

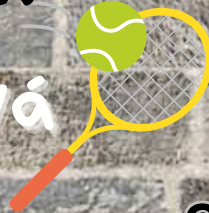
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The new year is already here, bringing us new hopes and making us dream about new things. Past five years were very difficult for us with the viruses and wars and many more problems and struggles all around the world, that's why we have high hopes for this year. With the hope of giving up procrastinating, we have a chance to finish all the work we delayed doing for a long time. There are many articles and books about making plans and setting goals for the new year and to realise them. These might help us to make things better, who knows?

In our January issue, we give you tips about how to use bottle caps and upcycle them as badges or pins to decorate your bags and clothes. Something we really need for a better environment and to save the earth from global warming and other environmental problems.

You can also read the inspiring life and success story of Martina Navratilova and you might even start doing sports or getting better by looking at these inspirational people of our age.

Ena, tells us about the Far East, Japan, this time. You can find out about origami and Japanese art in her article. Though there are lots of things to discover about this beautiful country, this article can be a good start to motivate you to find out more about this country.

Our enthusiastic book reviewer continues to prove that you don't have to buy books but you can digitally carry your books everywhere and you can be a bookworm.

We've also included renovating classic cars which is our writer's hobby he enjoys with his father. A brief history of firearms will give you an unusual insight about the topic which becomes popular among young people because of computer games.

With many more topics to enjoy. We hope to see you again with our February issue.

Go 2023!

Hatice Günçör

Martina Navrátilová

Martina Navrátilová Šubertová, born October 18, 1956, is a Czech-American former professional tennis player. Widely considered among the greatest tennis players of all time, Navrátilová won 18 major singles titles, 31 major women's double titles, and 10 major mixed doubles titles, for a combined total of 59 major titles, the most in the Open Era. Alongside Chris Evert, her greatest rival, Navrátilová dominated women's tennis in the 1970s and 1980s.



Navrátilová was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Her parents divorced when she was three, and her mother, a gymnast, tennis player and ski instructor moved the family to Řevnice. In 1962, her mother married Miroslav Navrátil, who became her first coach. When Navrátilová was four, she was hitting a tennis ball off a concrete wall and started playing tennis regularly at age seven. In 1972 at the age of fifteen, she won the Czechoslovakia national tennis championships.

In 1973, aged 16, she made her debut on the United States Lawn Tennis Association tour but didn't turn professional until 1975. Her best showings were on the red clay at the French Open, where she would go on to reach the final six times. In 1973 she made the quarterfinals, where she lost 6-7,4-6 to Evonne Goolagong. She made the quarterfinals the next year and lost to Helga Masthoff..





Book Review

LUKÁŠ RAIS

KAKEGURUI

This book takes place in a private academy with extraordinary students and rules. The students are all elites and are children of many wealthy people. They have a future of becoming leaders and professionals with their intelligence. However, the school has a hierarchy of students based on their ability to play and bet on games.

Those who win more game matches win more popularity prestige and connections to more wealthy people. But those who lose fall into debt and have to serve other students who are above them in the hierarchy.



Yumeko Jabami is in her second year at this school. She is beautiful intelligent and cheerful at first glance. But unlike other students who play the games just for the sake of money and prestige, she simply plays them because she likes the risks of the games. Unrestrained by the school's rules, she overthrows the student's hierarchy and rises to the top.

I also liked the book because of its adaptation in the form of anime. Also, Yumeko has an extraordinary personality while playing games which is always risky and brave. I definitely recommend it to someone who often plays some games to read this book. Or even watch the anime if they think it's better. It's overall a great book.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FIREARMS

YAMAN GÜNGÖR

So around the ninth century AD three Chinese alchemists were mixing sulphur and charcoal to find the recipe for the elixir of life. They couldn't find it. They found out that if they mixed the right amount of sulphur, charcoal and potassium nitrate they would get a powder that when lit, would burn very quickly and very hot.



They also found that if you put this powder in an enclosed area and ignite it, it would expand rapidly and explode, and what better way to use your invention than to blow up things at the emperor's birthday?

So for a while gunpowder was only used as a flashy firemaker employed to impress crowds and occasionally blow off somebody's finger, but of course this being something that existed people quickly found a way to hurt each other with it or at least try to.



Later the Europeans got their hands on this new technology and that's when the real advancements started in firearms technology. One of the major advancements was the matchlock. The Matchlock, while being easier to load and being the first gun to use a trigger mechanism, still had some problems: it couldn't be fired in the rain because it had a fuse that had to be lit in order to fire.

Later came the wheellock which still had a fuse but used a hammer to light it up. The upsides were that it had a hammer and a wheel that loaded the chamber. The downsides were that it was quite fragile and expensive.



The last one of these single shot pistols was the flintlock. The flintlock was very similar to the wheellock except that it didn't need a fuse to detonate the powder load; it also was cheaper and more durable.



Later in 16th/17th a predecessor to the revolver was made: the Pepperbox. The pepperbox was a small pistol that had 6 barrels that were manually rotated after every shot. Sadly this mechanism had a major flaw: if the shooter rotated the barrel in reverse all 6 barrels would fire at the same time which was very dangerous.



Lastly in the 18th century a gentleman named Samuel Colt made a revolutionary new gun: the Colt single action army. Unlike most other pistols it had 1 barrel with a revolving chamber.



Cubes

Ladislav Mikula



The 4x4 cube was released in 1981, invented by Péter Sebestény

World record for the 4x4 cube was set by Sebastian Weyer, the time was 30.81 seconds

The 4x4 cube has no center so it's harder than the original 3x3 cube.



I can solve one, too

The 4x4 cube is also known as the Rubik's Master Cube.

JAPAN

Ema
Kopecká

ORIGAMI

Origami is a Japanese art of paper folding. In general, these designs begin with a square sheet of paper whose sides may be of different colours, prints, or patterns. The best-known origami model is paper crane.



ART



The most popular Japanese art style is ukiyo-e ("pictures of floating world"). The earliest ukiyo-e works emerged in the 1670s, with Hishikawa Moronobu's paintings and monochromatic prints. Japanese art is kinda popular. Not just for paintings but also for specific ceramics - Japan has one of the oldest pottery practices in the world.



Renovation of old vehicles

Matyáš Folprecht



I love new and old vehicles and renovation is a hobby for me

Renovating old vehicles is like a drug, you just have to like it and have the money for it



You can renovate cars, motorbikes, bikes and other things



All you need is a garage, a love for it and tools



Renovation old cars

Renovating old cars is a long and difficult activity



When renovating old cars, it is best to keep as many original parts as possible

A vehicle marked as an oldtimer is usually older than 30 years



I recommend taking photos of everything during the renovation or for help you can look on internet or YouTube and look up what you don't know. Can you search something like vw Beetle 1968 renovation

Renovation old bike and motorbike



Renovating old bikes and motorbikes is much easier than renovating cars



In the end, I want to say that renovation is not for everyone, but everyone can try it

so good luck in renovation

PASTA BY JAMIE OLIVER

ELIŠKA
KOLOMAZNIKOVÁ

A very good recipe ready in 20 minutes with only five ingredients

you need

- pasta
- oil
- garlic
- champignons
- cream
- salt
- pepper
- sour cream
- parmesan

process :

First we cook the pasta in boiling water, then we heat the oil in a pan. Slice the garlicks and add the garlic slices into the pan.

Add the champignons, but first cut them into pieces and fry them for 8 minutes.

Add cream, salt, pepper and parmesan cheese, and then turn off the cooker and add sour cream. Enjoy your pasta!



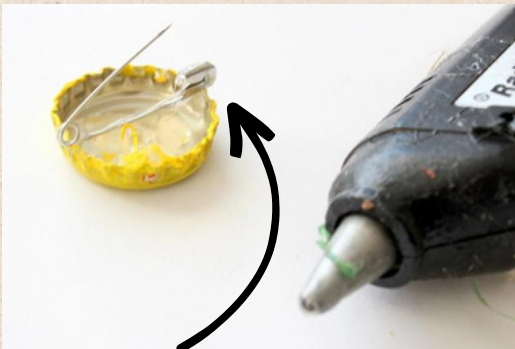
HOW TO MAKE A BOTTLE CAP PIN

Emma Filipi



You need a beer
bottle cap
a safety pin
glue

1st step:
paint a picture on the
bottle cap



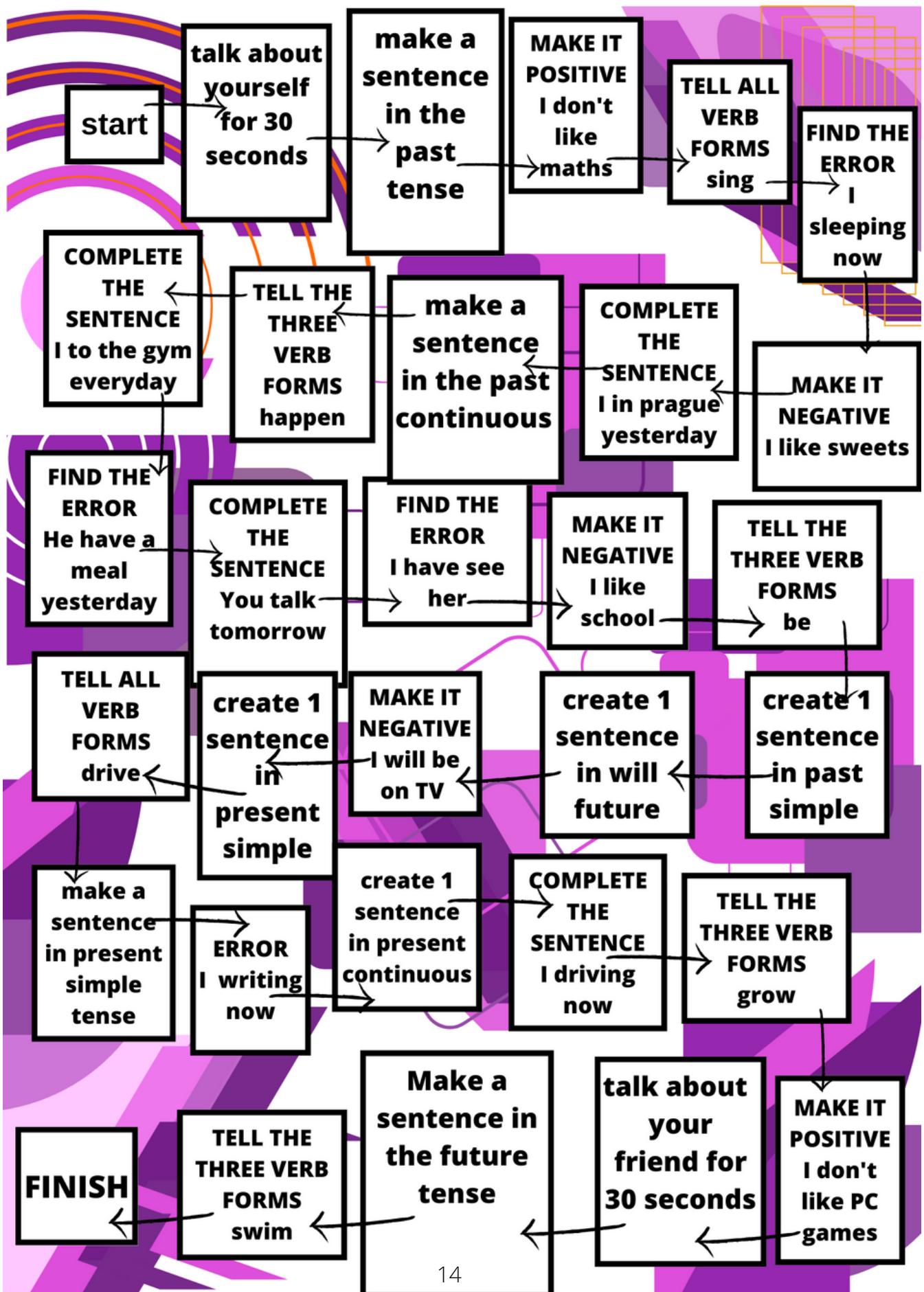
2nd step:
glue a safety pin to
the cap

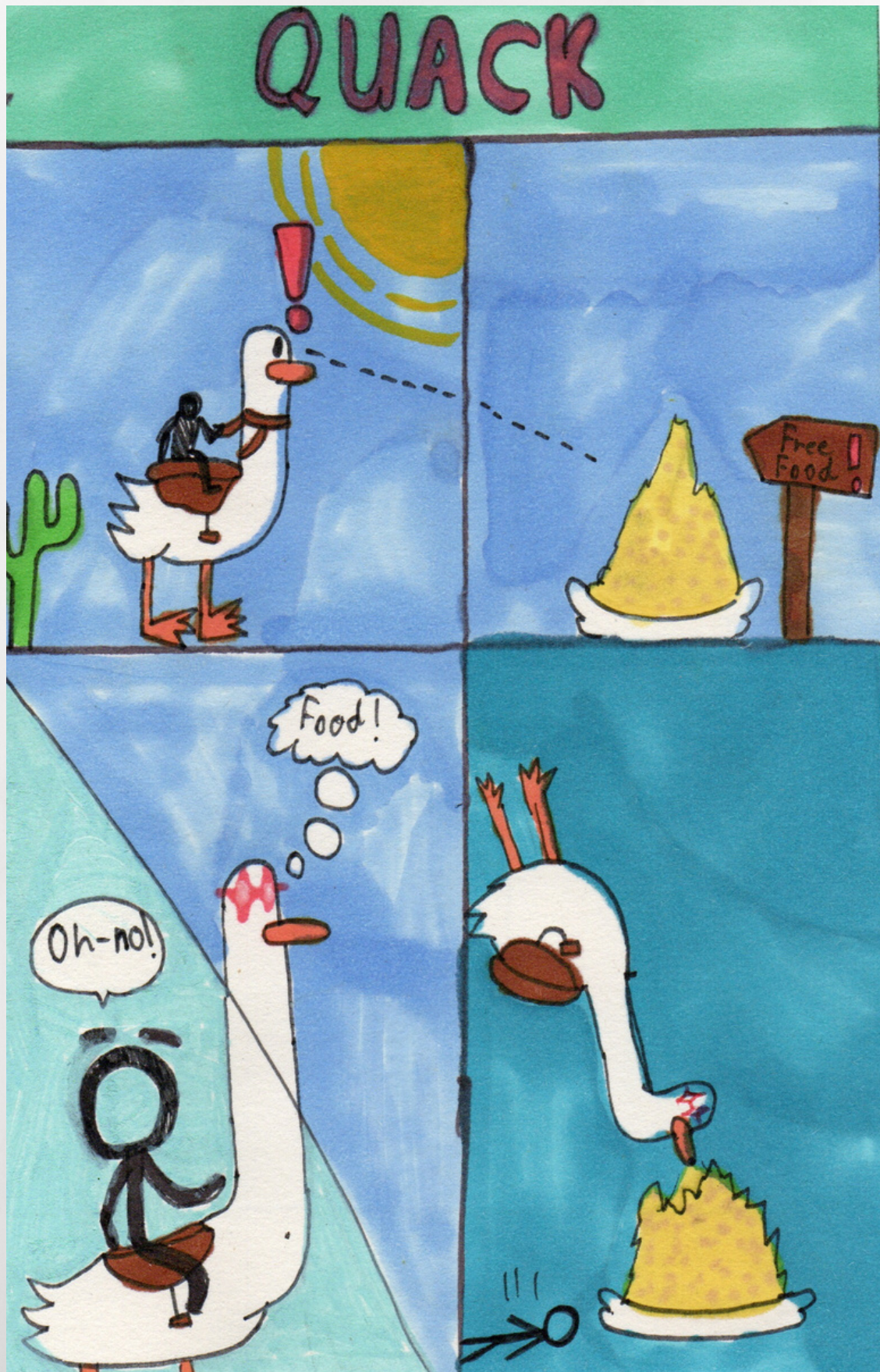
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Board game

Matyáš Folprecht





QUESTIONNAIRE: WHICH MARVEL CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Mikolanda, Ondráček, Tomsa

1. What is your favorite season?

- a) Winter 1 b) Spring 2 c) Summer 3 d) Fall 4

2. What color duo do you like the most?

- a) Red and blue 1 b) red and yellow 2
c) black and yellow 3 d) red and black 4

3. What would you prefer?

- a) Staying home alone drinking tea 1
b) Going out with you friends 2
c) Spending time with your family 3
d) Going to see a movie with your partner 4

4. What would you do if a girl broke up with you?

- a) Get angry 1 b) Be happy 2
c) Start crying 3 d) Walk away 4

5. Where would you like to spend your holiday?

- i) In the mountains 1 b) At sea on a boat 2
c) Home 3 d) Partying 4

6. Where would you take someone you like?

- a) A romantic dinner 1 b) Picnic 2
c) Cinema 3 d) To your house 4

7. At what age do you want to get married?

- a) 18-25 1 b) 26-35 2
c) 36+ 3 d) never 4

8. When do you want to get kids?

- a) 15-25 1 b) 26-35 2
c) 36+ 3 d) never 4

9. What vehicle would you choose?

- a) Truck 1 b) Sports 2
c) Van 3 d) Off-road 4

10. What type of weapon would you want to have?

- a) Rifle 1 b) Handgun 2
c) Rocket launcher 3 d) Minigun 4

10-18 Batman
19-26 Spider-Man
27-34 Superman
35-40 Iron Man

You've got mail from the next school



Hi, my name is Denisa and I used to study in ZŠ Kosmonosy. Now I am studying in the Grammar School Dr. Josefa Pekař and I can tell you that there is a big difference between the two schools, but at the same time you don't have to worry about anything. High school is a very good experience.

I think the biggest differences in high school are the teachers and the system they teach. In the elementary school, the teachers were friendlier and kinder. They cared about our mental health and I felt that we were like a big family. I really miss lessons with Ms. Hatice, because I actually haven't learned anything new from my present teacher, but I also miss lessons with Ms. Strnádková, because my maths teacher can't explain it as well as she could. I will never forget the days in Kosmonosy Castle. I miss all the teachers and friends so much.

Now in high school the teachers don't care about us, they just tell us something about the new topic and then leave, but it also has advantages, for example, it teaches us independence and standing on our feet. I also started to focus more on studying and it makes me feel good when I have good grades, but sometimes it's too much for me and my mental health, so I started to listen to some podcasts, go for a walk or go to the gym to do some exercises. I also started reading more. All of this makes me feel better. I highly recommend it :)

Going to high school was really hard for me. I can say that it was the worst time of my life, but at the same time I am glad for it, because it changed me a lot. I managed it, so you can do it, too!

Take care of yourself,
Denča



