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## A CHANGE IN DIET

Last month, 5 students had a meeting with Carmen and the manager of our canteen, Steve, to give a students' perspective of the service. We discussed the good and the bad, and thought about new ideas for products that could be sold in the canteen. In this meeting, the issue of halal food options was raised. Steve told us the canteen may begin serving halal chicken burgers. We also suggested that they serve a selection of breakfast foods for the early risers, as well as

some personal requests, like Capri-Suns and cereal bars. Finally, we talked about the possibility of introducing meal deals, as this would benefit all students.

We're glad to see that a lot of our feedback has been taken on board already. We hope to maintain a strong channel of communication in the future and help the Cucina staff to continue to provide excellent service.

WRITTEN BY EIREN DONNELLY

## Welcome to our February Half Term issue of the Student Byte!

In this edition of the Student Byte, we have included interesting stories from the WUTC & some hot topics in global news. If you have any suggestions or comments on the Student Byte, then feel free to get in touch with one of the WUTC reps. (see page two)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following dates for your diary.

Half Term	13 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Granada Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Wickes conference (refresh from 9-5pm)	8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Harry Potter Trip	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Fortnum & Mason Trip (year 12 business)	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Team Building (year 10 and 12)	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Wedding Show (Run by business students)	2nd April

## “THIS IS HISTORY IN THE MAKING!”

It's no secret that President Trump has sparked controversy around the world. A day after President Trump's inauguration, millions of Americans came together to march and protest for women. This march is now the biggest march in American history. This is history in the making! People of all ages, mostly women, poured into the streets of Washington DC addressing the issues of women's rights but also immigration rights and reproductive rights. These protests aren't just taking place in America; over two million people across the globe have stood up to protest against Trump, and the hash tag #nobannowall has taken social media by storm. This is what may well be referred to as an era of revolution in history textbooks in the years to come.

WRITTEN BY CHRISTABEL BOHAEN



STUDENT PHOTO OF THE MARCH IN NEW YORK CITY



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## ESCAPE!

Escape is a travel agency run by Lorraine, and trained Travel and Tourism students, that offer holiday packages to students and members of staff at the Watford UTC. Holidays are available at affordable prices, and there is something for everyone. Some students have already made use of this service and booked holidays with Escape. Many packages are available at discounted prices. Recently a group of year 10s are helping revive and start up the travel agency, and soon the travel agency will be available to members of the public. If you would be interested in booking a holiday, speak to Lorraine, who will be happy to assist you.

WRITTEN BY RUBEN NISTOR

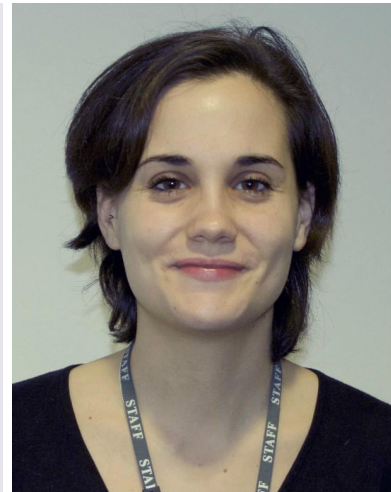
## RAQUEL; AN INSPIRATION

In 2010, at only 18 years old, Raquel volunteered at a refugee camp in Smara; a city in Tindouf, Algeria. During the 10 days she was there, she spent the majority of her time with of refugee families, learning about their daily lives and taking care of them with the medical materials she brought with her from Spain. She also worked with little children in schools and supplied them with books and stationery.

Some of the experiences she gained were things she had never imagined possible, such as, eating camel meat for the first time to participating in the refugees' cultural tea rituals.

Raquel greatly enjoys retelling her experiences, proof that the time she spent in Smara was well spent and that she enjoyed the experience immensely. She said she would definitely do it again, to bring a smile to the faces of the little kids she met and for that rewarding feeling of making the world a better place. The experience left Raquel greatly humbled and she now has great respect for everyone.

WRITTEN BY HAMZAH ALI



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Raquel Rojas: Spanish Teacher at the Watford UTC

## POLL: WILL TRUMP MAKE A GOOD PRESIDENT?

Last Month, a day before Donald Trump's inauguration, students from year 12 and 13 took part in a debate, discussing their opinions on the new president, and expressing their views on whether they thought Trump would make a good president or not. This was the first debate to be held at the Watford UTC, and it was a great learning experience for the students who took part, as they learnt to develop their debating skills. The debate was concluded with a poll, where the students voted whether or not Trump would make a good president. The results were:

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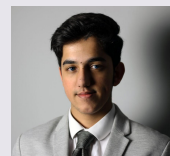
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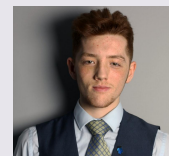
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## THE WATFORD UTC REPRESENTATIVES

If you have any ideas or improvements to make the WUTC a better place, and to enhance your learning experience at the WUTC, then get in touch with one of the REPS, who will be happy to pass on your suggestions to the relevant person.



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This half-term, we introduce you to three WUTC Reps. Three reps will be introduced in every issue of the student byte.

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