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Hello all,

As the holiday blues begin to fade, students have settled down into the new term. With New Year Resolutions under their belt, revision and exam period begins. This is crucial for those taking their GCSE, A Level and mock examinations. Therefore, all pupils should be respectful of their peers at this stressful, yet very rewarding, time.

As well as this, students in year 9 and 11 will receive their reports this module while other year groups will have their Parents Evening. For precise dates and more information, please visit the school website where a calendar of events for the module are listed and dated.

Over the past two modules, students in years 9-13 have been taking part in Philosophy Club, which is run by a representative of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. Pupils took part in challenging debates, with topics including abortion and the death penalty. On a whole, they all found it very interesting and believed that it would be useful for the future.

As well as this, show tickets have gone on sale for Oliver! Which occurs on the 7th and 8th of February. The ticket price is £4 and any extra information can be found on the latest emails by Mr. Sleight.

Enjoy the articles,

Catherine 🙂









'The Post'

'The Post' is a Political Thriller film directed and produced by Steven Spielberg and starring Hollywood heavyweights Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep. Its score is composed by John Williams, who has collaborated with Steven Spielberg on all but three of his films. It follows the true story of members of the Washington Post newspaper attempting to publish and expose the Pentagon Papers, classified documents regarding the US government's involvement in the Vietnam War, during the 1970s.

The film started production in May 2017, and it premiered at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. on December 14, 2017. It began a limited release in the United States on December 22, 2017. It then had a wide release on January 12, 2018 in the US and released a week later in the UK.

'The Post' has received universal critical acclaim, being nominated for six Golden Globes and rated in the top 10 films of 2017 by Time and the American Film Institute. Critics have praised Streep and Hanks' acting, as well as the overall themes and direction.







Oliver! Will soon be arriving at LSST!

For five months the Oliver! cast have been rehearsing for their show (which I am positive will be exceedingly successful), that will be performed in 4 weeks time! Now there are tickets, a marvellous trailer and show dates available to you!

Dates: 7th and 8th of February at 7:15pm

Ticket prices: £4.00 per ticket.

Tickets will be available shortly from Student Reception.

Involving students from all year groups, rehearsals are well on the way and the costume preparations are now continuing, so make sure to go along and watch the show!







YouTube Toughens Ad Payment... AGAIN

YouTube has once again enforced stricter criteria for advert pay-outs. Not too long ago they tightened the criteria but it has been changed even more now. YouTubers will now need to have 1,000 subscribers and more than 4,000 hours of their content viewed by others within the past 12 months.

They are now also manually reviewing all content part of the Google Preferred programme.

What is Google Preferred? Well, it lets brands pay extra to attach their adverts to the top 5% of videos most popular with 18 to 34 year-olds.





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History This Week

Alastair Niclair

1945

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announces the end of the war in Europe following Germany's surrender.

1994

Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela is sworn in as the first black president of South Africa.

1787

The 'First Fleet' carrying convicts sets sail for Australia, where it will set up the first penal colony.

BBC History On This Day Site: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/bj.bl.story-





House News

Matthew Godfrey

Module 3

Once again this module, despite how short it is, there will be a wide range of House Events to push your scores even higher.

Current Events:

- New Year Resolution Haikus (Due 26th Feb)
- Lincoln Row (22nd and 25th January)
- Pet Selfie- Staff and students! (due 19th Feb)

For More Information, See LSST home page and email

News:

Congratulations to Robert Gough (sixth form) for winning the Flashback Friday competition. We are hoping to make a Quiz Night and more competitions for sixth form.

Well done to castile for their lead at the moment. But Avalon are catching up! Keep up the hard work Alexandria and Sempringham!

<u>House</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Student	569	1056
Alexandria	Form	300	
	Staff	187	
	Student	654	1279
Avalon	Form	390	
	Staff	235	
	Student	678	1288
Castille	Form	389	
	Staff	221	
	Student	696	1187
Sempringham	Form	286	
	Staff	205	





Animal of the Week

Josh Lavin



J is For...

Javanese Cormorant

The little cormorant (*Microcarbo niger*) is a member of the cormorant seabirds. Slightly smaller than the Indian cormorant it lacks a peaked head and has a shorter beak. It is widely distributed across the Indian Subcontinent and extends east to

Java, where it is sometimes called the Javanese cormorant. It forages singly or sometimes in loose groups in lowland freshwater bodies, including small ponds, large lakes, streams and sometimes coastal estuaries. Like other cormorants, it is often found perched on a waterside rock with its wings spread out after coming out of the water. The entire body is black in the breeding season but the plumage is brownish, and the throat has a small whitish patch in the non-breeding season. These birds breed gregariously in trees, often joining other water-birds at heronries.







Young Writers Competition

Amelia Sackley

National Writing Contest

For anyone that is interested in becoming a writer one day this could be your big chance! A national writing competition for a chance to tickets to the new show 'Wicked' in London.

There are three categories in age, for fiction the 11-14, the 15-17 and the 18-25; if there are some older people that would like to do an essay on a subject, then there is the group of 15-25. There is a limit on 750 words, any subject and all subjects are welcome. The deadline is Monday 12th March.

So if you want the chance to win the tickets to see 'Wicked' I suggest you start writing!





Local News

Sophie Harrison

Met Office warns that Lincolnshire is set to face nine hours of treacherous winds as the week goes on

It has been forecast that harsh winds of up to 70 miles per hour will sweep through Lincolnshire throughout the remainder of the week as a wind storm passes over the east of England. Storms have already caused snow and ice in parts of Britain this week, and they're set to continue to provide dangerous driving conditions and more snow later on.

The Met Office recently decided to issue a yellow warning for Lincolnshire and other places within the East Midlands in order to make people aware of the forecast weather conditions. Preparing for the worst, the Met Office declared that the violent wind may lead to bridges closing, power cuts and could even endanger those who aren't aware of the risks.

Their official statement was that "strong winds will affect parts of the UK early on Thursday. Road, rail and ferry services may be affected, with longer journey times and cancellations." They later went on to say "some bridges may close" and "power cuts may occur". The Met Office also warned of "injuries and danger to life from flying debris".

Many have said that this storm will later become known as Storm Georgina, and it originated after Storm Fionn, which caused significant snowfall in parts of Scotland, Northern Ireland and North England. It is said that the northern edge of the weather front may see the coldest temperatures.

A forecaster from The Weather Channel, Claire Kennedy-Edwards, announced, "Another low will move into Ireland overnight and this could be named Storm Georgina. Between 7-10cms of snow is predicted over 200m with 10-15cms over 300m across northeast England."



Courage and Courtesy





500 Word Story Competition

Ariana Gopee



BBC Radio 2 Short Story Competition:

We'd like to bring your attention to the 500-Word story competition that is currently going on. The best stories will be read out by famous actors on BBC 2!

You can type up your entry and send it to Mrs Allen at the library, who will read them and submit them for you.

Unfortunately, the competition is only for children aged thirteen and under. But you can always enter the 'Wicked!' National Young Writers competition instead!

This short story competition ends on Wednesday 21st February 2018!

Good luck writers!







Jamie Oliver urges Government to ban selling energy drinks to children

Just recently Jamie Oliver, a well known chef, has urged the government to stop selling energy drinks to children under the age of 16. He asked the government, "If the energy drink industry is literally telling us their products are 'not recommended for children' on the cans, why can kids as young as 10 buy them whenever they want?"

Recently, it has come to attention that energy drinks may be the cause of poor scholastic performance as 67% of teenagers and 24% of children under 10 consume energy drinks in the UK. People in the UK urgently need the Government to step up and put age restrictions on the sale of energy drinks to all under the age of 16.

Mr. Oliver thinks that we should pay attention to the guidance that already exists on many energy cans that specifically state that the product is not suitable for children. "Schools do all that they can to provide an environment conducive to learning, but they cant control what's on sale beyond the school gates.

If the Government is serious about protecting children, it needs to put their interests before the profits of the energy drinks industry and ban the sale of these harmful products to under 16's," said Jamie.





