

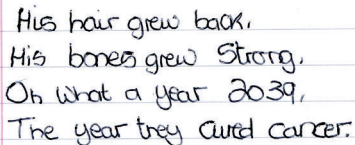
## A View of the Future 30 years from now

We asked the pupils of 8DA at Burford School for their predictions for life in 2039

### The Big Picture

There is a split view on the big picture for the world. Will it be world peace and the elimination of poverty as envisaged by Harry Drewett, Georgina Pagett, Ellen Griffiths and James Cooper? Or did it all go wrong as envisaged by Jack Grundy with the population decimated by a virus in 2012. Then there's Rob Templeton's vision where the Taliban has run riot, destroying half the population and hybrid animals now sniff out human blood.

On a more positive note both Harry Drewett and Bethany Pratley forecast a cure for cancer.



His hair grew back,  
His bones grew strong,  
Oh what a year 2039,  
The year they cured cancer.

Global warming also gets a look in, generally it's beaten but with a twist! Georgina Pagett is now worried about gravity running out, how will we tackle that one? Jack Grundy believes it was all a fake anyway but is more worried about global virus attacks.

### World Capitals

There's some competition over the future world capital, with both Swindon and Leafield making a strong showing. Ben Griffiths clearly favours Swindon as the most popular tourist destination with it's airport and the Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa and London Eye all conveniently together. Ashley Davey on the other hand backs Leafield where they walk on water.

### Robots with Everything



James Cooper sees five robots as standard issue for every house. A cooking robot, a cleaning robot, a robot to open doors, the alarm robot programmed to remind you of what you're doing and a safe robot to store your valuables. Harry Drewett also foresees personal robots as well as auto-drive cars. George Augar believes the Prime Minister will be a robot. Ashley Davey envisages *Jeeves* as a robot with attitude and Joe Dick sees robots for every kind of work. Georgina Paget is more specific; robots for cleaning and housework, a view shared by Charlie Dore, while Sarah Derrick has *Deloris*, a silver robot.

### Hover Transport

Cars replaced by hover cars and hover bikes gets high votes with variations on flying cars and even Jess Middleton-Heath's Sky Bike capable of going to Tokyo. Millie



McInroy is more adventurous; she sees greeny, yellowy, pinky, brownly repulsive trainers that you tap together and they take you where you want to go.

### Brussel Sprouts Power

There is a consensus that oil will be running out but no consensus on the alternative options. These range from solar or hydrogen to air, water and bubbles.

More radically, James Cooper sees the potential for brussel sprouts to provide the energy answer while Ben Griffiths sees grass and other nutrients as the solution.

**No More School?**



What about a Knowledge Injection instead of school? Harry Drewett certainly sees this as a good thing, although it needs to be refreshed every ten years but

Charlie Dore is worried about the costs, 25 credits.

George Augar has a different solution to the school problem, knowledge is chipped into your ear.

Louisa Seers though, is worried that kids will just drop school and spend their time on ebay or just wreak havoc.

**Technology Progress?**

Tom Cross is touring China in 2039 seeing all the new technology from Apple. The new Apple Nano 3.47 projects a 50 inch screen in High Definition, while the Apple F.S. features a 20 inch screen that folds away to a two inch cube. The top of the range Apple TV comes with a 150 inch non-pixelated HD screen and a price tag of £35,000.

**DNA Giant Mixing Bowl**

Oscar Poole takes a different approach with a whole new planetary system created by mixing appropriate quantities of earth, water and grass in a giant mixing bowl.



Unfortunately the results are unpredictable, with only the planet Jolonascar

making it to a stable orbit. Luckily the 'Life Creator' is more successful although the DNA giant mixer does act like a lucky dip sometimes. The mobile phone, as we know it, is certainly not with us for long, George Augar sees them as built into your hand, while James Copper and Millie McInroy gets to grips with Holocallers.

**Home Sweet Home**

Katie Light focuses on the Wychwoods, now that Milton is a city, the playing fields a massive stadium and the ancient pavilion now a five-star hotel. An eight storey shopping centre, twelve screen cinema and multi-storey car park complete the vision. But Katie prefers the old ways!

Even though a lot has changed the old features do pop up every now and then. There may be a lot more to do in the city, but I would pick the old village life any day. Some of you may agree with me others may not. I think the quiet village life where you make your own fun, is better than the hustle and bustle of city life.

Millie McInroy is not too sure. Phones with holograms, a bright yellow sky and trainers that transport you to where you want to go. She just wants to go home!



Livvy Dickson brings it all together in her vision of Hi-Tec Burford: an automatic Hoover in the bedroom, self cleaning kitchen and a games console where your avator moves with you.

Daniel Mushrow just wants to get away from it all on a mission to Venus but he's finding it a bit hot and the spaceship is melting.....