



# NEWS DOVER

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# INTRODUCTION

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**W**elcome to the new academic year and our newly named Dover Court International School student newspaper.

A team of students have been working hard during their ECAs thinking of interesting stories, carrying out research, and typing away to bring you our first edition of the new year.

We know we have lots of exciting things to look forward to in the coming year, and if it's anything like the first term we have had, it's going to be super busy!

Anyway, we hope you enjoy reading our newspaper. If you have any ideas of stories you would like us to cover then please let us know. Alternatively, why don't you consider joining us next term? There's always space in the newsroom for a few more budding journalists..!

*The team*

**E**veryone knows that you can't survive without water: it's a necessity!

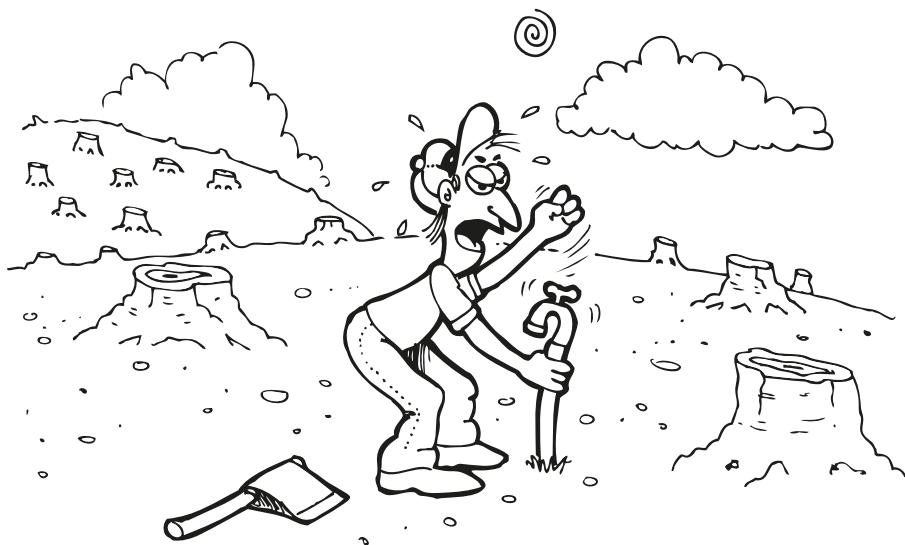
Hannah Cohen and Joshua Davidson investigate why water is such an important commodity in our lives.

You may think that water is just something we have in life, something that isn't really important.

However, H<sub>2</sub>O (aka water) is so important that your body actually has a specific drought management

## Water water, everywhere!

*By Hannah Cohen and Joshua Davidson*



system in place to prevent dehydration and help you to survive with little water.

Are you having any trouble reading this? Drink up! One of the main causes for being tired in the day is... mild dehydration!

Your body will not work if you don't have enough water, just like how a car cannot run without petrol or diesel. You should drink water for several reasons, for example water

increases your energy and reduces tiredness. Also, water is a great way to stay healthy because of all the minerals in it. Water can also release stress and anger. Drinking water also helps your skin and benefits your complexion. Water also helps to flush toxins out of your body. Water prevents sweating, and water also lubricates the joints.

So drink up folks, in a hot climate like we have in Singapore, it's really important to stay hydrated.



# THE ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

**E**than Bloch, reporting on the world phenomenon that was the 'ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE'.

For the Ice Bucket Challenge people, who had been nominated by their 'friends', had to dump ice water on their head. After you dumped ice water on your head, you would then in turn have to nominate three more people! But why?? It was originally started to



promote awareness of the disease 'amyotrophic lateral sclerosis' (ALS). The idea was that if you were nominated you would have 24 hours to complete the challenge and if you didn't you would have to donate \$100 to the ALS charity.

Lots of celebrities got on board to take part in the challenge and lent their support for the good cause, including one of the first, Justin Timberlake. Barack Obama turned

the nomination and decided to make the donation instead.

The ALS challenge was more about raising awareness than making money. ALS is also commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig disease.

So if anyone wants to continue to do the Ice Bucket challenge, go ahead: it is really fun!



## JURONG BIRD PARK

*By Douglas Ramachandran*

**O**n October the 1st 2014, the whole of Year 6 went to the Jurong Bird Park.

We were there because our topic was 'Interdependence and Adaptation'. We took the bus from Dover Court to the Bird Park and arrived there at 9:15am.

After we arrived we went to the Bird Discovery Centre where a person from the Bird Park gave us a lesson about birds. I really enjoyed this because the person from the Bird Park gave us a lot of information.

After this we had our snacks and went to watch a show. It was really funny because at one point a bird actually sung the first line of the

song 'Happy birthday'! There were also birds playing games against each against each other, birds flying through hoops and even birds flying over people's heads. Next, after the show, all of us were split into different groups.

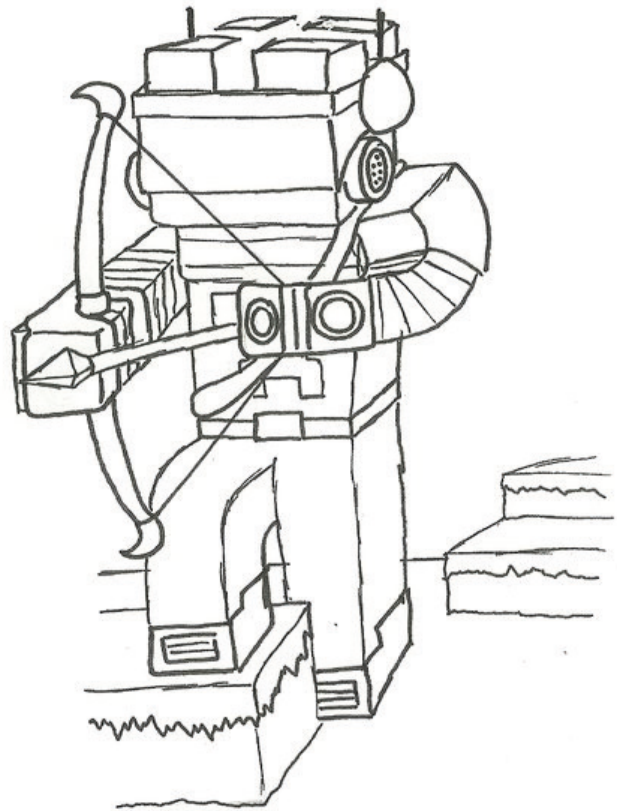
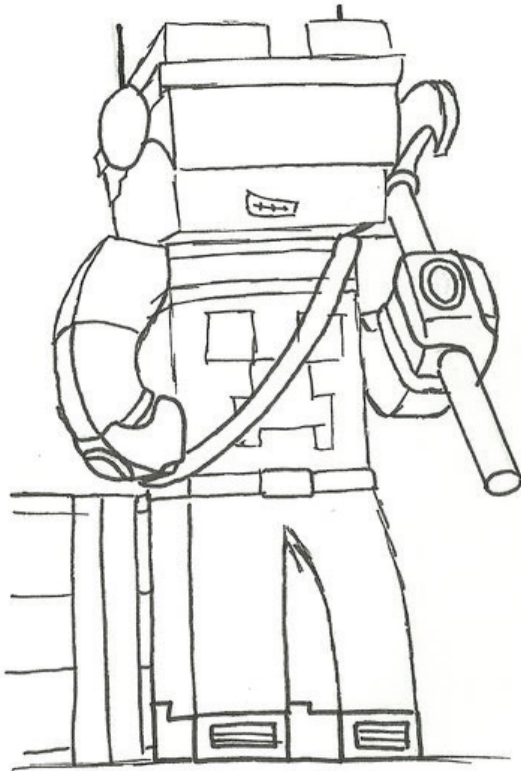
We then went around to whatever enclosures the groups chose. My group went to the birds of prey, Pelican Cove, the hornbills and toucans, plus many more.

The weirdest thing was when my group was in Pelican Cove and we saw two giant iguanas with massive tails walking around! Finally, all of Year 6 got back on the bus and were back at school by lunchtime.

Overall I thought it was a very fun trip and I would certainly go again.

# MINECRAFT.

## *What's it all about?*



**T**here has been one game on everyone's mind recently – Minecraft.

Thousands of children log in to play this game each day, but why is the question? Is it the ability to build what you want, when you want and where you want, or is there more to it?

There are many reasons people like Minecraft, but what is the main one?

My brother likes the fact that you have to kill mobs to survive; I personally like the fact that you can build what you want.

What about you? Do you like Minecraft?

*By Emma Davis*

***News flash...***

*This term's editor has been Saahir Nazar from Year 8. It could be you next time!*

*super-sensational!*

## SENIOR SCHOOL ORIENTATION CAMP

**O**rientation Camp. A lot of you will probably not know what this is about, unless you're in the Seniors.

It's basically a 3-4 day holiday from all the exams and homework we get! A while back, the Seniors had an awesome and exciting trip around Batam. Here are some of the highlights:

On 17th September 2014, we started our Dover Court day at the usual time and then made our way to Harbourfront Station. The

light-headed and seasick seniors stumbled out after we had arrived at our destination 45 mins later. We then proceeded to take a number of coaches to the Golden View 4-star Hotel (and four-star it was!).

After we settled in our rooms, everyone proceeded to what would soon be our activities area. We were then split into four groups and challenged to come up with a team name, as well as a chant. The four teams were:

- Everything is Awesome
- Awesome McWaffles
- You don't have an awesome name
- Unicornia

After that, we played a game to do with "squirrels" and "trees"... sounds bizarre but was fun!

The next day, the half-asleep and excited Seniors travelled back to the activities area. Some of us started off with the 'High-Elements', a course of obstacles across the sky (don't worry, it was all perfectly safe). If you completed that, or chose not to do it, you could proceed to the 'Flying Fox', a 200m-zip wire.

Other groups started off with Paintball and a game of capture the flag. If you were really lucky, you got to go GO-KARTING first! There were no races (except for the one to get to the fastest cart) so it was just easy driving.

On the last day, we sadly had to leave Golden View hotel, going back to our studies. Let's hope that Mr Lim will keep these trips coming!

*By Joshua Davidson*

## FOOTBALL FEVER

**T**his year at Dover Court there is a new school Football Team.

There are different age groups such as under eight, under nine, and under ten, plus more. They will be competing against other schools to win. The players that are the best from the ECAs are the ones that are chosen to represent the school.

It is quite tough and challenging because some teams are better than others.

The ECAs are split into year groups and each group has different coaches. The coaches are Mr Rigby, Mr Johnston and many more. We play games in tournaments that are about 30 minutes. When you are playing on the pitch, it is bigger so it is hard to get used to it and it is hot outside! As a member of the U9 team I am proud to represent our school and play lots of games

against other schools. In my opinion Dover court is one of the top 5 best schools at football in Singapore because all the years perform really well.

Our U8 team had some wonderful success this term and were undefeated in the last round of their tournament!

*By Douglas Ramachandran*

# NEED A LAUGH?!



**W**ahbanana is a Singaporean YouTube channel made in 2012 that makes funny videos.

*The people in it are Lingyi Xiong, Jason Hau, Matthew Stewart, Audrey Goh, Terence Then and Eden Ang. On their YouTube page, they wrote: 'We aim to bring a smile to everybody's face through our YouTube videos.'*

*Watching the videos can guarantee a laugh as they have different types of humour. One of the videos I know us students can relate to is 'Sunday vs Monday'. The video is about how you do things when you're relaxed on a Sunday, then rushing around on a Monday.*

*Another great video is 'Act Cool Fails' where people try and act cool like jumping over a dustbin, but fall in! If this sounds like your kind of thing go to youtube.com/user/wahbanana and check out their channel.*

*All of their videos are appropriate for everyone so don't worry!*

**By Michael Buchanan**

## GIRLS FOR THE WIN!

*Girls Glorious Dover Court Netball Team*

**T**his term at Dover Court most people have been very excited while starting their new ECA's.

Some of my friends and I decided to join the Netball ECA with Ms Good and Ms Riley. Some of us were chosen to participate in a Netball Tournament at Tanglin Trust School, where we played against AIS and CIS. As we only had 40 minutes to train, and that some of the team members had never played netball before, we were pretty terrified when we arrived at Tanglin and saw loads of schools all playing and training! Both matches felt extremely long and intense; our team played fantastically as the

score was close! We left proud from beating AIS 4-2, but unfortunately losing to CIS 3-2.

Although we didn't win both games, we still learned many skills and learned from our mistakes. The Netball Team have also started to train on Saturdays from 09:30am until 10:30am, where we play different games to help us improve. We are still training during the ECA and are going to continue participating in matches against other schools.

Later in the term, our team had been training hard and was more developed and skilled.

We continuously played two matches every Tuesday and soon it was time for the finals! When we arrived, the pressure was on. While every school did their warm

ups, we waited patiently for the directions of which court we were going to play on. Finally, when it was time to play, we were escorted to the indoor court. While Ms Good went to speak with the other teams coach, the team consisting of: Emma Davis, Abigail Watson, Tohko Furuta, Anju Kawazu, Emma Price, Hannah Jorgensen, Dylan Tetro, Isabella Cooper and me (Hannah Cohen), waited on the bench. After 5 games it was over. After winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 1, it was time to collect our medals. We were awarded 3rd place in Division 3, an amazing accomplishment!

It was a great day and the whole team was happy with the results. We hope to see some of you guys joining the team next term!

**By Hannah Cohen**



# A NEWSDOVER GALLERY SPECIAL



**I**n this issue we are saying goodbye to the much loved Mr and Mrs Archer, as we wish them well with their move back to New Zealand.

We hope they will be very happy there and always remember us at Dover Court fondly. We will miss you lots!









# HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

as I was so excited because I couldn't believe what I had just saw and got! A taxi suddenly stopped and a taxi driver asked if I was ok! An old lady hurried away, and the birds flew out the tress!

I showed Christa: AHHHH!

Christa is one of my best friends who I'm going with; she got so excited and we jumped up and down as we couldn't contain our excitement as we had wanted this since we found out they were coming to Singapore as we are HUGE fans of 1D.

“  
The best mum  
in the world!  
”

I was panting, and red faced, so much that I even bent down and worshipped the thought of the coming day of immense glory: and Christa said to me, “Emma, are you ok?” I replied, “Yes.” Then after that I SMSed my mum, “U r the BEST mum in the world!!” because she had just made our dream come true.

Then at the MRT station whilst we were going up the escalator because I was going to Christa's house to do some homework that we were in a group with together she said to me, “I love your mum at the moment” because she also wanted them as much as I did.

Then when we got to Christa's house we skyped our other friend



who we were going with to tell her the great news and she was excited and then I checked my email; I realised my mum had gotten the wrong seats... that means she didn't get the seats I wanted her to get.

O! ...Mwah wa ha wa ha wa booo hoo hoo! Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! I fell to the floor. Christa considered calling an ambulance. I was SOOOOOOOO angry and disappointed; when she came to pick me up I asked her about getting the wrong seats; I asked her why she didn't get the seats I wanted her to get and she said, “The reason why I didn't get the seats you wanted me to get was because I knew if I clicked on the section of seats you wanted me to get and they were full up; then tried again and find out they were all gone, you'd be absolutely furious with me so I had no choice but to get those seats.” Then I said “OK, but you do realise there are loads more seats available. “Then she said “The tickets are for me (her), you (me), Christa and Gloria (Christa's Mum).”

As soon Christa and I heard that we went straight to her room and we

said to each other, “I can't believe we told Sofie that she was coming and now we have to tell her that she can't come because of my mum said”. Then we found out my mum was joking - *yes she did this to me* - I will write about this when I am older and go on Oprah, not that I am old enough to know what Oprah is: but I'll go it anyway; I have written an advice leaflet for other victims of such parent cruelty.

Nonetheless it was better than the ongoing torture of, shall we say, less than desirable seating. I do have my standards.

So if you want to go to the concert and haven't got tickets yet: I suggest that you go to [sportshubtix.venue.asia](http://sportshubtix.venue.asia) and get tickets now because there are loads more available; they will sell out really quickly and trust me you don't want to be disappointed because this will be once in a lifetime opportunity; you might never be able to see them again as this will probably be the only chance you will get to see them in concert.

By Emma Wright Yr10/31B

# UN

United Nations Day, more commonly known as UN Day, is when all the staff and pupils at Dover Court International School come to school dressed in their national costumes.

*Emma Wright reports*

# DAY

**A**s we all know it's a school tradition to come to school dressed in your national costume on UN Day.

Some countries have their own national costume for example Japan's national costume is the 'Kimono', and South Korea's is the 'Hanbok' but some countries don't have their own national costume, for example England, who have a different theme for costumes each year. This year it was celebrated on Friday 11th October 2014.

The first exciting thing that happens on UN Day is the parade. This is where all the children

line up with their countries, and then parade around the school in alphabetical order (A, B, C...). Whilst each country is parading round the commentator reads out facts about the country and music from that country is played over the speakers.

The next thing that everyone looks forward to is going round the different countries' rooms. This is my favourite bit of the day because I love to eat food from the different countries, especially the UK, as I'm from there.

Australia and New Zealand are great too, but I always enjoy the other countries food as well.

The last thing of the day, which is always fabulously entertaining, is the concert. This is where everyone one gathers in the Cooper Hall to watch performance items from different countries, and also the school performs three songs.

The three songs that the Juniors and Seniors sang at the Junior/Senior concert were, 'Oh the Thinks You Can Think!' A Dr Seuss song, 'Look After the World', and the school anthem 'Ode to Joy'.

Overall: it was a fun day for everyone, and I really enjoyed myself! I can't wait until next year!





## APPLE'S NEW IPHONE 6 IS HERE!

**G**uess what: Do you or somebody you know have the new iPhone 6? I know I don't, yet... but it has just been released!

*Find out more with Saahir Nazar*

Quite surprisingly, the iPhone 6 has a sharp difference between the iPhone 5s. The new features of the iPhone 6 are remarkable.

The iPhone 6 has a 6.9mm body length and it is much slimmer than previous iPhones. It has an outstanding resolution of 1334x750 with the new HD Retina display; it comes in a range of colours: Space Grey, Silver and Gold. It even has a face and smile detection. Now comes the most surprising part, *\*drum roll please...\** the Wi-Fi connection is three times faster!



With the iPhone, the new iOS 8 has come out as well; how awesome is that? It is not a huge change from the iOS 7, but makes it easier to access apps.

The iPhone 6 also delivers a big screen which remains easy to handle; it has better camera autofocus, bumped-up storage capacities to 128GB at the top end, and NFC Apple Pay mobile wallet features on the horizon.

This iPhone has made a growth to Apple's reputation; however, it does have some cons. In early tests, the iPhone 6's battery doesn't fare any better than last year's model. Some Android phones fit an even-larger 5-inch screen into the same size frame.

Honestly, all I care about is how much the iPhone has improved; and last year years, was disappointing. This one, is probably one of the biggest changes they have done to an iPhone.



# RIPS

*By Emma Wright*

**A**re you interested in swimming in the sea and what the flags are about? If you are, read this article about rips, and Emma Wright (Year 10) will tell you what they are, and what the flags mean.

Rips are the common name for a rip current or rip tide.

They are strong and rather narrow currents of water. They can occur anywhere where there are breaking waves (e.g. oceans, seas and large lakes).

They are formed when breaking waves push the water to land. Water that has been pushed up near the beach flows together (feeder currents) and the water that is the feeder current finds a place where it can flow back out to sea.

Then the water flows out at a right angle to the beach in a tight current called the “neck” of the rip where the flow is the most rapid.





**T**hese are the flags that you have to look out for when you are on the beach to avoid being caught in a rip current:



*Red and Yellow flag*  
These indicate the area of the water is the safest place to swim and bodyboard, and it is watched by a life guard.



*Black and White Chequered/Quartered Flag*  
These indicate the area is for surfboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. Never swim or bodyboard in this area.



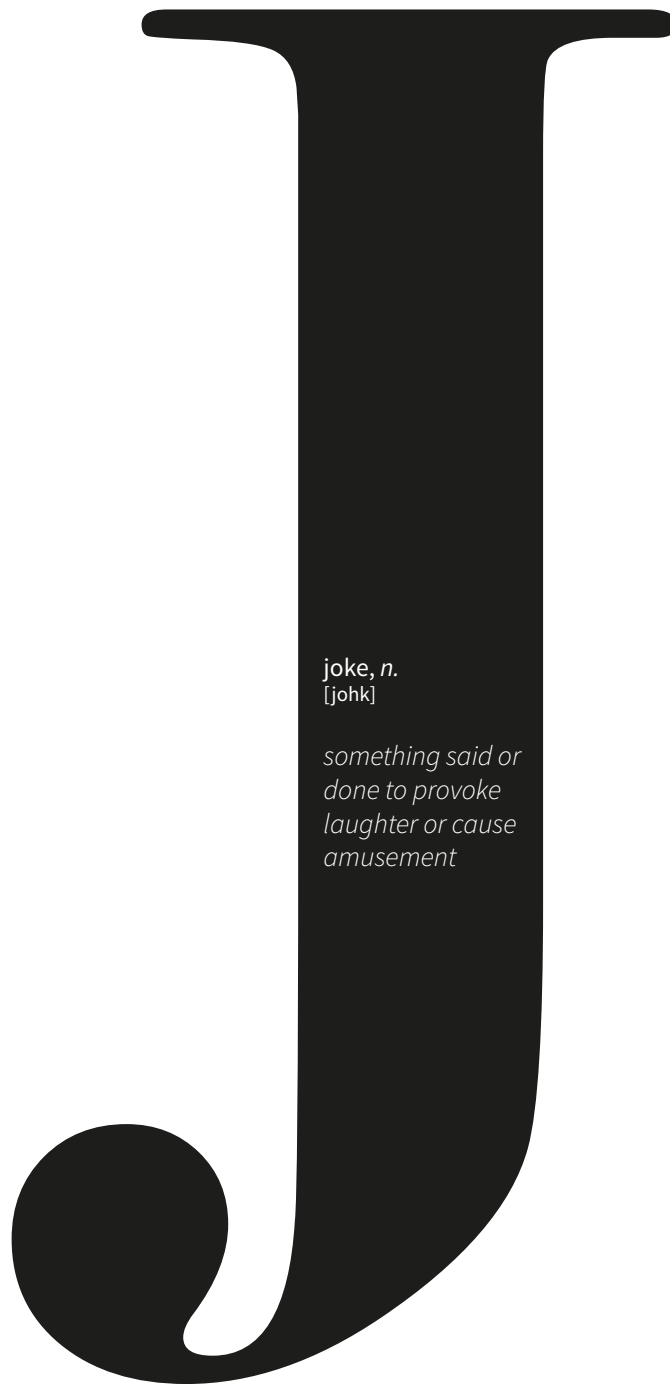
*Orange Windsock*  
These indicate that there are offshore winds and you must never use inflatables when the shock is flying.



*Red Flag*  
These indicate that there is danger and you should never go in the water when the flag is up under any circumstances.



*Red and White quartered flag*  
These indicate and emergency evacuation and you need to leave the water immediately.



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*something said or  
done to provoke  
laughter or cause  
amusement*

## The Idiot's Guide to Anything: How to play a joke on your friends

Picture yourself in this situation: your friend has just pulled a prank on you, a harmless prank.

You want to get revenge; but they're such a good friend that you don't want them to get mad at you. However, you want to get even.

*Joshua Davidson shows you how.*

### **Achooo!**

You'll need a mug of water for this:

1. Make sure you're behind your victim (I mean friend)
2. Dip your fingers in the mug of water
3. Pretend to sneeze
4. Just as you're about to sneeze, flick the water off your fingers onto your victim's neck. It will seem as you've just sneezed on their neck, but make sure to tell them it's water or you may be remembered as the kid who sneezed on someone.

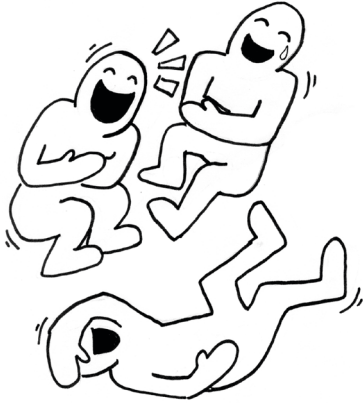


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### **The Best Revenge is No Revenge**

You will need to repeat this for many days:

1. Tell your friend you'll get revenge
2. Do nothing
3. Repeat step 1 and 2 many times until you think that they have lived in worry long enough



### **Have a Drink**

You'll need a drink (one you need a straw for is best) and a straw:

1. Fill the drink with your victim's (I mean friend's) favourite or one of their favourite drinks
2. Cut two tiny holes into the straw (this will make it almost impossible to drink with)
3. Put the straw in the drink and serve to your friend (I mean victim (*I mean friend*))
4. Instead of this, you could pour jelly into a cup and set it in the fridge overnight. Stick in the straw and no matter how hard they try, they can't drink anything.

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## **MEET THE TEAM**

*of NewsDover writers*

**T**hanks to all these talented writers for their contributions to this edition of NewsDover!



*A big thank-you to all those who have helped create this issue of News Dover.*

*Please look forward to the next edition in Spring 2015!*

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