

THE BIG DAY MISSION

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Our Blog

Hello! My name's Daizy and once I've filled you in with all this exciting info... You're going to wish you're part of this fabulous group 😊

I started becoming a reporter and learning the basics ages ago. What I mean is, it was back in September last year that I started joining the BBC School Report Team. I may not be the BEST; however I have grown in confidence.



This was me in October 2015



This is me now, busy as a bee writing this

At the start of the journey there were 65 of us – the student reporters of year 7 and we worked in the big Auditorium of the School. We all went through the six BBC School Report lessons with Mrs Nguyen. We met up for one lesson on Fridays. Then we were divided into two smaller groups and meet up every two weeks which was better and easier for us to work as a team.

Slowly the fellow team members and I have progressed our skills at becoming some of the best reporters in.... possibly England!



I hope you can count how many of us there were in the photos 😊

For our **BBC School Report BIG DAY this year** (you surely know what I mean – **it is Thursday March 10th 2016**), Dylan – the project manager- has been making sure we've all got jobs to do and I must say, he's done a very good job.

We are covering the subjects: Internet Safety, American Presidential Election and if Great Britain should remain in the EU. We all came up with the topics some weeks back.

So far we've completed the internet safety with some incredible responses. For example, when interviewed, Mr Patel (Head of ICT Department) replied that the internet may not be safe but you can be safe. That is a very nice quote to help you realize what really happens on the World Wide Web. I like to imagine the www like a spider, weaving up all of people's hate comments and sending them to other places. No matter where the spider goes, someone gets hurt. You would not like to see someone get hurt, would you?

As Mrs Nguyen – our BBC School Report teacher - is going to go to the US Embassy London with the older student reporters for the Benjamin Franklin Fellowship public debate on this Thursday 10th March, we have to plan to do all of our jobs a week earlier. We have decided to stay after school as much as we can. Here are some of the updates...

Thursday March 3rd

As we are filming one of the interviews there are a few interruptions. Half way through the filming, the bell for tutor period rings which surely disturbs everyone in the interview. Consequently we have to start again... And the squeaking noise from the LRC windows. It is very windy out there. It is the first week of March after all. You can see how much we juggle between lessons and doing our BBC School Report. Sometime it drives us to our last nerves.

What's definitely not reassuring is the fact that I am almost late to Student Reporters. Luckily I make it on time and don't miss blogging to you guys! Over the past few months I've learnt a lot about how to become better at life skills (working with friends from different tutor groups and I did not know them before).

Hopefully after reading my blog you will know how much many of us in the team want to push ourselves as far as possible. You need to get out of your shell to join others and open up. That's where your confidence starts growing. In short, you become VERY confident. When you decide to be the presenter you need to be smiley and happy. It takes a lot to fake a smile but when you're here in the team you don't actually have to fake one. The Student Reporters' community is a great place to be. I'm so glad I am now a member of the Team.



Mrs Nguyen and the Team

Friday 4th of March

Hello again! Today is Friday and we have been working ever so hard! 50 minutes is the same as 1 period and we had to take 2 periods off. 1 hour and 40 minutes is a long time to be working hard. Sure we struggled, a lot. When it got to the part of actually filming, we completely forgot the projects. Dylan got stuck and had to quickly remember the topics before we completely tumbled. Being a student reporter is tough but whatever you do, wherever you go, you always include the important message that's created at Student Reporters. The message that tells you to pursue your dreams and not to be afraid.

The main inspiration to the whole of the group is Miss Nguyen. All throughout the time we've spent together, she is always there to support us. She's the glue keeping us together. Without her the group would fall apart. Personally, she is part of my School life. Whenever I need someone to turn to, she's always there. I have never felt welcomed into a school before but she changed that. Miss Nguyen is my inspiration.

At the moment the group is practicing the BBC big day video. They are working extremely hard. Well, I say that; they're arguing like mad. They're like a pack of wild dogs. Growling at each other and trying to become top dogs. Apart from this, the Student Reporter group is still staying strong. They have a bond together and that will always remain.



Brandon with his transcript



Duncan as the video producer

Earlier I interviewed, with Dylan, a lot of reporters about safety in the community. It was frustrating the amount of takes we did. I think a lot of the group has eloquence and are capable of being really good but they just mess around. I can't say much though. I am quite silly. Imagine a hive of bees, all buzzing around outside, focusing on their one job: to survive and serve their queen! Yeah we're almost at that stage.

On Thursday, Dylan and I interviewed Mr Steinhaus – our Vice Principal – who's American- about the American Presidential election. It went quite well and we really enjoyed talking to him. Mr Steinhaus said that he did not like Donald Trump's policies. I completely agreed with him and so did the other reporters. He also talked about America as a whole and that you shouldn't judge Americans because of the history of people that did silly things. Not all Americans are tough and loud but in fact different from the stereotype that others and the media have described them. So true.



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Now let's move on to behind the scenes. Little do you know that we've worked our socks off practicing, writing and working together for at least an hour and a half each day. It's been very tough working on these projects. Big shout out to all the team who put this together. It took them all so long to prepare and most of us didn't even realize how much input they have had on this project. The team have been trying to create jokes for the Trump project. Fortunately, they didn't say all of their cheesy jokes. (Credit to Alex for creating them though.)

Being in this club has helped me trust people a bit more. I learnt never to judge a book by its cover. Friends and skills, that's what you gain here. My moral to you is believe what you want to believe. If you support something, you support it! Nobody can tell you what to feel and believe in.



With the BBC School Report Apprentices



Miss Rachel Smith – our BBC mentor who came to our school to help us out



We are very confident at public speaking!