

Ten Minute T(ea) with Mr. Jon Creamer

*Interview conducted by Marianne Lu and Charlie Vratto
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Q) What would you do if Donald Trump became president?

A) I would start digging a hole in my backyard. When it was big enough, I would jump in and dig some more. I would dig and dig and dig, until I emerged a few weeks later, a few pounds lighter, and with a Vitamin D deficiency. Though I am geographically challenged, I'd hope to find myself in Halifax or Galway City.

Q) Which policies do you support in particular and why?

A) The air we breathe should be cleaner and cooler, and the oceans should stop rising. On a related note, I wouldn't be so interested in colonizing Mars—rather Wyoming. There are many outstanding schools, but there needs to be more of them. Health care should be more affordable and available to everyone. No one should go hungry. Ever. There should be a significant increase in minimum wage, and CEOs salaries should be capped, as well as the salaries of movie stars, the heads of universities, professional athletes. There is a pitcher for the Red Sox who made more money than I will in a year by the time he had thrown his 7th pitch of the season, and that doesn't seem right. Much in the way there is a tax on gasoline, there should be a gun tax for citizens whose jobs don't actually require them. The tax would be dear enough so that only Bill Gates could afford one. There is more, but that's a start.

Q) Did you watch the presidential debates? What do you think of them?

A) I did. I have a tendency to love movies with sad endings that nonetheless make me happy, for instance, *The Royal Tenenbaums*. By the time it's over, I'm a sniffling mess with one salty tear with another racing down my face and staining my cheeks. The debates, on the other hand, seem to have sad endings that made me sad, and that is a juxtaposition of emotions I am still learning to navigate, even if it feels a little like anger (which I generally reserve for my family members in small and fleeting doses).

Q) If you could vote for one member of the Groton faculty for president who would it be and why?

A) Because I actually am, it isn't polite to ask.

Mr. Jon Creamer is a faculty member of Groton School's Mathematics Department. He has taught at Groton for, when asked, replied, "longer than you've been alive." He is best known for his quirky sense of humor and passion for his discipline. He enjoys photography and baking.