

Diary of a 'Not-too-Wimpy' Student Reporter

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3.10. Hello! My name is Jokha.



Just to make it clear, I am a student reporter from Whitley Academy. You probably wonder why I have written 3.10. Well, it is now 3.10pm after school and it is my chance to shine. I am writing this diary and hopefully; I will 'smash' it, in a very good way, I mean 😊.

It all started after school Friday last week (29th Jan 2016). We decided to get involved in the BBC School Report for February 2016. We are now such a big group of 55 and we take turns doing the BBC School Report so that we get used to deadlines. We decided that over the weekends we would do some **voxpath** (in BBC School Report Term it means interview or talk to people around you) to see how our students and siblings spend time after school. I was not very sure about the outcome as people might have different ways to spend their time after school. Let's wait and see how the outcome would be when we next see each other on Tuesday 2/2/2016.

So here we are....

After the six lessons during the day we go to the Learning Resource Centre and sit around a table, having a chat about

our voxpops to our family members at home. It isn't that kind of a massive challenge, seeing that we have already had the six BBC School Report lessons.

We have to decide how we want the storyline of the news report is going to be like. Ciaran and Amy are the video presenters and there are six of us to join the chatroom 😊.

It is a quick chat and some preparation with squash and biscuits, but at least we all know what we are doing. Then we have to get into places to start with the filming. All of us are in the spotlight for the first time! Yes, the first time!

My adrenaline is zooming around me as fast as Usain Bolt with his speedy run!

At the start it is quite nerve-racking, but then we have some 'takes' to film it over and over again, and then I sort of get the hang of it.

Normally we are confident and loud speakers, but as soon as our reporters hear the sound 'BEEP' from the camcorder, the nerves kicks in 😊. We say that 'the camcorder does strange things to people'. We stutter, we forget our lines and at one point, one of us drop his BBC cue card. Disaster!!! But the show must go on and little mistakes don't ruin whole clips.

One of our topic is to talk about 'what young people do when they come back from school'. There are very interesting responses in the interviews. Most interviewees say that their siblings mostly come home and put themselves in their own world.

Amy interviews me about how I spend time after school and I also share what I found when I went home and talked to my mum and dad over the weekends. I feel surprised with myself as I do not feel nervous to talk to Amy or the other fellow student reporters even I know I am being filmed! Wow! Possibly I already prepared and remembered what my Mum and Dad told me about their time and ours after school days.



When all of it is over we pose for some more group photos feeling delighted, as for us... all lifting off to our perfection. We know that we try our hardest and have 'smashed' it, in a good way.

That's it from me .I hope you enjoy reading my diary.

Lokha



Duncan and Jack – The camera men behind the scenes