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Bulletin Board

Upcoming Dates

January

4th-5th - INSET Days

6th - Back to School

17th - Year 9 Parents Evening

31st - Year 11 Parents Evening

February

8th - Year 9 Options Evening

12th - Break up for Half-term

Shout out to...

Zara Whittamore, Amelie Hunter and Martha Hodgson from year 11 for earning places on the England Under 16 Player Pathway.

Year 7 Halloween Disco

On November 7th, Year 7s flocked to school to celebrate Halloween. From Dinos to Mario's, some of the costumes were certainly unique. Alongside refreshments, there were games ranging from guessing sweets in the jar up to the mummy wrap competition. All of those who attended had a very enjoyable night, including the sixth formers, who ran it so well, from selling sweets to leading the YMCA. The total amount raised from the disco came to £252, all of which will be going to a very special local charity. Bags for Blessings is a local charity founded in 2018, which aims to allow those who are less well off in society to have an equally good time at this special time of year. Bags for Blessings have said that the money raised by the Halloween Disco will fund items for teenage boys, as this is a category that gets the fewest donations. The work of everyone who either attended or assisted in the running of the disco has resulted in people in Nottingham having a smile on their face during this festive season.

Remembrance

On the 11th of November 1918, World War One ended. 105 years later, we are still remembering and honouring those who fell, not only in World War One, but all of those who have died in the line of duty since then. The Kimberley School and the surrounding areas have all partaken in events for Remembrance Day.

Day

these poppies and felt inspired to write what is now considered one of the most famous war poems. The poem, in turn, inspired Moina Michael, an American academic, who campaigned to adopt the poppy as the official symbol of remembrance. The Royal British Legion then ordered nine million poppies and sold them for the first time on the 11th of November 1921.

Battlefields Trip

During the first week of the October half-term, the history department took 64 Year 9 students to Northern France and Belgium for the annual Battlefields trip. Three areas were focused on during the trip: The Somme, Arras and Ypres, all three were sites of major WWI battles.



Poppy display

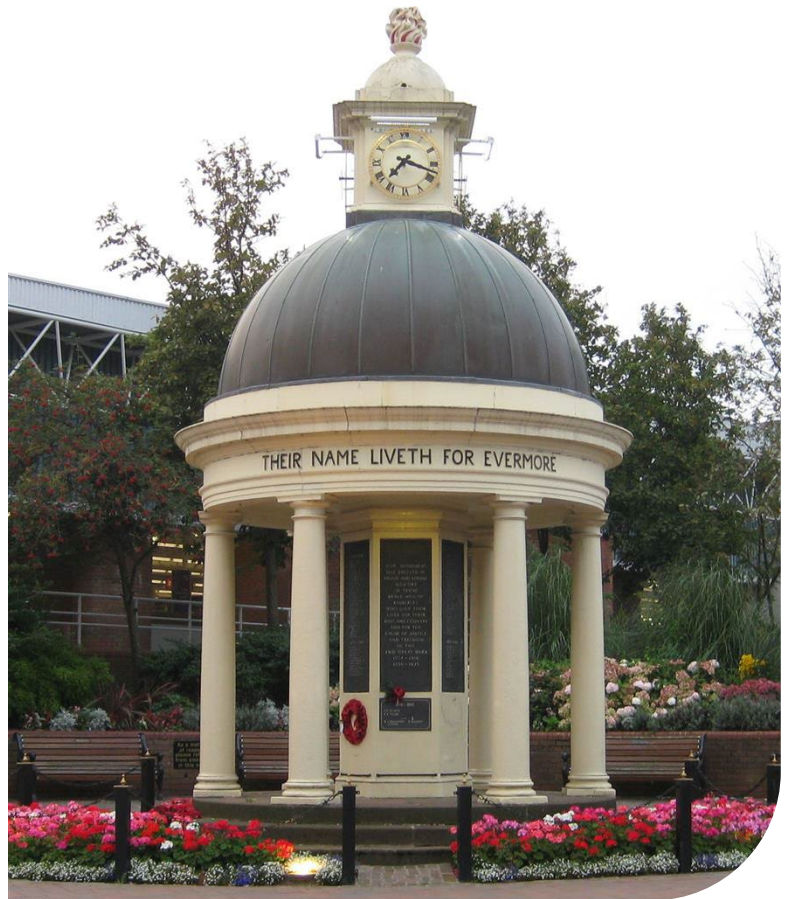
This year, an art installation was created and hung up in the courtyard of the school, where the war memorials are situated. It featured poppies that were cut out and personalised by each student from both the school and the Sixth Form, as well as all members of staff. Everyone wrote a personalised message about what remembrance means to them. Poppies themselves became a symbol of remembrance for many different reasons. They were a common sight on the Western Front, amongst the barren land that had been destroyed by fighting. A famous example of poppies growing in these harsh conditions was Flanders Field, which is also the title of a poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. McCrae was moved by the sight of



A day was spent in the Somme region, visiting many places, including Newfoundland Memorial Park (which contains preserved trenches that students walked in) and Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. The Battle of the Somme itself was one of the most fatal and costly battles of World War One, lasting 5 months. British troops lost 57,470 men during the battle and the Germans lost between 10,000-12,000 troops.

The Wellington Quarry, which is 22m underground, is situated in Arras. It was used as an underground 'city' for the British and the New Zealanders. Students and staff visited this quarry, before looking around the city of Arras itself. The trip to the 'underground city' is very relevant to the GCSE History curriculum. The underground hospital of Arras is covered in the Medicine on the Western Front section of the course, where they took care of wounded soldiers. The hospital was created in the tunnels of the Wellington Quarry.

The city of Ypres saw three major battles in 1914, 1915 and 1917. Students spent a day in and around Ypres, visiting Tyne Cot Cemetery (which has the most war graves in the world), as well as a trench network. They also visited the Menen Gate



Local parade

Outside of school, local communities including Kimberley and Nuthall held their own parades on Remembrance Sunday. Kimberley's parade, which started at the Holy Trinity Church, included members from 2nd Kimberley Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Smiley Explorers group and 1st and 2nd Kimberley Girlguiding groups. Wreaths were laid by these groups, as well as on behalf of the Kimberley School and Sixth Form and other businesses and organisations in the area, including the British Legion and the local council. In Nuthall, the 1st Nuthall Girls Brigade, 32nd Nottingham Boys Brigade, the Nuthall Methodist Church, 1st Nuthall Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, the local council and local primary schools (Mornington, Horsendale, Larkfields) were all present.

I'd like to thank Mr Tuck for his contribution to the article and for arranging the poppy display.

Molly McGinley



DAY OF THE DEAD

Dia de los Muertos

The 'Day of the Dead' is an annual festival that is widely celebrated throughout Mexico and is a time for families to congregate at graveyards and welcome back the souls of their deceased loved ones for a brief reunion. On Thursday 2nd of November this year, people's homes were filled with vibrant decorations, lavish feasts and traditional music. As part of the festivities, families create offerings, also known as 'ofrendas' in honour of their departed. These alters are typically decorated with bright yellow marigold flowers, photos of the dead and contain some of their favourite items (e.g. food and drink). These offerings are believed to encourage visits from the land of the dead as departed souls can hear the music and smell their food. However, the most important gesture of all is candlelight, without it the spirits could not find the path to the land of the living.



Origins

The festival combines indigenous Aztec rituals with Catholicism and dates back over 3000 years, to some of the rituals honouring the dead in pre-Colombian Mesoamerica. According to this tradition the gates of heaven are opened for 24 hours only, and the spirits of children and adults can rejoin their families as guests of honour. Although its origin is a traditional Mexican festivity, it has gained popularity around the world in places such as London. This year restaurants and bars contributed by throwing parties and events for not only locals but also tourists. One of the larger parties thrown was by 'tacos El pastor' famous for its Mexican cuisine.

Did you know?

During the day of the dead, life-size papier-mâché skeletons as well as miniature ones are everywhere, and they can be doing all sorts of out of the ordinary poses such as playing guitar or even taking a bath. But why? Although the festival is about honouring ancestors, people are also reminding themselves that death is just a part of life. The abundance of skeletons during the celebration allows people to accept that this will be their fate someday but not to worry as their families too will welcome their spirits home.



DIWALI

Diwali is a major festival celebrating the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and the start of new beginnings for millions of people of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths. Each religion has a different interpretation of what Diwali means to them. For example, Hindus in northern India celebrate the return of deities Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-day exile. Whilst in Nepal, people celebrate lord Krishna's victory over the wicked king Narakaasura.

How do people celebrate Diwali?

Traditionally people clean their homes on the first day of the festival known as Dhanteras and then proceed to decorate them with colourful rangoli designs (patterns made using colourful powders), lighting Diya's and displaying lights around their house but it is also a time of exchanging gifts between family members and wishing good fortune on your loved ones, neighbours, and communities. However, the most common form of celebrating Diwali, is praying and leaving offerings to gods and goddesses like Lakshmi the Hindu goddess of wealth. The lights and lamps are said to help her find her way into peoples homes, bringing prosperity in the year to come!



This year Diwali take place over five days from the 10th of November to the 14th of November with the main event on Sunday the 12th. Celebrations aren't just limited to India; communities worldwide take part in Diwali. In the Uk, the city of Leicester has one of the largest celebrations with tens of thousands of people gathering to get involved in everything from dance to fireworks, food, and fashion. Hindus living outside of India gather at place of worship called mandirs to leave offerings to deities and celebrate as a community.

Did you know?

The word Diwali is derived from the Sanskrit word Deepavali meaning 'row of lighted lamps'.



MOVEMBER

November has become increasingly important for the discussion of men's mental health with the prevalence of movements such as Movember and International Men's Day which take place in November (Movember lasting the whole month and International Men's Day taking place on November 19th). These movements are both vital for the awareness of men's mental health in the present day, an issue which seems to be so heavily laced with negative stigmas and connotations. As a result, 69% of global suicide deaths are male- according to Movember. It is clear that more still needs to be done to spread awareness about men's mental health and destigmatise mental health as a whole by supporting movements such as Movember and International Men's Day to show men everywhere, they are not alone, they can speak about mental health and don't have to suffer in silence.

Movember have long become synonymous for their symbol of the moustache and men across the world growing them to show support for the cause. From their humble beginnings in 2003, Movember has since grown into a global movement across 19 countries and funding 1,300 men's health projects. Movember's role in men's mental health is to provide help and information to men perhaps struggling with their mental health and focusing on preventing suicides, an alarming issue in the UK as 3 in 4 suicides in Britain are by men. Movember tackle this issue with education: helping men to look after their mental wellbeing and taking action; promoting 'conversations that matter' which works toward a world where men and boys are comfortable talking about mental health;

providing services which help men navigate difficult points in their life; and advocating for men's mental health by demanding action from those in power to understand the struggles faced by men in society.

In the UK, Movember have started multiple projects all focussed on mental health such as "Ahead of the game"- a mental health programme aimed mainly at teenagers and delivered through local sport clubs. Movember has become an important and familiar voice in promoting positive conversation on mental health in recent years and their action regarding men's mental health serves as a strong and emphatic message for men globally.

Every year on the 19th of November, the UK and 55 other countries observe International Men's Day: a movement designed to the promote three core themes: "making a difference to the wellbeing and lives if men and boys, raising awareness and funds for charities supporting men's wellbeing, and promoting a positive conversation about men, manhood and masculinity". Since its inception in 1992, International Men's Day has evolved into a movement designed to tackle hard-hitting issues such as increasing male suicide rates, the marginalisation of men and boys in society, male victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse or rape, and the sometimes negative portrayal of men, boys and fathers in society.



INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

As well as these main themes and messages, each year has a specific focus. In 2023, the theme was titled "Zero male suicide" dedicated to tackle the high male suicide rate experienced across the UK as well as globally and to promote positive conversations of men's mental health. International Men's Day's role in the discussion of mental health amongst men and the promotion of positive male role models in society has become vital to tackling issues such as suicide and make mental health a topic in which all men can freely discuss their feelings and experiences.



If you or anyone else is struggling with their mental health, remember you are not alone and there are so many different ways to help with mental health. Be it talking about how you are feeling with someone you trust or services such as ChildLine, going outside for exercise or just a walk, or even just taking a break from tasks causing you stress so you can tackle them with a fresh mindset, there are so many ways you can prioritise your mental health and wellbeing no matter what you are experiencing in your life.

Thomas Graham

Jack Bamford GC



Former Kimberley School student Jack Bamford, sadly passed away on the 2nd of November.

Jack Bamford was the youngest recipient of the George Cross at aged 15. He was awarded the George Cross, which is the highest civilian decoration, for saving his family from a fire on the night of the 19th of October 1952. He faced severe burns to his face and back while saving his two younger brothers and was at the front of the line when the Queen held the investiture on the 10th of March 1953.

He then worked at his father's vehicle and scrap metal business until he retired to Cornwall in 1991 before returning to Awsworth in 1997 where he lived with his family until his death.

The title 'Bonfire Night' is written in a large, black, cursive font. The word 'Bonfire' is on the top line and 'Night' is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by colorful illustrations of fireworks in red, blue, and yellow, along with several yellow four-pointed stars. The background is white.

Bonfire Night

Arrested and taken to the Tower of London in 1605, a guy named 'John Johnson' is interrogated and tortured until he gives up his true identity: Guy Fawkes. But what does a Spanish Catholic's attempt to kill a British king have to do with an integral part of British culture? At the time, religious tensions were high, following the dissolution of the monasteries between 1536 and 1541, and the creation of the Church of England by Henry VIII. But even after this religion was not consistent. Catholicism was a particular issue in the Stuart era, and a string of Catholic leaning monarchs was inevitably going to lead to religious instability. So, the prevention of a Catholic attack of the Protestant king was potentially what the country needed to define itself as a Protestant nation.

How, and why, did people celebrate bonfire night in the past?

The prevention of the blowing up of parliament was the biggest display of counterterrorism this country has ever seen, according to The Conversation. So, understandably, this is celebrated. But for most, it is seen as a time to get together, as opposed to a celebration of this monumental occasion. 1605 was the first year the plot's failure was celebrated with King James I allowing bonfires so long they were without disorder. The 5th of November became a day of thanksgiving. In Nottingham, as well as other settlements, town governments provided music and artillery salutes for the festivities. was a heavily politicised event, as people used it as a tool to increase anti-Catholic sentiment. By the Victorian era, the day was known as Guy Fawkes Day, which had since before been frowned upon, with the police making shows of force to discourage people from carrying out celebrations. However, by the 1870s, celebrations became regulated, allowing them to take place. Lewes was most well-

known for their riotous celebrations and annual gala shows, marking the event. Firework manufacturers in 1910 branded the day as 'Fireworks Night', which saw their sales increase by 20%. Fireworks Night became synonymous with Guy Fawkes Day by the 1950s, as community events became more common, which increased the sales of rockets and Catherine wheels. In fact, until 1959, it was illegal to not celebrate Bonfire Night. Children often congregated on street corners with their own models of Guy Fawkes, often shouting "penny for the Guy" in the hopes of collecting money. However, these models were mainly made to put on the bonfire.

Why do people celebrate Bonfire Night nowadays?

For some, the thought of Bonfire Night conjures memories of private gatherings, friends or family brought together for a small, low-key fireworks display, and nothing more. Others will reminisce about events held by local councils, with stalls, firework displays and even a bonfire. This year, very few people were able to access a Bonfire Night celebration, and therefore, the number of **10**

people celebrating Bonfire Night has decreased. But, for what reason do people attend these events anyway? Is it a want to cling onto the nostalgia of the past, when Bonfire Night was a night of colour and joy? Do people have a herd mentality, where they celebrate it just because that is what everyone does? If it is the latter, that certainly takes away some significance, as no one is celebrating it for what it is, and are instead using it as another excuse for a gathering.

Should we stop celebrating it?

Nottingham is amongst the likes of Glasgow and Cardiff that have cancelled city-wide Bonfire Night celebrations due to funding restrictions. BBC News projected this year's celebrations to cost £60,000, double what it cost in 2019. 2023 was the fourth year that Nottingham City Council have cancelled the event, influenced by both the COVID-19 pandemic and the current cost of living crisis. This meant an event, that had been attended by many over the years, was once again called off, with no plans to continue the event currently. Of course, in 2020 and 2021, Bonfire Night events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as social gatherings larger than six were prohibited. It is possible that the cancellation of the events in these years played a role in the cancellation of the events in more recent years, with councils deciding that there are more pressing things to spend their budget on. This links to the current cost of living crisis, that started in late 2021, as everyone, the public and councils alike, has tightened their purse strings to save money for more essential things. People may not be able to afford tickets to events like Bonfire Night if they cannot even afford food or heating, therefore contributing to declining numbers at Bonfire Night events. With Nottingham City Council declaring itself bankrupt, they can only spend their money on essential services, meaning they no longer have the funding to run events like Bonfire Night. Also, with the cost-of-living crisis, funding would be much better spent on tackling

Molly McGinley

issues like the record numbers of people using food banks or how people are freezing in their homes because they can't afford heating. Events like Bonfire Night are ones that bring communities together, which currently seems to be quite difficult.

Are we losing the meaning of bonfire night?

The day used to be significant as a celebration of England's defeat of Catholicism; a show of English power against an attack on our monarchy, but does that even cross people's minds when they are celebrating nowadays? The original meaning is steeped in religious tensions of the era, but with a decline of religion in England, and religious freedom now, there does not seem to be the same significance as there was over 400 years ago. Religious freedom was non-existent during the rule of James I, with laws preventing Catholics from practising their religion, and fines for people who failed to attend Church of England services. However, in the 21st century, there exists complete religious freedom, with laws protecting the freedom for people to choose their own beliefs and against discrimination for religion. Surely, it seems counterintuitive to celebrate an event that is fundamentally against a religion (as the first celebrations celebrated a victory against the Catholics) with the level of religious freedom we have nowadays. This links back to a herd mentality about the celebration of Bonfire Night, as people don't seem to consider the history and significance behind the day. If people don't appreciate the meaning behind it anymore, surely, it has lost its meaning in the modern day. Bonfire Night becomes more and more commercialised, with less and less connection to its roots within religion and politics. With rising cost of living, and a decline in people attending celebrations, is it time to let go of these traditions and leave them in the past once and for all, along with the religious intolerance that is intrinsically attached to it?



BBC Children in Need

All the money raised, whether coming in non-uniform, or throwing sponges at teachers, has gone to this amazing charity and will help make a young person's life a bit easier as they adapt to the change in their life. The total amount raised from The Kimberley School was an amazing £2800.00. The work of Children In Need cannot be understated, and is an extremely important charity, so a massive thank-you to all those involved from the Kimberley Column.

Sam Gensler-Woodcock

On November 17th, The Kimberley School arrived in non-uniform to celebrate and raise money for BBC Children in Need. A charity celebrated on a national scale, there were many events taking place across the school throughout the day. From attempting to win a signed football, to buying cakes, and even spectating Fight Club, the staff and students had a great day, and it was very well-organized by the 6th formers. Children in Need is a designated charity designed to raise money to fund individual charities, clubs, support and events across the United Kingdom, helping children who have been exposed to tragic experiences in life.



World Mental Health Day

10th Oct 

What is World Mental Health Day?

What is its history?

World Mental Health Day takes place every year on the 10th of October. It has existed since 1992, meaning it is a relatively new event. It aims to educate everyone on issues surrounding mental health whilst raising awareness of the difficulties that people face in talking about their mental health.

The organisation that created World Mental Health Day is known as the World Federation for Mental Health. It was founded in 1948 in London, originally having representatives from 46 countries. Now, 90 countries from all over the world are involved with the organisation. It has similar goals to World Mental Health Day as it wants to prevent people from suffering from mental health by making sure that everyone is aware of how they can improve the way that they are feeling and how they can deal with possible mental health problems.

The first two mental health days did not have a specific focus; it was simply for raising awareness for talking about mental health. Since 1994, each day has had a theme. Themes have included 1997's Children and Mental Health, 2011's The Great Push: Investing in Mental Health and 2017's Mental Health and the Workplace. The theme of the day also helps to raise awareness for specific issues. In 1997, the theme would have encouraged people to consider the mental health of children and what they can do in order to improve it.

Successes of World Mental Health Day

In 2018, the Prime Minister Theresa May appointed a Minister for Suicide Prevention on World Mental Health Day, meaning that government action could be focused on helping people in severe mental health crises,

potentially helping to save lives. However, many of the benefits of World Mental Health Day are difficult to measure, as they include things such as letting people know that it is okay to talk or that support for mental health is available.

Why is World Mental Health Day important?

Mental health is very important for staying fit and healthy, but until relatively recently it was not viewed as something that needed to be dealt with in the same way that physical health was. In the past, people were told to 'suck it up' if they were feeling depressed or unwell. For example, soldiers who were suffering from what we would now call PTSD but was known as 'shellshock' during World War One, were often punished for showing cowardice. Although the situation has improved much since the First World War, there are still many issues for people who are struggling with mental health. In many of the world's poorer areas, there is still a lack of funding and services for mental health, leaving many people without the support that they need. Even in richer countries, awareness and acceptance could still be improved. 1/8 people in the world suffer from a form of mental health issue or disorder, so we need to do more in order to further progress in mental health.

Mental Health Day 2023

Mental Health Day 2023 had the theme of 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'. The Day wants to inform everyone that they have the right as a person to good mental health. This recognises the fact that not everyone has access to proper mental health support and that lots of people still are disfavoured because of their difficulties surrounding mental health.

Young People in Politics



Why should I care about Politics?

Politics affects us all. As students, we are affected by education policies, age-restrictive laws such as vaping, and local area changes and the parts of our life affected by politics only grows as we get older. It is important to care about politics because it literally controls the world around us. Especially as young people, laws and policies currently being debated by the government will be things that go on to affect us in the future, so by showing an interest now we can help change our own policies before it is too late. It also allows you to use your vote in an informed way, so it does not go to waste, and you can make the changes you wish to see for our country's government. Finally, as young people we are still looking at career options and what we want to do in life. A great option for careers is politics, including as a politician, councillor, journalist, civil servant, and many more. By learning about and showing an interest towards politics, you open yourself up to more career opportunities and choices that may not be an option with a lack of political understanding.

How to stay politically informed

When reaching out the local young councillors William Mee and Chris Carr for comments, they both named many great ways to stay politically informed. Councillor Carr suggested that, for an ever-changing generation, social media is 'a great way of gaining different perspectives for a wider group of people,' as well as traditional outlets like newspapers and news shows. However, do remember that when using social media as a news source that it is important to only take facts and figures from trusted sites, as they are more likely to check information is accurate. For watching the news, Councillor Mee specifically recommends the Sunday Politics show and Prime Minister's Questions as they discuss the latest issues in UK politics.



Photograph: Dinendra Haria

How to get involved in politics

Councillors William Mee and Chris Carr both suggested joining a political party, with many big parties having reduced membership fees for young people. For example, the membership fees to join the Conservative party for individuals aged under 26 costs £10 a year, and to join the Labour party aged 14-19 years-old costs £1 a month. If you would like to join a party but are unsure of which party you best identify with, there are many great quizzes you can take online to help you align yourself, a good one being on [isidewith.com](https://www.isidewith.com). Councillors Mee also suggested joining the Broxtowe Youth Voice as it gives young people in the Borough an opportunity to debate the issues affecting them. This is a youth council held at Broxtowe offices and is 'a great way to understand how the council works.' A much easier way to get involved in politics is to follow political parties on social media to stay up to date with what they are doing as well as the issues they are supporting. If there are political issues you are specifically passionate about, learn about and stand up for those things. This may include speaking to local councils about what they are doing to help with this issue or by going to local protests, there are many great ways to raise awareness for your own opinions in politics. Finally, the easiest way to have your voice heard politically is to use your vote from the age of 18

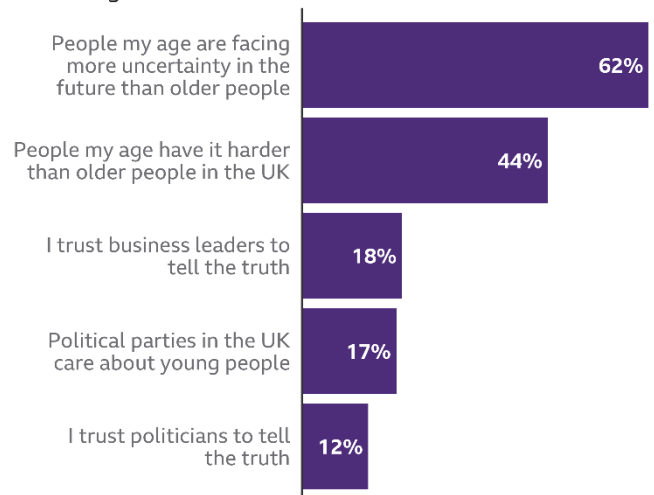
Voting

In the UK, you are eligible to vote from 18-years-old but can register to vote from 16-years-old. To register, you can fill in your form online and it takes roughly 5 minutes to fully complete and allows you, when you are 18+, to vote in both local and general elections. This allows you to vote for the representatives of your county in parliament and for your local councillors. The next general election is due to take place on January 28th, 2025, at the latest, but it could be earlier depending on when the next one is called. By registering to vote when you are first eligible, you are prepared for whenever an election might take place.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Broxtowe Youth voice: Please contact Councillor William Mee - William.Mee@broxtowe.gov.uk Or look at the Broxtowe Borough Council website for more information - [Broxtowe Youth Voice](#)

Attitudes of young people towards the UK

Percentage of people aged 16-24 who strongly agree or tend to agree with statement



Based on a representative sample of 2,719 16 to 24-year-olds from the UK

Source: IPSOS for Radio 1/BBC Newsbeat



Libby Bales

Hi, Agony Aunt...

Hi everyone, welcome to my new column where I answer much asked questions on the troubles of secondary school and life as a teen.

'Hi, I've JUST GOT INTO reading as I want SOMETHING TO DO IN MY SPARE TIME THAT IS FUN BUT WILL ALSO BENEFIT ME IN ENGLISH. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME GOOD BOOK RECS?'

Thanks for the question. I am really happy you have got into reading, and I hope your love for reading carries on from the recommendations I give you. Waterstones is a great shop to purchase and browse books and gives options from many genres. The Works also does some book deals if you are on a smaller budget.

- The Hunger Games Trilogy
- The Book Thief
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- Little Women
- The Hate You Give

READING

'HI AGONY AUNT, IM IN Year 11 and ITS COMING UP TO THE TIME WHEN ID START TO LOOK AT PROM DRESSES, BUT I REALLY DONT WANT TO HAVE TO SPEND A MASSIVE FORTUNE ON SOMETHING ILL ONLY WEAR ONCE. PLEASE CAN YOU RECOMMEND ME SOME WEBSITES FOR DRESSES UNDER £100.'

PROM DRESSES

Hi thanks for the question, I understand you not wanting to spend a large amount whilst also wanting to look and feel amazing, so I have found you some websites that would be perfect and give you many options!!

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https://www.ohpolly.com/gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiAsburBhCIARIsAExmsu5xUXn_tbz6WOLl715jI40nfTSVddsC_zmRMOJ2lq1BDosYv7jHwNMaAnLEALw_wcB<https://www.asos.com/women/>

[Amelia Formal Satin Embroidered Pearl Dress | Windsor \(windsorstore.com\)](https://www.windsorstore.com)

An example of the kind of dresses that you might like can be seen on this website.

At only £84 this dress not only fits in budget but also looks glam at the same time –even giving leftover budget to spend on a clutch or jewellery to elevate your prom look.



'HI AGONY AUNT, SINCE STARTING YEAR 7 IVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO FIT IN AND MAKE GOOD FRIENDS, PLEASE GIVE ME SOME ADVICE!!'

FRIENDS

I understand the jump from primary to secondary can seem massive and very scary, but you will eventually settle into everything. I'd say you should carry on being your true self and being around people worth your time and friends that will accept you. Maybe try and join conversations at lunch time and ask if you could sit with other students. This gives you the chance to mix with new people and experience new friend groups. Just remember everything happens with time and just because you feel nothing is working right now does not mean it will last forever. However, if you are finding it particularly tough, I would suggest having a chat with your tutor or popping down to student support who could give you some extra advice and support. I hope this is helpful.

If you have any questions for Agony Aunt, please DM us on Instagram @thekimberleycolumn or leave an email at kimberleycolumn@gmail.com. All questions will remain anonymous on the paper.

Daisy Gillaspy

Reader Submissions

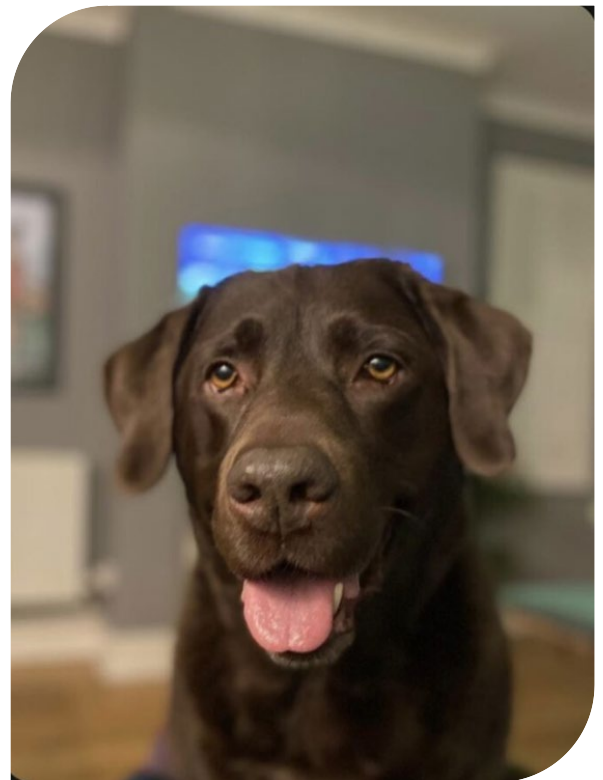
Pets of the Paper

Pets of the paper is a reader-submitted competition where readers submit their pets to be voted on by readers and editors over the course of a school week. More information will be posted closer to the date of the next publication on our Instagram account for the next competition.

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We hope everyone enjoyed the competition and wish everyone good luck in our next campaign.

Archie, Sam McGinley, Year 9



Teachers' Pets



Zorro, Mr Abbot, DT dept.

Teacher's pet

Teacher's Pet is a new section of pets from teachers, these were not public vote but between editors.

We would like to thank all teachers for their submissions including:

Miss Marriott's cat, Mona, for returning after being missing for 6 months;

Miss Hanks for her description of her pets;

Mr Nichol for the most festive submission.



Apollo, Miss Hanks, Maths dept.

Most Unusual

Football:

The football season returned for both Forest and County in August with Forest looking to cement their place in the Premier League following their survival last season. Notts County, on the other hand, made their return to League 2 for the first time since their relegation in 2019 and currently sit 6th in the league with on 36 points from 21 matches played. With wins against the likes of Gillingham and Accrington Stanley, Notts County look set to challenge for the playoffs- maybe even automatic promotion come the end of the season. In the Premier League, Forest find themselves 16th, on 14 points from 16 matches played, sitting comfortably above the relegation zone. After causing some shock upsets against teams like Aston Villa, and a 1-0 win away from home against Chelsea, Forest should be confident at their prospects of securing their place in the Premier League for another season.

Rugby world cup:

In September, the Rugby World Cup got under way in Paris, with home nation, France beating eventual Finalists, New Zealand, in a thrilling game ending 27-13 to kick off the tournament. The group stages played host to many thrilling games and historic moments such as an incredible Ireland vs South Africa match ending 13-8 to the Irish, or Portugal recording their first Rugby World Cup win at in their history; a narrow 24-23 victory over Fiji. But it was South Africa who emerged victorious to lift the Rugby World Cup for a record 4th time beating New Zealand in the Final 11-12. It was a game which had it all; a Sam Cane red card- the first red card to be handed out in a World Cup final- meant New Zealand had it all to do. And despite recording the only try of the game in the 58th minute of the game, as well as a Cheslin Kolbe yellow card for a deliberate knock on in the 73rd minute, New Zealand fell agonisingly short- losing by just 1 point and could only watch on, devastated, as they watched South Africa lift the Webb- Ellis cup aloft.

Adam


Johnson:

In Late October, came the tragic news of Ice Hockey player Adam Johnson's death after he sustained a cut to the neck during a match between Nottingham Panthers and Sheffield Steelers. Tributes have been made by the Panthers and the Pittsburgh Penguins where Johnson had previously played, as flowers were laid outside the Motorpoint arena to mourn the loss of Adam Johnson. His death has also raised questions about neck guards not being a mandatory piece of equipment for players in the EHL and a case will certainly be made for their enforcement after the distressing death of Adam Johnson.



Thomas Graham

THE COMFORT COLUMN

Need a break? 



Christmas Crossword



Movie
wordsearch

M	S	B	W	W	G	S	E	Y
E	L	S	A	O	K	M	E	B
R	J	R	L	O	R	U	F	O
I	G	E	P	D	J	R	K	O
D	O	B	B	Y	Y	F	D	C
A	K	D	E	Z	L	S	U	S
F	H	E	R	M	I	O	N	E


Across

- One of Santas Reindeer
- Santas helpers
- December 25TH is _____
- Christmas Drink
- Name of a popular snowman

Down

- Christmas month
- He hates Christmas
- You hang them by the chimney
- On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____
- _____ to the world!

Wordsearch words

- Merida
 - Elsa
 - Dobby
 - Scooby
 - Hermione
 - Woody
 - Smurfs
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Non-judgemental confidential emotional support 24hrs, 365 days a year

shout
85258
here for you 24/7

Free, confidential messaging and support via texting 85258



brook

Offers clinical sexual health services (pregnancy, contraception, sex and STIs) as well as education and wellbeing services for young people aged 11-25

Evie Ratcliffe

TV Shows



Dash & Lily
A whirlwind holiday romance builds as cynical Dash and optimistic Lily trade dares, dreams and desires in the notebook they pass back and forth at locations all across New York City.

Hawkeye

Marvel characters Clint Barton and Kate Bishop shoot a few arrows and try and avoid becoming targets themselves in this Christmas action series.



Gilmore girls



Gilmore Girls
Thirty-two-year-old single mom, Lorelai, lives with her teenage daughter Rory in the small town of Stars Hollow, Connecticut, with crazy neighbours and many ups and downs.

Movies



Love Actually
Follows the lives of different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London.

The Holiday

Two women troubled with gay problems swap homes in each other's countries for the holidays where they each have the chance to find love.



THIS HOLIDAY DISCOVER YOUR INNER ELF



Elf
Raised as an oversized elf, Buddy travels from the North Pole to New York City to meet his biological father, Walter Hobbs, who doesn't know exists and is in desperate need of some Christmas spirit

News in a Nutshell

Quick headlines from across the globe

Global

- There are rumors that the Turkish elections were rigged after the Justice and Development Party got 4.5 million extra votes compared to June.
- Donald Trump in ongoing New York fraud trial.
- Head of Poland national security said Russia could attack NATO countries within 36 months.

United Kingdom

- David Cameron has become Foreign Secretary.
- There is now an ongoing enquiry into the way Covid was handled by the British Government.
- Parliament debate relocating asylum seekers to Rwanda as part of the proposed 'Rwanda Bill'
- Junior doctors in England have voted for more strikes, following the collapse of talks with the Government.

Entertainment

- 1989 Taylor's Version was released on 27th October, nine years after the stolen version was released.
- The Grammy nominations were released.
- The new Hungers Games film, The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, was released on the 17th of November and made \$100 million in the box office.
- The SAG-AFTA strike ended on the 9th of November after a record breaking 118 days.
- Kim Kardashian was GQ Man of the Year.

Technology

- Ransomware hackers were arrested in Ukraine.
- HSBC was down for a full 24 hours on the 24th of November.
- Chinese submarine is the first to use sonar stealth technology.
- The long anticipated Grand Theft Auto 6 trailer was released, 10 years after GTA 5.
- After 19 years of complex construction work a new high-speed rail line has opened in Spain, linking Madrid with northern regions of Asturias.

Environment

- Greta Thunberg says that rich countries not phasing out on fossil fuels is a "death sentence" for millions of people around the world.
- The world's loneliest sheep, Fiona, was rescued after being isolated on the seashore surrounded by cliffs.
- COP28 president, Mr Jaber, denies using the meeting to make oil deals.
- Policing Just Stop Oil campaigns has cost Met Police over £20 million

Humanitarian

- Ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine continues.
- The Russia-Ukraine war is still ongoing after beginning in February of 2022.
- Bologna's leaning tower, Garisenda Tower, sealed off over fears it could collapse.
- Resistance groups in Myanmar seize control of several towns.
- An LGBTQ+ couple in Nepal become the first in South Asia to become officially married.

The Back Page

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