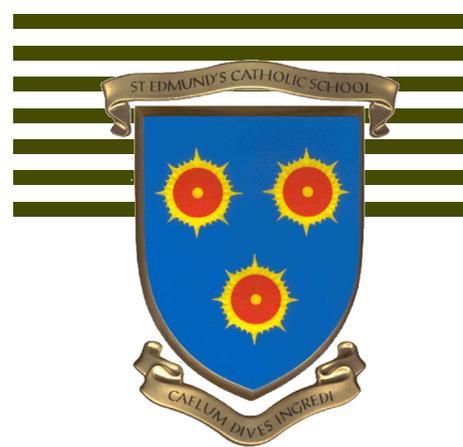


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We hope that you had a fantastic February and enjoyed half term! Only a few weeks to go until Easter – Spring is in the air!

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Seven Split Shows Signs of New Centre

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

Over the past couple of weeks, tensions have been running high across the government and its political parties due to the close deadline of Brexit, on March 29th 2019. The daunting, stressful conditions have led to many disagreements as politicians argue over what is the 'right' choice for this country.

Earlier on in the week, it was revealed that seven Labour MPs have resigned from their positions. The individuals are: Chuka Umunna, Luciana Berger, Chris Leslie, Angela Smith, Mike Gapes, Gavin Shuker and Ann Coffey. The group stated their absences as a protest at the Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn's, approach to Brexit and anti-Semitism.

Ms Berger announced that she was "embarrassed and ashamed" to say that Labour had become intuitively anti-Semitic and had lost the key values of the political party.

Mr Corbyn said that he was "disappointed" at the MPs' views of the party being unable to strive with their policies that he "inspired millions" in the 2017 election.

The reaction towards the resignation of the seven employees was not considerate and well-mannered. In a video interview, deputy leader of the party, John McDonnell urged those who were "hard-left" to stop the celebrations. He announced that it was "a moment for regret and reflection not for a mood of anger or a tone of triumph." He continued stating, "Betrayal narratives and shouting insults at the departed might make some feel better briefly but it does nothing to address the reasons that good colleagues might want to leave."

Mr McDonnell urges the party to view the event as a "wake up call" for the Labour Party over the anti-Semitism incident and said that "we were slow to acknowledge we had a problem and even slower to deal with it." He shared his view that Labour should "broaden out" and become more welcoming and tolerant. Mr McDonnell added that he "loves this party. But sometimes I no longer recognise it, this is why I do not regard those who have resigned today as traitors."

Currently, the seven resigned MPs, who all back a further EU referendum, are not launching a new political party. Instead, they will sit in Parliament as the Independent Group. Mr Umunna urges that others join them in "building new politics". He continued to state, "It is time we dumped this country's old-fashioned politics and created an alternative that does justice to who we are today and gives this country a politics fit for the here and now -the twenty-first century".

The group have rejected merger offers from other parties as they stick by their aim to "build an alternative". Ongoing tensions are still continuing but the dominant aim for the British parliament is to focus on Brexit as March 29th grows ever closer.

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 <p>Chuka Umunna</p> <p>Constituency: Streatham Majority: 26,285 First elected: 2010</p>	 <p>Luciana Berger</p> <p>Constituency: Liverpool Wavertree Majority: 29,466 First elected: 2010</p>
 <p>Mike Gapes</p> <p>Constituency: Ilford South Majority: 31,647 First elected: 1992</p>	 <p>Chris Leslie</p> <p>Constituency: Nottingham East Majority: 19,590 First elected: 2010</p>
 <p>Angela Smith</p> <p>Constituency: Penistone & Stocksbridge Majority: 1,322 First elected: 2005</p>	 <p>Ann Coffey</p> <p>Constituency: Stockport East Majority: 14,477 First elected: 1992</p>
 <p>Gavin Shuker</p> <p>Constituency: Luton South Majority: 13,925 First elected: 2010</p>	

Saffron Sorts It!

Our friendly neighbourhood agony aunt Saffron Stedall is here to help with all of your worries and woes. This week, it is a relationships special...



How do I break up with someone?

Thoughtfully.

Don't just send them a brazen text saying 'it's over' or 'we're done' because that's not a very nice thing to do. Treat others how you would want to be treated. Talk to them, face to face. Or if you really don't want to face to them, call them. Think about what you are saying. And if they've been really horrible and cheated on you, go with the 'I just can't do this anymore' approach. Just, be thoughtful and gentle because it's a hard thing for both of you if you had mutual love. But at the end of the day, trust your gut. If they don't deserve your love anymore, don't give it to them. Be polite and say 'I can't do this anymore and leave it there. Also, don't get forced or manipulated to stay with anyone as that is an immediate red flag and you should leave ASAP.

What if they don't like me back?

Then leave them be! You can't make or force somebody to like you. If you can, remain friends. Be as close friends as you can. Make sure respect and attitudes are mutual, even if feelings completely aren't. And, if they don't want to be friends with you then that's okay, it just wasn't meant to be. Never try to force acquaintance, friendship or relationships on anyone and the second you try to do this you are driving them away. You can't make anyone feel a certain way.

Where should I go on a first date?

Somewhere you know you both like, with a lot of different options so there is an almost guarantee that you both like what is served there. Also, there is a chance that it may get a bit awkward so maybe go somewhere with activities as well. Try bring up favourite places in casual conversation so you know where they like and then try go there. If you truly have no where to go, go to Starbucks or Costa so that you can get food and/or drinks and if conversation runs dry, talk about your drink.

What is the best present to get my date?

Something simple. The best gifts to get and receive are those that have true love and thought put into them. Hang on to their every words and listen, learn what they like and why they like it and use that. Use your true commitment and adoration to impress them. Just get to know them and think about what you're getting. Cost doesn't matter, and if the amount of money you spent on the gift is important to someone, they weren't worth the money in the first place.

Creative Writing

Our award winning author in Year 8, Ana Clarke treats us to her latest short story.

The Sea Stallions

The air swept down from the sea and a salty tang hung in the breeze. The sun shone brightly on the maze of entangled vines and shrub that led to the desolate coastline, where the only sound was the faint murmur of the waves splashing against the golden sand.

A forlorn cottage stood alone on a grassy hill above the beach. The sea spread out below it like long line of thread travelling far into the distance beyond the line of sight of a human eye. Just outside the cottage a young fair haired girl – Rebecca - stood alone. Her plain yellow dress hung loosely around her waist as she reached forward to pick an elegant morning glory to add to the bunch of flowers held firmly in her hand. She looked out to sea for the first time that day and suddenly she felt a longing to go there. She wished more than anything to visit the crystal blue waves but she knew her mother had forbidden it.

That evening, as the moon cast its white shimmering light, Rebecca crept out of her warm cosy bed and slipped out of the door in her bare feet. The mixture of vegetation around her covered the floor in a carpet of different shades of green; a long silky grass snake slithered out of a nearby bush, the light bouncing off its scales like ripples in a lake.

Rebecca hurried on, anxious not to be too long. As she neared the waves, the sounds of the sea working its magic filled her ears and she felt a thrill to be out in the wild world alone and free with nature. The noise of the waves crashing against the shore in full power hammered against her eardrums blending with the rustle of the wind throwing the sand across the beach like a dog playing with a ball.

Suddenly another sound joined them: the faraway neigh of a horse. Rebecca rubbed her ears thinking she was dreaming, but the neighs only got louder as though a herd of horses was approaching. She had not realised that she had been staring at the sea all this time, but now - as the white foam on the edge of the waves began to change shape - she realised her eyes had been transfixed on the ocean. A storm was brewing far out at sea and now Rebecca could clearly hear thunder as jets of lightning struck from the sky. The white foam morphed and crystallised until out of the dark water galloped a herd of gleaming white stallions.

Rebecca gasped in delight as they cantered into the distance and slowly faded from view. She longed to follow them but she found her feet planted firmly on the ground. As quickly as it had come, the storm rolled away and the sound of hooves faded to nothing.

Stumbling home, a neigh reached her ears and she sighed contentedly, her secret encounter hidden safely in her heart forever.

February's Freaky Weather

By Marinela Pervataj

Record breaking temperatures have hit the UK, with highs of 21.2 degrees Celsius in Kew gardens, London.

Monday was the first time since 1998 that temperatures reached highs of over 20 degrees Celsius, was this just fools spring or was the warm weather here to stay. Last February temperatures in the uk where plummeting to lows of -11.7 degrees Celsius in east Hampshire. This miraculous weather was acclimated, from African and Spanish winds, and is causing a gradual increase in warmth. Parts of Britain on Tuesday were hotter than Malibu, Athens, Crete and Barcelona.

Though this weather was delightful, what does it mean for our agriculture in the future? With temperatures estimated to reach record breaking highs in the summer, farmers will suffer to produce crops. Could this climatic change be a repeat of the potato famine?



Last summer, places in the UK suffered a 50-day drought, crops failed, and the soil crumbled. Meteorologists are predicting that this summer will bring recording breaking highs of over 30 degrees Celsius. Crops may suffer this year, people who export agricultural goods, may find themselves in the deep end of climate change.

Experts have suggested that this variety of temperature has been induced by climate change, not only does it mean that are globe is getting hotter but animals living in arctic habitats may lose their homes.

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Our foolish and excessive use of oils is not only destroying our earth's environment, but ultimately demolishing natural weather cycles.

This extreme weather is also baffling hibernating animals. This may mean that they could come out of hibernation at a time where food is still scarce. Dormice, hedgehogs and bats have been affected. Professors have been studying hibernating animals and are worried, that if the warm weather carries on, it could cause a decline of species.

Millions of allergens will face an early pollen explosion, with pollen levels increasing in the next three weeks. Two of the main culprits are alder and hazel trees which have already started flowering. It is also targeting asthmatics, with medics advising that antihistamines and nasal barriers should be at hand.

Though we enjoyed this surprising forecast, it was mother nature's way of giving us a wake up call, to stop and think before we demolish our planet.



Meet the Teacher: Miss Hooker

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

What inspired you to be a science teacher?

Since I moved to secondary school I realised that I would like to be a teacher. My school was very good and had many inspiring teachers who I looked up to. My PE teacher in particular, Miss Betty, helped me grow in confidence and shaped who I am today. In fact, up until finishing my degree in Sport and Exercise Science I wanted to become a PE teacher, but in the end changed my mind and science it was!

What led you to Portsmouth?

I'm originally from a small town in South Devon and I came here as a student to study. I chose the University of Portsmouth as it is the best university in the country for sport and exercise science!

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

Great question! I haven't seen enough of the world in my opinion and there are so many places that are on my list to visit. The top of that list I think is Cambodia to explore the ancient temples and cities such as Angkor Wat.

How much do you miss Miss Quinn?

More than anything! She was the best neighbour and friend a teacher could ask for *cry*. You'll be pleased to know that she is loving it out in Australia and I'm hoping to visit her at some point in the future.

What's your favourite subject apart from your own?

As you may have already realised from the previous questions I'm very sporty (and very competitive) so it would have to be PE! I do also really enjoy maths so that would have to be second.

What do you do in your spare time?

I run, a lot. My life consists of... eat, teach, run, repeat. I race on the weekends and train around 3 times a week. I'm also trying to get back into playing Lacrosse. It was a sport that started during my degree and ended up becoming the womens captain for the university which I loved! I also enjoy long walks in the countryside as I'm still very much a country girl at heart.

How would you describe yourself as a student?

Very hardworking... but a little chatty at times!

Any tips for KS4 students in science?

Start your revision early! Science is HUGE... three different subjects in one, each covering the history, structure, mathematics and processes of everything on our planet and beyond! That's a lot to fit in.

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What do think it was like before the Big Bang?

Another great question and one that is still unknown. There are many theories from different physicists but the one I believe is from the late and great Stephen Hawking. He explained that before the big bang the universe as we know it was all present but extremely tightly packed together in a highly dense structure. The big bang then caused it to expand and spread to almost how it is today.

What's the best piece of advice that you can give?

I'm a firm believer that nothing is worth doing unless it is done properly to the best of your ability; Work hard, it will pay off in the end.



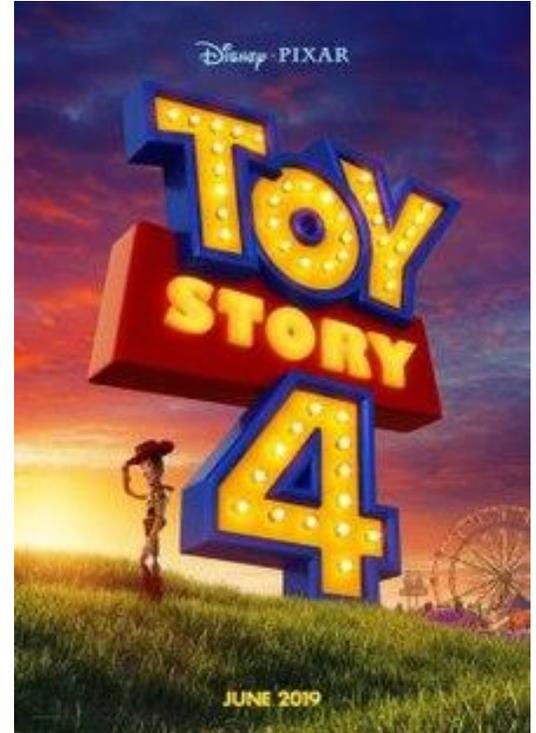
Top Animations to Look Forward to in 2019

By Hast Ismail

Toy Story 4

Genre: Comedy/Family

This is a series of films which most probably everyone has seen! If you haven't I advice you to see the first 3 Toy Story's! This is an incredible film to look forward to as the the characters and plot twist is just amazing. Not only is it suitable for all ages (in many people's opinions), but it is an amazing throwback to many teenagers childhood; it will be a great film to watch with family or friends!



The Lion King

Genre: Adventure/Musical/Family

When this film comes out in late June, it is a MUST watch! The original Lion King is a classic childhood film for us teenagers. Although some people may think it's childish, the this New Lion King movie which will come out will be one of the best films of 2019! The trailer is absolutely amazing and the animation to this movie looks extremely realistic; the trailer looks so heart warming and looks suitable for any age to watch.

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Frozen 2

Genre: Comedy/adventure/family

Although this movie (as some may say) is for 'girls', I believe this movie is made for any age and gender. When I heard this was coming out I was extremely excited. The first frozen was extraordinary, however the trailer for Frozen 2 looks even better! There are many conspiracy theories to why this film is being released, which makes the release of this film more exciting. This movie will be great to watch with friends (if they're not 'too old' to watch it) and family.



Top 10
By Lily Robson

In this month's issue, we will be counting down the Top 10 Best Places/Things to do for a Date, in celebration of Valentine's Day. Making the list are:

1. Taco Bell- amazing bargains during Happy Hour (3-6pm only)
2. Visit a Butterfly Sanctuary- there may be no butterflies, but February is the perfect time to capture them in their cocoon stage.
3. An Aquarium- last one to find Nemo has to return him to Australia.
4. Go Hunting on Horseback- freshly sourced food.
5. Go Window Shopping- don't buy anything, just look.
6. Go to the Gym- have a nice meal while burning the calories at the same time.
7. Go Fishing- then throw your date back in the water, but don't worry, there's plenty more fish in the sea.
8. Ikea- the wonderful everyday (and meatballs).
9. Play Kahoot- quiz them on your favourite things/places so they know what to do next Valentine's day.
10. Go to a Silent Disco- this way, you don't have to talk to them.

Check back next issue to see more new exciting listings!