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Environmental News

Reece Armstrong



Green houses are becoming more common, but what is one?

As global warming is becoming an increasing threat to our environment and now, builders, marketers and architects globally have begun to work on a solution. Eco homes are being built more often, and work has even been began on eco friendly towns. But what defines an eco home?

There are many features of eco homes, such as: a lower energy consumption; a low carbon footprint; built as per the local climatic conditions. They may include solar thermals and PV systems, energy efficient heating, and it may collect rainwater or be powered by wind.

There are many pros to these homes, some being:

- Natural lighting improves the health of the occupants.
- Green buildings will attract tax benefits and higher resale values.

However, there are also cons to these such as:

- Eco-friendly construction materials are not readily available
- Green building materials are expensive, making the initial cost high.

Although there are cons, and currently they may cost more, in the future costs will decrease as they become more in demand and may soon become the new face of the housing market.



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This Week In History - 24th October

By Bella Chafer

This week in History... The death of Jane Seymour!

On the 24th October 1537, Jane Seymour (wife to Henry VIII) died after the birth of her son Edward VI in Hampton Court Palace. She was the only one of his six wives to be given a full queen's funeral, and was later buried beside the King himself. Jane was born in 1508, the year before her future husband became king, into the ambitious Seymour family, based in Wolf Hall in Wiltshire. As was the custom for most noblewomen of the time, she was not well educated in the modern sense. Her talents lay in needlework and other such accomplishments. Her journey into the hearts of the Tudor court began at a young age, coming into the service of Henry's first two wives – Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. Seymour, who was a devout Catholic and a great believer in the value of kindness, was far more influenced by Catherine - an intelligent Spanish princess. During her time at court, she was witness to Henry's obsessive search for an heir that caused the split from Rome and the divorce of his first wife, who had only been able to give Henry a daughter- Mary I of England. Having seen this and having seen the King tire of two queens, Jane may have been quiet but she knew how to play politics.



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Careers Opportunity

Orlagh Oldfield

NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience

Are you interested in working in the medical field when you are older, specifically nursing, midwifery, paramedicine and many more? If so, you could benefit from being involved in virtual work experience. The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in the last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are specifically interested in medical careers. Applications for this programme are now open, and they will be open throughout this academic year, with the next virtual work experience day taking place on the 7th November. This will help students to make an informed career decision as well as learn about how healthcare professionals work together as part of a multidisciplinary team. Each work experience day is completely different, and students will be able to build on their knowledge of NHS careers as they see different patient cases and healthcare professionals work in a variety of settings, such as hospital and community. Students will also receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the entire 6-month programme will be awarded with Highly Commended References too. Students can register individually through the website link below. Places are £10 a day to cover administrative costs and run the tech on the day. Students can register for the programme here:

www.alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience



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School News

Amelia Welsby

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 4th November, our school held this year's open evening for future sixth formers. This evening brought in students who already attend and a variety from different schools across the city. The evening gave these potential future students a taste of what sixth form life could look like as well as helping them gather a sense of each subject the school has to offer. Talking to current year 12s who didn't have the opportunity of an open evening last year, they hope that they can benefit from the chance to explore the subjects and will help them choose the best subjects for them to study over the next two years.



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Film of the Week

Nancy Clark

Cruella (2021)

Cruella is a Disney reimagined classic which stars both Emma Stone (Cruella) and Emma Thompson (Baroness). It follows Estella (Stone) through the journey of being a little thief with her small gang in London to becoming the well known fashion designer and villain from 101 Dalmatians with rivalry on the way with the Baroness (Thompson). This film is great fun to watch, with a great sound track and is available to stream on Disney+.



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COVID-19 at LSST

Imogen Graves

Sixth Form Response to COVID-19

On the whole sixth form was a breath of fresh air after the last few years. As year groups we had not had a full academic year since Year 9 or Year 10. GCSEs had been full of uncertainties and our summers had mixed reviews.

We all dove straight in with the year group bubbles from last year being popped and our freedom to move round school returned. New year 12s adjusted to free periods, study periods, and the new workload you receive as an A-level student. Year 13s got back in the swing of things as they work on personal statements and various other pieces with deadlines that are growing ever-closer.

Masks became optional this year, so every students was able to make a decision on what they believe is required to keep themselves or other family members safe. Many sixth formers at this point have received the COVID-19 vaccine, with the stickers decorating many phone cases throughout the common room.

Opportunities such as volunteering with younger years have also re-opened this year. As a student who does it myself, it is very interesting to interact with the Year 8s in a classroom environment after the tough previous year they had. It also, like many other events and courses going on, gives the sixth formers a chance to get back to normal and focus on the next chapter on their life, whether that is just finishing A-levels or aspiring to get into university.

This is what some sixth formers told me:

'I think everyone had a difficult time adjusting at the beginning due to such a long time off, but now it's just back to normal.'

'I've had my vaccine and feel safe at school.'

'Thank god we are not having to do everything online anymore, that was so stressful.'



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This Week In History - 4th November

By Bella Chafer

This week in History... Cardinal Wolsey's arrest!

On the 4th November Cardinal Wolsey was arrested by King Henry VIII for charges of treason (corresponding with the French court.) The Cardinal was born around 1471 in Ipswich, Suffolk and was the son of Robert Wolsey. Robert was once thought to be a butcher but it is now considered that he was a cloth maker who was likely killed at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. From this he had an immense rise in power all the way up to being Lord Chancellor. Because of this, a mistrust had been formed between him and those of noble birth. They disliked his arrogance and how his low standing lead to him practically ruling the country. Between 1527 and his death, the Cardinal busied himself with the king's great matter- his divorce with Catherine of Aragon. Although Wolsey was confident he could do it quickly and quietly, Cardinal Campeggio delayed his proceedings long enough to anger the king, subsequently leading to his downfall. Wolsey lost Henry's confidence by miscalculating the king's mood and mishandling the treaty of Cambrai, where Francis utterly deceived the king. He is said to have died on the 29th of November while on his way to speak with the king after being imprisoned. He died of natural causes, narrowly escaping the axeman. Following his death, Sir Thomas Moor became the Lord Chancellor of England, and unfortunately he was not as lucky, being beheaded by axe on the 6th of July 1535. This was for refusing to acknowledge king Henry as Supreme Head of the Church of England.



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UK News

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Brexit troubles continue despite Johnson-Macron meeting

Tensions between the UK, EU and France seem to be continuing despite several recent meetings between the two leaders around the G20 summit in Rome and COP26 in Glasgow last week. The row between the UK and France is mainly due to the new fishing licences which must be issued post-Brexit to allow EU boats to fish in UK territorial waters and vice-versa.

But why do French ships want to fish in UK waters? Well, many French fishermen want to fish in the waters surrounding Jersey (a British crown dependency) as the water is deeper, meaning a larger catch.

Currently both the British and French governments are both blaming each other for creating this crisis; the French government claims that the UK has only issued half the licences that French ships are entitled to while the UK government claims that 98% of licences have been issued.

These issues came to a head two weeks ago, when French authorities seized a British fishing boat in Le Havre, claiming it was fishing illegally and released it only last week, at the same time as he suspended threats to impose greater checks on British goods and to ban British vessels from offloading fish in French ports.

It is unclear whether talks between the two governments have done much to reduce tensions but the most recent talks have been described as 'positive' by a French minister. However, tensions are continuing to grow over the controversial Northern Ireland Protocol and the UK government's threat to repeal it.



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Technology News

William Fitzgerald

New technology gives smart cars 'X-ray' vision

Researchers in Australia have developed new technologies which could greatly advance the development of autonomous vehicles. The new X-ray type technology allows autonomous vehicles to 'see' objects such as other vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians which are hidden behind buildings, cars, lorries and buses. This new technology adds to the armoury of existing technologies including radar, LIDAR and conventional cameras. One of the lead researchers of this new technology says that it would benefit all road users and also reduce fatalities on the roads.



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