

Michał Winiarski

Michał Winiarski was born on 28 September in Bydgoszcz. He is a Polish volleyball player. He played in the position of the host. This year there are Men Volleyball World Champions in Poland. Michał is the captian of the Polish



team. He got injured during the match with Iran. His back was in a bad state, but fortunately, he can play in the next match. Michał Winiarski plays in PGE Skra Bełchatów. This team is my favourite one of Polish teams. Michał's debut in the senior squad was in 2004 in a match with Russia. Michał played over 200 meetings in Polish representation. Michał has been married since 2006 and he has two sons. Me and my family love watching and cheering our volleyball player. I like this emotion.

Ewa Wojtasik IIE

Igłą Szyte- czyli jak uszyć siatkówkę na miarę

The originator of the site is Krzysztof Ignaczak, a Polish volleyball player who plays as a libero. Krzysztof Ignaczak depicts the life of volleyball players,

their workouts and excitement at the game in an original way. This male volleyball player is not focused only on Polish colleagues; in the videos there are also foreign players. Thanks to that, any fan of volleyball can see the players every day, get to know their personalities and passions.



Krzysztof Ignaczak's at-

tribute is his camera, which is with him always and everywhere. He records every moment of volleyball players life and then he shows it to the world. He's been also trying to support many charities and, together with colleagues from the Polish national team, he supports, for example, the foundation called "Heroes".

Kil Paulina IIB

POLAND 2014

FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship POLAND 2014 is the most important sport event of the year. It is great time not only for fans of this sport but also for the whole country. As a fan of volleyball I'm overjoyed that an event like this is being held in Poland.

Polish team started this season not as satisfactorily as we all had hoped. Fortunately, the form of our players came at the right time. Our team ended the competition in the group at the first place. Next stage was

harder, but players won three games and lost only one. It gave us the second place. After that, we had to play with two greatest teams, Brazil and Russia. It was a real battle, but we started with beating Brazil (3:2). Two days later, we won over



Russia (3:2). Thanks to that, we were playing in semifinals with, at least theoretically, weaker opponent and we won that match against Germany (3:1).

On the 21st of September the final will take place. Poland will face Brazil. I believe it will be the greatest match of all times. I can't wait and with all my heart I will cheer our boys. I believe in their skills and I hope that, after 40 years, they will win the second gold medal in history here in Poland.

Karolina Weiss IID

2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship

On 30 August in Poland there began the biggest event for Polish and world volleyball fans. The opening game took place at the national stadium in



Warsaw. The match between Serbia and Poland was watched live by 62 thousand spectators and 10 million viewers. Polish team won 3:0.

Then it was only getting better. Our team won the group competition. Then there were the meetings with the USA, Iran and France. In this group the Polish team lost only with the representatives of the United States. Po-

land got 16 points and met with Brazil and Russia in the "group of death".

Polish team established the record for the World Championship winning four meetings in the tie break. They eliminated Russia and found their place in the semifinal where they played against Germany. We defeated them 3:1. Then the Poles revived the memories from eight years before (the Poles won a silver medal in 2006) and from 1974 when we won Volleyball Men's World Championship.



Finally, there came the day -21 September 2014. In the court in Katowice there met the teams from Brazil and Poland. This was a unique day for all Poles. We believed in victory, but we knew how great Brazil was (gold medal in the Volleyball Men's World Championship in the 2002, 2006 and 2010). However, cheering supporters, Polish anthem, Margaret's official anthem of



2014 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship "Start a fire" and the great game of the Polish volleyball team made us won 3:1. It was a great feast which has been continued till this day.

Katarzyna Piotrowska IIB

"Drive" - don't miss it

"Drive", from 2011, directed by Nicolas Winding Refn, is an action film based on James Sallis' novel. The plot focuses on a man who works as a mechanic in a garage and a stunt man on a movie set. By nights he



earns some
extra money
by driving
gangsters during robberies.
He is lonely
and totally absorbed with
work. His life
changes when
he meets Irene, the mother
of a few-yearold boy. He

falls in love with her without restraint. He pays no attention to his own safety and he decides to help his sweatheart's husband who has just been released from prison and has to dear a debt to the mafia. The main character is going to rob a jeweller's but he doesn't expect that it is a trap.

The summary of this story doesn't express the essence of the film – in "Drive" the style is the most important. This is a retro story which brings to mind the climate of the late 60s and 70s' thrillers. The film keeps viewers in suspense and at the same time touches their hearts as a romantic comedy.

The cast is excellent. The leading role, which belongs to Ryan Gosling, is played masterfully. The music composed by Cliff Martinez is also a great advantage.

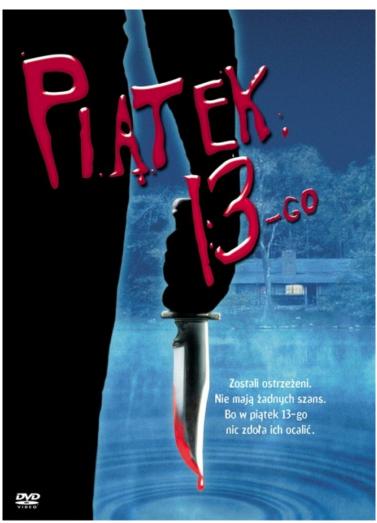
To conclude, I would recommend this film to everybody. Seriously, it is worth seeing, so don't miss it.

Anita Kowalczyk IID

The worst film ever

I like horror films. Last Sunday, I watched "Friday 13th". I didn't like this film. It's an American horror whose world premiere was held on Friday, 13 February 2009. The film was made by the director Marcus Nispel. The screenplay was made by Damian Shannon and Mark Swift.

The main roles are played by Jared Padalecki, Danielle Ranabaker, Amanda Righetti and Derek Mears. A group of young adults set up a tent near the abandoned summer camp where there were murders



in 1980. The perpetrator was a mother because her child had drowned in the lake. The last survivor attacked the woman. Now, her son comes back and he is a killer. The man kills everybody in a strange way and he kills friends. Six months later, the brother of one of the girls arrives and looks for his sister. The boy meets a group of teenagers. One girl helps him to look for his sister. The killer slowly murders friends. Will the man kill everybody? Will the brother find his sister? In my opinion, this film is absolutely dreadful. Actors play rigidly, they are awful. They are not suitable for these roles. A plot is simple and trivial. It isn't

interesting. In moments, it seems ridiculous not terrible and it's horror! The killer wears a funny mark. There aren't any special effects. This film is boring. The soundtrack is the only interesting thing. Songs are quite good.

"Friday 13th" is a really pathetic film. I don't recommend it to be watched.

Monika Bus IIIA

"True love will endure everything..."

For a couple of years, one of my favourite movies has been "The Notebook". It's an American romantic film, which is directed by Nick Cassavetes. This film is based on the book of the same title, written by Nicholas Sparks. "The Notebook" received several award nominations, winning eight, for example: Teen Choice Awards and an MTV Movie Award.

The main roles in the film are played by Ryan Gosling (as

Noah Calhoun) and Rachel McAdams (as Allie Hamilton). I'm a fan of romantic movies, so the story of this couple touched me extremely.



Suffering from Alzheimer's, Allie lives in a nursing home. He doesn't remember the events of the past. Her husband, Noah, tries to help his wife recover lost memories, but he isn't successful.

The story that he tells her is about a rich girl from a big city (Allie) who meets a poor boy from the province (Noah). Teenagers fall in love. However, Allie's parents look at their relationship anxiously. When they observe that for Allie the feeling is more than just a summer romance, they take her back to the city. Every day Noah writes romantic letters to his beloved, but Allie doesn't get any of them because her mother takes all of them away. Noah enlists in the army. After returning, he renovates his house. He still loves Allie, and although he has relationships with other women, he can't forget her. Can they be together again? See yourself.

I recommend this film because it's a beautiful story about true love. "The Notebook" is the best drama I have ever watched.

Laura Urbańczyk IIIA

Live music weekends

Summer has ended and, as we all know, school year has started. But does it mean we have to forget about fun? No, it doesn't! Although we must focus on learning on weekdays, weekends are fantastic occasion to stop thinking about lessons and spend some time relaxing and having fun. For some people the best way to de-stress is taking a long bath or playing sport and for others there is nothing better than going to a good concert.



Majority of Radomsko's teenagers is sure that there is no place in the neighbourhood where you can hear professional musicians live. The teenagers are wrong! Only 12 kilometers from our town, in Gomunice, you can find an incredibly climatic music club, "Bogart", which every September starts to be vibrant with life. You can hear there several kinds of music- from rock'n'roll through metal, alternative,

folk to reggae. Elements of the local such as décor and staff makes a friendly, warm atmosphere which is strengthened by performances of well-known Polish and foreign artists. In the past "Bogart" was visited inter alia by *Raz Dwa Trzy, Lao Che, Indios Bravos, Sorry Boys, Voo Voo, T.Love* and many others. This autumn we will have an occasion to see there groups like: *Old BREAKOUT* (27.09), *Wojtek Pilichowski* (4.10), *Sean Noonan A Gambler's Hand featuring* (8.10), *Róże Europy* (24.10), *Power of Trinity* (31.10).

Freddie Mercury

Freddie Mercury, actually Farrokh Bulsara, lived from 1946 to 1991. He was a British singer, songwriter and producer, best known as the lead vocalist and lyricist of the rock band Queen.

In his childhood, he learned to play the piano. He was interested in sport and he sang in chorus. His first band was The Hectics. He moved to England, cause in his country there was civil war. His career started when he played in the band called Ibex.



In April 1970 Mercury joined the band which had previously been called Smile. Mercury chose the name "Queen" for the new band. Mercury wrote most of the Queen hits, for example, "Living On My Own", "We Will Rock You", "We Are The Champions".



Freddie Mercury was ill. He suffered from AIDS. The song "Show must go on" was written by Queen and it told the story of his illness.

Aleksandra Ordanik IIE

Sound mind in a sound body

Everyone wants to be healthy, fit and 7. in a good condition, but most of the people think that this requires a lot of 8. Replace white bread with brown effort. It's not true! You just have to follow a few rules to achieve your goal: having healthy body.

- Watch what you eat! It's really important to eat according to nutrition pyramid.
- 2. Drink a lot of water.
- Drink fruit juice instead of fizzy 3. drinks.
- Eat a lot of fruits and vegetables. 4.
- Try to eat fish at least once a 5. week.
- Avoid adding salt to your meals. 6.

- Don't eat fast food more than once a month.
- bread.
- 9. Don't skip breakfast! It's the most important meal of the day!
- 10. Eat 4-5 meals during the day.
- 11. Don't eat sweets.
- 12. Reduce amount of fat.
- 13. Do regular sports.
- 14.

See? It's easy! You don't have to try hard to be healthy.

> Healthy body = healthy mind! Olga Woldan IIIA

Oldenburg exchange 2014

During September there was an exchange from our school with the Altes Gymnasium in Oldenburg (Germany). Our students went to Germany on 14th September and came back on 23rd of the same month. I would like to present one day of the exchange from the perspective of my personality.

At the beginning, I want to write that Oldenburg is a wonderful place to live for children, teenagers and, of course, tourists. There are many old and atmospheric buildings, which are worth seeing. Also there are many nice places for relaxing at night. I've heard that it's very safe and peaceful for living. What is interesting about Altes Gymnasium is that it is the oldest school in Oldenburg. It's about 400 years old. In addition, I will say that in Oldenburg many people move about by bicycles, because it's faster, just like in The Netherlands.

One of my favourite day was Friday (19.09). Like every day, I got up in the morning and prepared to go outside. At 8.50 a.m. we had a meeting with everybody and then we went to Bremen by a public bus. Firstly, Bremen looked beautiful. The main railway station looked old, but it had something special. Then we went to the city center. I saw the most important monument for Bremen, Roland, from that legend. Then I saw the monument of 4 musicians of Bremen and an old church. The city centre was like Cracow's centre. There were many narrow streets with shops which sold souvenirs. After visiting those things, we had free time for about 2 hours. So I was walking around the centre and enjoyed my time. Then we came back at 5 p.m. Then we went home and rested.

Finally, I would like to write that on the Friday's night everybody went to a home party. We were talking a lot with our Germany friends and enjoyed the music. It was one of best parties of my life, because it was something new

and fresh.

Now I think that this week of exchange was really lovely. I met new friends from abroad. I had to speak only English all the time, so I've improved my language and communication in this foreign language. I could learn some interesting things about Germany and how people live there. It was a good lesson for

me and my friends.

Piotr Siwko IIIA

My adventure with France!

six months ago... Thirty two students decided to take part in a Polish-French school exchange.

four months ago... The first big decision. Who should I choose? With whom will I feel comfortable in the foreign country? With whom will I share topics of conversation? To whom should I go for almost two weeks? I chose a boy who seemed to be nice and pleasant. I was right, I chose well and I started my unforgettable adventure.

I've been talking with my new friend every day since June. He's a very positive person. We have a lot of topics to discuss. He's even sent me a postcard from his holiday. Either of us can't wait for October, when I'll go to his place

(exchange students from France will come to Poland in April). I think this will be one of the adventures of my life and a great op-

portunity to practise my English. A detailed account of the trip by me will be published in the next edition of this magazine. I know that I'll have great memories.

Salut et bon voyage! Magdalena Kulka IIB

Start of the school year in April?

On the first of September we started the school year. Most of us would like to start it later but not everyone knows that some people have their first lesson in January, February, April or August.

In France, America, Greece and England school starts in September, just like in Poland. In some countries, it looks different. Australians have their first lesson in January, while in Brazil it's af-



ter the carnival, in February. However, in Japan school begins in April. Students from Sweden, Denmark and some parts of Germany start learning in August. Spain, Italy and Portugal comes back to school in the second half of September.

Natalia Zborowska IIE

Fall in love with travelling

Travel is the best way to get to know the world. It is not unusual nowadays. More and more people want to learn about new cultures. We can meet new people and maybe they will be our friends forever. When we are abroad, we learn local languages and habits.

Some people travel to comfortable places. They only want to

rest and have free time. They pay a lot of money to get away from reality. But others are interested in the visited places. They see monuments, beautiful views, want to know other religions.



They share an opinion that travel educates and creates beautiful memories. Another advantage of travelling is getting to know local cuisine. We can eat food in street restaurants in city centres. There you can find the best and characteristic meals of a country you are in.

I think the second way to travel is better. We often say "travel broadens the mind" and this is very true. We explore a lot of interesting things and character of different nations.

I love travelling and in my opinion, trips can teach us a lesson. I have a lot of beautiful memories connected with each trip.

Kinga Wolska IIE

Man with passion

Hello Readers. In this article, I really want to bring the Olaf Varley's story. He's an 85-year-old Australian and the most patient person in the world, probably. Why? Mr. Varley finally bought his dream car. And there is nothing special, except that he had been waiting for it for over 50 years.

He's a petrolhead-truly. He's been interested in cars since childhood, he's especially mad about Porsche. Mr. Varley was finally able to buy his dream car, but he's always been a responsible man, husband, and father. He had already prepared the money

many times, but there were always other high-priority situations. Sad but true. Life isn't so simple. Whatever. At last Olaf bought the car. He'd chosen yellow Porsche Cayman. Midengine, 2,7- liters,



275 BPH, and 0-60 mph in 5,7 seconds. It isn't the best, most powerful and the fastest car in Porsche's offer. Oh, and there is something interesting about that yellow Beetle – it has a manual gearbox. For the uninitiated, Porsche has accustomed us that most of the cars which leave production line have good automatic PDK. Perhaps Olaf wanted something more ordinary. One thing is certain, as he has said he will take his wife-Anna on a far, long planned trip around Australia.

That man, Olaf Varley – old body, young at spirit – has proved that everyone has their dreams that seem to be impossible, but if we keep believing in chance of fulfillment, they will become true.

Hubert Nowakowski IID

Matura is a load of crap, but preparation for the PROM... this is something!

For high school graduates this school year is the last year in our school, full of impressions and important choices. Between learning, declarations and choice of the university, there is ... prom!.

Prom takes place 100 days before the exam. We are going to the party with an accompanying person, we do not take animals! The preparation time for this important event depends on gender. 4-3 months earlier, women already know what they will wear and they brag about their trendy clothes. So at the present time, this is an everyday topic for women, dress, shoes, accessories, make-up, hair salon, manicure, and, of course, a partner for the prom. On the other hand, guys will prepare the best suits just two weeks before the prom. I do not know why it is said that you shouldn't cut your hair between the prom and the final exam. Attention: it can grow back! Polonaise, beautiful costumes and of course, fun but before that bickering about the menu, decorations and of course, the date. Everybody comes to a compromise and agrees that this prom looks exactly like all previous ones. Preparations are there to make this prom unforgettable. It is the most important ball in the life of every man, because we have survived 12 years at school.

So, who else has not thought about it yet. It's time to organize this great event. It's just three months, countdown has started!

Nina Flasza IIIA



New A-level 2015 – easier or more difficult

In 2015, a big group of Polish graduates of high school (in 2016 students from technical institutes) will try their hand at "new" A-level. This exam will change massively, above all, the tests in Polish and in foreign lan-

guages. Students will also have to write at least one subject at the extended level (this is the largest modification).

And now more details about the new A-level: to pass the exam, a student will have to get 30% of the possible points to get



(that hasn't changed). At the same time, the student has to write five compulsory tests (written – in Polish, maths and a foreign language and oral – in Polish and a foreign language). All details about these changes can be read about in the official brochure – New A-level 2015.

The new A-level has been receiving a lot of comments and disputes. Students keep saying that the new exam is definitely more difficult than exams from the previous years, above all in a Polish oral exam. (In the last few years students wrote a presentation whose topic had been known to them early in the school year – they had about seven months to prepare their performance). The new exam doesn't give them this possibility. They will have to choose one topic from a bank of 300 questions. Then they will have about 15 minutes to prepare their presentation (it will have to last approximately 10 minutes). The last part of this exam will be a conversation with the examiners about our performance.

To sum up, the new A- level requires from students a lot of work and involvement. They will have to think creatively. I can only wish them success and A LOT OF luck. : -)

Krzysztof Sabela IIIA



Remembering our history

Every Pole knows what happened on 1st September 1939. Of course, this is the date of the outbreak of World War II. This year the 75th anniversary of this bloody event has elapsed. MDK (Municipal Cul-

ture Centre) in Radomsko wanted to commemorate it in an original way – the band Maleo Reggae Rockers were invited to Radomsko with their project – "Panny wyklęte". This idea was excellent

Maleo Reggae Rockers is a Polish reggae group. In 2013 they recorded an album called "Panny wyklęte". The leader of MRR invited to sing at this album a few singers, for example Halina Mlynkova, Kasia Kowalska, Marika and Marcelina. They

sing about women who fought and died during World War II.

At the gig there were a lot of people (maybe because the tickets were totally free). I saw little children, teenagers and elderly people. The atmosphere was incredible. Everyone listened to music in big concentration. When one of the singers sang lyrics from a Polish

everybody stood up and started singing loudly. My hands shivered because of that. I will never forget this moment. I think that events like this are very necessary. The memory about the past of our coun-

patriotic song,



try and historic heroes is important and everyone should know it.

Kinga Walczak IIIA

MY MOTHER TONGUE

We'vegot used to be told that Polish is one of the most difficult and complicated languages in the world. Even manynative speakers have problems with grammar, orthography, punctuation and using single words appropriately in speaking. I go mad when other people use Polish in the incorrect way, but the fact is, that all of us happen to make mistakes.

Let's get to know some basic information about our mother tongue:

Polish is a West Slavic language spoken by approximately 48 million people around the world.

Our alphabet contains 9 additional letters of the basic Latin script.

The famous Polish native speaker was Joseph Conrad. His real name was Teodor Józef Kondrad Korzeniowski. Quite surprisingly, he became fluent in English in his 20s. Moreover, he never lost Polish accent.

Maria Skłodowska-Curie called the first new chemical element she'd discovered "Polonium".

Have you ever wondered how Polish is perceived by foreigners? Oscar Wild said about our language, "I hear hissing, rustling and hushing, andmy ears are bleeding." Well, if I think of common tongue twister:

"W Szczebrzeszyni echrząszcz brzmi w trzcinie" I'm totally notsurprised.



I don't see any reasons to complain about my country. Of course, there are some things I'd like to change, but after all Poland went through I believe it's high time to shine. My homeland has been constantly developing. We can boast about the artists like Możdżer, Włodek Pawik or Agnieszka Holland. It's also important to realize that our dumplings are the best in the entire world.

Ewa Markiewicz IID

The New Syrena

AK Syrena Meluzyna is a project of a new Polish car. A group of people with Arkadiusz Kamiński, as a leader of the group, would like to give the second life to old Syrena.

The first step to produce the new car was when Arkadiusz Kamiński bought the original name of the car. The next step was when the new company, AK Motor Polska sp. z. o. o., was registered. Syrena Meluzyna won't be expensive. The smallest prize will be about 35 thousand zlo-



ty. Syrena is going to compete with cars like, for example, Fiat 500, Mini and Volkswagen Beetle. The cheapest version is going to compete

with cars like Skoda Fabia, Volkswagen Polo and many others. The prototype of Syrena Meluzyna will be shown at the beginning of 2015. The production of the car will take place in Poland because in our country there are a lot of companies which produce car parts. Now the company is looking for the producer of engines and gearboxes.

In my opinion, new Syrena will be a start of better age of Polish motorization.

Tomasz Góralczyk IID