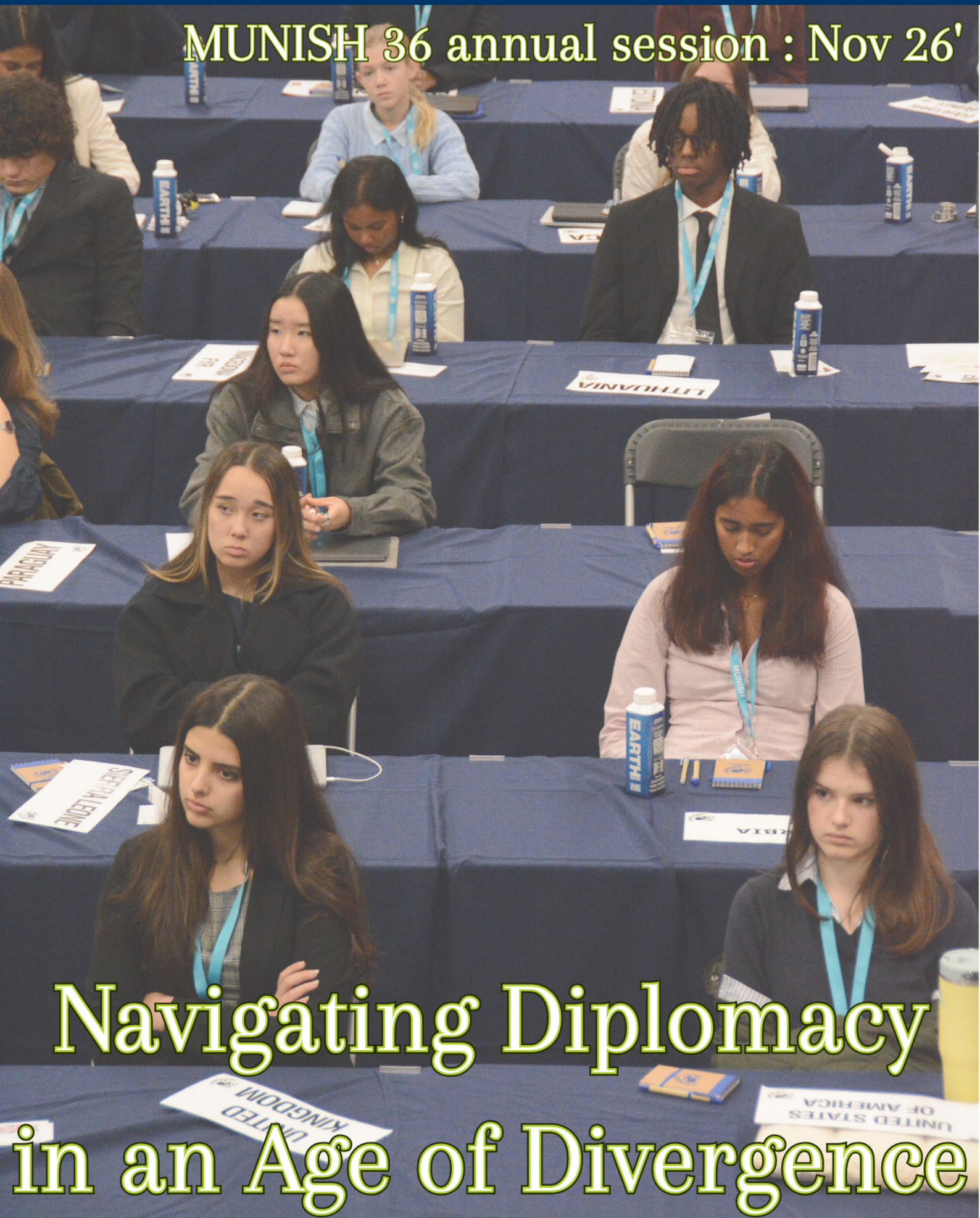
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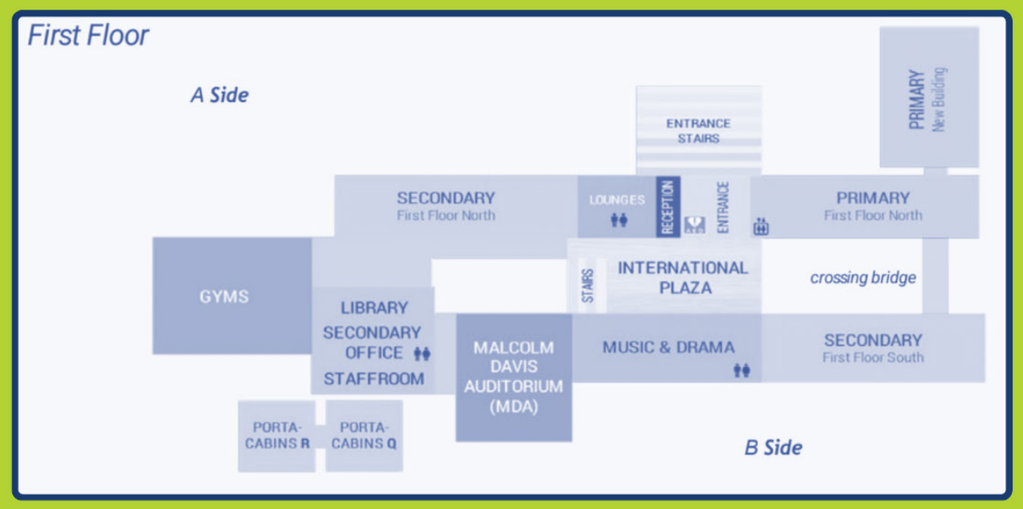
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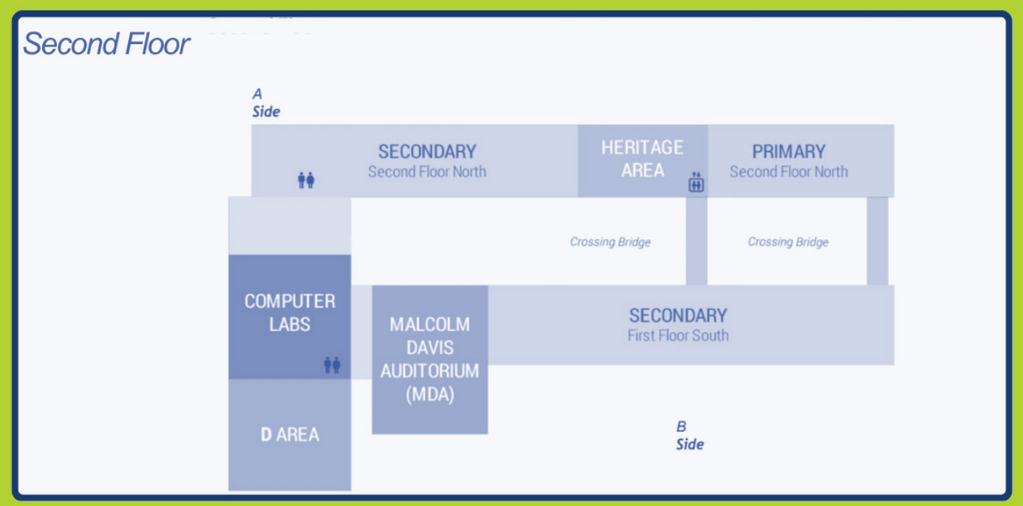


Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence

MAP OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE HAGUE







Day 2: From Dialogue to Action

Dear delegates, chairs, MUN Directors and chairs,



The discussions have begun, the perspectives have been heard and now it is time to turn words into action. Day 2 marks a new chapter in the MUNISH journey, bringing the opportunity for deeper debate and stronger arguments. As delegates take the floor, every speech and resolution becomes a chance to make an impact. This is the day to challenge ideas and find common ground.



Let your arguments reflect ambition and pave the way forward.

So make every word count!

What MUNISH skills can be transferred to your life?

MUNISH is an experience that teaches you many different skills, some of which include working in groups, public speaking, and time management. All of these skills can be applied in areas outside of MUNISH or even school to maximize your effectiveness in said activities.

Being able to work with people is an essential skill in MUNISH. You will need to adapt to other's ideas and opinions and reach compromises when you may be hesitant or very set on your argument. This is arguably the most applicable MUNISH skill to your daily lives. As young people, you live in a world where you won't agree with everyone around you at all times, and that is part of the beauty of being in an International context. By considering how others' opinions may resonate with you or not, you are learning about the person's culture and background, as well as their morals and values, which could eventually help you form your own opinion on a subject. This will be important in the rest of your lives no matter what type of life you chose to lead. If you are in a business environment, you will need to take other's suggestions in mind which could help you become more successful, or if you are in an artistic environment where you create things with others, you will need to reach compromises in your ideas to create a piece that will please the audience as much as the creators.

Public speaking, also a MUNISH Workshop, is a very important life skill to master. It will not only help you connect with others, capture their attention in speeches and debates, but also help you get to know yourself better and become more confident. In any future career you may have, trusting yourself when speaking is an important life skill. Public speaking encourages you to do something out of most people's comfort zones; to stand up and speak in front of an audience. This will help you assert your opinion in situations where it may be the least common one, or it simply presents a good impression to people you meet.



What MUNISH skills can be transferred to your life?

Time management is something that every single person in MUNISH has to consider and implement to ensure fulfilling their role.

For example:

Journalists need to make sure they have enough time to conduct necessary interviews and write their articles before the ComMUNicator is printed.

Delegates need to research the country and government they are representing to be able to effectively take part in committees.

Admin Staff need to ensure they are at the right places at the right times as the pillars holding MUNISH up with their hard work behind the scenes.



Time management is also crucial in your life because you need it for things just as simple as waking up for school or work, for organising yourself to eat everyday, for both things that are highly important in our daily lives, no matter what you chose to pursue in the future.

All in all, MUNISH teaches you to manage your lives in a more organised way, where you can get more done, and better, where you can connect with people you work with, and how you can become a better version of yourself.



BINGO

Delegate edition

“Esteemed”	**Lunch token**	**Note paper**	**COPUOS**	**“Yield”**
“Motion to”	**Flag**	**“Amendment”**	**Speech**	**Committee Photos**
“Honourable Chair,”	**Debate**	**FREE**	**“Feasible”**	**Voting**
SPC1	**EARTH water**	**“Resolution”**	**GA3**	**“POI”**
“Placard”	**Badge**	**HRC**	**“Fellow”**	**Lanyard**

Get the most out of your MUNISH conference! Hear a delegate say the following words? Visit the committees? Find all the collectables?

Opening Ceremony

Yesterday, at the 36th annual MUNISH, Secretary General Juliet Alkema held an enrapturing speech that encapsulates the heart of this conference. She highlighted how MUNISH is meant to be an event that allows people from all over the world to come together and find intellectual harmony.

This speech resonated with everyone in the audience and on stage, because of its connection to this year’s theme: Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence!
This is a crucial statement, considering today’s fraught political climate. The lack of amicable dialogue in world relations has soured diplomacy and communication. The role of MUNISH in this environment is to prompt meaningful debates on what it means to champion for unity, trust, and peace in a tumultuous world.

Since The Hague is known to be the city of peace and justice, being here sends an important message. MUNISH has brought together a myriad of different people, who speak different languages, with different lives and passions, all with the hope of fighting for a better world. It captures how the independent voices of our delegates come together to form a beautiful harmony striving for change.

To emphasize this point, Willem Jansen and Aqila Syahanjani played the first movement of the Butterfly Lovers’ Violin Concerto by He Zanhao and Chen Gang.

“I thought that [Willem] starting by himself, and then Aqila joining in later was a good representation of harmony, because it showed the give and take of the piece.”

Says Atrisa Panoutsos, member of the MUNISH Logistics Team and avid violin player.



The performance created an atmosphere that brought the message of Secretary General Juliet Alkema’s statement

“Someone starting, someone coming in, someone leaving, and it was very synonymous with the speech.”

SPC2 guestspeaker





Sofia Romansky, research manager at Cambridge and subject matter expert at The Hague center for strategic studies and NATO, was a guest speaker at SPC2 today, speaking about the impact of AI on Social and Military affairs. Her talk included questions on how one can hold AI decision making support models accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity when used to make decisions in conflict that may not be verified before being implemented. She also raised the issue of Automation Bias, trusting AI without considering the sources that it is taking information from, and how AI can sometimes have sort of "hallucinations" where it guesses wrong with information. In conclusion, she spoke about the need for war crime laws to adapt when considering new AI technologies and the restrictions that should be implemented on this category of technology so that it is used fairly.

Cookies & More

"If you're looking for a sweet snack this is the place to be.

A range of flavours from a-z!"

Cookies & More is a bakery specialising in New York-style cookies, with rich flavours and a soft, gooey center! Their main passion is making cookies that smell nostalgic and taste divine. Every cookie is a different experience: some feel like a warm hug while others immediately turn your frown upside down! They have a location in the Passage in the City Centre that sells a myriad of flavours: match, birthday cake, cinnamon rolls, and more!

We're lucky enough to have a stand here at MUNISH selling their cookies. If you need a pick me up, a moment for yourself, or simply a delicious cookie, go to the Plaza now!



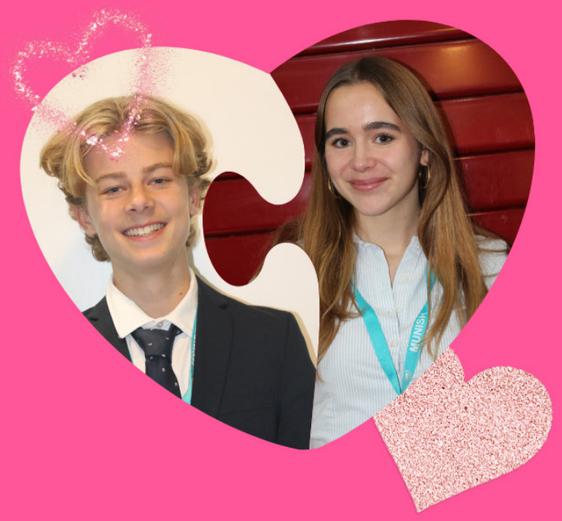
Committee CUPID!!



Lea Al-Mutawakel & Adam Alessadri → When we presented Lea with her suitors, Adam immediately stood out to her! He represents Hungary in the PBC, and in ten years he hopes to work at an international organization. She found the fact that he sees himself in Telemachus from the Odyssey because of his loyalty sweet and wholeheartedly agrees with his love for pasta bolognese.



Lîna Kaddi & Lucas Faulkner → Lîna says that there wasn't anything specific about Lucas that stood out for her, but she knew he was the right choice. He represents Namibia in the HRC and in ten years sees himself as a successful business owner, and likes that he chose a wolf as his spirit animal. And who wouldn't agree that pizza is a top tier food to eat for the rest of their lives?



Pelle van Nederveen & Camille Matéo–Nerlich → Pelle chose Camille out of his suitors because of their shared love for Mission Impossible. She's a part of the HRC, and as an aspiring medical practitioner, in ten years sees herself completing her residency program. She also loves hamburgers and wouldn't mind having only that for the rest of her life.

Committee CUPID!!











Day in the life of the BOD

The BOD are the backbone of MUNISH. You see them everywhere: on the dais, in the corridors, in front of every session. But you don't see what the day actually costs them. So we asked two of them to walk us through it.

Juliet Alkema, Secretary General, has been working on this conference for nine months. She sent emails to MUN directors from other schools, handled mailings as well as logistics. By the time the 8 AM briefing comes around, the hard part is already behind her. "*By the time delegates arrive, my job is mostly making sure nothing goes wrong.*"

Frederica Timane Coke, Deputy Secretary General of the Organisation, starts at eight with the same briefing, then eats breakfast and heads out to her committees. ''I check up on the conference managers, see how hospitality is doing, and put out any fires". Juliet's day is spent walking the building, which means she gets asked everything, including the things she can't answer. ''Delegates assume we know everything. Where their badges are, where they've lost their things. Often I have to go and find the MUN director."

Across the corridor, Frederica is doing the same walk and runs into the same kinds of assumptions. ''People assume I do everything. There are 30 of us on the BOD, each doing a lot. Some admins think I'm there to get them water, and I'm definitely not."

The end of the day is quiet for the Secretary General. Issues surrounding admin staff are taken care of by heads of admin and conference managers. Juliet is quick to hand them credit: ''Things run smoothly because of them".

For a Deputy Secretary General, that same hour is the hardest of the day. ''The end of the day is the most difficult. Everyone's leaving, and it needs a lot of coordination."

We finished by asking them both what they wish delegates knew, and both had the same answer. The conference runs on work nobody sees, and the admins and conference managers deserve more credit than they get.

Interview with the BOD



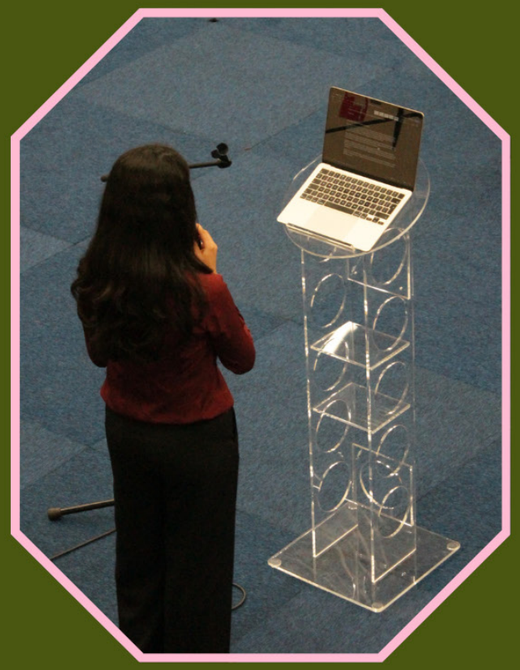
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The Multicultural Mindset

Diplomacy is often called the art of language, yet for most MUNISH participants the language spoken in the conference isn't the language spoken at home. In MUNISH, English is the standard language even if most delegates don't necessarily consider English their first language. All participants have very different backgrounds with everyone speaking different languages, coming from different countries and having different nationalities. This usually changes the overall view on the MUNISH experience as students get to live a truly multicultural perspective on global affairs. We will explore how non-native speakers experience MUNISH and what this experience brings to them.



Sofia Arafa and Lilia Borde, from the Human Rights council both explained how they navigated the MUNISH experience while both having French as their native language and English as their second language. Both believed that their MUNISH experience allowed them to meet new people and practice their English in an international setting. They also added that even if they thought mostly in French they both tried to translate their thoughts into English while communicating and debating with others. Both girls recognized that speaking English was fundamental to communication and feeling comfortable in an international setting.



The Multicultural Mindset

José Correa, delegate in the NATO committee reported that, even if Portuguese is his native language, English also plays a central part in his daily life and recognizes that :

"If you want to live across the world, you have to learn English because that's the language everyone speaks [...]".

To him, speaking English at MUNISH wasn't harder and was in fact easier and it allowed him to communicate with everyone and didn't make the experience any different from a native English speaker.

In MUNISH it was also nice for him to hear delegates speak the same native language as him and described how :

"In a way, it felt like home. It was nice to hear people speak the same language as me."





Overall, speaking in English without it being our first language doesn't make MUNISH harder, it allows us to communicate with more people and experience Model UN the same way a delegate at the United Nations would. Here at MUNISH, English isn't a barrier but a universal language that enables delegates from all over the world to form friendships, debate and cooperate to create and pass resolutions.

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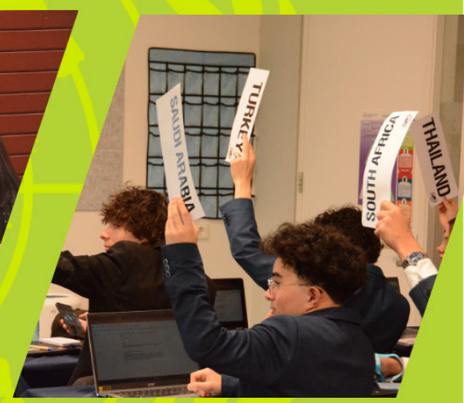



















Safety and Security

Behind The Scenes

"First we always take the time to assess the situation, from there we take necessary measures and ensure everything runs smoothly."



John Ding, Adrian Tabbert Santiago

How we approach safety breaches:

For three days students from around the world gather at the International School of The Hague to debate global issues, negotiate resolutions and experience diplomacy. MUNISH is one of the biggest school based Model United Nations in the Netherlands, with 22 committees in the 2026 session. Keeping an event this size running smoothly takes efficient coordination and shared responsibility.

Security operations help coordinate safety throughout the event. This role is especially important when hundreds of participants are moving between their committees. Security staff help monitor the environment, give directions and support delegates who need assistance.

According to the Heads of Security, effective safety precautions start with assessing the situation and making a clear plan. They then assign people efficiently and put the plan into action. By coordinating clearly and effectively making use of available resources, MUNISH can maximise security while keeping the conference running smoothly.

Safety and Security

The Committee

The UN security council serves the purpose of maintaining international peace and security, identifying patterns in violence and monitoring ceasefires. They usually do this via authorising use of force and applying sanctions when necessary such as Arms Embargoes, the restriction on weapon transfer for military forces. Recently, in October and early November, discussions of AI and its use in international security have been brought up, with potential both to undermine it or support it. A danger with the UN Security Council is that they can leave the UN vulnerable for cyber attacks, and in the wrong hands, the Council can be used to spread propaganda and misinformation, putting many people at risk. Currently, they are establishing an Informal Expert Group on Tech, Peace and Security, which was launched on October 23rd of this year. These are experts in the current use of AI and emerging technologies which threaten security. This group uses UN bodies, Academia Research and NGOs to influence decision making for this expert group. On November 9th they will be holding a briefing concerning the current situation of Ukraine and recent attacks by Russia on three Dnipro, Chernihiv, and Kremenchuk, caused by drone strikes. The meeting's objective is to negotiate a potential ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia even though many suspect its failure.



Guest speaker at the Security Council – Norman Atkins





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