

Mair Watch

Again Mr John Mair has not failed in brightening up our time here in China.

In Shanghai, graphic design teacher Lisa Webb had a rather close encounter with John. As the coach was travelling back to Hangzhou the driver took a sharp right hand turn resulting in John (who was standing up at the time) losing his footing and landing on the unsuspecting Lisa.

John never lets himself get dehydrated. For example this morning when John reached for a student's bottle of coke. He had barely picked the bottle off the table when he was quickly informed of his mistake and that his coke was in fact a few centimetres away in a more empty state.

Last but not least poor John has been stressing about the exhibition to be held in Coventry next week. We are all showing typical signs of being students. We always leave things to the last minute. Relax John all our effort is going in: it'll be on time.

Things we've learnt so far

We asked a few students what they have learnt from their first week in China.

"I have learnt some Chinese and that everything is different here".

Helen Bedford

"I learnt how to eat with chopsticks and more importantly how to eat noodles".

Charlotte Cassidy

"I have learnt that I like China".

Luke Deakin

"I have learnt to always look for traffic when crossing the road, even when their light is red". **Jensen Chung**

Designed by Helen Bedford



Access all areas at the Chinese GP



Victoria Howe

And there off! Two student journalists, Jason Craig and myself, went behind the scenes of Formula One, one of the biggest motoring championships in the world. With tickets very sought after we were lucky enough to be given

paddock passes courtesy of Sven Schäfer of F1 team BMW Sauber.

These passes give access to the main paddock, this is where the teams plan, hang out and store equipment such as tyres. This meant that Jason and I were able to gain true inside knowledge on race preparation and general atmosphere of the real formula one.

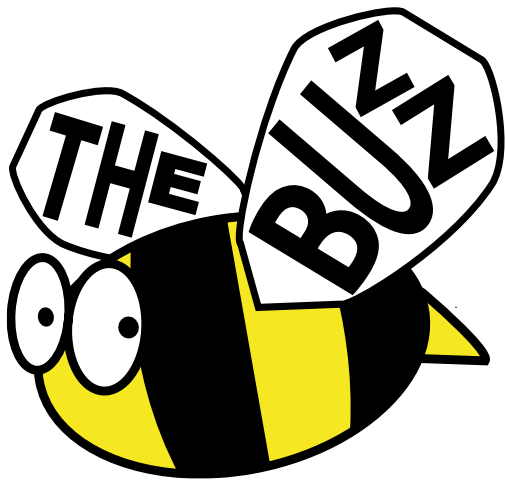
Sauber were kind enough to let us use their hospitality suite to complete our live feed to cut today online at www.cutoday.wordpress.com. In here we had access to a televised version of the race and a live feed of the official race rankings,

something that is not normally shown to the general public. Using this information, our own knowledge and experiences from the paddock we were able to complete our live blog of the race.

Once the race was over we were able to talk to members of all the racing teams and Formula One staff including BBC F1 pundit David Coulthard and presenter Jake Humphrey.

Our Impressions

The Formula One garages are not as big as you think, and the car takes up most of the room. When the cars are racing the sound they make is phenomenal. We were sitting in the hospitality building which is over 75 metres away from the track and we could still the engines very loud and very clearly. Although we were in Shanghai for the grand prix, there was a large mix of nationalities in the crowd and behind the scenes, I didn't expect that.



讨价还价

星期六（4月17日），朋友们怀着激动的心情踏上了上海之旅。他们去了田子坊购物，城隍

庙，外滩，还感受了最高楼，这都是令人兴奋的事情但最深刻的是英国朋友在商店里砍价。由于沟通障碍，他们运用计算器作为传达信息的工具，把自己心中理想的商品价格输入计算器，店员也把自己的底价输入计算器，他们就这样往复的讨还着，许久，许久……终于还是便宜了一些，让外国朋友买到了自己喜欢的小东西。在小店砍价还挺容易的，但也只能



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LOVELY JOHN MAIR

英国考文垂的老头子，很可爱。。。给人一种和蔼可亲的感觉。他是整个队伍的头。我们与他接触了一周的时间，给我们留下了很深刻的印象。

他总是在教室里晃悠，就像是“监工”。在离下课还有1个小时左右的时候，他就会让所有的人加紧“赶工”，并且让各个组的组长汇报工作进展。更有意思的是，当有学生迟到，谁也别想逃过他的法眼，他总是会同声地说“*Oh, you are coming so early!*”