to face difficulties. It forces us to adapt to the new things we ought to experience. For example, trying new foods, navigating through a foreign city or communicating in a different language. These challenges help us recognize our capabilities, strengths and weaknesses.

When travelling we tend to accept and learn about those traits of ours more than we usually may. Even if we are always organised and ready for anything, when travelling we need to get used to uncertainty and spontaneity. We should feel free and do things as our heart tells us at that moment and not blindly follow some plan we made before going on a trip. Another part of travelling that tends to leave the biggest impression is the diversity in culture and people. When going abroad, we come across many cultures and people that may be a lot different than the one that we come across in our country. Getting to know their everyday life, their traditions and their language can be quite an adventure. The memories and experiences we get from a trip should stay with us and they should continue to influence us in our everyday lives long after our journey has ended.







Corfu



Novi Sad







*Novo Hopovo Monastery*



*National Theatre*



*Subotica*



*Petrovaradin Fortress*



*Cemetery of the Drina division*



*Kerkira*



*The Blue Tomb*



*Serbian Museum of Corfu*





# ESSAYS

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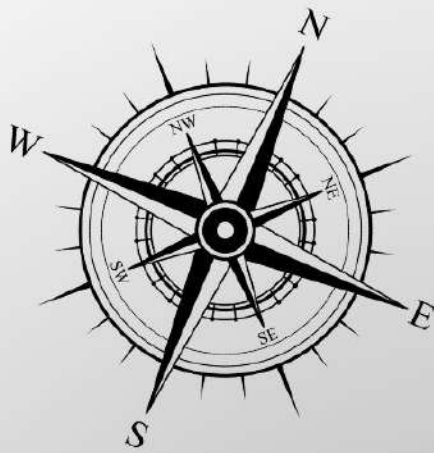
## From Novi Sad and Corfu

Our second grade excursion took place in Novi Sad. Our journey started in the early hours of the morning. On the way we visited two beautiful monasteries where we lit candles for the health of our beloved ones, and the rest of the way we enjoyed listening to music. When we arrived at our main destination, we all rested and socialized together. The next day, our journey continued to the Palić Lake and Subotica where we had a wonderful time and met a lot of influencers. The 3rd was all about N.S and its beautiful Petrovaradin fortress. We toured the shopping mall and the city itself. At the very end of our trip, we visited S.Karlovcı and its highschool as well as the church. After that, we continued our journey to Belgrade, where we completed our adventure. We spent four wonderful days in our beautiful country enjoying the company, which will remain in our memories for a long time...



As for excursion for the third grade, this year we went to Greece, on a beautiful island called Corfu. Even though the trip was long, we managed to get on a boat and to finally explore sights there. Corfu is full of Serbian history, so the first day, we were met by the island Vido where there is the "Blue cemetery" where Serbian soldiers were buried. After that we got to take a look at Serbian house in a town Kerkira with which we fell in love with. The following day we had lots of fun at a place called Palaiokastitsa with a monastery on top of the hill with an outstanding sea view. After our next stop in Paralia, the last day was fulfilled in Solun. Firstly, seeing Serbian cemetery "Zejtinlik", and then exploring the rest of the city. We spent five amazing days travelling around Greece and left with a beautiful sea and mouth-watering gyros in our minds.





While we were writing about travelling, we decided to take a short trip to Uvanjska Banja. The Uvanjska Banja is a spa, a thermal spring with the hottest geothermal spring in Serbia. It is situated close to the main railroad, connecting Belgrade and Athens. We took a stroll around the forest, took pictures of the withering trees, stopped to have a cup of hot chocolate in a nearby cafe. Our pictures were a scenery of fallen leaves and the new natural palettes which were now rich with oranges, reds and yellows. There was a park next to the resort, and so, we decided to play around on the swings. While walking around the place, we also got the chance to see a thermal spring. It was a wonderful experience that I would like to repeat again Soon.





# TRAVELLING SURVEY

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU TRAVEL?

We've come to a conclusion that a lot of people travel often and some of them travel rarely. Therefore, travelling is quite present in students' lives.

## WHAT'S THE BEST WAY OF TRANSPORT WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELLING?

In opinion of our students, car and plane are by far the best to travel with. Other options barely had any votes.

## ON VACATION, WHAT'S THE THING YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOST?

Although the answers vary, people mostly said that they wanted to relax, have fun and get to know different people. They see it as a way of break from busy, everyday life.

## WHAT'S THE BEST AND WORST PLACE YOU HAVE VISITED?

Considering the fact that a lot of people have been to a lot of different places, we can sum up that the farthest places they loved range from China and Egypt through Spain and Switzerland but mostly Corfu, Greece. Whereas the worst visited place was also Greece, Paralia.

## WHAT'S THE WORST EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD ON A VACATION?

We found out a lot of funny stories such as: getting sick, throwing up, getting lost, forgetting wallet, almost drowning... But the worst possible experience was the excursion in Paralia, especially the rooms, food, long trip and the overall organisation.

## WHERE DO YOU THINK THE NEXT EXCURSION SHOULD BE?

This is the question that student agreed mostly on. The places they chose were Austria, Spain, Czech and mostly Italy and Hungary. They added that they were looking forward to the next school trip.



# Teamwork & Brainstorming





# MELODY UNCHAINED

Music doesn't ask for permission.  
It rises, uninvited, like wind through open windows.  
A simple note falls into the quiet,  
and then another, and another.  
It's the way the first drop of rain hits the ground, small, insignificant,  
but then the flood comes.

It's in the pulse beneath the skin,  
the breath that fills a chest  
and escapes as sound.  
A heartbeat.  
A sigh.  
A gasp.

You don't need to understand it.  
Music doesn't care.  
It's the air between words,  
the feeling between breaths that fills the spaces you didn't know existed.

A piano sings of longing,  
the slow ache of wanting something out of reach.  
A violin weeps with the memory of something lost.  
An organ?

The organ is everything,  
the soul's voice in its fullest form.  
It's the storm and the calm,  
the start of a dream and its quiet end.

When the sound reaches you,  
it doesn't ask if you're ready.  
You feel it in your soul,  
the back of your neck,  
your fingertips.  
It takes you somewhere you've never been,  
and for a moment,  
you are no longer alone.

In music, everything is possible.  
You can be who you want,  
feel what you've never felt,  
see what you've never seen.  
Music reminds you that the world,  
as loud as it may be,  
is also made of silence  
and in that silence,  
everything sings.



# The Sound of Souls

Music transcends borders, cultures and languages, speaking to the deepest parts of our emotions and experiences. Through melodies and rhythms, music expresses feelings that words cannot. Whether it's joy, sorrow or nostalgia, music resonates emotionally, offering comfort we didn't know we needed. And what's even better is that you know that someone out there will understand you and your feelings. Song topics such as everyday struggles and love are the ones people tend to relate to the most. Knowing that someone out there feels the same as you brings an inexplicable type of warmth and solace. Music is also tied to cultural identity. Every country has their own traditional music that represents their culture and unique history. Yet, despite cultural differences, people can unite globally through different universal genres such as jazz, rock, pop and many others. Each one of us has our own preferences that form our, so called, music taste. Such a wide variety of genres offers us an opportunity to create our own personality and style. Additionally, it's been confirmed that music has influence on our health. Music can calm us down and brighten our mood when we are anxious, sad and stressed out. It is said that listening to relaxing music can help us with our sleep quality, memory and motor skills. Another important aspect of music is that it helps with creativity. When listening to music we tend to daydream and let our minds at ease which lets our imagination roam free. In conclusion, music is more than just an art form; it's a force that connects us, no matter who we are and where we are.







# THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD MUSIC

Greek Roots

## Quote

"WITHOUT MUSIC, LIFE WILL BE A MISTAKE" - THE STATEMENT OF A RENOWNED GERMAN PHILOSOPHER THAT GOES BY THE NAME OF FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE BEST DESCRIBES THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC IN THE LIVES OF MANY.



GREEK'S TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT - BOUZOUKI

## History

THE WORD MUSIC DERIVES FROM THE GREEK WORD "MOUSIKE" WHICH IS TRANSLATED AS THE "ART OF MUSES". MUSIC IS A FORM OF ART AND ARTISTS DECORATE IT. IT IS A PAINKILLER WE USE DAILY TO ESCAPE OUR MUNDANE EVERYDAY LIVES. IT HAS A UNIQUE ABILITY TO PROVIDE SOLACE AND BRING TRANQUILITY DURING DIFFICULT TIMES. WHETHER A STRESSFUL DAY, A HEARTBREAKING BREAK-UP OF PERSONAL STRUGGLE, MANY TURN TO MUSIC AS A WAY OF SEEKING COMFORT WHILE COPING WITH THEIR EMOTIONS. CERTAIN SONGS RESONATE WITH OUR SOULS, EVOKE OUR FEELINGS AND MAKE US FEEL LESS ALONE. SAD SONGS MAY RESONATE WITH GRIEF, WHILE UPLIFTING MUSIC MOTIVATES US AND BRINGS US HOPE. IN THESE MOMENTS, MUSIC BECOMES MORE THAN JUST A SOUND, IT BECOMES A SOURCE OF HEALING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.



## Oratory

-Our school organises a competition in oratory every year. Students come up on stage in front of the audience and judges to present their speech. While the judges are deciding on which performance was the best, members of the school choir sing popular songs and entertain the audience. Because most of the songs they sing are well-known, the crowd tends to sing along, therefore, the atmosphere is quite positive.



## Competition

-The annual singing competition for students from various cities across Serbia celebrates the rich heritage of ethnic and traditional songs. Participants perform in traditional attire, showcasing their cultural roots and musical talent. This prestigious event not only highlights the beauty of Serbia's diverse traditions but also fosters a sense of unity and pride among young performers. Our students proudly represented our school, bringing home medals and achieving remarkable success, further solidifying our commitment to preserving and promoting cultural heritage.



## Excursion

-While being on this year's third grade excursion, we visited the "Blue graveyard" where Serbian soldiers were buried. In front of the graveyard we made a little ceremony as a tribute to people that sacrificed their lives for our nation. That included recitating and then singing the song "Tamo daleko" inspired by that event. With that musical part we experienced the pain and sadness that place holds. That is one more example of how students' talents for music is very helpful and gives a special moment in different events in our school.



## School's anniversary

-During the school's anniversary, an important part of the manifestation is school choir. Each year the songs they sing are adjusted to the theme that is chosen. This year, our school celebrated their 143rd anniversary. The whole evening was dedicated to the choir, which included both traditional and modern music. The crowd got the chance to learn about the school's history.





# Penthouse Band

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*One of our school's distinguished graduates, Stanislava Jaćimović, has pursued her passion for music and embarked on a successful career in the field. As the lead vocalist of the band Penthouse, now performing 3 whole years with them, she shared her insights on the music industry, recounted her journey to success, and reflected on her experiences as a musician.*



- What inspired you to follow the path in music? Was there a specific moment that shaped your decision?

Music is something I've loved for as long as I can remember. My father played a big role in introducing me to music, sharing the popular artists of his time. Being immersed in that environment made it my dream to follow in the footsteps of the musicians I admired over the years. So, my passion for music was there from the very beginning — it's hard to pinpoint a specific moment because it has always been an integral part of who I am.

- What challenges did you face when starting your music career, and how did you overcome them?

Playing piano was simple: practice made perfect. Singing, however, was a different challenge. For years, without guidance, I thought I was doing fine — until joining a band revealed how much I had to unlearn. One major issue was losing my voice after every performance. After seeing countless doctors, I eventually learned how to sing without causing damage. Overcoming stage fright was another hurdle, but focusing on storytelling through music helped me connect with audiences and turn fear into passion.



# Penthouse Band

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• How do you approach creating or performing music?

I don't have special rituals, just basic vocal warm-ups before performing. Inspiration for music is unpredictable — it often comes from daily emotions and experiences. Emotion is key to my music; it's about telling a story that resonates. Even a simple song can become powerful if told right, while a great song can fall flat without connection. I only write about what I've experienced or relate to, and when performing, I focus on the lyrics and their story to evoke genuine emotion and move the audience.

• Can you share a memorable performance or achievement that stands out in your career?

One of my most memorable performances was my first major concert with the band at a festival in Niš, opening for a famous artist. After months of hard work, the show went perfectly. I sang with more passion than ever, surprising even myself with how some songs sounded — it felt like I unlocked something new. The energy of 15,000 people clapping, singing, and dancing was unforgettable, creating an incredible atmosphere that brought our band closer together.

• What advice would you give to students aspiring to pursue a career in music?

Believe in yourself and don't let others' opinions define you. Music is personal, and there's no "wrong" way to pursue it if you're passionate. Focus on what you love, grow at your own pace, and avoid comparisons. Celebrate every win, no matter how small. With hard work and staying true to your passion, success will come—even if it takes time.





# MUSIC

## SURVEY

### HOW OFTEN DO YOU LISTEN TO MUSIC?

Most of our students listen to music every day. It is based on their leisure time. Although, there is a small number of students whose everyday life doesn't revolve around music.

### WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO?

A lot of answers included pop, folk and rock. Besides these genres, the ones that stranded out the most were rap, metal, punk, hip-hop as well as classical music.

### DOES MUSIC HELP YOU CONCENTRATE?

More than half of the students say that music distracts them and doesn't help them concentrate on the work they have to do. It depends whether the music is loud or not.

### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S MUSIC?

Many of them said that a lot of songs were too repetitive and vulgar, containing a lot of bad words. However, some of them said that it varied on the artist.

### DO YOU LISTEN TO OUR MUSIC OR THE FOREIGN ONE?

Since they had to choose between one of them, a few responses were about our music but the majority said they liked foreign music better. Their mood plays a big role in choosing what to listen to.

### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST?

The answers were very different. There isn't someone that stands out. But some of the popular artists they mentioned are Eminem, Lana del Rey, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Harry Styles and for our music Zdravko Čolić, Ceca, Aco Pejović, Aleksandra Prijović etc.



The ball was at his feet, the noise fading into a dull hum. He'd practiced this a hundred times, but this was different. The keeper lunged one way as he struck the other.

The net rippled.

For a second, there was silence, then a roar. His teammates piled on, the weight of their joy crashing into him.

His first goal. His first win. A moment  
he'd never forget.

# Victory Rush

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# *Can Sports Maintain One's Well-Being?*

*Staying fit and healthy can be achieved in many different ways, one of which is engaging in sports.*

*Maintaining an active lifestyle and constantly practicing improves our mood and keeps our bodies in good condition. Engaging in various sports helps develop different skills such as mobility, strength, precision and speed. Team sports, such as volleyball, football and basketball, can help us maintain our position on the team and improve our patience, discipline and communication skills. Whereas in individual sports, like tennis, skiing and swimming, we become more perservant, self-assured and are better able to concentrate on our objective. Additionally, sports have the ability to unite people. Whether it's cheering for a favorite team or partaking in a friendly match, sports can break down social barriers and connect people easily. Moreover, sports present chances for personal growth. Athletes encounter obstacles like injuries, setbacks, and failures that put their strength and courage to the test. They learn how to deal with struggles, disappointment, and keep a positive outlook from these experiences.*

*Success demands resilience, commitment, and constant development. Without that any further achievement and success in sports wouldn't be possible.*





Sports have played a major role in society for over a century, shaping cultures, inspiring individuals, and bringing people together. Over the decades, sports have evolved significantly due to changes in technology, media, and social movements. From the early 20th century to the present day, each decade has brought new advancements, legendary athletes, and moments that have changed history.

# EVOLUTION OF *Sports*

- In the 1920s and 1930s, sports became more structured and professional. Baseball, boxing, and football grew in popularity, with athletes like Babe Ruth becoming household names. The first FIFA World Cup was held in 1930, marking the beginning of international soccer competition. The 1936 Olympics in Berlin became a historic event when Jesse Owens, an African American sprinter, won four gold medals, challenging Nazi Germany's racist ideology.



- The 1980s and 1990s saw the rise of global sports icons. Michael Jordan dominated basketball, while Tiger Woods revolutionized golf. The Olympics became larger and more commercialized, and soccer continued to expand worldwide. Television networks like ESPN brought sports coverage to new heights, making games accessible to fans everywhere.



- After World War II, sports expanded rapidly, especially in the 1950s and 1960s. Television played a huge role in making sports more accessible to the public. Events like the Super Bowl, which began in 1967, became massive spectacles. The 1960s also saw sports become a platform for social change, with Muhammad Ali refusing to fight in the Vietnam War and Tommie Smith and John Carlos raising their fists for civil rights at the 1968 Olympics.
- Today, sports are more global than ever, thanks to the internet and social media. Athletes like Cristiano Ronaldo, Serena Williams, and LeBron James have become worldwide superstars. Advances in technology have changed training, equipment, and even the way fans experience sports through virtual reality and streaming services. Social and political issues continue to play a role in sports, with athletes using their platforms to speak out on important topics.

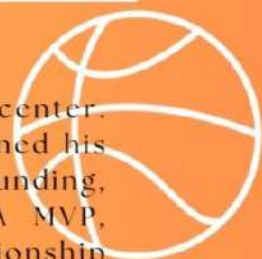




# FAMOUS SERBIAN ATHLETES



Nikola Jokić is the Denver Nuggets' standout center. Drafted 41st overall in 2014, he quickly redefined his position with his exceptional scoring, rebounding, and playmaking skills. A multiple-time NBA MVP, Jokić led the Nuggets to their first NBA Championship in 2023. Known for his humble demeanor and court vision, he remains one of the NBA's brightest stars.



Novak Đoković is one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Since turning professional in 2003, he has won a record of 24 Grand Slam titles and spent over 400 weeks as world No. 1, the longest in ATP history. Known for his exceptional athleticism, mental toughness, and all-court game, Đoković has dominated tennis alongside rivals such as Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. He is the only player to win all nine ATP Masters and 1000 tournaments at least twice.



Filip Filipović is a renowned Serbian water polo player celebrated for his exceptional versatility and leadership. A key figure in Serbia's national team, he has played a pivotal role in securing multiple international titles, including Olympic, World, and European Championship medals. Widely regarded as one of the sport's best, Filipović continues to leave a lasting impact on the world of water polo with his skillful play and tactical brilliance.



Ivana Španović (also known as Ivana Vuleta) is a leading Serbian long jumper renowned for her exceptional athletic ability and consistency on the international stage. With multiple medals from European Championships, World Championships, and Olympic Games, she has firmly established herself as one of the top competitors in her discipline and a prominent figure in track and field.





# Our City's Leading Sportsman of the Year

One of our students has interviewed our best athlete, **Mateja Cvetanović**, and here is what he said about himself.

## When and what sport did you first start playing?

-I first started playing football when I was 7 years old, and football helped me a lot in my life, because that's where I gained the discipline for other sports.

## What motivated you to do those sports, the desire for success or the love for those sports?

-Since I was little, I've loved football and that's why I started training, and later that love spread to athletics and street workout. I have 1-2 training sessions a day and they are usually street workout and running trainings (condition training). There are about 11-12 training sessions per week.

## What are your future plans?

-My plans for the future are to continue doing athletics even more, because this year I'm having a few more races, for which I need to prepare myself better and give my maximum in order to do as much as possible in the races and achieve good results.



## Do you regret any sport and do all three sports fulfil you?

-No, I don't regret any of them because each of these three sports brought me only good things in my life, such as meeting new people, making new friends and working on myself.

## How often do you train to achieve this kind of success?

-Football gave me the discipline that I still have today and that is getting stronger every day. Street workout brought me a lot of confidence and changed my life for the better, both because of my physical appearance and because of the friends I met during training. Although I have collected most of the awards in running, I do not plan to stop there, that is, I plan to improve athletics trainings even more in order to achieve the best results this year.



# SPORTS SURVEY

## WHICH SPORT DO YOU PLAY?

There is a huge variety of sports included in our school. The majority revolves around basketball, football, tennis etc. Although there is also gym included in their everyday sports activities.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING IT?

We were surprised to see that an average period that they have been playing it is 8 years. That shows us that they are very determined to continue to do sports.

## WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE THAT SPORT?

That's because they wanted to work on themselves and improve their health, having liked the concept of the particular sport and having loved playing it.

## HOW MUCH TIME DOES YOUR TRAINING LAST?

Many voters say that their training usually lasts from 1 to 2 hours. However, there are some exceptions with people who train for enormously long time, that being 7+ hours.

## HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A LIVE GAME, AND IF YOU HAVE, WHICH ONE?

Almost all say that they had never been to a live game. Nevertheless the ones who have been to a live game preferred basketball games, mostly Partizan and Crvena Zvezda.

## WHO'S YOUR MOST AND LEAST FAVOURITE SPORTSMAN?

The great deal of answers shows us that students' favorite sportsmen are basketball players such as Bogdan Bogdanović, Nikola Jokić, Kevin Durant, Micheal Jordan. Nonetheless, the least favorite sportsmen were also basketball players, including LeBron James and Sergio Lull. Of course Novak Djokovic was also mentioned as one of the favorites.





# A THOUSAND LIVES TONIGHT

I STEP INTO THE THEATER,  
THE SCREEN FLICKERS AND  
THE LIGHTS TURN OFF.  
SILENCE.  
AND SUDDENLY, I AM MORE  
THAN MYSELF.



I WIELD A WAND, SPELLS  
CRACKLING AT MY  
FINGERTIPS,  
THE AIR THICK WITH  
PROPHECY AND POWER,  
ANCIENT HALLS  
WHISPERING SECRETS ONLY  
THE BRAVE DARE SEEK.  
I ALWAYS BELONGED IN IT,  
IN A CASTLE THAT STANDS  
TALL AGAINST THE STORM,  
IN IT I ALWAYS FELT WARM.  
ALWAYS.

WENT TO THE WOODS  
BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE  
DELIBERATELY. I WANTED  
TO LIVE DEEP AND SUCK  
OUT ALL THE MARROW OF  
LIFE! TO PUT TO ROUT ALL  
THAT WAS NOT LIFE... AND  
NOT, WHEN I CAME TO DIE,  
DISCOVER THAT I HAD NOT  
YET LIVED...

- DEAD POETS SOCIETY

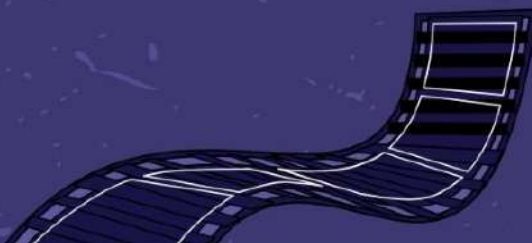
I FIGHT FOR A THRONE OF  
IRON AND GHOSTS,  
WHERE CROWNS ARE  
HEAVIER THAN THE HEADS  
THEY REST UPON,  
WHERE LOYALTY IS A BLADE  
THAT CUTS BOTH WAYS.  
AM I A RULER, OR AM I  
MERELY ANOTHER PAWN  
WHO OBEYS?



HEN, STEEL CLASHES,  
BANNERS RISE,  
THE SCENT OF FIRE AND  
BLOOD LINGERS IN THE  
COLD.

ANOTHER SHIFT.  
FORESTS OLDER THAN TIME  
BREATHE AROUND ME,  
WHISPERS OF ELVES, THE  
WEIGHT OF RINGS,  
A FELLOWSHIP BOUND BY  
FATE AND FIRE.  
I WALK WHERE LEGENDS  
TREAD,  
WHERE EVEN THE  
SMALLEST HANDS CAN  
SHAPE THE WORLD AHEAD.

AND THEN, I RETURN.  
THE CREDITS ROLL, THE  
LIGHTS RISE,  
BUT SOMETHING LINGERS,  
LIKE THE FEELING OF  
ADVENTURE ON MY OWN  
FINGERS,  
LIKE ECHOES OF VOICES  
NOT MY OWN.  
I HAVE LIVED A THOUSAND  
LIVES TONIGHT,  
AND I WILL LIVE A  
THOUSAND MORE.







# *On the Other Side of the Screen*

TV series and movies provide not only constant entertainment but also knowledge. Although we may not realize it, television teaches us far more than we may think. That alone speaks a lot about how big the impact of series and movies actually is. By watching different things we gain various information. For example, watching psychological shows teaches us how to understand ourselves and other people better. We are able to learn more about the past by watching historical shows. We can develop a more complex way of thinking when we watch shows where detectives solve crime cases. Plot twists that might appear at the end of certain shows can leave us questioning why we weren't able to predict the end and how even a small factor can lead up to a completely different ending we didn't even expect. Even the way we see the world and draw conclusions can be altered by certain shows. When we find ourselves lost and confused, they can help us understand how we feel. So much information just a click away. Amazing, right? However, do you really think that TV series and movies only bring good? Unfortunately, no. As previously said in the beginning, we don't realise how much information we actually gain this way. Which also means that we don't understand how easily we can make a mistake. Sometimes, shows and movies can easily mislead us since we didn't understand the show's message correctly or because we missed a certain piece of information that was sentimental for the correct understanding of the show. Then, some may decide to use this faulty conclusion as their new way of perceiving the world. Which often results in failure, disappointment and a sense of shame for not interpreting the given information accurately. In conclusion, even though we have an easy and entertaining access to knowledge, we should use it wisely.



# *Various Screen Adaptations of Montgomery's "Anne of Green Gables" throughout History*

## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

**1934. - Anne of Green Gables -  
Directed by George Nicholls, Jr.**

This historical American adaptation became one of the most profitable films made in 1934. Famous actors of the time, such as Sara Haden and Gertrude Messinger, were featured in the film, while Anne Shirley and Tom Brown as lead characters touched the hearts of many with the remarkable love story of Anne S and Gilbert B.

Anne S, the orphan adopted by elderly siblings from Green Gables, was a girl in love with poetry and school. Gilbert B was the smartest and most famous boy in Anne's school. The film tells a story of their dreams to become a teacher and a doctor, respectively. After those dreams came true, Anne and Gilbert got married, which was picturesquely represented in this 1934 love story.



**1985. - Anne of Green Gables  
- Directed by Kevin Sullivan**

This Canadian drama was the first in a series of four films, released in Iran, Israel, Europe and Japan. The film achieved high ratings in the UK when it aired in 1987.

It is said that Megan Follows and Jonathan Crombie's impeccable acting skills made this film stand out among various novel interpretations. This acting duo made a sequel named Continuing story of Anne of Green Gables in 2000.

As opposed to the 1934. version, 1985. film had a lot of colors and stunning landscapes, depicting the natural beauty of Green Gables in Nova Scotia.

**2017. - Anne with an E -  
Directed by Moira Walley-Beckett**

The Canadian drama was finally adapted into a TV series by Netflix and CBC. It won Canadian Screen Award for Best Dramatic Series in both 2017. and 2018, as it was estimated it tackled important issues such as child abandonment, racism and gender inequality, among others.

Amybeth McNulty as orphan Anne Shirley and Lucas Jade Zumann as Gilbert Blythe inspired the viewers by courageously confronting childhood trauma and following their dreams, ending this remarkable series by going to college and maintaining their long-distance relationship until the end of the show.

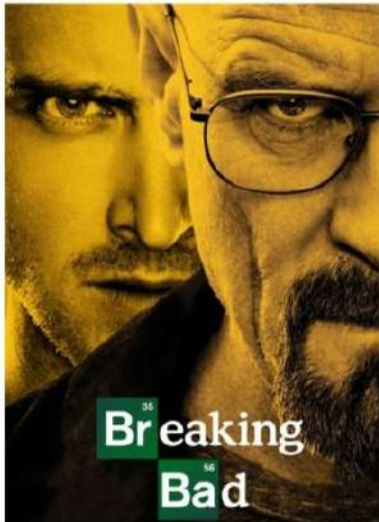




# TV SERIES

## Friends

"Friends" is a tv show about six young people from New York City, who live on their own and try to explore the real world. They try to find companionship and support they get from each other and that's why make the perfect group. They go through family troubles, romances, fights, tears and laughs and they learn how to be good friends and family. They have different interest, personalities and behaviors. Their names are Monica, Chandler, Joey, Phoebe, Rachel and Ross. As we watch the show we follow their lives and their stories of work, love and comfort. The reason why people love this show is because it brings them entertainment. They can relate to each character and compare themselves to them. It has many funny moments as well as emotional ones, so they can make you tear up and also laugh your lungs off! The bond between the characters is so heartwarming that you wish to have a friend group like that.



## Breaking Bad

If you're looking for a thrilling, high-stakes drama, look no further than Breaking Bad. This show follows an ordinary chemistry teacher named Walter White, who makes drastic choices that lead him down a dark and dangerous path of methamphetamine production. As he and his partner in crime - a former student named Jesse Pinkman, get deeper into a world full of moral dilemmas, crime, and escalating consequences, you'll be on the edge of your seat, constantly wondering what will happen next. The show perfectly blends suspense, drama, and unexpected twists, making it a gripping experience from start to finish. Other than having extreme action scenes, almost all of the characters go through major personality shifts and psychological trauma leaving the viewer questioning their own morals. If you enjoy complex characters and intense storytelling, it's definitely worth watching.

## Squid Game

To describe squid game, we would only need one word. Twisted. It is located in South Korea and it deals with very serious topics. Korea is a country that has big problems with poverty and this show speaks firstly about that problem. TV show describes "a game" including 456 people that play 6 different children's games. Whoever loses, dies. The one person that remains in the end of 6th game is a winner and gets the prize, the money. Through their experience, we see a lot of problems, life stories, plot twists and them losing their minds. It all revolves around people's greed and how they can become selfish and throw everyone in death, in order to become rich. Once you start watching it, you get very keen on continuing to see how it all ends up.





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# MOUIES



## Forrest Gump (1994)

**Plot:** Forrest Gump follows the life journey of Forrest (Tom Hanks), a kind-hearted man with a low IQ but a pure soul. Through sheer luck and perseverance, he becomes part of several historical moments in American history, from the Vietnam War to meeting presidents. Despite his successes, Forrest's heart always belongs to Jenny (Robin Wright), his troubled childhood friend. The film showcases his unwavering optimism in a constantly changing world.

**Review:** A perfect blend of drama, comedy, and historical fiction, Forrest Gump is a touching story about love, destiny, and resilience. Tom Hanks' phenomenal performance makes Forrest an unforgettable character. The film's use of visual effects to integrate Forrest into historical footage is impressive. Though some criticize its sentimental approach, it remains an uplifting and emotionally resonant classic.



## White Chicks (2004)

**Plot:** FBI agents Kevin and Marcus Copeland (Shawn and Marlon Wayans) go undercover as two white socialites after a botched assignment. With the help of prosthetics and makeup, they disguise themselves as the spoiled Wilson sisters to prevent their kidnapping. Hilarity ensues as they navigate high society while trying to maintain their cover.

**Review:** A wild, over-the-top comedy, White Chicks delivers outrageous humor, memorable one-liners, and absurd situations. While the plot is ridiculous and the humor can be crude, the film has gained a cult following for its quotable moments and physical comedy. It may not be for everyone, but if you enjoy lighthearted, slapstick humor, it's an entertaining watch.



## Dead Poets Society (1989)

**Plot:** Set in the conservative Welton Academy in 1959, Dead Poets Society follows a group of students whose lives are transformed by their new English teacher, John Keating (Robin Williams). Through his unorthodox teaching methods, Keating inspires them to think for themselves, embrace poetry, and seize the day ("Carpe Diem"). However, as the boys begin to break free from societal expectations, they face resistance from their families and the school, leading to tragic consequences.

**Review:** This film is a deeply moving exploration of individuality, the power of literature, and the struggles of youth against rigid societal norms. Robin Williams delivers one of his most inspiring performances, balancing warmth, humor, and depth. The cinematography and poetic dialogue elevate the film's emotional impact. While some may find the pacing slow, its themes remain timeless and thought-provoking.



# MOVIES

## SURVEY

### WHAT IS YOUR ALL TIME FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW?

None stands out as a top one since students' taste differ a lot from each other.

But some of the popular titles include Friends, Breaking Bad, Fast and furious, Gladiator and so on.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW GENRE?

The most popular genres between our students are action, horror and fantasy. However, there are also genres such as adventure, thriller, romance, drama etc.

### DO YOU PREFER MOVIES OR TV SHOWS?

Majority of students prefer watching movies to TV shows. Probably because they are easier to watch and they don't have sequels.

### DO YOU LIKE ANIMATED MOVIES/TV SHOWS?

Anime, cartoons and other animated contents are very popular among our generation due to their entertaining character and creativity.

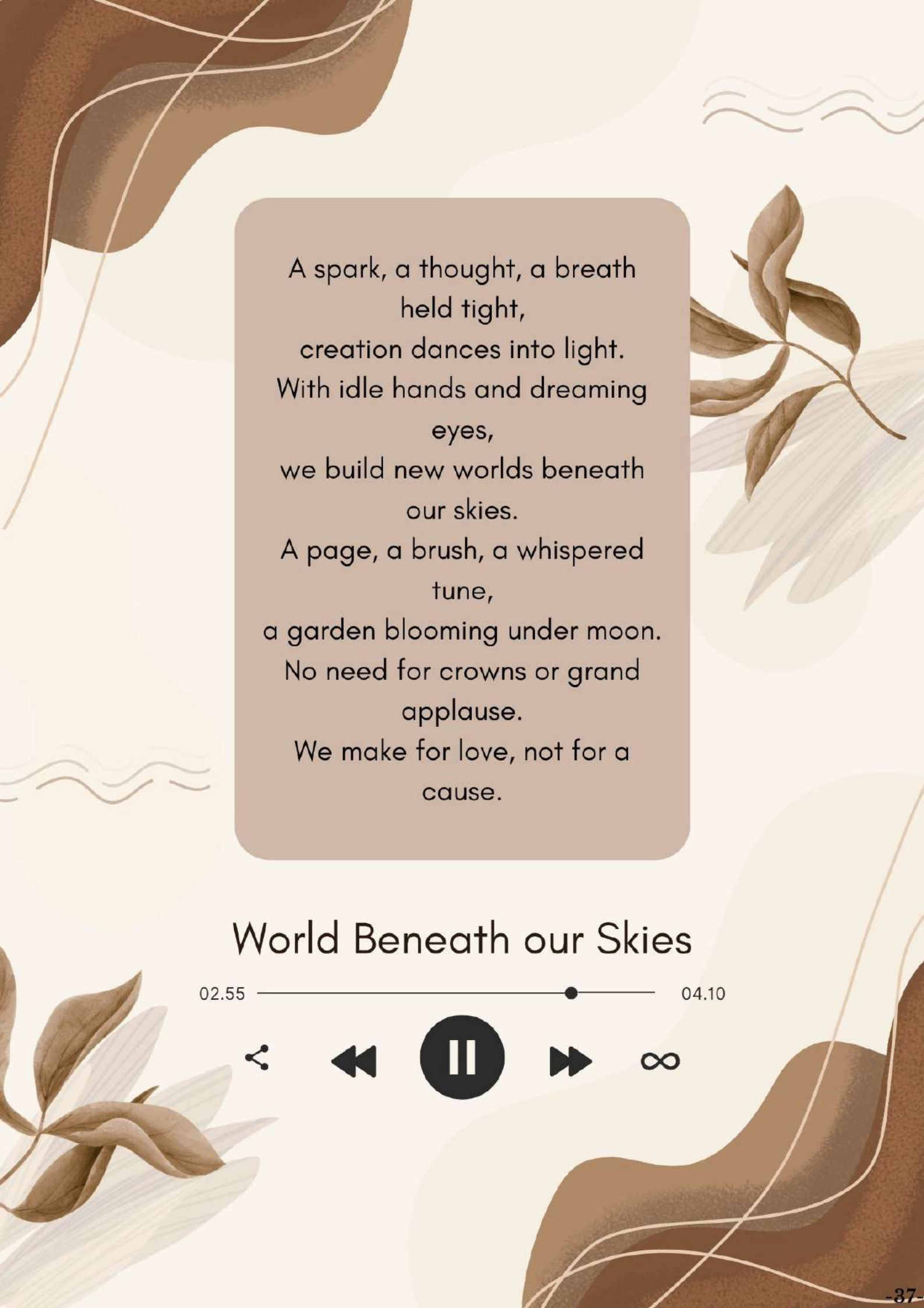
### DO YOU PREFER OLDER OR MODERN MOVIES?

Interestingly, the answers are equally divided. Although modern movies have better quality, the old ones feature more realistic stories.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ACTOR/ACTRESS?

While some students like older actors, connecting them with better acting performance, such as Hugh Grant, Hugh Jackman and Keanu Reeves, the others mentioned younger actors such as Zendaya, Anya Taylor-Joy and Tom Holland.





A spark, a thought, a breath  
held tight,  
creation dances into light.  
With idle hands and dreaming  
eyes,  
we build new worlds beneath  
our skies.  
A page, a brush, a whispered  
tune,  
a garden blooming under moon.  
No need for crowns or grand  
applause.  
We make for love, not for a  
cause.

## World Beneath our Skies

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# From Passion to Purpose

In today's fast-paced and often stressful world, hobbies have become an essential component of maintaining mental health and personal well-being. A hobby is not just a way to pass time, but rather a meaningful pursuit that provides relaxation, personal growth and joy. They are essential for leading a balanced and meaningful life. Although all of us have all sorts of hobbies, everyone should have at least one hobby that keeps them creative, one that keeps them active, one that puts their mind at ease and one that helps them grow intellectually. Those that keep us creative are for example drawing, painting, writing or any sort of DIY. These activities allow our minds to wander freely, taking us to different ends of our imagination that we are oblivious of. Sadly, not all of us have explored the depths of our minds yet. We aren't aware of all the things we can think of and create until we try to do so. On the other hand, we have hobbies that keep us active such as going to the gym, running and playing any sport in general. They keep us physically healthy while also providing us with a good time. Having such an activity in our everyday lives can help with our confidence, mood and both physical and mental strength. Activities that keep our mind at ease are for example watching TV shows, knitting and baking. When engaging with them, we tend to put our minds at ease and unwind for a bit while also using our free time wisely. And finally, hobbies that keep our brain active. Learning new languages, doing puzzles and playing an instrument are one of them. They force our brain to process the newly gained information and help us have a better memory. In conclusion, They improve mental, emotional, physical and cognitive well-being in addition to offering a break from the pressures and stresses of life. Hobbies are not only pastime activities, they also offer a way to connect with others, discover new passions and gain personal fulfillment in the world that values external achievements over internal growth.



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# TIME Before Screens

## *Traditional Childhood Games*

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~ LIFE BEFORE INTERNET ~



Before smartphones, tablets, and the Internet that became a central part of everyday life, children spent their free time outside, engaging in simple yet meaningful games that encouraged creativity, friendship, and physical activity. These traditional childhood games were more than just a way to pass the time they were a way of life.

One of the most popular pastimes was collecting napkins. Children would carefully gather and trade colorful, decorated napkins, often brought back from family trips or received from relatives abroad. Each collection told a story, and trading became a social event that strengthened bonds between friends.

Another favorite game was playing with marbles. Kids would draw circles in the dirt and try to hit each other's marbles out of the ring using their own. This game required skill, precision, and a bit of luck. Winning someone's best marble was a proud moment, and sometimes even sparked small rivalries.

Hopscotch, hide and seek, a game played with a looped elastic band, and jumping rope were everyday activities in schoolyards and neighborhood courtyards. These games needed very little equipment often just chalk, a rubber band, or a piece of rope but they provided hours of entertainment and physical movement.

What made these games special was not the material value, but the joy of playing face to face, the laughter echoing through the streets, and the friendships built along the way. In today's fast paced digital world, these memories remind us of a simpler time when imagination and human connection were the most important parts of play.





# BOYS' HOBBIES



## GYM: THE HOBBY THAT LIFTS YOU UP (literally)

Some people collect stamps. Some knit. And then there are people who enjoy picking up heavy things, sweat buckets, and leaving the impression of Greek gods. Welcome to the world of gym lovers- where "hobby" meets "lifestyle" and dumbbells are just oversized trophies. The gym is more than just a hobby. It's an experience, it's the only place where strangers nod in respect over a good deadlift, it's a place where cardio feels like a rewarding punishment but still gets the work done and mirrors are used for flex-offs against other cool guys.



## GAMING: THE HOBBY FOR PLAYERS WHO LEVEL UP IN REAL LIFE

Forget reality — who needs it when you can explore galaxies, battle dragons, and solve mysteries all from your couch? Gaming isn't just a pastime; it's an adventure, a lifestyle, and the closest thing we have to time travel. Video games require patience, skill, lightning fast reflexes, a good internet connection, plus the ability to function on five hours of sleep. Gaming is more than just pixels on a screen; it's a lifestyle. It's the thrill of an epic loot drop, the heartbreak of a game-crashing glitch, and the sheer rage of getting no-scoped by someone with "xX\_SniperGod\_Xx" in their username. Whether you're conquering kingdoms or farming vegetables, the possibilities are endless.



## HANGING OUT: THE LOW EFFORT HOBBY WITH GOOD VIBES

Hanging out with friends can be quite unpredictable. One minute, you're chilling in a café; the next you're in the middle of a deep philosophical debate about whether you should put a pineapple on a pizza. Hanging out is a hobby with ONLY one rule-to go with the flow. Whether that means sitting in comfortable silence, listening to music, running through a forest while being chased by some wild animal or simply binge-watching trash TV. All you need is the willingness, the patience and to be as chill as a flow of water. Of course, it all comes down to ONE crucial factor - having a crew. No friends? No hangout. Tough luck.



# GIRLS' HOBBIES

## PAINTING & DRAWING

These art forms provide a powerful means of self-expression, allowing individuals to convey emotions, ideas, and imagination through color, line, and composition. Whether using traditional mediums like pencil, charcoal, and oil paints or modern digital tools, painting and drawing offer limitless creative possibilities. Art enables people to communicate thoughts and emotions without words—each stroke or color choice conveying joy, sadness, anger, or serenity. Some artists use abstraction to express feelings, while others prefer realism to capture life as they see it. The beauty of painting and drawing lies in their freedom—every piece is a unique reflection of the artist's perspective and experiences.



## MAKEUP

More than a beauty routine, makeup is an artistic skill that allows self-expression and creativity. It enhances natural features, explores different styles, or creates dramatic transformations. Many enjoy learning techniques, following trends, or pursuing careers in beauty. Makeup reflects personality, emotions, and culture. A bold red lip might convey confidence, while soft pastel tones can create a delicate, romantic feel. Some use it daily for subtle enhancement, while others treat it as a canvas for striking, imaginative looks inspired by fashion, art, or pop culture.



## GOSSIPING

Often seen in a negative light, gossiping is, at its core, a form of social bonding. Sharing news, discussing experiences, and keeping up with social dynamics have been part of human interaction for centuries. When done positively, it can strengthen friendships and foster social awareness. Gossiping isn't just about spreading rumors—it's a natural way to connect. Conversations about shared acquaintances, current events, or personal experiences help build trust, strengthen bonds, and maintain connections within a group.



# HOBBIES

## SURVEY

### DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES AND WHAT ARE THEY?

It was said by voters that the most common hobbies people are interested in are definitely drawing, reading, writing and going to the gym or some other sport.

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT HOBBY AND WHY DO YOU LOVE IT?

A lot of these hobbies people fell in love with in a very young age. People continue to do them because they are building up their self-esteem and confidence.

### HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DOING THEM?

Considering the fact students are busy with school, their leisure is little. All of the chosen hobbies students mostly do few hours everyday or few times a week

### DO YOU PREFER SOLO HOBBIES OR GROUP ACTIVITIES?

Almost every voter expressed that they enjoyed solo activities rather than group hobbies since they get to decide on their own when and what to do and how much time to spend doing it.

### WHAT HOBBIES DID YOU TRY AND DIDN'T ENJOY?

Opinions didn't quite align in a few of the hobbies. However, one stood out and that is knitting. There were also included running, drawing or some specific sport.

### ARE THERE ANY HOBBIES YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY?

Votes are pretty different from one another but they revolve around travelling, painting, playing some instrument but mostly teens tend to learn motorcycle riding.



# INTERVIEWS

P E T R A



1. Where do you work?

- At the "Riff" cafe & beer bar.

2. Why did you decide to work there?

- I decided to work there because I love spending my time there and I really like the atmosphere, plus I needed the money.

3. How many hours a week do you work?

- During the school year I work 21 hours a week but when I'm on breaks I work 6 days a week, 48 hours.

4. What's the worst experience you have had at work?

- There was one time when a group of older men came after one of their soccer practices and they ordered beers, made uncomfortable comments and they lingered in my personal space. One of them tried to make physical contact with me and I pulled away. After that I told my older male coworker about it so he handled the situation and served them from then on.

5. Do people leave you tips and are you satisfied with the amount?

- Of course they do. At the end of my shift I know I did well based on the amount of tips I recieved.

6. Is it difficult to balance school and work?

- No. It can be interesting sometimes because they don't ever overlap.

7. Will you continue with the job until you finish highschool?

- Yes. I really enjoy the job and the extra money is really helpful for my needs and wants.





# INTERVIEWS

NADA

1. How long have you been there?
2. What made you go to America?
3. Are there any big differences between American and Serbian school life?
4. What does your social life consist of?
5. What is your favorite subject and teacher?
6. What is the most memorable moment you experienced during your exchange?

Even though it doesn't feel like it, I've been in the US for almost 10 months. I decided to come here because I wanted to put myself out there, get out of my comfort zone and discover the kind of person that I will become. I wanted to go somewhere where everything is different than what I'm used to and where I don't know anyone. I wanted to meet new people and see how their culture is different from mine. Although I've had my ups and downs, the overall experience has been very successful and rewarding. American and Serbian school lives are completely different! The whole school system is different; In the US, the atmosphere is way more relaxed: you can talk to teachers as if they were your friends, you can choose your own classes that you wanna take (including gym class, culinary, forensics, photography, acting, and much more), and - my favorite part of american schooling - you can wear pajamas to school! While when we're thinking about schools in Serbia, these things don't even come to our minds. Also, school days are much longer here than in Serbia. My classes start at 8:15 in the morning and they end at 3:30 (but if you play sports, then you are going to have practices right after school). I am taking 7 classes - Algebra 2, Art (Paint and design), Gym (Strength and conditioning), Spanish, US History, English Literature and Forensic science. My favorite class is, of course, art, because it is such a creative and fun class! Some of my art projects had even made it to the art show in the college nearby. Now, when talking about my favorite teacher, I've got a lot to say. My favorite teacher is my English teacher, speech coach, and host mom, Mrs. Visscher. I've had problems with the first host family that I was staying with, so I had to find a new one. Mrs. Visscher was happy to help me and she has shown me such kindness and understanding, and was there to listen to me, help me and support me when I was going through a tough time. I am very grateful for her. When it comes to my social life, I've met so many amazing people here. From the beginning, everyone has been so welcoming and kind. The people that I've gotten closest to, and my best friends, are Kiera and Guiomar. I am with them every single day, we do everything together and I think of them as if they were my siblings. It is surprising how you can find a sister and a brother in people who live on the other side of the world and were raised completely different from you. I think that this whole year has been a memorable experience for me, even though it wasn't all sunshine and rainbows. All the moments that I've spent laughing with my friends and my host family are unforgettable. All the trips that I've been on, all the holidays, all family dinners (which, by the way, they call suppers here), all sunday church services, volunteering, homecoming and prom. Everything has been unforgettable and something that I will always be grateful for.





# INTERVIEWS



*Teachers Sunčica & Nenad*

**1. How long have you been a teacher?**

**2. How did you choose to be a teacher? Why that subject in particular?**

**3. Generations now and then**

**4. What do you expect from a student?**

**5. How do you keep students engaged?**

**6. What's the biggest challenge you face in the classroom?**

## SUNČICA

**1.** Well, this is my 22nd year in this institution although I feel like I'm stuck here forever.

**2.** Well actually, I first wanted to study French, since it was my childhood dream, but when I got familiar with Latin at school, I changed my mind. So, Latin is to blame. I've always been fascinated by the fact that you can express one thing in so many ways and languages. English is a world language, it connects people all over the world and is all around us.

**3.** Today's generations are faster, more connected with technology and much more impatient but they also have more pressure and distractions by the outside world. They lack respect, too. The thing that hasn't changed, though, is the need to be seen and heard.

**4.** I don't expect perfection but respect, curiosity, willingness to answer and ask questions, motivation. They shouldn't just aim for marks but their goal should be to understand topics and their purpose. After all, knowledge is that counts.

**5.** I try to be interesting and fun, presenting them the topics they are familiar with, let them lead the class sometimes, I like to hear their voices and opinions and so on.

**6.** Competing with all the things not related to the classroom, such as social networks, media, especially phones as well as their home life, anxiety, stress.. Sometimes I feel like I'm three in one, a teacher, a parent and an entertainer.

## NENAD

**1.** I have been working in education for 12 years with a break of 2 years which I spent working in a museum.

**2.** From a very young age I have loved Greek myths and legends which I saw in cartoons and illustrated books. Throughout high school, I learnt about national history. At the same time, I was working in a library, reading books about the biggest fights and military commanders. All that shaped my mind into loving history and made me decide to enter the faculty of history. After finishing, I came back to my hometown and I applied for a job as a teacher in a local school. After a while I was admitted to the high school "Bora Stankovic" in Vranje where I'm currently finishing my work.

**3.** Every generation represents new young people who should be informed about history so that they can understand it. Each generation is a challenge and is different because all of them are young people who have their interests. Sometimes in a generation there are students who have bigger interest in history and sometimes smaller but my goal has always been to understand the importance of history.

**4.** I expect that they pay attention in class, make notes, be active and participate in a discussion expressing their own opinion.

**5.** I try to bring lessons closer to students by talking to them in an understandable way, to explain things in an interesting way when it is possible so that they don't think that history is just wars and fights but a lot more. According to the students, I speak like I was there and experienced everything.

**6.** The biggest challenge is trying to cheer up students when they are in a bad mood because of some problem they have in school or home. So they start listening to me and I boost their mood.

## **7. WHY???**

- In my life I have always been trying some new challenges and new things and trying to overcome myself and become a better version of myself. In my 14 years of career, I spent 2 years working in a museum which was a challenge for me but also a big opportunity to learn something new. Although working in a school is good and I love working with students, my new position as a principal in a primary school in Vranje will bring me the opportunity to have insight into working in the primary school and to learn something new.



# INTERVIEWS

SAVA



1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING YOUR SPORT?
2. WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING BASKETBALL?
3. WHY DID YOU START PLAYING BASKETBALL?
4. WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST ROLE MODEL IN BASKETBALL?
5. WHO HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST SUPPORT?
6. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR SPORT, AND WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?
7. DOES PLAYING YOUR SPORT REQUIRE A LOT OF SACRIFICE AND DEDICATION?

1. I'VE BEEN PLAYING BASKETBALL FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS, AND OVER TIME, IT HAS GROWN FROM JUST AN ACTIVITY I ENJOYED INTO A DEEP PASSION THAT PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN MY LIFE. THE SPORT HAS TAUGHT ME DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, AND PERSEVERANCE, AND I CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY THE CHALLENGES AND REWARDS IT BRINGS. IT'S NOT JUST A HOBBY—IT'S A PART OF WHO I AM.

2. I FIRST STEPPED ONTO THE BASKETBALL COURT WHEN I WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE. AT THAT AGE, IT WAS ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN AND LEARNING THE BASICS, BUT EVEN THEN, I FELT A STRONG CONNECTION TO THE GAME. WHAT STARTED AS A PLAYFUL INTEREST SOON BECAME A SERIOUS COMMITMENT AS I BEGAN TO TRAIN REGULARLY AND COMPETE MORE SERIOUSLY.

3. MY BROTHER WAS THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED ME TO BASKETBALL, AND HE REMAINS ONE OF MY BIGGEST INSPIRATIONS. WATCHING HIM PLAY IGNITED A CURIOSITY IN ME, AND I WANTED TO BE JUST LIKE HIM. HIS ENTHUSIASM, SKILL, AND DEDICATION TO THE SPORT MOTIVATED ME TO TAKE MY FIRST STEPS ONTO THE COURT, AND I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH THE GAME EVER SINCE.

4. I ADMIRE AND LOOK UP TO EVERY YOUNG SERBIAN ATHLETE WHO HAS MADE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES IN BASKETBALL. EACH OF THEM REPRESENTS THE POTENTIAL AND DETERMINATION OF OUR COUNTRY'S YOUTH, AND THEY INSPIRE ME TO WORK HARDER EVERY DAY. THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS SHOW ME THAT WITH ENOUGH EFFORT, FOCUS, AND RESILIENCE, I TOO CAN REACH THAT LEVEL OF SUCCESS.

5. MY FAMILY HAS BEEN MY STRONGEST AND MOST CONSISTENT SUPPORT SYSTEM THROUGHOUT MY BASKETBALL JOURNEY. THEY'VE ENCOURAGED ME THROUGH EVERY WIN AND LOSS, CELEBRATED MY PROGRESS, AND HELPED ME STAY FOCUSED AND MOTIVATED. THEIR BELIEF IN ME GIVES ME STRENGTH, ESPECIALLY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES, AND I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE FOR ME.

6. BASKETBALL IS MORE THAN JUST A SPORT TO ME—IT'S A LIFELONG DREAM AND A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MY AMBITIONS. I AM FULLY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING MY SKILLS AND PUSHING MY LIMITS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MY GOAL OF BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE. I KNOW THE ROAD AHEAD WON'T BE EASY, BUT I'M READY TO FACE IT WITH DETERMINATION AND UNWAVERING PASSION.

7. ABSOLUTELY, PURSUING A CAREER IN BASKETBALL REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF SACRIFICE, DISCIPLINE, AND MENTAL TOUGHNESS. FROM LONG HOURS OF TRAINING TO BALANCING SCHOOL AND SOCIAL LIFE, THE COMMITMENT IS INTENSE. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING TRULY WORTHWHILE DEMANDS EFFORT, AND I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO GIVE IT MY ALL TO TURN MY PASSION INTO A PROFESSION.





# INTERVIEWS

## VUKAN

1. How long have you been playing this sport?
2. When did you start playing?
3. What made you become interested in the sport?
4. Who is your favorite athlete or current inspiration in the sport?
5. Who has supported you the most in your sports journey?
6. Do you plan to become a professional athlete, or do you play for another reason?
7. Do you think playing this sport requires a lot of sacrifice?



1. I've been playing volleyball for three years
2. I started playing volleyball in eighth grade
3. We had a sport competition in primary school, which made me pay attention to the sport more, and eventually start loving it
4. Right now, my inspiration is Simeon Nikolov
5. The most support I've received is from my friends and family
6. To be honest, I don't intend to be a professional sportsman, but I like to do it because I don't want to laze around all day
7. Honestly, no, although we have trainings every day and matches every week





# INTERVIEWS

## OGNJEN



1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING FOOTBALL, AND WHAT ROLE HAS IT PLAYED IN YOUR LIFE?
2. WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL, AND HOW DID IT ALL START?
3. WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED PLAYING FOOTBALL?
4. WHO IS YOUR BIGGEST ROLE MODEL IN FOOTBALL, AND WHY?
5. WHO HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST SUPPORT THROUGHOUT YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY?
6. HOW PASSIONATE ARE YOU ABOUT FOOTBALL, AND WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF ACHIEVING?
7. DOES PURSUING FOOTBALL REQUIRE SACRIFICES, AND HOW DO YOU COPE WITH THEM?

1. I'VE BEEN PLAYING FOOTBALL FOR ABOUT 10. IT HAS BEEN A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE FOR AS LONG AS I REMEMBER. IT STARTED AS A HOBBY, BUT EVENTUALLY IT TURNED INTO SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS.

2. I STARTED PLAYING WHEN I WAS 7 YEARS OLD. AS A KID, I USED TO PLAY IT EVERYDAY, GROWING MORE ATTACHED TO IT MORE AND MORE. HAVING SEEN HOW MUCH I ENJOYED IT, MY PARENTS SIGNED ME UP FOR A LOCAL YOUTH TEAM, WHICH FELT LIKE A BIG STEP.

3. THE MOMENT I STARTED PLAYING FOOTBALL I IMMEDIATELY FELL IN LOVE WITH IT. WHEN I FIRST KICKED THE BALL, IT ALL FELT SO NATURAL AND RIGHT. SOON ENOUGH, WHETHER I WAS PLAYING WITH FRIENDS OR COMPETING WITH OTHERS, FOOTBALL MADE ME HAPPY AND FULFILLED.

4. MY BIGGEST ROLE MODEL IS LIONEL MESSI. HIS VISION, TOUCH AND THE WAY HE PLAYS IS UNREAL. ONE THING THAT I VALUE MOST IS HOW HUMBLE HE IS DESPITE WINNING EVERYTHING THERE IS TO WIN. HE IS THE PRIME EXAMPLE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE LOUDEST TO BE THE BEST. DUE TO ALL THAT HE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED THE WAY PEOPLE LOOK AT FOOTBALL NOW.

5. MY BIGGEST SUPPORT HAS DEFINITELY BEEN MY FAMILY, THEY MEAN THE WORLD TO ME. THEY ALWAYS TRY TO ATTEND MY MATCHES AND WHENEVER I SEE THEM IN THE STANDS, I GET A BOOST OF CONFIDENCE. WHENEVER I FEEL LIKE I'M LOSING MY STRENGTH, I REMIND MYSELF THAT THEY'RE THE SOLE REASON I PUSH FORWARD.

6. I'M SUPER PASSIONATE ABOUT FOOTBALL. I TRAIN ALMOST EVERY DAY. I KNOW IT ISN'T EASY BUT I'M NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT PLANS ON GIVING UP UNTIL THE VERY END. EVERYDAY, I DREAM OF PLAYING IN BIG STADIUMS AND PRESENTING THE WORLD'S GREATEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS CLUBS.

7. YES, IT REQUIRES A LOT OF SACRIFICE. SOMETIMES YOU MISS OUT ON PARTIES, TRIPS AND EVEN SLEEP. WHILE MY FRIENDS ARE OUT ON WEEKENDS, I USUALLY TRAIN AND PREPARE FOR A GAME. I OFTEN FEEL LONELY AND DISTANT FROM MY FRIENDS, BUT I CONSTANTLY REMIND MYSELF THAT ALL OF THIS IS NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING MY GOALS.



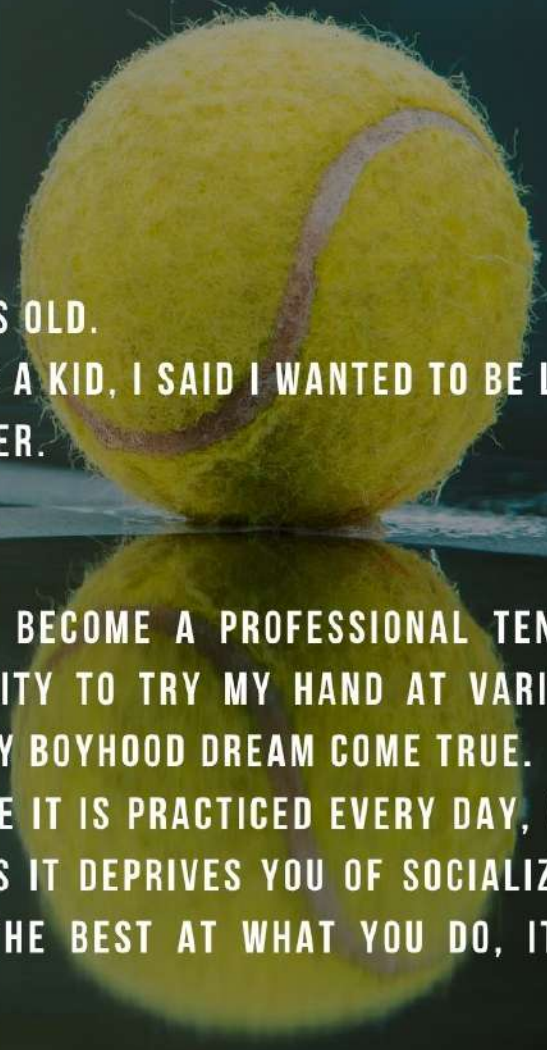
# INTERVIEWS

## LUKA

1. How long have you been practicing tennis?
2. Since when have you been playing tennis?
3. What inspired you to start playing tennis?
4. Who is your idol and inspiration in tennis?
5. Who has been your biggest support throughout your tennis journey?
6. How dedicated are you to tennis, and what are your goals for this year?
7. What kind of sacrifices does playing tennis require?



1. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING TENNIS FOR 12 YEARS.
2. I'VE BEEN PLAYING TENNIS SINCE I WAS 6 YEARS OLD.
3. WHEN I SAW NOVAK PLAYING A MATCH ON TV AS A KID, I SAID I WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM, AND THAT'S HOW I STARTED MY TENNIS CAREER.
4. MY IDOL AND INSPIRATION IS NOVAK DJOKOVIC.
5. MY BIGGEST SUPPORT IS MY FAMILY.
6. I'M VERY DEDICATED, AND MY DESIRE IS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER, THIS YEAR I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY MY HAND AT VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO MAKE MY BOYHOOD DREAM COME TRUE.
7. TENNIS REQUIRES A LOT OF SACRIFICE, BECAUSE IT IS PRACTICED EVERY DAY, AND TRAINING LASTS FOR SEVERAL HOURS. SOMETIMES IT DEPRIVES YOU OF SOCIALIZING WITH FRIENDS, BUT IF YOU WANT TO BECOME THE BEST AT WHAT YOU DO, IT IS NECESSARY.





# INTERVIEWS

## LUKA



**1** I've been involved in sports from a young age, and while I've tried several different sports over the years, sport shooting is the one I've stuck with the longest. In fact, I first tried it when I was in 4th grade, and it has remained my main focus ever since.

**2** I've been actively practicing this sport for five years, starting from the beginning of high school.

**3** My passion for sport shooting stems from a family tradition. I was first introduced to it by my father, who used to practice the sport himself and knew my future coach. His belief in my potential as a shooter was a major motivation to start training. Also, having the shooting range close to our home made it easier for me to take up the sport and attend practices regularly.

**4** I don't particularly follow professional shooters. For me, sport shooting is more about personal growth and self-improvement. I don't have specific role models or favorite athletes in this sport.

**5** My family and friends have been my biggest support throughout my journey. In addition to them, my coach and teammates have also played a huge role in encouraging and motivating me.

**6** During high school, I was highly devoted to my sport. Since starting university, it's been more challenging to stay as committed, but my love for the sport remains. I still participate and follow it with passion, although I see it more as a lifelong hobby than a professional path.

- 1. How did you get involved in sport shooting, and when did you first try it?**
- 2. How long have you been actively practicing sport shooting?**
- 3. What inspired you to take up sport shooting, and who introduced you to it?**
- 4. Do you have any role models or favorite professional shooters you look up to?**
- 5. Who has supported you the most throughout your sport shooting journey?**
- 6. How has your involvement in sport shooting changed since you started university?**
- 7. Has practicing sport shooting required any sacrifices from you, and was it worth it?**



**7** It definitely required a lot of sacrifice. While others had more free time, I was spending hours training or competing. But looking back, it was absolutely worth it – sport shooting has given me far more than just medals.





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