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Editor's Letter

Sophie Harrison

Hello,

True to form, this week has been very busy, especially with this year's school show, 'Into The Woods', fast approaching. Weeks of rehearsals will finally come together for the performance in February and tickets will be on sale soon for those who wish to buy tickets. Good luck to everybody who is part of the cast!

New house events have also been introduced, including the Rubik's Cube Race. For those who are interested make sure to check your emails to find out more. The competition is open to everyone, so even staff can choose to participate. Form captain and academy council meetings will also happen throughout the week, so make sure to find out more information from your form tutors if you are involved in these.

The Year 10s sat their R.E mock exams earlier this week. Good luck to everyone who will be receiving their results over the next few weeks.

Parent's Evening for Year 10 will also take place this Thursday.

Have a good week,

Sophie 😊



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House News

Zineb Mhammedi Alaoui

There are continuing to be an accumulation of house event opportunities to take part in this module.

Speedily approaching are the events which will maximise participation points and house point since they are targeted at all years across the school; some include the Lincoln Row which hopes to encourage any one from all years to take part in some physical activity of which is vital for all students. In the technology department there is a house competition available for the food technology interested students and/or catering for pupils who have a passion for baking and cooking, which has the theme of Valentine's Day. In continuation of the Valentines Day theme there will be a Valentines day Kahoot taking place on the 14th of February.

Furthermore, a non-related Valentines Day competition will be available for all years of which a Rubik's Cube competition, this seems appealing to all those aspiring to improve your Rubik's cube abilities or may as well appeal to skilled, and well experienced people who are very fond of the Rubik's cube.

Finally, with regards to the house competitions which are available for all years to participate in, as always there will be a quiz sent out to all forms for the participation of form members and students to take part in.

In Year 7, there will be a large bench ball house event taking place on the 8th of February of which will involve all students within year 7. So year 7's look forward to that and may the best house win!

In the 6th form on a weekly basis there is a Flashback Friday challenge which provides flashbacks onto the past of 6th formers. There is also a curry and quiz night taking place on the 31st of January which is rapidly approaching, we are hoping for maximised participation in this event from the sixth formers

Finally, with regards to the School Library associated competitions and events there is the creative house competition which involves writing an anonymous kind note for a close friend or relative. This house creative writing competition is inspired by a proven to be very popular young adult author amongst the school library; Holly Bourne.



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Word of the Week

Joshua Lavin



Rubiginous

‘Rust coloured’



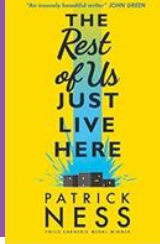
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Book of the Week

Elena Newbrook



The Rest of Us just Live Here... by Patrick Ness

When a story is told it is based upon the main character. If that be a character with powers, a unnatural life or even something like they have a tail. But what happens to everyone else live among this character? The rest of us just live here is a book about just that. Telling two stories at once we get the perspective from the hero and the group of normal teenagers.

However when the hero is killed, it is up to the normal teens to come in as the hero of the story. With mysteries to solve and a life to for fill, how will these teenagers cope?

The book is recommended by almost everyone with a rating of 3.7 on www.goodreads.com and a glowing review from The Guardian, who compare it to a zombie superhero film!



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National News

Sijin Wang



As we all know, the recent weather hasn't been very pleasant. This bad weather may have disrupted your way to school and back. All this bad weather certainly affects vehicle travel. Although cold weathers can be fun with all the wonderful ice and snow, these snowflakes have cancelled railway lines and caused delays. Even airlines have been delayed at Manchester Airport.

But don't be pessimistic- there'll be a snowfall between Wednesday 23rd January 18:00 GMT and Thursday 24th January 11:00 GMT, so they predict. So fingers crossed for that white, white snow. Don't be too excited, I bet it won't be enough to stay off school. I say that because even with this much snow about the High Wycombe Race is still on!



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Science News

Matthew Chaudhary



An end to malaria?

Malaria is one of the biggest killers of humans in the world. But scientist have way to end this disease, and it involves genetically engineering an entire population.

The idea is to genetically modify some mosquitos, so that they are immune to the malaria parasite. However, just doing this would not work, as only half of the offspring would carry the gene. However, a new technology called the gene drive could allow scientist to make the gene always dominant, 99% of the offspring would have immunity. Malaria has no other carriers, so would probably die out.



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Film of the Week

James Ghest



Vice

'Vice' is an American biographical comedy-drama film, directed by Adam McKay. It stars Christian Bale alongside Amy Adams, Steve Carell, Sam Rockwell, Tyler Perry, Alison Pill, and Jesse Plemons. It follows the life of Dick Cheney, the former US Vice President under George W Bush from 2001 to 2009. Cheney famously became one of the most powerful people to ever hold the position, having a lot of influence over the country's foreign policy, including America's response to the September 11th Terrorist attacks.

The film begins with Cheney's early life and follows his work under various past presidents, as well as his personal life. It then goes on to cover his 2000 presidential run and his time as Vice President.

The film was released to mixed reviews, with some critics praising its political satire, but others criticising the almost comic-book villain style depiction of Cheney, as well as the troubled pacing. However, Christian Bale's performance was universally acclaimed, earning him a Golden Globe for Best Actor – Musical or Comedy as well as a nomination for best actor at the 91st Golden Globes.



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Non-Fiction Book of the Week

Orlagh Oldfield



'Becoming' by Michelle Obama

This week, the non fiction book of the week is becoming it is a autobiography by Michelle Obama. The book is her life story and it goes from when she was a child to now. She talks about when she was living alone in a big city and her feelings about her husband – Barack Obama becoming the President of the United States.

This book is highly recommended by many and people and it is rated 4.5-5 stars. Everyone who has read this book thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mrs Palmer thinks it is amazing because it is not too political and it provides a fascinating insight of the family life inside the White House. Anyone who is interested in finding out about Michelle Obama will enjoy it even if they aren't interested by politics. It is brand new to the library so you will be able to find it there.



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Technology Breakdown

Alistair Niclair

Apple Sales and Profit Decline

Last year, the sales of iPhones decreased by a small amount but the average selling price has dramatically increased. The reason behind this is fewer people are buying iPhones, which make up two thirds of their revenue, for several reasons.

The first being that iPhones are becoming more and more expensive, the XS Max now costing over £1000 and most contracts costing around £60 per month. The second reason is that older iPhones are still good enough for the needs of most people and are lasting longer than ever. For example, their best selling phone, the iPhone 6, which sold around 220 million units, has a very good camera and is adequate for people who don't want to spend thousands on a phone.

In this way, Apple is being killed by their own success. Furthermore, Apple is trying to appeal to a market which can't afford their cheapest phone which costs £560 in India, a country where the average yearly salary is only £470.



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Editor's Letter

Sophie Harrison

Hello,

After Christmas and New Year celebrations, students have returned to school this week with high spirits. True to form, this week has been as busy as ever with rehearsals for the school show, Into the Woods, well underway and new house events being introduced, such as the 'Kindness is Contagious' creative writing competition. For those who are interested in creative writing or want to earn points for their house, make sure to check your emails to find out more. The county cross country is also fast approaching, as the date for the event is Saturday 19th January. This module, the Year 10s will also have their first R.E mock, which is set for the 21st January. A charity book sale in aid of the school's selected charity Aquabox has also taken place in the library this week.

Have a good week,

Sophie ☺



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Library News

Zineb Mhammedi Alaoui

Tying in with the start of a new module always come the new exciting and fascinating competitions, especially the Library Competitions. This module there is a new creative writing competition open for entries with the theme regarding the topic of KINDNESS. The theme of kindness within the creative writing competition is nicely inspired and correlated to a Young Adult fiction author; Holly Bourne. Her books have proven to be immensely popular amongst the School Library and the kindness is one of her main prevalent themes throughout her books.

The main idea of the creative writing competition entails writing an anonymous kind note to a friend or close relative/family member expressing your love and moral support to that certain individual. Once completed the entry will be needed to be added to the KINDNESS display in the library before the proposed deadline of Friday 25th January. Remember to label your name onto it but make sure not to include the name of whom the kindness note regards. As always House points will be awarded for participation in the House events and additionally some prizes will be awarded for most eloquent and compassionate notes.

Furthermore, there is a very inviting Pom-Pom making club taking place in the School Library throughout Friday lunchtimes during the course of this module. It is especially tempting to take part in the club when it's cold or dark outside and the weather is not in your favours, it seems appealing to sit indoors, in the warmth, and relax during your lunchtimes while enjoying some cosy wool crafts.



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Word of the Week

Joshua Lavin



Ragamuffin

A 'Ragamuffin' is a person, typically a child, in rags or dirty clothing but is also known as an exponent or follower of 'Ragga', typically one dressing in scruffy clothes. 'Ragga' is a subgenre of dancehall and reggae music often using an electric theme in their songs. There is also the Ragamuffin; a breed of domestic cat identifiable via it's friendliness and thick, rabbit-like fur.



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Local News

Sophie Harrison

Lincoln is set to feature on the popular series *The Grand Tour* after Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May, the popular Amazon series' presenters, visited Lincoln's historic cathedral last October and filmed there. It has been revealed on *The Grand Tour* social media channels that it will return on Prime Video on January 18th.

On Facebook, a statement revealed "We're excited to announce that we have renewed the *Grand Tour* for season four and proud that Prime Video will continue to be the home for Jeremy, Richard and James for years to come. Season four will see the guys ditch the tent to take on big adventure road trips that we know Prime members love."

The Lincolnshire Showground was also reportedly the venue for some scenes.

In the fourth series, many viewers will be looking forward to the hosts visiting a wider variety of locations across the globe, such as Johannesburg, South Africa, where *The Grand Tour* has previously visited.



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Animal of the Week

Joshua Lavin



B is For... Bonobo

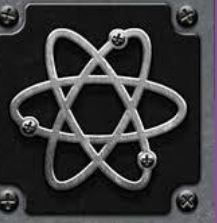


The bonobo, also called the pygmy chimpanzee and less often, the dwarf or gracile chimpanzee, is an endangered great ape and one of the two species making up the genus *Pan* (the other being the common chimpanzee). They also share 97% of DNA with humans.



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Science News

Matthew Chaudhary



“Universe Splitter” App

A new app has been released to help people make decisions, based on the Many Worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics. Here’s how it works. The many worlds theory states that when a quantum particle can be in one of many states, a new universe will be created for every different possible state. You type two decisions into the app, which contacts a machine with a particle that can be in two possible states. The state that occurs in this universe is sent back to the app, giving you a random outcome, with a different state (and therefore a different decision) in a different universe. However, universes are not able to contact one another, so you only really get one of the options.



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Film of the Week

James Ghest



The Favourite

'The Favourite' is a historical period drama film directed by Yorgos Lanthimos and written by Deborah Davis and Tony McNamara. It follows the conflict between two cousins who are each trying to win the affection of Queen Anne in the early 18th century. It stars Olivia Colman, Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz alongside Nicholas Hoult, Joe Alwyn, James Smith and Mark Gatiss.

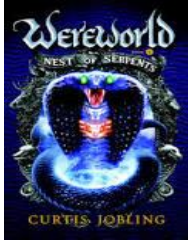
The film premiered at 75th Venice International Film Festival on 30 August 2018, where it won two awards: the Grand Jury Prize and the Volpi Cup for Best Actress for Colman. It was then released theatrically on 1st January. It has received critical acclaim, with a 94% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Praise was directed towards its screenplay, direction, cinematography, music, costume design, production values, and the performances of the three leads.

Some people have noted the historical inaccuracies of the film, most notably the fact that most historians agree that it was unlikely that Queen Anne was actually a homosexual.



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Book Buzz

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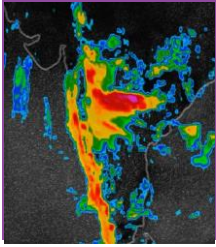
On Friday the 7th December, Year 7 had the fantastic opportunity to meet Curtis Jobling, the author who has written books such as the Were World series featuring books including Storm of Sharks and Rage of Lions. He has also written Haunt: Dead Wrong and Haunt: Dead Scared which were the books that brought him to us. He has also designed two popular children's television characters – Ra Ra the Lion and Bob the Builder!

When he was here, he talked about his books and his past as an author and illustrator. He told stories from the times when he worked on Wallace and Gromit and played games with year 7. After, we split up into groups and did activities to do with our book of choice, the people with the best book cover designs, blurbs and diaries were given a prize.



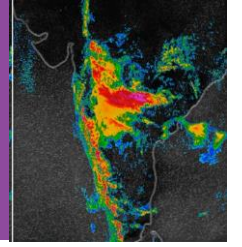
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Technology Breakdown

Alistair Niclair



Biggest Items at CES 2019

The Consumer Electronics Show (CES) is one of the largest tech shows of the year with plenty of tech on display including a smart piece of wood, a loveable pet robot and folding TVs.

Ring, Amazon's smart doorbell brand have released a new doorbell which can fit around an existing peep-hole. It's aimed at renters who might not be able to drill holes in the wall.

IBM have developed a tool using their supercomputers which enables extremely detailed, hourly weather reports to be given to parts of the world such as Africa where weather reports would previously only be every 6-12 hours. This could be a transformative tool for farmers in places with under-developed infrastructure. See above for before and after.

LG have announced an enormous 88 inch, 8K folding TV which rolls up into a box when not in use. This is the first TV of its kind so there is few 8K media available to play however it also optimises 4K video to make it look even better.



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