Well, my friends, another school year is at its end. For some of us it was successful, for others - less so. It brought joy, excitement, disappointments, hardships, and sleepless nights to all of us. At the end we feel relieved and impatient to experience what the holidays will bring. Some of us will set off for the seaside, others for the mountains, still others will go abroad or stay at home. Whatever you do, make sure you enjoy yourselves and relax, make the most of your time and be filled up with optimism and bright expectations of the future. Gather all the sunshine you can to keep you warm and smiling for the next year. Special thanks to the people who had the energy and took their time to work on Teen Spirit. We did a good job and I hope to carry it on next year.

Nikolina Encheva

Get To Know a Teacher...

An interview with the English teacher Radost Kostova

1. Did you like your last year of school?
- Well, like everybody who’s in their last year at high school, I was excited and anxious about my prom and the examinations after it.

2. Do you have good memories from your school years?
- Yes, I do. I’m proud to say that I was one of Mrs Encheva’s students. We had a wonderful time at school, especially on Fridays, because those were days dedicated to the things we were interested in, like American teen magazines, songs etc. Of course, everything depends on the teacher and we were lucky. I don’t remember having a teacher we didn’t like. We used to take part in different kinds of performances. I think that our teacher in English gave us the idea of celebrating Halloween, St Valentine’s Day, the night of the preparatory class. I remember we visited the American University in Blagoevgrad and that was awesome. In addition, I’d say that we had teachers from America and that was interesting.

3. Do you like your job? And why?
- I like my job, of course, I do. Why do I like it? Because I teach students who are responsible and ambitious but, unfortunately, recently I’ve been asking myself why they are only a few.

4. What kind of person do you consider yourself?
- Well, I think that I’m like everybody else, sometimes I’m kind, and sometimes I’m not, it depends.

5. What do you like to do in your spare time?
- I like to clean, cook, do the washing...😊 I’m joking! I like to relax.

6. Which of your colleagues do you get on well with?
- I think that I get on well with all of my colleagues.

7. What was the happiest moment of your life?
- The happiest moments in my life were when I gave birth to my daughters.

8. What do you like to do with your daughters in your spare time?
- Well, I like having fun with them. I don’t mind playing anything they want, but I don’t like playing with ‘Barbie’ dolls.

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The dream is real and is close to you!

What is it like to feel the great excitement before the prom? What is the feeling when you go to your first exam? What dress would you choose?

All these are questions which are serious and close to us and they set a topic of conversation for a long time. We have only two years before we stand on the threshold of the big door called LIFE. Shall we forget the past: our friends, the funny and happy moments with the class? Of course not, we have to remember them all and they will remain in our hearts forever. The fact that we finish our high school education doesn’t mean that we have to change into different people. No, we have to be ourselves but grown up and mature enough for the surprises of life.

Now when we are really close to our dream, being part of our prom we don’t want to stay children for a little more time, but of course we can’t.

But don’t be pessimistic, look to the future, be a good person, indulge in your dreams and be true to yourself. Never back down even if your dreams seem unrealistic and ridiculous to others. Have the hope and power and you will be the best person for yourself.

Finishing high school is just another step up the ladder called life. The future is ahead and it looks promising and enticing.
The show’s purpose is to present what the students from the English class have learned during their first year and to demonstrate to the younger students that learning this language is interesting, funny and also useful.

This year’s show was very well-organized and everything was perfect. All the students from 8a participated to entertain the other kids. The show was a combination of funny stories, dancing and singing. It was very interesting from the very start to the end. There was not a dull moment in it. It was obvious that the children had put great effort into accomplishing it.

‘The Night of the Talents’ took place at 6:30p.m. on Thursday, March 24 in ‘Minio Balkanski’ Theatre. Most of the students performed for the first time but they did it delightedly.

The hosts of the show were Alexandra Mincheva, Mariela Mangarova, Vladimir Stranzhenski & Martina Ivanova. They had a fabulous turn out and it was a great success.

Three judges were chosen at the beginning of the show – we had one teacher and two older students from the English classes.

Alex Marinova was painting a portrait during the show. A duo consisting of guitarist Tony together with Georgi played & sang a beautiful song. Ivan & Plamen performed a funny comedy routine. Mirena sang the famous ‘Sway’, together with 4 back vocals. There was a poem recital by Petya, Elena & Georgi. Valya, Polya, Damyan & Djuliana performed an imaginary TV show having interesting guests. Mariya & Stanil acted out an extract from the famous ‘Romeo & Juliet’ by Shakespeare & then there were our hip-hop dancers Alex Artakova, Nikoleta, Alex Ivanova & Petya – the winners.

The lovely song ‘Fame’ was sung by the participants to put the end of the show.

The acts were all amazing.

A lot of effort went into the show as the following students would know – Alex Mincheva, Mariela, Mariya.

We had the teachers Mladen Savov & Mariela Simeonova helping us on our way.

We would like to say many thanks to everyone who helped out and came to the show. If it hadn’t been for you we wouldn’t have had such a great show and a fantastic time on the night.

This show is one of the many traditions of Hristo Botev Secondary School. It will remain as a legacy for the next generations.
What has the school given to me?
What do I expect from the future?
By Dimana Zhelyazkova

Twelve years ago I stepped in the school building for the first time. I was a little scared, really excited and eager to meet new friends. In less than a month I am about to graduate from school. How do I feel now? Well, I am still a little scared from what the future holds, I am happy that I have found good friends and I am excited about the prom. So, nothing has changed in me, one may say. But the truth is that what the school has given me changed me a lot.

First of all, it gave me knowledge. Knowledge about the world, about the universe and even about people. No book or teacher taught me how to distinguish the ‘bad’ people from the ‘good’ ones. No one told me how to befriend my schoolmates or how to fall in love. But being at school, I had the opportunity to communicate with others. I succeeded in finding really good friends, though I went through some disappointments though I felt betrayed many times. While I was at school I found my first love and lived through it.

What else has the school given me? Well, it taught me to be responsible, trustworthy, to admit my mistakes. It made me a better person. And now, when I consider myself a grown-up woman, I know what I want from the future. I don’t expect some bright, trouble free future. I expect a normal life. I hope that I will go to study in a university. I hope that I will create even stronger friendships. I will try to create a family and find a good job.

I may sound naïve, but I will work hard to achieve my goals. And without the school I wouldn’t have any goals at all.

What has the school given me?
What do I expect from the future?
By Maria Alujeil

This is my last year at school. And this is the time when I start thinking about what the school has given me and what I expect from the future.

School has given me not only a good education, but also good friends, nice experiences and unforgettable moments. In school I was taught how to be a good person. It made me more ambitious and reliable. There I understood what really matters in life and who the people who really deserve my admirations are.
What do I expect from the future? The school is the place where I understood what I want from life. I decided that I want to be a doctor and I will give anything to achieve this dream. The school gave me the ambition to follow my dreams. School is a very important part of my life. It made me strong enough to cope with every problem. As every person I expect a good future for myself. I hope I will succeed in my job and will have a good family.

In conclusion I want to state that I will never forget my school. I have spent there a lot of time and there I was taught a lot of things no only about the subjects but also about life. School gave me the strength and the ambition to follow my dreams.

What has the school given to me?
What do I expect from the future?
By Stanka Koleva

I am in my last year of high school. Here I spent 12 years of my life. Now it is almost over. A lot of questions pop out in my head. What have I learned for all these years? But it is not only about knowledge from the different subjects. Yes, for sure, I learned a lot about history or physics but I think that school gave me some more important things. It is like a prolongation to what you have learned at home from your family during the first seven years. School made me a more responsible and confident person and taught me not to give up in face of the problems. It gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of people with some of whom I created strong relationships. Without a doubt I can claim that maybe half of what I am, of my personality, is formed in school or under its influence. I am really glad that despite all the difficulties which a student can face up to in school I am leaving it with a high reputation and success. For me it was a pleasurable time (most of the time) to be a student in my school which has given me a good start in my life.

But here comes another question. What’s next? Where now? All of us are asking themselves these questions and it is normal. In front of us there is a new, unknown and exciting life but before this we should make very important choices. I hope that my future will give me other new possibilities to increase my education and qualities. I will do my best to make this happen and to make the right decisions. I hope that luck won’t leave me because despite all the qualities, education, money or relations which a man could possess, if you suffer a lack of luck, it’s doubtful that success would come to you.
Six interesting things to do in the summer:

The summer’s already here and the holiday’s near. If you want to experience something unusual and unforgettable, here are some fantastic ideas you may find interesting:

- If you like water sports you could go white water rafting on the Struma river. Experience the rapids and have fun for the reasonable price of 45 leva which includes full equipment, a qualified instructor, transport to the river and insurance.

- If you prefer the mountains in the summer then rock climbing is a really, really good choice. Enjoy a 3-day course and learn what to do in dangerous situations and how to use the ropes properly. The price is 200 leva and includes food, experienced instructors, equipment and insurance.

- Or maybe you wish you could fly. Make your dream come true! Pay only 100 leva and feel the freedom of a bird – why not go paragliding? The flight lasts from 15 to 30 minutes. The price includes equipment, an experienced instructor and insurance is included.

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- If you’re okay with the mountains and love cycling then why not do both and take part in a mountain bike course. You will learn how to repair your bike yourself. Do jumps and overcome obstacles. All this costs 220 leva which includes tent, insurance, transport, food, qualified instructors and tools to repair the bike. If you don’t have a bike you can rent one for 30 leva per day.

- You may also want something completely different. Here’s the decision for you – a survival course. Develop skills for moving in unfamiliar places, making game traps and shelters. The price is 90 leva and if you’re interested in this go to www.getonair.com.

For more information about the courses visit www.outwardbound.com.
work, in order to go on a family vacation during the summer. Students may do summer recreational activities, take up new hobbies and develop new interests, travel, and many other things. At the end of the summer vacation, back to school shopping gives students opportunity to make an impression to their peers on the first day of school with new clothing, along with the time to get school supplies.

Ten ways of having a great summer vacation:

1. Spend Time With Your Friends – No summer vacation is worthwhile if it is not spent with some wonderful friends. Make some plans ahead of time to ensure you get that quality time.

2. Go Swimming – The local pool, as well as lakes and oceans are wonderful places to enjoy some water fun. Every summer should involve some fun trips to the pool, so be sure to fit that in when you can.

3. Learn something new – Expanding your knowledge is equally important during your summer vacation. Reach out and attempt something you have never done before. New hobbies can be a lifelong experience.

4. Build a Treehouse – Get some help from an adult and build that treehouse that you have been thinking about. Few things are more fun than a nice treehouse to give you and your friends some privacy.

5. Study To Get A Jump On Next Year – If you ask before you leave school, you can often get study materials to get a jump on the coming school year. It is a very good idea to at least get familiar with what is coming to make the next year a bit easier.

6. Plan a Trip With Your Family – Every summer vacation should include some quality time with your family. A trip to the beach, or a weekend camping excursion makes for a ton of great fun.

7. Make a New Friend – Old friends are wonderful, and they should be a part of your summer plans. Still, the new friends in your life are important too. Try to reach out to a new friend or two and you will have even more people to share time with.

8. Throw a Party – With all these summer vacation friends, a party is a great idea. Get with your parents and figure out a nice time to invite them all over for a cookout or slumber party.

9. Volunteer With A Local Charity – There are a number of places that would love to have your help, and you get a wonderful feeling from donating your time and energy. Find a great charity and help out when you have the chance.

10. Organize a Neighborhood Talent Show – This is one of the funniest things you can do during your summer vacation and it will also teach you how to organize and lead. Get some help from your parents and you will quickly see that talent shows are great fun.
Crossword

1. Talk in a friendly and informal way.
2. Correct something which someone said you believe is wrong.
3. To take goods illegally from one country to another.
4. An organization that gives money and helps people who are poor, sick or in difficulty.
5. To receive money, goods or property from someone who has died or moved on.
6. Something that you owe to someone else.
7. The noun from repeat.
8. A person whose job consists of collecting information and writing things for newspaper and magazines.
9. Bad weather conditions with strong wind and often rain, lightning and thunder.
10. If you solve the crossword puzzle correctly you will get the name of one very uncomfortable shoes. 😊

Magic Square

Find eight words connected to prom:

Sudoku

It’s easy to play Sudoku! Simply fill every column, row and 3x3 box so they contain every number between 1 and 9. Don’t go too fast! The game is easy to play but difficult to master! Make it fun! 😊

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