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Has Twitter caused the shock of the abortion ban?

By Sophie Elstone

The recent abortion ban controversy in America, product of the desecration of the Roe v. Wade abortion legalisation, has brought to light the matter of human rights becoming an issue of debate in one of the world's most politically and socially dominating countries, but also the role of social media, such as Twitter, in spreading leaked legislation and misinformation to the masses.

As seen many times before, there is a certain public fixation with grasping hold of government information or results from the recent election that are yet to be released, the satisfaction of knowing you know what you shouldn't, one step ahead. However, when the Supreme Courts finalised opinion upon the abortion ban was leaked, important legislation soon became public knowledge before anyone was prepared for the consequences. Why should it be that thousands of women across America find out that their choices, their freedom regarding their bodies and livelihood, will be disregarded and posted across Twitter? Shouldn't the topic of human rights and women's rights be treated with more dignity and respect?

This introduces the question whether our social media platforms need to be censored to keep legal and government information as legal and government matters and stop the spread of misinformation. Similarly, the premature release of the abortion law overturn means that those members of public protesting against the ban have a head start at making a change, dismantling the abortion law outright and backing those governors who aim to object.



Spain GP Build Up

By Harry Gorrill

Which team will come out on top after the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix?

Over the past years, the German team have had great success at the Spain GP, with us seeing them take the top spot of the podium for the last 5 years. As a result, Mercedes is the first choice to win for many this year – however, due to their clear porpoising issues (the car bouncing up and down, unsettling the car into corners and slowing the car down into the straights), the team from Brackley/Brixworth may struggle to convert their 5 year domination into 6 wins!

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On This Day in History – 19th May

By Leo-Cameron Lifford

On this day in 1536, the execution of Henry VIII's second wife Anne Boleyn, the mother of HRH Queen Elizabeth I, took place. She was put to death by beheading by her own husband following multiple accusations of adultery and the failure to give him a son.

On this day in 1649, Oliver Cromwell formed The Commonwealth. He had won the battle against King Charles I, leaving Britain as a Republic. This unimaginable state of affairs would only last 11 years, however.

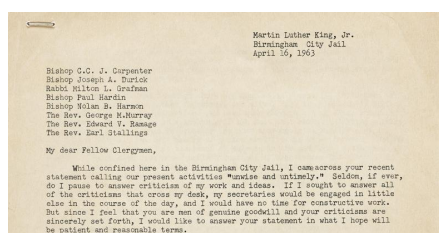
On this day in 1897, Oscar Wilde, one of England's most famous playwrights and poets, was released from Pentonville Prison after a sentence of two years hard labour. His imprisonment was based upon accounts of homosexuality, however he was bailed out early by his friend and his editor.



On this day in 1743, Jean-Pierre Christin invented the Celsius thermometer. The centigrade temperature scale, which is based on the freezing and boiling point of water, is now used by most countries around the world.

On this day in 1919, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk started the Turkish War of Independence. The battle against the allies of the Triple Entente ended almost four years later and the Republic of Turkey was founded and established with Atatürk becoming its first President.

On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King's famous letter from Birmingham Jail is published, he used the letter to tell of his non-violent resistance against racism and segregation. It became one of the central texts for the civil rights movement in the United States.



On this day in 1984, Michael Jackson's song 'Thriller' fell off the Hot 100, ending a run of hits from the 'Thriller' album that started on November 6, 1982. In that stretch, only two weeks went by without one of Jackson's songs on the chart.

On this day in 1997, the Backstreet Boys released 'Quit Playing Games (With My Heart),' their breakthrough single in the US.



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The Festival of Diwali

By Lauren Bowers and Emilia Seneque

The festival of Diwali is a Hindu and Sikh festival of lights which takes part each year over five days, beginning on the 24th of October. It's held in various places such as: Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore and Fiji. The festival symbolises new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil.

In one of the main stories of Hindu mythology, Diwali is the day Lord Rama. When he, his wife Sita Devi, and brother Lakshmana return to their homeland after 14 years in exile, villagers light a path for Rama who has just defeated the demon king, Ravana. People from all over the world come together and join. No matter what religion or opinion these people hold, everyone joins in with the festivities.

Some activities on this day are: eating good food, watching fireworks, spreading and creating several patterns and images with different coloured sand, lighting special candles and also lamps.

On average, over 1 billion people celebrate Diwali every year. Diwali is one of the largest and most significant religious events around the world. Many famous people celebrate and go to the festival; for example, Liza Koshy (a popular youtuber) is just one of these people.



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Ukraine Aid and Predicted Famine

By Eve McLoughlin

Ukraine faces an ever-growing conflict every day and they need our help to survive! We can't just leave Ukraine in the mud; we need to help now! Unless we act now, Ukraine's cities will be turned to rubble by Putin and more hospitals are struggling to find resources! Ukraine president Zelenskyy is asking for aid once more as he famously did earlier this year at the congress that was held on March 16th. He emphasised and repeated his message about his country's immediate need for more military assistance.

Jared Serbu who is a deputy editor and a well-respected DOD Reporter for the Federal News Network has stated: "Ukraine doesn't just need weapons but humanitarian aid too". Serbu interviewed Lynndy Smith, the chairwoman and co-founder of the West Valley Defence Alliance. She said that "a lot of what we're seeing is medical equipment needs. And so we're hearing it through actual family members and folks that are actually on the ground in Ukraine and have either are there themselves or family members". The constant need for medical aid is a serious issue that isn't being addressed!

Antonio Guterres was speaking at a meeting of world leaders called to discuss the escalating food security crisis.

He said the number of people facing severe food insecurity had doubled in just two years from 135 million before the Coronavirus pandemic to 276 million today. The situation has been made worse in recent months by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ukraine and Russia produce almost a third of the world's wheat and barley, and half of its sunflower oil. Before the war, Ukraine was one of the biggest contributors to the UN World Food Programme, supplying enough grain to feed 400 million people. The fact that they have been forced to stop all exports as Russian blockades continue is having a dramatic effect.

David Beasley, Head of the UN World Food Programme, was also at the meeting and said "this is not just about Ukraine - this is about the poorest of the poor around the world who are on the brink of starvation as we speak" as he pleaded with Putin to re-open the ports.



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Will the Union Survive?

By Edward O'Sullivan

It has been over a fortnight since the 2022 local elections saw, for the first time ever, a Nationalist Party coming first in an election to Northern Ireland Assembly, raising questions about the future of the Irish border. On 5th May, people across Northern Ireland went to the polls to elect who would represent them in the Northern Ireland Assembly, the body created after the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 that ended the 30 years of violence known as the Troubles.

There is no doubt that these results are both historic and significant, with Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA and largest Nationalist Party in Northern Ireland, winning 27 seats in the assembly. Because of this, they will have the right to nominate the first minister of Northern Ireland and lead the executive. The DUP, which has led the devolved government since the agreement was signed, won only 25 of 90 seats and will be able to nominate a deputy first minister. These elections do represent a seismic shift in Northern Ireland and could potentially see a border poll taking place to decide whether or not Ireland should reunite.

However, when considering these facts, it should be understood that while these results are historic, they do not mean that Unionists need be immediately concerned. Overall, Nationalist parties received just over 1/3 of the vote share, with unionists slightly less. The growth of non-aligned parties such as the Alliance party, which is third largest with 17 seats, is a sign that old divisions may be starting to properly heal and Nationalist hopes for a referendum may not come true as soon as some may like.

Ultimately, while, these election results are something to consider, it is unlikely that the government in Westminster needs to be worrying about a United Ireland any time soon. People voted Sinn Féin in these elections because they had a vision for Northern Ireland and had stopped constantly worrying about the border. The DUP, on the other hand, with their constant complaints about the Northern Ireland protocol and refusal to negotiate with the Nationalists, simply put voters off, and that is why they lost.

Opening of Parliament 2022

By Leo-Cameron Lifford

On 10th May 2022, the annual opening of Parliament took place alongside the Queen's Inaugural Speech. This year, the speech was read by Prince Charles, making this only the third time that Parliament has not been opened by the Queen since her accession to the Throne 70 years ago. The previous two times were in 1959 and 1963 when the Queen was pregnant with HRH Prince Andrew and HRH Prince Edward,

respectively. The Yeomen Guards, who check the Parliament cellars before each State Opening (since 1605 commemorating Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot) were excitingly led by a woman for the first time ever. This helps to portray the amazing breakthrough of women gaining more rights and recognition in recent years.

After this, the speech was delivered to all members of The House of Lords and The House of Commons. Many points and bills were drawn up but three of the most major ones aimed to be achieved in the next session of Parliament are: working to cap inflation, improvement to education and opportunities as well as working on the plans and orders presented at COP26 (2021).

The Government aims to work with The Bank of England to help stop tax rises and reduce debt publically and nationally. In terms of education, The Government is aiming for all children and adolescents no matter what ethnicity, race or culture to be provided with the same opportunities no matter where they are in the country. This also reflects the fight for equal rights for all in recent years. They also want to improve quality of the teaching in schools and improve standards which will allow each child to completely fulfil their potential.

Finally, the government wishes to reduce coal usage and other fossil fuels whilst creating more eco-friendly ways of making energy to enable a reduction of carbon emissions. Whilst cutting out the usage of fossil fuels it was also pledged at COP26 that a price drop would be implemented on the non-renewable energy resources. All of these are to be upheld and acted upon by Her Majesty's Government in the coming year.



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'Beer gate', 'Party gate' - The Fooling of the Public

Can the government be trusted to stick to their own laws?

By Sophie Elstone

When Boris Johnson caused somewhat of a dilemma for the reputation of the British government and the destruction of public faith with his 'party gate' scandal, more was yet to come in the form of Labour leader, Keir Starmer.

In the office of the MP for Durham on April 30th 2021, Keir Starmer was photographed by local Durham students in a mass gathering holding a beer at a time when Covid-19 restrictions

were still an ongoing reality for the public, meaning many couldn't live a normal life without being interrupted with household limits in restaurants and being reminded to put a mask on in every store we walked into.

In some way, the ridicule directed towards Boris Johnson's mass gathering at Number 10 by Starmer is an act of hypocrisy and not only has he too broken the law, but both he and Johnson have dismantled the public's trust in not one, but two political parties. It seems a shame that in a time where public and government unity is vital to reboot our economy, keep each other safe and implement a change after a year of lockdown that the leaders at the forefront of our country couldn't stick to their own laws.

In a recent statement, Keir Starmer said he would step down from being Labour leader if he was found to be guilty of breaking lockdown laws, however, one can wonder if he will backtrack from his statement and view this as a minor dent in his reputation, without offering an apology, just like Boris. More importantly perhaps, it leaves us wondering if this will have a long term impact on the future General Elections.

Cap on Student Loan Interest announced

By Edward O'Sullivan

The government has announced that it has plans to introduce a cap on student loans to avoid a spike from 5% to 12.5%. Currently, student loan interest rates are calculated by adding 3% to the retail price index, the mechanism that is used to measure inflation rates. The Institute for Fiscal Studies warned the government that if a cap was not introduced swiftly it could end up costing students with a £50,000 loan an extra £3,000 per year.

Whilst no concrete plans have been yet announced, a potential proposal could be to bring forward and introduce early a cap that was due to be brought in next year, though the government is most likely faced with a range of options. Whatever happens, it is obvious that something must be done to avoid a huge spike in interest rates, something that would untimely put poorer people off university education.



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Are the Tories in trouble?

By Edward O'Sullivan

As well as the historic result in Northern Ireland, Tuesday's elections also saw votes for local councillors across the country. The Conservative party, which saw huge gains in the 2019 general election and the 2021 local election, had net losses of nearly 500 seats nationwide, while Labour managed to gain just over seats and won control of 5 more councils. However, it was the Greens and the Lib-Dems who were the biggest winners here, with net gains of nearly 300 councillors across the nation.

This does not bode well for the Conservative party. Most of their losses were concentrated in London and the Southeast, Tory heartlands that Boris Johnson cannot afford to lose in the next general election. Furthermore, the huge gains of the Lib-Dems and the Greens do not bode well for either party gaining a majority in the next House of Commons, potentially leading to another 2010 style coalition. These results are simply cataclysmic to the Tories and show that a huge number of traditional Conservative voters are very unhappy with Johnson and his government.

Labour, on the other hand, did not do as well as it could have done, particularly in the way it failed to take back the 'Red Wall' Corbyn lost in 2019. While they did make some gains in the Midlands and the North, there is little sign that voters are flocking to Keir Starmer's Labour party and raise questions about his leadership. The fact is that until Labour can win the North and the Midlands, they cannot hope to win a plurality in the commons, let alone a working majority, be the next election in 2024 or earlier.

When the next general election does come, at the moment I could see a Tory-led coalition or small conservative majority on the scale of John Major's narrow victory in 1992. If the Lib-Dems and the Greens can go some way towards translating their gains this month into seats in the commons, they could cause the Tory leadership a serious headache, and potentially push the Conservatives into a minority.

Roe V Wade- Her choice or theirs?

By Emina Selcuk

Throughout the last few years, United States of America has suffered issue after issue- from the protests of BLM in 2020 to the COVID crisis of 2022, the country has faced many hardships and just as they settled in an attempt of peace there was a leak on twitter. A leak that could affect every uterus holder in its border. A leak that shows everyone about the Supreme Court looking into overturning Roe V Wade.

On May 2nd 2022, a leak made by "POLITICO" (a political journalist company based in Virginia) showed the world how the Supreme Court had been in the midst of the decision of overturning this important document that protects fundamental rights of citizens within the United States of America. This has created conflict between the two groups of mind-sets, the pro-lifers and the pro-choices, both arguing the simple question, "which life is worth more?"

This isn't the only debate that has been stirred by this leak- many have been started yet a single one has shown capability of changing the USA's religious reputation, a debate caused by The Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It has come to the attention of the majority of young USA citizens that there are three religions included with this act. One is a major famous religion- Judaism- whilst two younger and smaller religions have also released claims of religious exemption- these being The Satanic Temple, a nontheistic and human rights based belief system, and the growing Church of Prismatic- a tiktok based religion. Judaism has clear religious rules on abortion. These include that a mother's life is worth more than a foetus' and that if the pregnancy will do serious/ permanent damage then the pregnancy should end.

Many people have swapped religions to protect these rights- causing The Temple of Satan to be one of a fast-growing religion caused by this controversial decision.

Sweden and Finland officially joining NATO

By Nadia Maciejka and Ksenija Alabjeva

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has resulted in Finland and Sweden becoming official members of NATO.

It has been approximately 3 months since the beginning of the Russo-Ukrainian War which began on February 24th 2022. On May 18th 2022, Sweden and Finland had been accepted into NATO after handing in their application letters. Finland and its president, Sauli Niinisto, confirmed their intention to apply to NATO the week before and Sweden and its presidents, Andreas Norlen followed shortly after.

Finland, which shares an 800-mile border with Russia and was part of the Russian Empire for over a century, said it had applied to join NATO to ensure that its own national security would not be threatened by Russia in the future.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg welcomed their applications saying "A good day, at a critical moment for our security." But who exactly is NATO?

NATO is an intergovernmental military alliance between 30 countries. It stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, founded in Washington DC United States on April 4th 1949.

Despite the many pros of Sweden and Finland joining NATO, Turkey, who has been a member of NATO since 1952, were against them joining NATO because of their stand on Kurdish groups that have been banned by Turkey, the US, and the European Union. Turkey has accused Sweden of giving shelter to supporters of Fethullah Gulen, who is an exiled cleric who is seen as an arch-nemesis by the Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The relationship between Sweden and Finland is pretty casual and they both share a long history, similar legal systems and an economic and social model. They are also neighbouring countries yet they are also very close to both Ukraine and Russia.

Putin's response to Sweden and Finland joining NATO and breaking with decades of neutrality is fine after all. "No problems"

Prices: They just keep on going up and up!

By Edward O'Sullivan

Last night the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak MP, informed business leaders that the next few months will be 'tough' as inflation reaches 9% for the first time in 30 years. Not since 1990 have inflation rates been so high, as people across the country battle against rising costs of living and ministers call upon Sunak to cut taxes.

This inflation and cost of living crisis stems from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the increase of wholesale oil and as prices as the West shuts itself off from Russian fuel. On top of that, the vast amount of debt incurred by countries, including the UK, has led to the government being forced to take measures to pay it off, such as the 1.25% increase in National Insurance contributions that came into effect in April. Furthermore, people were faced by a £693 increase in the energy price cap by Ofgem, the body that regulates gas and fuel markets. That is an increase of 53% this year.

When it comes down to it, the government is really between a rock and a hard place – the national debt is currently at £2.5 trillion and rising by nearly £6,000 per second. If we do not do something about this soon, inflation will continue to rise and the prices of goods and services will rise with it, hurting more and more people and increasing the likelihood of an economic catastrophe. However, if the government does nothing, they risk riots and people will be forced to steal for food or freeze to death in their houses, after all, police have already been told to 'use their discretion', when deciding whether to charge people who steal to

An interview with Mrs Lungley

Sophie Elstone, Year 12 and Anna Cole, Year 12 had the exciting task of interviewing Mrs Lungley about her experience as a teacher at Prince Henry's and her thoughts on what is next for our school.



What's the best thing about teaching at Prince Henry's?

For me, the best thing about teaching at Prince Henry's is our wonderful staff and students. Having been here for 23 years, I will soon be the longest serving member of staff so I have seen a lot of students through the school. Living in the local community as well means I often see ex-students out and about in the local area and very much enjoy hearing about their journeys. One thing I would say is that even though society has changed so much over the years the students have not changed that much. They are just as lovely, talented and hard working as ever. I really feel we are an extended family here at Prince Henry's and seeing the students progress both academically and socially throughout their time here gives me a real sense of pride in our school, students and staff and the excellent relationships we build here.

What was your inspiration to start teaching?

My mum was a teacher so I suppose that gave me the initial idea of the career. At university I was studying Chemistry and found that being in a lab all the time wasn't really suited to me. I wanted to be surrounded by people all the time who I could interact with and feel as if I've made a difference. I really enjoy working with young people as I feel I can change lives and make a real impact on the next generation! I also love the energy and activity within schools – there is always something going on.

What do you do in your spare time?

I love to spend time with my family, as I am a working mum. I enjoy yoga from time to time even though I'm not great at it and I am a great fan of walking, squash, badminton and table tennis. My favourite hobby, other than reading, is going to the theatre; I particularly love musicals (my favourite musical is Les Misérables and I remember the wonderful PHHS production very well indeed!). Hopefully I can see Waitress this year which will be very exciting.

Where do you see Prince Henry's in the next 5 years?

There are always changes happening with new buildings and new initiatives and there is never a quiet moment. Therefore, the Leadership Team has always managed to embrace change. For example, the new Conference Centre is beautiful and that is one change I have been really excited about. Now things are opening up after the pandemic, there are fantastic opportunities arising again and I cannot wait to see more shows, musicals, plays and performances. I also love it when students come back to our school to train to become teachers themselves and seeing them progress into adults.

What has been your favourite moment this academic year?

Drop the Mic! It was the most wonderful night. It has always been a great event but this year it was extra special because we had had to cancel it a few times. It was so inspiring to see students enjoying their time and coming together for a great night of entertainment, all for a good cause. The students who performed were amazing – full of energy and commitment and they were so talented. I also really enjoyed judging the competition with Mr Freeman, Mrs Miles and Mr Dick. Although, what a tough decision it was!



What would you tell your 16-year-old self?

The advice I would give my 16-year-old self would be to not worry about things so much! I would explain that everything will be alright even though there will be ups and downs. I would also tell myself not to worry so much about what other people think about you. If I could have learnt that at a younger age then life would have been so much easier. I would say that things always work out and you don't have to have a big plan because you can't always control what is going to happen. Taking things one step at a time is the best option. I am so lucky to work at Prince Henry's because everyone here understands the importance of great relationships and I would reassure my 16-year-old self to continue investing in your family and in good friendships because they will make you so happy over the coming years.

What's been going on in the LRC?

By Emina Selcuk

Throughout all the changes and developments that have happened over the past few months- the Learning Resource Centre (or more commonly known as the LRC) has had equally exciting additions. From new wall décor to clubs- it provides a space for anybody to join. Come and join in with reading, clubs or simply doing homework, the LRC has something everyone.

The Clubs include; Carnegie/ book club on Monday, Tranquil Tuesdays, Wellness Wednesday, Bookflix/ film club on Thursdays and Words Game Club on Friday.

It also has revision guides for exams and exam equipment in case you've ran out.

Future Developments for Prince Henry's

We heard from Dr Evans about plans for the development of our school:

"Over the last year or so, we have been delighted to open the new Deacle building, expand the Sixth Form Common Room and accommodation, and this week we have seen the opening of a new Careers Centre within the Sixth Form block. The new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) behind Holland will soon be opening with a new basketball court. Students also will have seen the new Conference Centre that has now opened on the bank above the Pavilions, with a new path up to the top car park.

In the Summer Term we will be opening a new bus bay on the top car park, so that students no longer have to disembark from and board buses in front of the school on Victoria Avenue. In the next few weeks, work will start on redeveloping the existing Alex Gregory Sports Pavilion into a new Music Centre. In the coming year we have plans to improve the school's sports facilities with improvements to the tennis courts and existing all-weather pitch. As part of this, we have been fortunate to secure funding to install a brand new 3G football pitch behind the tennis courts."

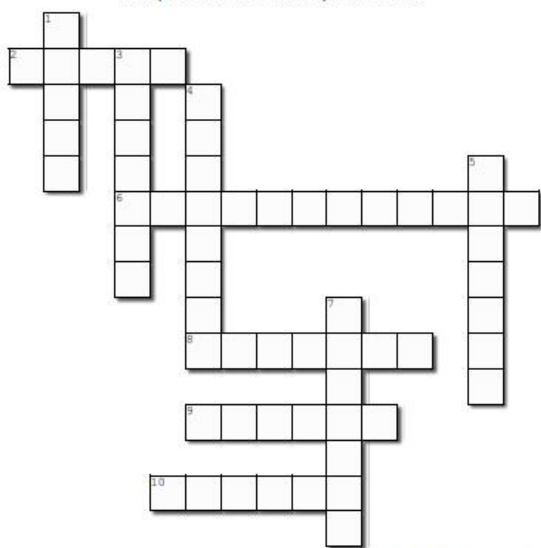
We are so excited for all of these new plans and feel so fortunate to have them as part of our school's vision.

Students enjoying our new Conference Centre



Prince Henry's Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

2. What subject does Miss Marcham teach?
6. Team GB rower who came 1st in the olympics, the gymb was also named after him
8. What subject does Mr Line teach?
9. What is the name of the newest block?
10. Burlingham, Deacle, Holland, Lichfield, Workman are...

Down

1. What is the first word in the school motto?
3. Which house is the yellow house?
4. Who is the head teacher?
5. Prince Henry's High School was formally Prince Henry's School
7. What subject does Mr Cain teach?

The Henrician

By Liv Cassey

The Henrician Theatre is a communal part of our school and does not only host school events and performances, but also external ones too! Events such as Drop the Mic are very popular both in and out of school with students and parents alike opting to watch and enjoy the acts together. I worked backstage at Drop the Mic and I have to say that it was a truly great experience that brought everyone together.

Assemblies and Enrichment also take place in the Henrician Theatre where we discuss and listen to important steps for our future. It is an essential place for the community and connects our school to the rest of Evesham and surrounding areas.

Some of the upcoming external events are 'The Musical Alphabet' on 19-21st May and 'Forever Elton' on 28th May. Tickets can be found on the Henrician website with many more to come. So whatever you are interested in, check what's on – there is something for everyone!



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Carding Mill Valley Trip

By Abi Hawkesworth and Maria Leitch

Recently, Year 10 Geography students had the opportunity to go on a trip to Carding Mill Valley. The focus of the trip was measuring the rivers in the area and observing the upper, middle, and lower course.

Carding Mill Valley is a two hour drive from Prince Henry's High School, and it is such a beautiful sight to see! The students and teachers arrived at the cafeteria at 8:15 and left at 8:30, before arriving at their destination at 10:30.

Multiple trips have been arranged to ensure that every student who is doing their Geography GCSE could attend. Several Geography teachers and members of other departments came on the trips; on ours, Mrs Deakin, Mrs Birch and Mrs Grove helped to make the day especially memorable.

Every student was in a group of 6 or 5 and they measured the river to figure out the velocity and the depth of the river. A few students did have a few slips and falls into the river, and some threw up on the bus but at the end, the day turned out amazing and we all learnt something new that day.

Personally, I enjoyed the trip. The scenery was so picturesque, beautiful and eye-catching. There were many lambs and sheep and whilst there was quite a bit of walking to do to get to some locations, the guides were truly kind and taught the groups quite a lot about the history of Carding Mill Valley. Many students enjoyed the trip themselves and it was an enjoyable experience which none of us will forget.

Taking Steps towards Peace

By Maddie Bayliss

On 25th May all of Year 12 are taking to the Malvern Hills to raise money for Ukraine. We will be walking for the whole school day and bringing buckets in the hopes to get donations from other walkers. Once we reach the top we will have a picnic and a well-deserved break!

The Malvern Hills rise above the Severn plain on the border of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. These rolling wooded hills are known for their panoramic views of the Midlands and have been awarded the title 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Not only is this area renowned for its pure spring water, but also its cultural heritage of landmarks.

This Peace Day is a very important event in light of the current crisis in Ukraine and we hope to raise as many funds as possible.



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Drop The Mic Competition

By Scarlet Godwin

Back in December of 2021 multiple acts were meant to perform in Prince Henry's Henrician in the Drop the Mic contest; however due to covid the event got postponed to February and then again to 7th April. Singers, bands and the very first dance act – trained and perfected their acts for months on end before being able to actually perform. The show started at 7pm and after a fun filled night, with an audience participating song of Sweet Caroline, promptly ended at 10pm.

In first place was a Year 13 band called Panama Blue, who performed three songs, one being the night's finale. Second place was Nina Reid who sang accompanied with her guitar one of her original pieces and in third place were Niamh and Aggy who sang Flight by Sutton Foster.

Drop the Mic was a competition organised by Interact to raise money for WWF which is the international charity they are raising money for and Food for Learning who are in partnership with Marcus Rashford where they provide breakfast and books for children. Around 15 hundred pounds was raised and split between the two charities.

Something is Cooking in Alcester!

By Jessica Pope and Max Delany

The bunting is strung up and the pastries freshly baked as a town waits for an influx of tourists ready to fill its high street with laughter and good grub. After two years the Alcester Food Festival is finally back! Run by a group of unpaid volunteers, the biannual event has long been a staple of Alcester's rich history. Dating back to medieval times, the festival brings both the local community and the wider-reaching areas together through their shared love of food. This year the festival falls on Saturday 21st May but don't worry if you can't make it, the event returns on Saturday 15th August! Alcester opens its doors at 9am and after a fantastic day of fun and indulgence, the festival comes to an end at 5pm.

In 2019, the town welcomed a massive 20,000 visitors, all of whom were eager to invest their time and money into the budding community. The street was lined with local shops and cafes who found their places on the pavement selling their produce, hoping to entice new customers. The festival offers a range of different things, such as 'Wah Gwaan Jamaican Cuisine', 'Steve's Cheese', 'Platinum Pancakes', and you will certainly receive your fair fix of churros! Don't miss the Apprentice's winning stall, 'Ridiculously Rich by Alana', whose sumptuous treats earned her the investment from Lord Alan Sugar himself!

For a further slice of excitement, the merchants have the chance of winning a prestigious award in their category. Decided by a team of local 'foodie' judges, the food is tasted over both events, and the awards announced in the autumn. With something for everyone, the festival is unmissable so make sure to come on down and grab yourself a bite of what Alcester has to offer.

Driver Taken to Worcestershire Hospital after A46 Crash

By Scarlet Godwin

A trapped driver had to be removed from their car by fire and rescue on Thursday 5th May following a crash which happened on the A46 in Beckford, shortly before midnight. Firefighters quickly reached the scene where the vehicle had collided with a family home and helped to stabilise the car before freeing the driver and assessing the damage of the house.

The A46 was closed late on 5th May and remained closed till 4.30pm on the Friday. The closure was between A435 and A4184 and the road remained closed whilst the property was made safe and the man taken to hospital for

further treatment. It was later deemed that he had non-life-threatening injuries. The detour took citizens through Broadway and surrounding villages causing a larger amount of traffic than usual between Ashchurch and Evesham.

On the bright side, the house next door has just been sold and so far, the family is still going through with the purchase. The neighbouring house was not affected by the crash and is still standing for its new residents.

Tewkesbury Half Marathon 2022

By Bethany Hopkins

On Sunday 15th May 2022 at 10:00 am, the Tewkesbury Half Marathon took place with participants from surrounding counties competing in an astonishing 13 mile run.

The Tewkesbury half marathon is one of the most celebrated events with the first race dating back to 1981. Running clubs from Gloucestershire and Worcestershire all come to take part in the event. The course starts at the Gupshill Pub and passes through rural villages like Kemerton and Bredon, with the finishing line in the centre of Tewkesbury town.

Although 13 miles is a long distance to run, the participants receive a whole community of support with sweets being handed out at water stops, and music and cheering going past Croft Farm. More encouragement was spread as crowds of people gathered in the streets of Tewkesbury to cheer at the finish line. This year's winner was Alastair Cambell, a 35 year old runner from the Stroud and District Athletic Association who finished in an incredible 1 hour, 11 minutes, and 58 seconds. The first woman to complete the race was Annabel Granger, age 49 from Bristol, who came 22nd overall out of 1,529 other runners. She completed the race in 1 hour, 22 minutes, and 33 seconds. The Tewkesbury Half Marathon is also a great opportunity for charity runners to raise money in sponsorships; this year, Lucy Fletcher who placed 807th, raised £410 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The Tewkesbury Half Marathon is an incredible achievement for anyone wanting to compete in the next race in 2023.



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Local Couple Have Won The Astonishing £184 Million Euromillions Jackpot

By Anna Cole

A married couple from Gloucestershire – Joe and Jess Thwaite – have won the record breaking Euromillion jackpot of £184,262,899. The numbers were drawn on Tuesday 10th May and the couple claimed their great prize the day after but kept themselves hidden for just over a week before releasing all the details. They decided to be open about it all as it is a "burden" to keep it a secret from others.

They shared their names and what they are doing with the money on Thursday 19th May at 10:35am. Mr and Mrs Thwaite are a Gloucestershire couple who are in their 40s with regular jobs as a Communication Sales Engineer and a Hairdresser who spend most of their time taking care of their 2 primary school-age children. They have always "dreamed of winning" and for this particular buy, Joe went to the local shop thinking that his "luck is pretty terrible", never believing that they could actually win. The day after, he got up as usual and did his regular jobs around the house while his wife was sleeping. He fed the animals, checked the weather, and had a quick look at his emails where he saw that he had received an official message from the Lottery telling him that he had won a prize. He put his phone down in shock before checking his numbers and realising just how much money he had won.

When Jess, his wife, woke up, Joe broke the news to her. She assumed that the email was a scam or that Joe hadn't read the message properly. They carried on their life as normal until a phone call finally confirmed their staggering news. They immediately started to tell their friends and family, and are currently looking into buying a new house with stables for their horses, a new car and exotic holidays, as well as considering which charities they will be giving large sums to. It was only during their interview that they stated it was the "first time it felt real".



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The Battle of Evesham Re-enactment

By Ella Blackwell

This year's battle of Evesham re-enactment is taking place on 6th and 7th August, and will be held in the Heart of Evesham.

At this action-packed festival, there will be a medieval festival and camp with demonstrations of cookery, weapons and medicine, plus the main battle re-enactment. The Battle of Evesham Grand Parade will make its way through the town and onwards to Evesham's Crown Meadow. Visitors can watch medieval musicians and dancing at the camp, along with craftsmen demonstrations and medieval cookery.

Alongside all of this, there will be falconry and equestrian displays, treasure trails and children's activities with various stalls and food outlets will be selling a range of dishes and snacks. All of these amazing activities and experiences are a great educational day out for the family!

This amazing weekend takes place annually and this year marks the 757th anniversary of the Battle of Evesham which happened on 4th August 1265, marking the defeat of Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester. It also educates the people who go to the festival on the history at the time of the battle while celebrating and remembering the loss of life, making this a great event to visit.



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An insight into some of the art festivals taking place this year

By Emily Wallace

StART Art Fair Taking place at London's Saatchi Gallery, StART Art Fair showcases over 70 artists and galleries from more than 25 countries around the world. Last year's event included new works from some of K-pop's big stars, Mino and Yooyeon of Winner and solo talent Henry Lau, as well as urban pop artist Bassa Aspinall and photographs of Namibia by Ireland's Marie Jordan.



London Craft Week Year after year, London Craft Week shines a light on some of the most exciting makers through a programme of workshops, experiences, pop-ups and exhibitions. This festival will return next year with a programme featuring over 300 events, with work from more than 400 independent makers.



Masterpiece London Every June, creatives, collectors and enthusiasts from all over the world flock to the Royal Hospital Chelsea for the annual Masterpiece London fair, home to the finest works of art, design, furniture and jewellery dating from antiquity to the present day.



Shadyside Art Festival The show will be located on Walnut Street, a popular downtown shopping district. The popular August event will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year and is rated as one of the top 100 art shows in Sunshine Artist Magazine.

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Is the countryside really an answer to your problems?

By Evie Watts

I admit that being outdoors and surrounded by nature won't solve world peace or global extinction issues, but it can have a huge impact on your life beyond belief. So why are you still sitting indoors glued to a screen? In my opinion, people don't know enough about the benefits of being outdoors-it is simply extraordinary. Spending time outdoors is one of the fastest ways to improve your health and happiness-it is the biggest healing power. Just being outdoors has been scientifically proven to boost your mood and the immune system as well as increasing anti-cancer proteins. Whether being surrounded by hills or just sitting in your neighbouring park, nature is always there as a comforter to help improve your health and focus. The natural world allows our brains to take a break from life's numerous stressors and has been proven to reduce symptoms of ADHD. As well as there being a huge world out there waiting to be explored, the great outdoors allows you to meet and get to know new people. It helps connect you to the local community and helps improve confidence and self-esteem. Why would you not want to spend time surrounded by the wonders of our planet? So next time you decide to spend a weekend indoors...think again!

Opening of a new Costa

By Jacob Cooper

It has been revealed that in the summer of 2022 a brand new branch of Costa will be opening in Evesham. This coffee shop would be the fourth of its kind in the area joining the ones in Tesco, Twyford and the one in the town centre opposite the arcade. This new Costa will be located in the old Frankie & Benny's located in Four Pools Road and will be sharing the building with a new outlet of Greggs.

This Costa will be a new drive-through, much the same as the one located in Twyford. The shop is set to open on 11th June 2022 however there have been multiple times where they have postponed the opening of this new café. The café will be a welcome addition for the local residents for that side of the area as it is now more accessible for the people who live locally.

This is also a good opportunity for the younger people of the town, providing part-time jobs for the area. This would be especially appealing for those looking for a fast-paced work environment.

Books for Entertainment

By Ella Seneque

If you're a bookworm like me, and you enjoy a good book for entertainment, then you might want to read some of my recommendations. If you dislike books then I suggest you skip this article.

Are you a thriller reader or a romance reader? If you're the former then, I would say that you might enjoy 'The Chain,' a novel by Adrian McKinty. A single mother recently recuperating from cancer is on her way to the hospital for a meeting with her oncologist, when she gets a call saying her daughter has been kidnapped. She must kidnap another child, get that child's parents to kidnap another and pay a ransom before her child can be released. Thus, continuing THE CHAIN.

The latter genre, romance is definitely one of my favourites. If you need a cry, then I would read these two amazing books: 'They Both Die at the End' and 'It Ends with Us.' Both of these books are heart-wrenching and ones I would highly recommend. Despite some people saying 'They Both Die at the End' is set within too short of a time period, I believe it is perfectly fitting towards the concept of the book.

If you are a person who isn't a fan of either of the previously mentioned book themes, I would advise you to read 'Dune,' which is now a thrilling movie. Dune puts forward the story of a promising young man who must travel dangerous lands to save the future of his people, he is pitted against evil forces and struggles to keep them at bay.

Maybe you won't like any of these books, but I do strongly encourage those of you reading this to read them. Although readers may not agree with my book choices, hopefully we can all agree that sometimes reading a great book is better than any other entertainment.

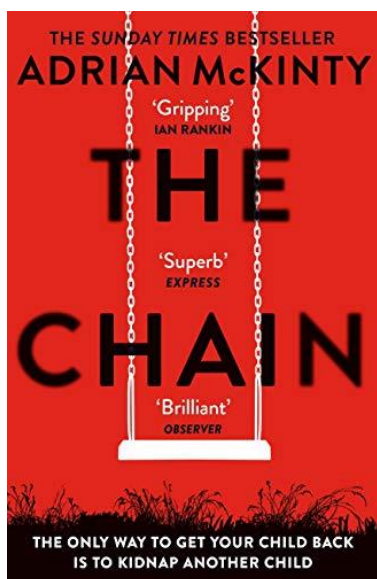


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Met Gala 2022 (part 2)

By Evie Evans

Did you see some of the outfits this year at the Met Gala? Well I did and I have to say some of them were absolutely amazing! On the other hand, there were some questionable choices, which I would say did not exactly fit the brief. The Met Gala this year was hosted by Vogue in New York and was on Monday 2nd May. The theme of this year's Met Gala was "Gilded Glamour and White Tie". It was tied to the second part of curator Andrew Bolton's two-part exhibition, "In America: An Anthology of Fashion". The Met Gala was actually used to help fundraise for the museum's costume institute. The money is raised by many celebrities who, most of the time, are invited to the event by the big fashion brands. These brands then pay who pay for their ticket, which can be around \$35,000 and are invitation only!

Some people nailed the theme by far, but as said before there were some different choices. A show-stopper outfit worn by Blake Lively was certainly one of the best of the night, a close runner up could be Lizzo. She wore a two piece outfit designed by Thom Browne, consisting of a black corset dress and extenuated hips paired with a gorgeous black cape with gold floral details, with embroidery, which ran throughout. Someone who wouldn't completely class a celebrity but whose dress thrived, would be reporter Genesis Suero with a stunning gold dress.

Now to name and shame some celebs who didn't hit the theme, if I'm being completely honest there were quite a few celebrities which didn't hit the brief or their outfit was just too simple. This would definitely include Sebastian Stan who wore a bright neon pink suit, which I couldn't see any link to the theme in. The whole Kardashian/Jenner clan were completely off theme this year. Some of their dresses were just too simple and expected whereas some of them just weren't 'it'.

Overall, there were definitely mixed outfit results but the night was very entertaining altogether. What were some of your favourite outfits?



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Eurovision 2022

By Liv Cassey

The world's biggest music show, Eurovision, serves not only to entertain, but also to unite. This annual event allows different countries, nationalities, and languages to come together and connect with their audience through live music.

Founded by Marcel Bezencon, Eurovision has been running for 66 years when only seven nations at the time participated. The idea was inspired by a music festival and was first held on 24th May 1956. It started with simple sing-along songs on all radio stations and has grown into a huge European tradition.

In the beginning, participants sang only in their country's national language and the rules surrounding the language of the songs was incredibly strict. Now, the rules on language use are relaxed and many more countries have joined. From 1956's winner, Switzerland with 8 points, to 2022's winner Ukraine with 631 points.

Eurovision 2022 brought us a winning performance from Ukraine with their song 'Stefania' with UK placing as runners up with our song 'Space Man'. The British contender, Sam Ryder, has been said to have made Eurovision history and is set to perform at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These results beg the question: does Eurovision have political undertones?

As for the future of Eurovision, questions arise to whether this event can be held in Ukraine amongst the ongoing conflict. If not, who will step up to the plate?



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Big Movie Releases of 2022

By Ella Blackwell

2022 has already brought us a lot of new films and TV shows, with characters ranging from superheroes to wizards and everything in between. The year started off strong with the Sony Pictures film 'Uncharted', featuring big names such as Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg, Antonio Banderas and Sophia Ali. Based on the popular video game, 'Uncharted' is the story of street-smart teen Nathan Drake who is recruited by seasoned treasure hunter Victor "Sully" Sullivan to recover an ancient fortune that was lost over 500 years ago. Despite being popular amongst a lot of audiences, many critics weren't such fans of the film saying it "ends up being an entertaining yet disappointing film" and that it is "bland and disappointing without being outright disastrous." These reviews led to a lacklustre 40% Rotten Tomatoes rating from critics but an impressive 90% audience score.

Another big release of the year was the Warner Brothers movie 'The Batman', starring Robert Pattinson and Zoë Kravitz. In this film, a sadistic serial killer begins murdering key political figures in Gotham causing Batman to investigate the city's hidden corruption and eventually question his family's involvement. Released on March 4th, this film is already the highest grossing film of the year with worldwide box-office earnings of \$768,453,092. This film was received by critics much better than 'Uncharted', but wasn't quite so popular with audiences. With a critic rating of 85% and an audience score of 87% on Rotten Tomatoes, this film has been referred to as "a dazzling, enveloped, night-time spectacle" featuring a "Batman that has never been seen before in cinema".



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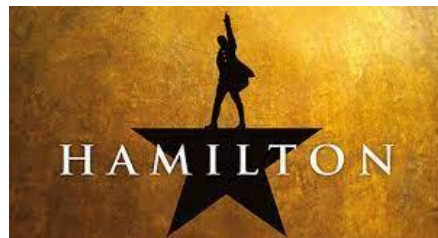
Hamilton and The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

By Eve McLoughlin

Hamilton is an amazing, award-winning show that won a Grammy and many other rewards following its Broadway debut in 2015. Since then, this production has changed people's views on Alexander Hamilton and his life!

Lin Manuel-Miranda wrote the whole play, including the lyrics to the incredibly memorable songs like 'Satisfied' and 'Helpless'!

The subject of the musical, Alexander Hamilton, was born an orphan in the West Indies. He managed to find a better life in America and eventually joined the American Revolution as a close assistant of George Washington. What follows is a series of exciting events which result in a tragic end! I highly recommend you watch this musical which is available on Disney+.

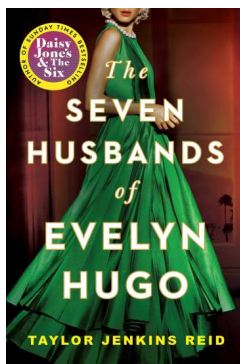


'The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo' is a romantic historical fiction novel which is centred around the famous and extravagant fictional figure, Evelyn Hugo, and details several surprising twists and turns that you would never have expected!

One of the events outlined in the novel is an affair Evelyn Hugo has with her secret lover. Their love story is amazing from start to finish and makes this novel perfect for lovers of romance and mystery!

Be warned: even though this is a fictional tale, it deals with serious topics from the real world so please bear this in mind.

I love this story, but don't just take my word for it! The novel was nominated for a Goodreads Choice Award for Best Historical Fiction of 2017.



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The Zodiac's Horoscopes for 2022

By Jessica Pope

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Wisdom will arrive your way and fill your life with a sense of wonder and adventure. New experiences will be opened to you if you try to keep an open mind. You have a competitive nature which will help you overcome anything that gets in your way.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

You may encounter some challenges but your inner strength will work in your favour and there will be no challenge that you cannot overcome. You will need willpower and determination to help reach your aims.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

You will struggle with some unavoidable mistakes along your journey but your ability to move past it will help you thrive through all situations over the upcoming year. Your wit and curiosity will guide you.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

There will be times your emotions may rule over you, but you will make wise choices using your head and your heart to make 2022 an unforgettable year. You will be blessed with great health and friendship if you take the right steps.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Your flair for drama and audacious personality will garner you great attention and this spotlight will illuminate your path. Your summer will be full of sun and memories and this warmth will radiate around you.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Life will move fast because of your ability to shut out distractions, leading you to success and happiness in the year ahead. Your communication skills will improve and your social calendar will fill up.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

You're a peacemaker and your brainpower may often be overlooked due to your kindness. Your confidence will grow and this year you will prove yourself by succeeding beyond other people's expectations.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 22)

Your determination and dedication will help you to achieve the things you believe in. Other people will be drawn to you due to your confidence so it will be impossible to ignore you.

Sagittarius (November 23 – December 22)

You will grow in many ways, developing new skills and opening up to new opportunities. This year will be one big adventure for you to explore and expand your mind in a meaningful way. Ignore any distractions and just focus on yourself.

Capricorn (December 23 – Jan 20)

You are very determined, so your ambitions will be greater than ever this year. Your goals for this year will be a bit of a stretch but you will not give up until you achieve them, which will make many people admire you.

Aquarius (Jan 21 – Feb 18)

You will take your confidence into this year and stand out from the rest, which will in turn help guide you to be the best version of yourself. Additionally, your loyalty will help you gain some new friends.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

This year you will experience change but due to your compassion you will easily adapt around this. These changes will test your ability to remain calm but will in the long run help you from facing bigger struggles.

Moon Night

So Different To Anything Marvel Has Produced, The Character of Moon Night Has Been Crafted Beautifully

By Alex Evans

Moon Night has often been described as the best Marvel show to date, exploring new characters in a very new way – which Marvel has not shown us before. Airing from 30th March 2022 to 4th April, the show earned a Rotten Tomato score of 87%.

Oscar Isaac magnificently plays the role of Mark Spector, who mistakenly creates a second identity - Steven Grant (also played by Isaac). The unlikely pair must work together, alongside two well-known Egyptian Gods to thwart the cruel intentions of Arthur Harrow and God Armit.

The series begins with Steven Grant, a gift shop employee who discovers he has memories of another life. Steven is believed to have dissociative identity disorder and shares a body with Mark Spector. As their enemies wreak havoc, they must put their differences aside as they are thrust into a deadly mystery among the powerful gods of Egypt.

The show is often reviewed as thrilling, largely unpredictable and definitely confusing in places. The exploration of Mark and Steven's bizarre relationship is both witty and moving. Even if the story had disappointed, Oscar Isaac put so much passion into the roles of Steven and Mark, his talent was showcased wonderfully. The two characters are so different but interact in such a humorous fashion; especially when you consider they are played by the same actor.

Moon Night was always going to succeed simply because Mark Spector and Steven Grant are such loveable characters.

The Boy Who Steals Houses

By Abigail Hawkesworth

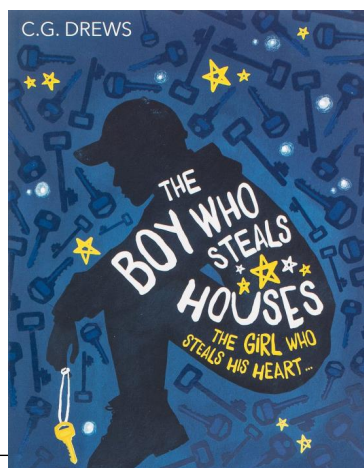
The Boy Who Steals Houses is a phenomenal book set in modern-day Florida. Written by C.G. Drews this is a story about 15 year old Sammy Lou and his autistic older brother Avery.

Ever since he was a young boy, Sammy Lou has always had to care for his brother and has always protected him from the harsh realities of life. Desperate for home, he breaks into houses to sleep there. However, there is one house that he breaks into that changes his life forever...

A house painted buttercup yellow, a house with dirty dishes, toy soldiers, trikes and clothes strewn everywhere, a house that's home to the De Laineys. When one morning he wakes to find the house he's slept in full of people, Sam panics but

luckily for him, the eight De Laineys treat him as one of their own. They even feed and clothe him despite their own financial problems and tragedy. He falls in love with the beautiful Moxie De Laine and summer days of ice cream, sunshine, colourful fabric and sea breezes follow. However, Avery starts to get with the wrong crowd and Sam is introduced to a world of knives, drugs and unkindness. Can Sam get Avery out of the trouble he's in? As the summer days start to fade, Sam's own mistakes finally catch up with him.

This book is full of real-world problems such as homelessness, abandonment and poverty but peppered within it is a magnificent love story with amazing people and real emotion. Laugh, smile and cry with this book about a young boy who just wants a home.



Upcoming movies

By Ella Blackwell

So far this year, we have already seen the release of many great movies such as Doctor Strange: Multiverse of Madness or Sonic the Hedgehog 2. However there are still many films awaiting release this year.

One film coming up is Avatar: The Way of Water, directed by James Cameron and starring Zoe Saldana, Michelle Yeoh, Sam Worthington and Kate Winslet. In this film Jake Sully (played by Sam Worthington) is living with his newfound family on the planet of Pandora. As a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri (Zoe Saldana) and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their planet. This will be the second film in the franchise but there are still 3 more already in planning after it. The film is currently in the post-production stage and we can expect to see it in cinemas on December 16th this year.

Another film which audiences are very excited for is Marvel's Thor: Love and Thunder directed by Taika Waititi. In the film we see Thor (played by Chris Hemsworth), with the help of Valkyrie (Tessa Thompson), Korg (voiced by Taika Waititi) and ex-girlfriend Jane Foster (Natalie Portman), fight Gorr the God Butcher (Christian Bale), who intends to make the gods extinct. This will be the 4th Thor film and is coming out on 6th July.

Netflix: Breaking badly

By George Clements

In December 2020 streaming service goliath Netflix, Inc. for the first time ever changed their price of the basic subscription from 5.99 a month to 6.99 a month. Then one month later Netflix raised the prices of all subscriptions and cracked down on password sharing, possibly Netflix's most famous feature that has been a staple of the company from its beginning in 1997. All of these outrageous actions against Netflix's consumer base has come back to bite the corporate giant. For the first time in company history, in the first quarter of 2022 Netflix has reported a loss in subscribers with the figure being 200,000 lost customers. Furthermore Netflix predicts a loss of over 2 million subscribers over the entirety of 2022. Thanks to these losses Netflix's share price has dropped 35% as of May 19th 2022, wiping over 50 Billion off the firm's market value.

All of these devastating losses spell bad news for Netflix, in a market as competitive as modern streaming services Netflix cannot afford to lose this advantage they have over up and coming streaming services such as Disney plus and Amazon Prime.

Netflix's Achilles' heel

Any rational person would be asking themselves right now "if Netflix know they will suffer losses from all of these sanctions, why on earth are they making them?"

Well this is where we come to Netflix's Achilles' heel, which is their crippling content drought. Compared to other streaming services Netflix releases a whole series at once without staggering the episode releases like releasing them weekly. This is their fatal flaw, while Disney plus's viewers are left discussing what the next episode might reveal in Wanda vision with their friends, all Netflix subscribers have to do is press play and they can binge the whole series. This reduces the free advertising Netflix can gain from word of mouth because after 2 days of the new series being out everyone's already seen it. After spending hundreds of millions on TV shows only for them to be relevant for half only half a week no wonder Netflix has had to raise prices. This business model is not sustainable and if Netflix don't switch to the modern style of content releases, they may go out of business forever.



Spain GP Build Up

By Harry Gorrill

Which team will come out on top after the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix?

Over the past years, the German team have had great success at the Spain GP, with us seeing them take the top spot of the podium for the last 5 years. As a result, Mercedes is the first choice to win for many this year – however, due to their clear porpoising issues (the car bouncing up and down, unsettling the car into corners and slowing the car down into the straights), the team from Brackley/Brixworth may struggle to convert their 5 year domination into 6 wins!

Spain GP win predictions:

Throughout the previous races, Red Bull and Ferrari have been pushing each other to the limits, and despite Red Bull's clear reliability issues which they encountered during Bahrain and Australia they have managed to claw back points, advancing closer to Ferrari in the Driver's championship and especially the Constructor's Championship. Red Bull appear to be planning on consolidating their comeback, with the team significantly upgrading their car to shave off 7kg from the overall weight. Although Ferrari are also reportedly bringing upgrades, Red Bull are already looking strong going forward into the weekend.

Upgrade packages:

The Spain GP will definitely be seen as a prime track for many teams to implement upgrades and many teams said that they will bring major upgrade packages to the race. This is partly due to the timing of the event, as many teams have had the opportunity to study the performance of their cars over different tracks, ranging from the fast, twisty streets of Saudi Arabia, to the more conventional layout of Imola, and the fact that we are now months on from the start of the season means that the design and manufacturing process has had plenty of time to start up again.

In general, however, this track itself offers a wide array of corners, including heavy braking zones and relatively long straights. In addition, all teams are familiar with this track, therefore allowing them to maximize the performance of the car for the race!



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F1 2022 Season round up so far

By Jacob Cooper

Race podiums so far:

Bahrain- Lec P1, Sai p2, Ham P3

Saudi- Ver p1, Lec p2, Sai p3

Australia- Lec P1, Per p2, Rus p3

Imola, Ver p1, Per p2, Nor p3

Miami, Ver p1, Lec p2, Sai p3

Qualifying:

Bahrain- Lec pole

Saudi- Per pole

Australia- Lec pole

Imola- Ver pole

Miami- Lec pole

Highlights:

Bahrain - Haas surprises everyone, Mag battles per for p5 ends in top 7, Ocon spins out Schumacher, Honda engine of Pierre Max and Checo engine fail.

Saudi - Latifi spins out in lap 16. Perez takes Sainz in the pits but gains it back 4 laps later, Riccardo engine fails and Bottas retires his car in the pit lanes. Verstappen and Leclerc battle, Verstappen locks up in lap 43 but takes p1 overall in lap 46

Australia - 2nd lap, Sainz spins into gravel after braking late and going into the grass and losing control. Lap 11 Vettel locks up and goes into the gravel but recovers. Magnussen brakes late also and goes into the grass to avoid collisions with the AlphaTauri of Gasly. Lap 24 Vettel clips a curb and crashes into the wall causing a safety car. Mercedes makes a comeback and gains p3 from George Russel. Verstappen's engine dies and retires lap 39 in the end Leclerc claims P1 at the end of the race.

Imola - Sainz spins in lap 1 and gets stuck in gravel causing a DNF. Alonso lost a piece of his car in lap 7 spontaneously causing a DNF. Perez and Norris battle for P3 but Norris comes out victorious. Leclerc spins in lap 53 but drops down to only P6 after clipping a curb inevitably Max claiming P1

Miami- both Aston Martin cars start from the pit lane due to a mechanical issue. Alonso and Gasly collide in lap 39. In lap 41 Norris and Gasly collide causing Norris to crash, loose a tyre and DNF. Lap 54 Schumacher spins out Vettel causing a DNF. In the end after all the battling, Max places P1 with Leclerc and Sainz close behind in P2 and P3.

Europa League Final – Frankfurt vs Rangers

Frankfurt's Victory on Penalties in Europa League's Final

By Robbie Clear

Rangers face defeat against Eintracht Frankfurt after the penultimate penalties in the final of the Europa League. Rafael Borre took the final shot of the match, securing Frankfurt's victory after an extremely close final result, allowing the German team to take the title of the 2022 winners. With many chances from both sides in the first 90 minutes of the match, only 1 goal was exchanged from each team, resulting in the game going to extra time and penalties.

The match began with the German team Eintracht Frankfurt kicking off shortly before an injury from a bad challenge in just the 4th minute. The player was escorted off the pitch with a head injury but continued to play on after a change. With Frankfurt having a chance on goal with Kamada dribbling past the opponents and taking a shot, but Rangers' goalkeeper, McGregor managed to save it before another attempt was made shortly afterward which he also managed to save. Many shots were taken by both teams in the first half but none resulted in the goal both teams desperately needed.

As the second half got underway, Rafael Borre has an opportunity to cross while in the box but goes down after Goldson supposedly makes a bad challenge. No penalty is rewarded, with the referee making the decision for a corner. As the 56th minute comes around, a for pass for Frankfurt results in Joe Aribo securing the ball and a shot on target with his left foot secures the goal for Rangers. As the game continues, another dangerous attack from Frankfurt occurs but is blocked by Aribo. The defence is challenged, with the players and crowd claiming a hand ball but 'no penalty' was once again the decision of the referee. Eventually, a volley by Borre with a cross from Kostic eliminated the Scottish team's hopes of a clean sheet, equalising the game to 1-1.



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Heckingbottom Hits Rock Bottom

By Alex Evans and Seb Smith

Chaos unfolds in unpredictable playoff tie as Nottingham Forest are victorious over The Blades.

With Nottingham Forest leading 2-1 after the first leg away at Bramall Lane, this game meant everything as Forest were hoping for their first return to the Premier League since 1999 and Sheffield United hoped for an instant return to the top flight. This game was certainly not short of drama.

In the 37th minute, Sheffield United boss, Paul Heckingbottom showed his frustration at Djed Spence for taking his time with a throw in by shoving the football into the Forest man's abdomen. Things quickly escalated as Nottingham Forest star boy, Brennan Johnson, retaliated and pushed the Blades' Boss, causing a brawl between both sets of players and staff resulting in Paul Heckingbottom receiving a yellow.

This was the least of the worries for the Blades as after the penalty drama, Sheffield United skipper, Billy Sharp, was headbutted by a clueless fan wearing a vibrant green top. The fan is currently being held in custody and is set to appear in Nottingham magistrate's court on charge of assault. In a statement released by Sharpe himself, he stated: "as an ex-Forest player, I will not let one scumbag ruin my respect for the forest fans".

Just minutes later, Sheffield Striker Oli McBurnie – out with a toe injury – lashed out at an unsuspecting fan during their pitch invasion. Frightening footage of him stomping on the fan has circulated around social media; the shocking incident is currently being investigated by the police. A viewer stated on Twitter that they believed it "looks more like he was trying to step over him with one bad leg! Could be wrong!" McBurnie then replied with "100%", arguing his innocence.

A game of tremendous importance was matched with some truly shocking drama from players, staff and fans alike. There will no doubt be further consequences and Forest must prepare for their final next Sunday.



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Have Arsenal bottled their Champions League place?

By Seb Smith

Both Arsenal and Tottenham were in the race for a top 4 finish and qualify for the Champions League before the North London derby between the 2 rivals. With Arsenal sitting 4th in the table and 4 points in front of Tottenham it was all in their favour leading up to the occasion.

However, in the 22nd minute of the game Arsenal's Cedric gave away a penalty to the gunners which turned out to be fatal. Harry Kane tucked it away in the bottom right, and to make this worse 10 minutes later Arsenal centre back Rob Holding received a second yellow for a foul on Heung-Min Son putting Arsenal at a further disadvantage. A further 5 minutes later Spurs striker Harry Kane put them 2-0 up to all but nothing seal the deal. In the 47th minute Heung-Min Son put the cherry on the top of the cake with his finish from inside the box to make it 3-0.

With the blow of the final whistle, Tottenham were only 1 point behind Arsenal with the momentum in their favour. Currently Arsenal sit 2 points behind spurs in 5th with Arsenal yet to play Everton and Tottenham yet to play Norwich. Anything but a loss would see Tottenham qualify for the UCL whereas Arsenal would need to win their game against Everton and see Arsenal lose to qualify.



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