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Idea: Andrew Christopher designed app PICTURE: CASCADE

## App lets you park the school run blues

by NICOLE LE MARIE

THE traffic is crawling along like a sloth on slo-mo, the children are squabbling in the back seat... and some idiot in a 4x4 has just blocked the last two parking spaces outside the gates.

Some parents would probably prefer to tackle a marathon before breakfast than go on the school run.

But a teenager has turned to technology to try to ease the pain of the daily ritual that drives millions mad.

Andrew Christopher was inspired to devise 'ecomumy' – an app that allows parents to team up for lift-shares – by his own experience of the morning meltdown.

It allows users with children at the same school, or another one nearby, to compare their journeys and combine forces.

'I wondered if there was a way to reduce congestion and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,' said the 17-year-old pupil at King's College School in Wimbledon, south-west London. 'I would like all the schools in my area to come forward on the idea of ecomumy, so they can use it as a model and help the environment.'

Andrew, of Morden, drew a storyboard to show how the app would function and sent it off to developers in India, who produced the finished product.

## Split chores, help girls

IF YOU'RE a father and want to boost your daughter's job chances, do the housework. Men who muck in with chores are more likely to raise girls with broader career aspirations, a Canadian study found. 'Talking the talk about equality is important but our findings suggest it is crucial dads also walk the walk,' said Alyssa Croft of the University of British Columbia.