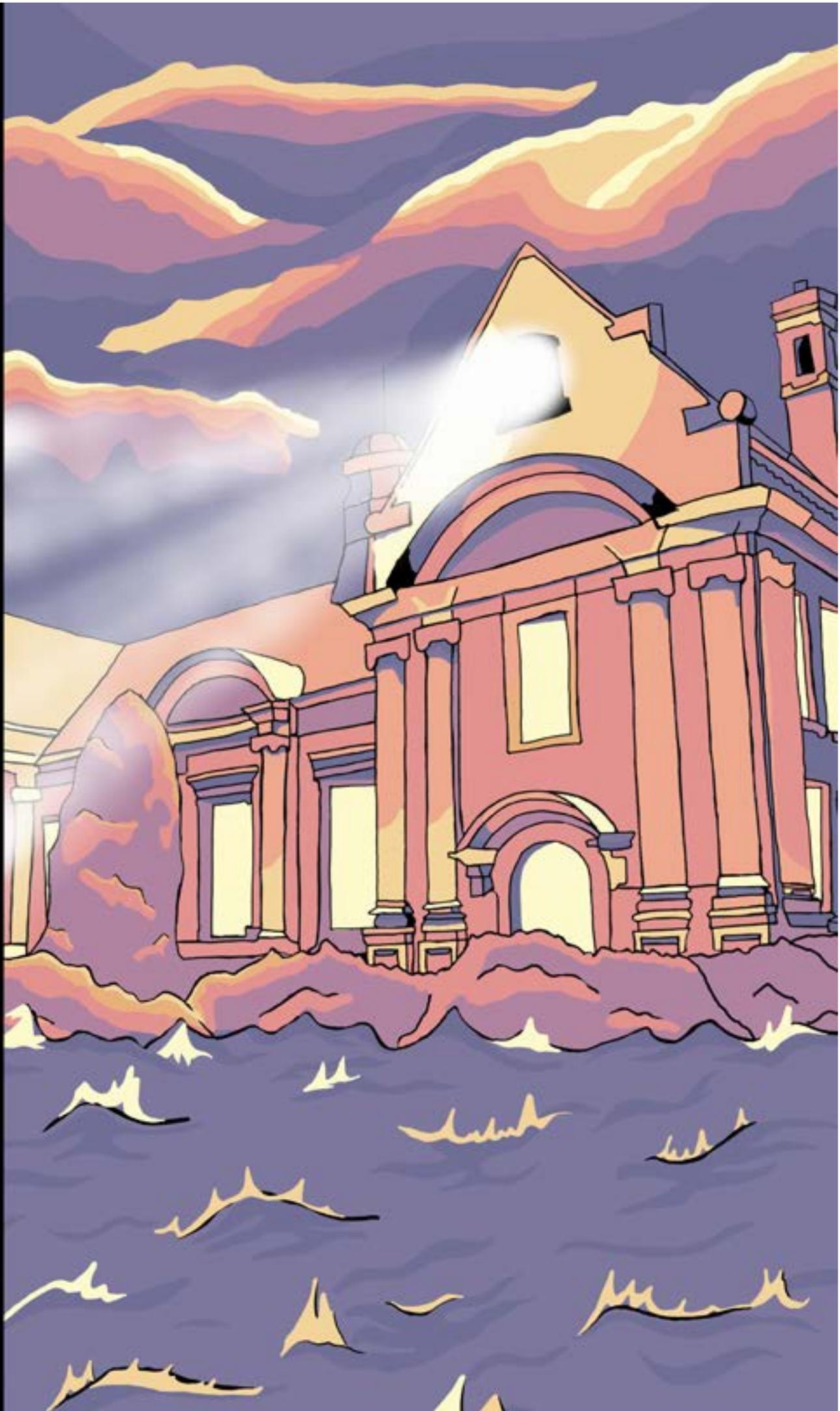


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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Reader,

Thank you SO MUCH for picking up this year's Beacon and not just skipping straight to the memes. This little bit here from me is designed to give you a taster of what the Beacon this year means to us, so here I go.

This year more than ever we have all been compelled to look for the positives of what we have and to reach out to each other in ways that we're not used to. Considering this, we've decided to hark back to what a Beacon itself actually means: a light set up to warn, to guide, or to celebrate. Our Beacon is hopefully more akin to the latter two- a little dash of hope and source of reflection and celebration of what we have managed together whilst navigating the (cough cough) stormy seas of 2020/21. This year we deserve a bit of cheese, please and thank you. We hope no one is left forgotten and thus have tried the best we can to create a range of goodies representative of, and enjoyable to, the WHOLE school community. This magazine has been such a great, rewarding opportunity for us. It's like a little legacy, and I'd thoroughly recommend you take it when Year 12 reaches you too.

Every year, the team tries to put their own spin on this magazine, one of the most highly anticipated Handsworth traditions of the year. With a sigh of relief, we can now say that we are proud of what we've achieved. It's the best edition yet. Not a joke, just a fact. It wouldn't have been possible without the SUPERB team, who you get to meet on the next page ooo, with special shoutouts to Diana, Hana and Madleen, my fellow editors. This lot have been ever so patient with me and have put in so much time and effort in creating something for you ALL (fingers crossed) to enjoy. They're all so talented and it's been a genuine pleasure to work together. Secondly, the Beacon would not have even existed without Ms Gallagher, to whom we are so grateful for being our guide and number one fan. And lastly, thank you to all other teachers, alumni, students and support staff who have contributed something to what you have in front of you, or who have let us take the mick out of them. Our school would be nothing without the people within it (*wipes tear*).

Finally, as you grow into a HOE (for those of you unfamiliar with the term this stands for Handsworth Old Edwardian and has absolutely no double meaning whatsoever), you will no doubt face obstacles and low points. If I've learnt anything at all, it's to try hard, be yourself, and wait for your moment of confidence to shine through, even if it happens a little later than for others around you. You do you, boo.

Enough from me now. Enjoy reading / looking at the pictures.

Lots of blood, sweat, tears, swabs, zooms, love and thanks,

Eliza xxx



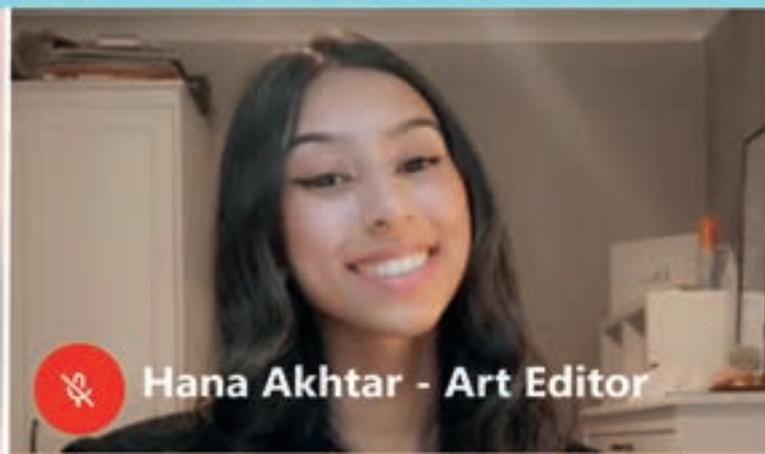
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YEAR REVIEW

All things KEVIHS! What events have happened over the last few years?



Since this year's edition of the Beacon is also covering 2019/20, let's have a look at some of the interesting events from the last few years!

Next we have the Sixth Form Revue of that year, an opportunity for teachers to find out what students really think of them (just kidding!).



For those of you who may be wondering what this is, Miss KE is an annual talent show organised by a committee in Year 11. It happens at the end of Children In Need week, the winner is crowned as Miss KE and all proceeds go to charity! In 2019's childhood themed event, we saw various exciting talents such as comedy, singing and unicycling from the winner Chloe Sutton, (who was in Year 10 at the time).

As always, there were some Oscar-worthy performances from actors playing Mr Heppel and Mr Sammons.

To have a look at 2020's Sixth Form Revue, the first ever pre-recorded version, flip to page 16!



The 2020 Dance Show had the theme of "Dance across the Decades" and welcomed fantastic dances from Nina Lewis in Year 13 and the Year 11 Dance Leaders for the finale. As always, Mr Trotter whipped out his camera to capture some candid images of the night (one of which is on the right!) Well done to all dancers who performed brilliantly in front of the live audience and congratulations to DLP dance group for winning two competitions all that time ago!



...and then the first 2020 lockdown happened. But no fear! In a very unexpected move, the teachers came to the rescue with their iconic toilet roll challenge. We saw Miss Russell confusing Yorick's skull (from Hamlet) with loo roll and Miss Samuels desperately trying to wrestle her dog for the tissue. If you're ever having a bad day, just go back and watch that video!



As for sporting events, there's been some real competition recently between pupils and staff in the "Year 12 vs Teachers" football match during National Football Week and the "Staff-Pupil Netball" with the Year 11s. Congratulations to the Year 12 team for beating the teachers with a score of 9-6 and to the successful Year 11s who didn't miss a shot in the match that ended 18-8!



THANK YOU!

A final well done to every person reading this edition of the Beacon for making it through lockdown with determination and positivity. An extra special well done Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 for coping with online school. Congratulations to Year 11, 12 and 13 (and the Year 13 class of 2020 if they're reading) for adapting to the unusual circumstances surrounding exams.

Thank you to all staff at KEVIHS for continuing to support us throughout lockdown, for monitoring our wellbeing and for somehow balancing remote and in-person lessons simultaneously. We genuinely appreciate all of your hard work :)

(Trigger warning - racism and some mentions of violence) **BLM as an organisation**

BLM in 2020

Over the summer of 2020, there was an enormous resurgence in the fight against racism in the form of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests, following the murder of a black man named George Floyd in America. Witnessing the blatant police brutality inflicted on black members of society resulted in powerful protests occurring globally. From Minneapolis, the place of George Floyd's death, to here in the UK, those opposing systemic racism took the opportunity to make their voices heard.

Black Lives Matter is an organisation that was established in 2013 in response to the constant violent acts committed against people of Afro-Caribbean descent and is separated into chapters which span the globe, meaning each chapter is responsible for their own local protests or campaigns. Racism against people from minority ethnic backgrounds is by no means a new phenomenon. However, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has meant that general day to day distractions have decreased and more people have taken the time to educate themselves on racial discrimination, both in the USA and closer to home in the UK.



BLM in Birmingham and the UK

The reaction to police brutality was particularly vocal in Birmingham, as black people and allies rallied together throughout the summer of 2020 in order to share stories, to support each other and to clearly underline the fact that the Black Lives Matter movement is not necessarily about promoting the lives of black people over other people's, but about trying to achieve global racial equality. Across Britain, people allowed themselves to reflect on diversity within the education system as historically racist figures were criticised and statues of them torn down.



Your influence on BLM

Going forward, continue showing your support for the Black Lives Matter movement and criticising racial discrimination where possible. Although donation is a good form of supporting the cause, educate yourself and take the time to listen to the experiences of black people. On this page you'll find two QR codes: scan them to find out more. If you have any concerns or suggestions surrounding diversity at KEVIHS, send an email to the IDEA Committee via Justine (that's me!) at 5122pres@kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk.

BLM in the KEVI Foundation

Here at Handsworth, students took the time to reflect on diversity and equality and come up with ideas relating to how students can better be supported at school, with all of this action occurring remotely. The King Edward VI Foundation Diversity and Equality Committee was established by students across the foundation in collaboration with staff members from all schools with the collective goal being to positively reform the curriculum in a more inclusive way. Within school itself, there is also the KEVIHS IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality and Activism) Committee, which is overseen by staff but primarily run by students for students. IDEA aims to actively promote diversity in as many areas as possible including BLM, sexual orientation and religion. IDEA communicates with all of the wider school community, including governors and staff, and will become a lasting organisation to promote equality at Handsworth through organising various events, creating educational resources and properly representing the perspectives of the student body.



A-Z OF THE

A is for **A-LEVEL**

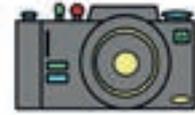
Grading panic



B is for **BLACK LIVES MATTER**, now and always



C is for **CAMERA** always off



G is for **GOOGLE DOCS** replacing paper and books



H is for **HAND GEL** - newest rarity and essential



I is for **ISOLATION**, which takes on a new meaning



M is for **MAKING** sure your mic is muted every 2 seconds



N is for **NATIONWIDE** Lockdown, in which people didn't stay at home



O is for **OUTSIDE?** What's that?



S is for the **SIX** ft apart rule, that no one seems to follow



T is for **TOILET** paper rampage



U is for **UNITED** together but apart



Y is for **YEARNING** to see people again



PAST YEAR

D is for **DAYS** blurring into one



E is for **EXERCISING** at home with Chloe Ting



F is for **FACE MASKS** becoming part of daily life and fashion



J is for **JOE WICKS**, who inspired the nation



K is for **KEEPING** you and your loved ones safe



L is for **LACK** of a normal sleep schedule



P is for **PYJAMAS**, the new uniform



Q is for **QUARANTINE** just another word for slowly going mad



R is for **RUNNING** out of things to watch



V is for **VIDEO CALLS**, replacing human interaction



W is for **WASHING** your hands every other minute



X is for **EXAMS** cancelled, all revision made useless



Z is for **ZOOM**, which was downloaded daily 2.13 million times by March 2020



Lockdown Heroes

Ft. Zhala, Vera, Mrs Whittall

This year has been tough but we'd really like to take the opportunity to highlight some of the shining stars of this year!



Positivity Parade

What's your name and what year are you in?

Zhahla Mohamed and I'm a proud member of 11.4

What inspired you to organise the student positivity parade?

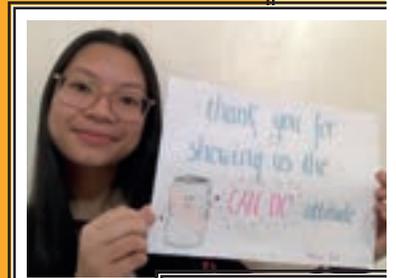
I admire and love the teachers at this school so the idea of organising a positivity parade for them came naturally to me! I've always wanted to be a teacher and although I am considering not having it as my main job in the future I will always respect and appreciate teachers. Organising this positivity parade was a way for me to thank them for the positivity parade they made for us, for inspiring me and lifting me up during my time at this school. I helped to create a student toilet paper challenge video last year so I had experience with organising something like this before and making other people happy makes me happy so it just felt like the right thing to do. Who doesn't like a collection of cheesy yet true quotes and messages?

Tell us a bit about the event!

It all began when a staff positivity parade was shared with us. The parade made my day because I was struggling to cope with yet another lockdown. The idea of organising a positivity parade came to me and I sent out an email out to the students at this school about it. During the pandemic it has been difficult to create opportunities that involve year groups across the school so I tried my best to have involvement from every year group. It was wonderful to see the submissions pouring in as well as the creativity of the lovely students at this school. So many people got involved and I could not have done this without them. One student took a picture of their adorable bunny sitting next to a quote! I created a slideshow of pictures and used loom to record it online. I shared the video of the student positivity parade with the staff and students at school and they loved it!

Any advice about staying positive?

There's so much that I want to tell you! Write down or think of 3 things you are grateful for everyday before you go to sleep. I started doing this in 2021 and I don't regret it at all! When I am feeling low I can look through the book I am using for this and smile as I read about a funny or happy moment I had two days ago or even three months ago. Taking time to reflect on all the positives in your life makes it easier for you to be positive when thinking about the future. Stay close to people who feel like sunshine and people who lift you up. Having conversations with positive radiators makes you feel so much more content and fulfilled. Don't convince yourself that being happy is not possible. You deserve happiness and it is possible to be happy and live a life that you love and enjoy. Don't forget the importance of lifting others up. Google what the definition of confelicity is and you may understand what I mean. Read books and don't forget that what makes you happy may be different to what makes someone else happy- you do you! Finally, I want to tell you something that I wish that everyone was told as they were growing up: I believe in you.





Comes back to school after a self isolation

Gets sent home to self isolate again 2 days later



me getting ready to go to the living room

12:38 PM - Mar 18, 2020



If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14 day quarantine you probably should've been seeing a Doctor long before COVID-19

me unmuteing myself on zoom to say yes

Turns out 2021 was just 2020 using a different email address to get the free trial.



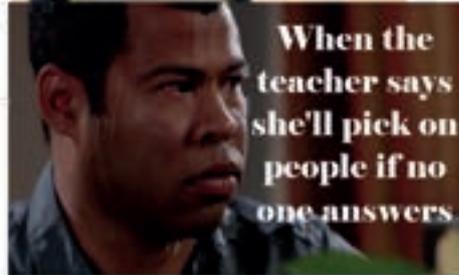
my trust issues so bad i don't even trust these:



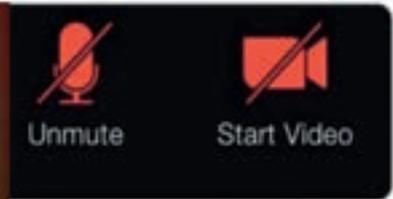
Doing my work during lockdown



Cramming the night before school



When the teacher says she'll pick on people if no one answers



Unmute

Start Video

MEET THE TEAM

Name: Eliza Clark
 Role: Editor
 Hobby: Theatre, reading
 Favourite song: Life is Golden - Suede
 Famous inspiration: Bimini Bon Boulash
 Dream job younger: Marketer for Sylvanian Families
 Dream job now: Theatre

Name: Mya Kang
 Role: Writer
 Hobby: Playing with my dog
 Song: Thunder road - Bruce Springsteen
 Famous inspiration: Gurinda chadha
 Dream job younger: Flower
 Dream job now: Starfleet officer

Name: Manpreet Kaur Channa
 Role: Artist
 Hobby: Art
 Song: Classical music
 Famous inspiration: Ben Carson
 Dream job younger: Architect
 Dream job now: Doctor

Name: Cat Au
 Role: Writer/Artist
 Hobby: Jewellery making
 Song: Spinning - No Rome, Charli xcx and the 1975
 Famous inspiration: Paris Hilton
 Dream job younger: Minecraft Youtuber
 Dream job now: Editor at Vogue

Name: Isabella Hickman
 Role: Writer
 Hobby: Acting
 Favourite song: Unforgettable - Thomas Rhett
 Famous inspiration: Malala Youssafzai
 Dream job younger: Primary school teacher
 Dream job now: Ancient historian

Name: Zahra Mahmood
 Role: Artist
 Hobby: Planning alternate lives for everyone based on possibilities, both the probable and improbable.
 Song: False Confidence - Noah Kahan
 Famous inspiration: Don't have one
 Dream job younger: Geneticist
 Dream job now: Criminological psychologist

Name: Rebecca Middleton
 Role: Writer
 Hobby: Listening to music (and sometimes playing it on the piano)
 Song: Mardy Bum - Arctic Monkeys
 Famous inspiration: Erin Brockovich
 Dream job younger: Paediatrician/paleontologist
 Dream job now: Lawyer

Name: Hana Akhtar
 Role: Art editor
 Hobby: Netflix
 Song: Reminder - The Weeknd
 Famous inspiration: Ariana Grande
 Dream job younger: Food blogger
 Dream job now: Runway stylist

Name: Yasmin Gordon
 Role: Artist
 Hobby: Youtube
 Favourite song: EDEN - Gold
 Famous inspiration: Don't have one
 Dream job younger: Didn't have one
 Dream job now: Still don't know

Name: Diana Jardim
 Role: Sub Editor
 Hobby: Journaling
 Song: Somebody That I Used To Know - Gotye
 Famous inspiration: Gordon Ramsay
 Dream job younger: Fashion designer
 Dream job now: Author

Name: Justine Prescod
 Role: Writer
 Hobby: Reading, embroidery or irritating my friends
 Song: Limbo - royal blood
 Famous inspiration: Lupita Nyong'o
 Dream job younger: German translator / Real estate agent
 Dream job now: French translator

Name: Madleen Mohammad
 Role: Art Sub-Editor
 Hobby: Sleeping
 Song: Essay - Mohamed Ramadan
 Famous inspiration: Don't have one
 Dream job younger: Doctor
 Dream job now: Dermatologist

Positivity Page

Some words of wisdom you could never find on Pinterest, with special thanks to the staff who contributed and Husnaa, the Head Girl. Whether it be about school, relationships or just life (just life), this advice is cracking, so please give it a read and save it for a rainy day because you never know when it may help you!

Always be the best version of you and above all, be kind'. - Mrs Adams

Mrs Padhiar (SENCo): "This quote by Rumi has worked wonders with my family throughout lockdown: 'Let yourself be silently drawn by the stronger pull of what you truly love. It will not lead you astray'"

'It's so easy to compare yourself to others and think that everyone else is more confident, happier, prettier or smarter than you. The quote I like to think of is from the fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg: "You know, there's a thing about the woman across the room. You see the woman across the room, you think, 'She's so poised; she's so together'. But she looks at you and you are the woman across the room for her.'" - Mrs Bajaj

'Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try. Remember, life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best' - Miss Badchkam

'My advice is: don't waste your time and energy striving for perfection; it will leave you either disappointed or exhausted from the effort. Equally, don't compare yourself to others as Theodore Roosevelt said 'comparison is the thief of joy'. Each of us is unique and we should be thankful for that. Being 'perfect' or 'the best' won't ever be the most significant achievement in your life; being supportive of family and friends; showing kindness and consideration for other people; and being positive and enthusiastic even in hard times, will bring you the greatest reward and be your greatest achievement.' - Miss Glendenning

'One thing I wished someone had told me as a teenager is life should be all about making connections with people. If you ever get the opportunity to make new connections, or solidify existing ones, take it. Don't worry about money or time or what you *should* be doing - friends are the best investment you'll ever make.'" - Dr Bailey

Mrs Gardner (German):
I don't know it YET but I WILL.





Husnaa Kapadia:

Some nuggets of advice from me:

1) It's really easy to attach your self worth to your grades but you've got to keep reminding yourself that you are more than the grades you achieve and that grades are not a measure of your intelligence

2) I know that motivation can be so hard to come by sometimes. Remember that it's okay to not be motivated, you aren't lazy! Allow yourself to take regular breaks throughout the week so that you have the energy to work when the time comes. It can feel counterproductive to relax but purposeful breaks are so necessary!

- Find your definition and version of success and strive for it (and make sure you never compare yourself to other people)

- Everyone has different lives and different journeys, you never really know who someone is and what they have been through so passing judgment is just unnecessary

- Cherish every moment you spend smiling, and every moment spent with your friends and people you love

- PICK UP YOUR RUBBISH FROM THE FIELD!

Miss Glendenning/ Caitlin Moran: 'Here is a promise, and a fact: you will never, in your life, ever have to deal with anything more than the next minute... Do the calm, right thing that needs to be done in that minute. The work, or the breathing, or the smile. You can do that, for just one minute. And if you can do a minute, you can do the next.'

'Don't put off till tomorrow something you could do today - you might like it and do it again tomorrow! And be aware there are things you can change and things you can't - focus on the things you can.' - Mr Trotter

Miss Plante: 'It's a running joke in my family that I have two solutions for everything: drink more water or have a bath. I still think this is pretty good advice!' (we agree)

'Open mindedness... 'requires you to surround yourself with people of diverse perspectives who can disagree with you without fear of retaliation.' -Doris Kearns Goodwin/ Mrs Nolan



RS PLAYLIST

- Free Spirit - Khalid
- God is a woman - Ariana Grande
- Pray 4 Love - Travis Scott
- The Beginning - Madison Beer
- Faith - The Weeknd
- Praise The Lord (Da Shine...) - ASAP Rocky
- Heaven On Earth - Kid Cudi
- Free Spirit - Khalid
- Angel - Fifth Harmony
- STOP TRYING TO BE GOD - Travis Scott
- Spirit - J Hus
- Demons and Angels - A Boogie Wit da Hoodie

HISTORY PLAYLIST

- Icarus - Bastille
- Achilles Come Down - Gang Of Youths
- Centuries - Fall Out Boy
- Dionysus - BTS
- Seven Nation Army - The White Stripes
- Zombie - Bad Wolves
- Lit - LAY
- Everybody Wants To Rule The World - Lorde

PSYCHOLOGY PLAYLIST

- JEKYLL & HIDE (White Panda Remix) - Bishop Briggs, White Panda
- Best of Me - NEFFEX
- Can't Feel My Face - The Weeknd
- Life Goes On - BTS
- Till I Collapse (feat. Nate Dogg) - Eminem
- eight(Prod.&Feat. SUGA of BTS) - IU
- Stressed Out - twenty one pilots
- Whatever It Takes - Imagine Dragons

SCIENCE PLAYLIST

- Starboy (feat. Daft Punk) - The Weeknd
- Baby Pluto - Lil Uzi Vert
- STARGAZING - Travis Scott
- Space Cadet (feat. Gunna) - Metro Boomin
- NASA - Ariana Grande
- DNA - BTS
- Element - Pop Smoke
- Heartless - Kanye West
- Physical - Dua Lipa
- bloodline - Ariana Grande
- Solid - Lil Baby

Artists : Hana Akhtar , Zahra Mahmood

Reviewing the Sixth Form Revue

Covid-19 changed a lot of things this year, including the Sixth form Revue. Whereas normally we would all be seated in a festive-looking hall, 2020's sixth form revue was enjoyed from the comfort of our form rooms (or home for anyone isolating) via video. Nonetheless, it was still amazing so we spoke to the student who single handedly organised, filmed, edited and recruited actors for it: Ella Pass in L6.04.

Obviously the sixth form revue was different to normal this year- what extra challenges did you have and how did you overcome them?

There were apparent challenges from the beginning: a lack of time (we had 2 weeks); a lack of volunteers and the obvious restrictions. The script writing was surprisingly easy but then we got stuck for ideas after about 10 pages. It's better to have lots of short funny scenes as opposed to dragged on scenes that aren't good, so the whole thing was only 15 minutes long, but with editing out pauses that would be in the typical stage show, this was reasonable. We filmed every day at lunch and break with different actors, so that after a lot of takes, I could edit it all that weekend. The pandemic restrictions meant we only had access to a small number of rooms, so we couldn't film in the teachers' original classrooms. But with clever camera angles, we made it work.

How did you come up with the 'Educating Handsworth' theme?

When I knew we couldn't do a show as normal, I saw this as an opportunity to make a short film instead, allowing us to do things in it that we wouldn't usually be able to. All the previous themes have been great but we couldn't repeat them, so coming up with something unique was difficult. After much brainstorming, Educating Handsworth came up, which is based on the Educating... series such as Educating Yorkshire, Essex and Cardiff. We needed something that would work in video format and this was perfect, allowing us to do a mockumentary style revue.

What advice would you give to the Year 12s who are doing the revue next?

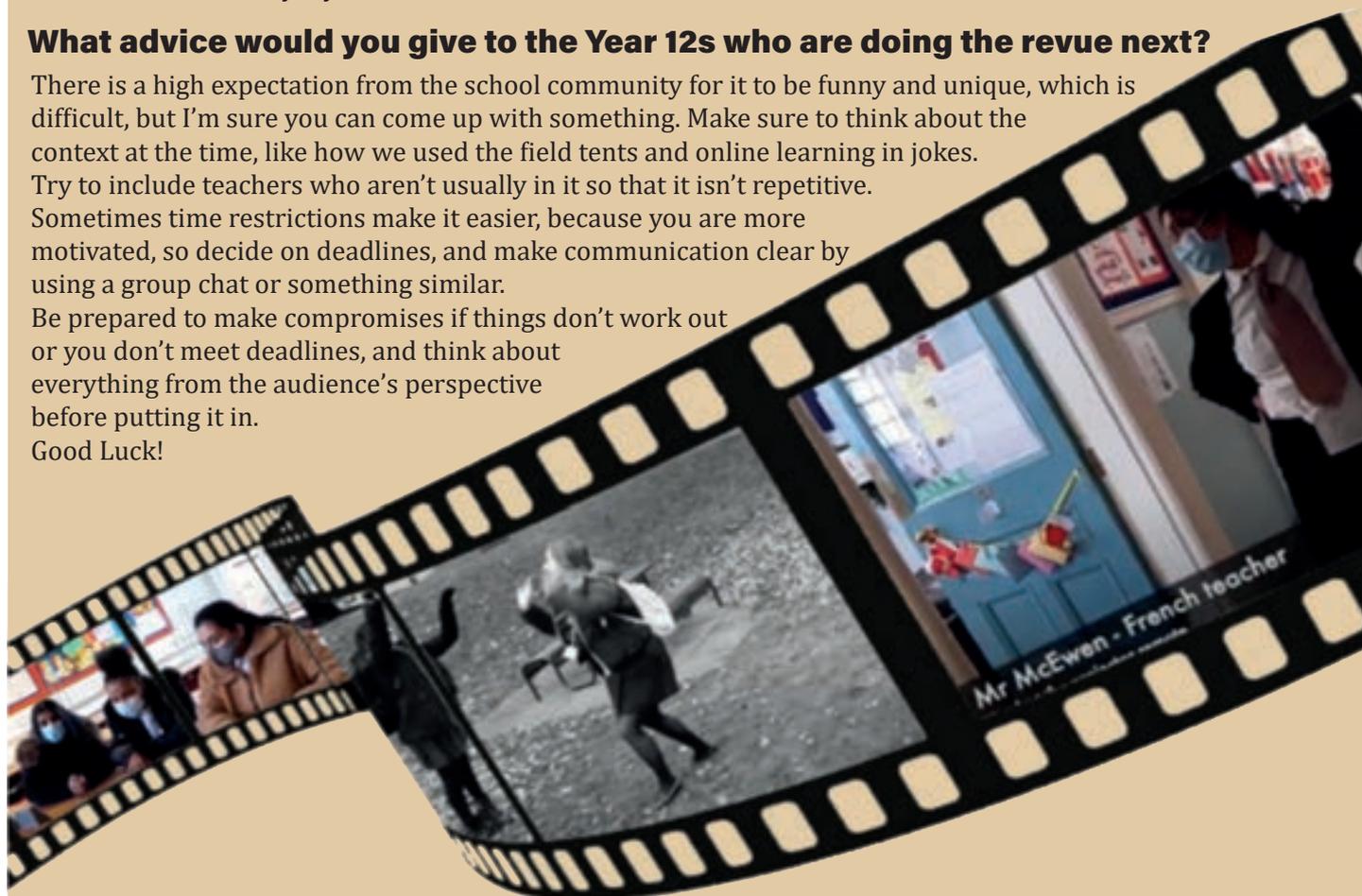
There is a high expectation from the school community for it to be funny and unique, which is difficult, but I'm sure you can come up with something. Make sure to think about the context at the time, like how we used the field tents and online learning in jokes.

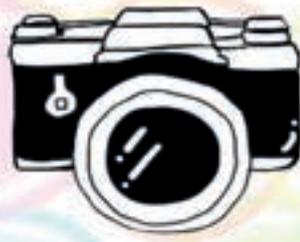
Try to include teachers who aren't usually in it so that it isn't repetitive.

Sometimes time restrictions make it easier, because you are more motivated, so decide on deadlines, and make communication clear by using a group chat or something similar.

Be prepared to make compromises if things don't work out or you don't meet deadlines, and think about everything from the audience's perspective before putting it in.

Good Luck!

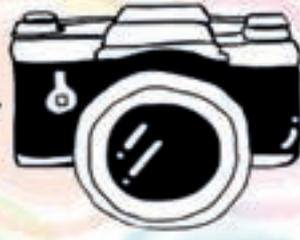


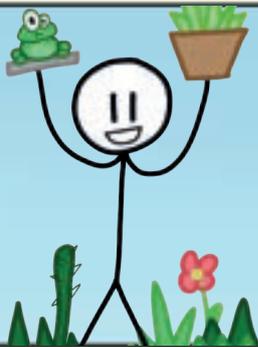


Student



Artworks





BIOLOGY

A science of living organisms of all kinds- learn the intricacies of the world around you! Biology is famous for its weirdly specific exam mark schemes! Whether it be cells, plants or animals, there's bound to be something on the exam you were never told!

Similarity of the exams to content	6
Applicability to everyday life	3
Chances of Trips	2
Popularity at A-Level	10
Number of teachers	6



CHEMISTRY

Elements, compounds, atoms and molecules- Chemistry examines chemicals and their properties! Infamous for its highly complicated practicals such as chromatography and excitingly dangerous experiments such as titration, get ready to be thrilled!

Similarity of the exams to content	8
Applicability to everyday life	2
Chances of Trips	2
Popularity at A-Level	9
Number of teachers	6



ENGLISH

The subject of literature, language and love of words! English is notorious for its deep dive analysis of words, phrases and metaphors that the author probably did not even think about. Known for its long essays and short deadlines, get ready for a cramped hand and a frazzled brain!

Similarity of the exams to content	8
Applicability to everyday life	7
Chances of Trips	7
Popularity at A-Level	7
Number of teachers	8



GERMAN

German, the most unnecessarily confusing subject there is. From time, manner, place, to cases, to sie (she), sie (they), Sie (you, plural) and Sie (you, polite), German is sure to throw you off and make you question your GCSE choices.

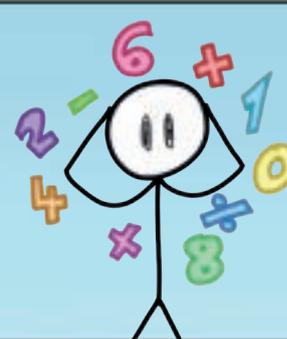
Similarity of the exams to content	9
Applicability to everyday life	7
Chances of Trips	2
Popularity at A-Level	1
Number of teachers	5



HISTORY

History is a study of the past and (essentially) of humanity's past mistakes that are still repeated till this day! Get ready to be engrossed in stories of war, death and more war!

Similarity of the exams to content	6
Applicability to everyday life	1
Chances of Trips	5
Popularity at A-Level	6
Number of teachers	5



MATHS

Numbers, equations and figures galore- Maths is the both the easiest and hardest subject! Whilst some enjoy its clear-cut nature, others can't wrap their heads around why numbers do what they do.

Similarity of the exams to content	10
Applicability to everyday life	8
Chances of Trips	1
Popularity at A-Level	8
Number of teachers	9

TOP TROOMERS



FRENCH

French, known as the language of love, but perhaps a more fitting name is the language of pain! With deceptively simple looking cognates, silent letters and irregular verbs, French is a lot to handle- but at least the food is good!

Similarity of the exams to content	6
Applicability to everyday life	8
Chances of Trips	2
Popularity at A-Level	2
Number of teachers	4



GEOGRAPHY

Geography is a science devoted to studying lands and their features, inhabitants. Get ready to protest against deforestation on your A3 poster that is only half-filled!

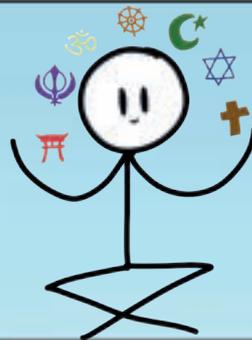
Similarity of the exams to content	8
Applicability to everyday life	3
Chances of Trips	10
Popularity at A-Level	5
Number of teachers	3



PHYSICS

A science of forces, energy and nature- Physics seeks to understand the universe, and in the process, makes everything infinitely more confusing! What goes up, must go down- that includes your mood!

Similarity of the exams to content	7
Applicability to everyday life	7
Chances of Trips	5
Popularity at A-Level	4
Number of teachers	4



RS

Beliefs, doctrine and practices- Religious Studies is devoted to the study of religion! Get excited to learn about a variety of religions (but in reality spend most of your time on Christianity) Known for its lenient exams, if you have a quote and some semi-logical reasoning, the 9 is all yours!

Similarity of the exams to content	9
Applicability to everyday life	9
Chances of Trips	2
Popularity at A-Level	3
Number of teachers	3

HANDSWORTH OLD EDWARD

The Society has about five hundred members in the UK and overseas, of whom an average of forty manage to attend at least one of our three meetings each year (in normal times), held in the Centenary Room on a Saturday afternoon in March, July and December, with lunch followed by a speaker or other entertainment. Those who are unable to attend enjoy reading our three newsletters each year and catching up with school or members' news.

In July 2019, local author Gina Maddison (née While, 1968-75) talked about her happy childhood memories of growing up in back-to-back houses in Guildford Street, Lozells, in working class Birmingham during the 1950s and 1960s, and how life was before things started to change in the 1970s with strikes, power cuts, three day week, etc. She and her sister loved the statutory and free public library service specified by the Public Libraries and Museums Act of 1964, and both became Librarians.

Following the AGM and lunch in November 2019, we were entertained in music and verse organised by Committee members Jane Ware (née Adey, 1970-77) and Elizabeth Pittaway (née Golabek, 1965-72) respectively, with other Committee members and a few other members reading festive poems. We also sang a few carols, accompanied by Jane on violin and a pianist, ending with a rendition of the school anthem.

Dr Kate Round, an outreach presenter and tour guide for Dudley Museum Service, was our very knowledgeable speaker in early March 2020. She gave an introduction to the subject of Stourbridge Glass, tracing the roots of Stourbridge glassmakers back to the 8th century BC, and explained how glass is made, the source of the ingredients and the importance of the canals and associated trades. She also looked at innovations in glass decorating and the skills and worldwide fame of local craftsmen.

Since then of course, we have been unable to hold any meetings because of the pandemic and school closure in 2020 but hope to resume later in 2021, if not in July, at least in December.

The pandemic prevented us from celebrating our centenary in 2020. According to the School history 1883-1983, the 'Old Girls' Society' was first mentioned in The Beacon in 1920 and its creation possibly arose out of a gathering of about three hundred former pupils to make a retirement presentation to Miss Nimmo in 1915. The Society used to have a netball team and a dramatics section which gave public performances, and members also brought their children to meetings. Until the early 1990s, our Christmas meeting was held in the evening and we also had cheese and wine at our Spring meeting until 1997.

We appreciate Mrs Whittall's support as our President and the help given by Mervyn Baptist for our catering, Mark Vann, Samantha Harvey, our Officers and Committee, and all members who have helped in any way.

PAULETTE BURKILL Hon. Secretary
2021

Handsworth Old Edwardians' Society

May

NEWS

Laura Billington (née Wallace, 1995-2002), husband Henry and son Theodore (born in March 2019) live in Perth (WA), where she teaches Humanities, is currently Vice President of the Geographical Association of WA, and volunteers at a dogs' refuge home.

Cecelia Bloom (née Fisher, 1980-87) studied Electronic Engineering at Kent University but now teaches Maths. She lived in the USA 1996-2008 and her two adult children, who were born there, also studied Maths, now working in the USA. Her sister Carren Holden (née Fisher, 1974-81) studied Aeronautical Engineering at Bristol University; she and her husband have worked for many years at Airbus in Bristol. Her other sister Maria Fisher (1978-85) studied Civil Engineering at university and also teaches Maths.

After a long career in Social Services, Anne Church (née Smith, 1951-58) is now retired and living in Wales, where she's Director of Pembrokeshire Samaritans. Her niece Tiffany Cawthorne (née Cleeve, 1980s) is now teaching in Birmingham. Tiffany and the rest of the family are very successful competitive sailors and are also involved with the Crescent Theatre.

Anita Fatchett (née Oakes, 1958-65 and Head Girl 1964-65) has followed up her academic publications on Nursing and Social Policy with a new series of children's books, co-written with her grandson Harry. Mr Oakes's Garden and Mr Oakes' Garden Again introduce positive health messages in an enjoyable way for young children.

Brenda Griffiths (née Gibbs, 1942-47) left when she was sixteen but always valued her education at Handsworth. She was lucky enough to begin training as an architect. However, despite good results, circumstances meant that she left. She had always wanted to teach in some way, so used her skills working with the Girls' Life Brigade until she retired. Her children fulfilled Brenda's ambition - daughter Elizabeth, went to Birmingham University and became a teacher, and her son, who went to KE Aston, qualified as an architect at Cardiff University. She has four grandchildren.

Katie Kremin (née Mulhall, 1997-2004), husband Alexander and two cats live in Melbourne, Australia, where she's business manager for an energy efficiency company.

Gina Maddison (née While, 1968-75) has now written a novel based on her experience of being in hospital with Covid-19 in 2020, with the proceeds to be donated to MIND. She has also published a novel based on her childhood memories called Tales of Guildford Street, and is now writing a book about her time at KE Handsworth.

Margaret Mapstone (née Atherley, 1935-42) trained as a teacher at Birmingham University, and taught at various Birmingham schools. She spent the last ten years of her career as Head of Yenton Infant School, retiring in 1983. Her husband was Head of Music at schools in Birmingham and Bromsgrove and organist at St Paul's Church for many years. She was widowed in 2015 but is still enjoying life in Upton-on-Severn.

Zeta Sutcliffe (née Johnson, 1965-72) moved permanently to a suburb of Valencia, Spain, driving overland at the end of December 2019, when her main worry was the effect of Brexit and being the only British person in town!

Margaret Boggis taught Classics from 1964 and was Deputy Head on her retirement in 1980. She will be 100 years old in August 2021.

Ruth Naish, who taught Mathematics and R.I. 1946-80, celebrated her centenary in August 2020. Mary Tolley, Head of English 1949-69, will be 99 in August 2021.

IN SCHOOL





HANDSWORTH

A history of the challenges faced by King

While the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the day-to-day running of our school (although the lie-in when we had online lessons was most welcome), the spirit of the school has remained intact, and Handsworth has continued to be a beacon of hope in this strange time, from positivity parades to charity fundraisers. This is not the first time that the school has overcome adversity, and, from its opening in 1883, the girls and staff at Handsworth have faced a variety of challenges which they have overcome with determination and generosity.

Under the first headmistress of Handsworth, Mrs Nimmo, results from termly examinations were put up in each form room and the order of student's marks were read out in the hall by the Head, which doesn't sound like an awful lot of fun!

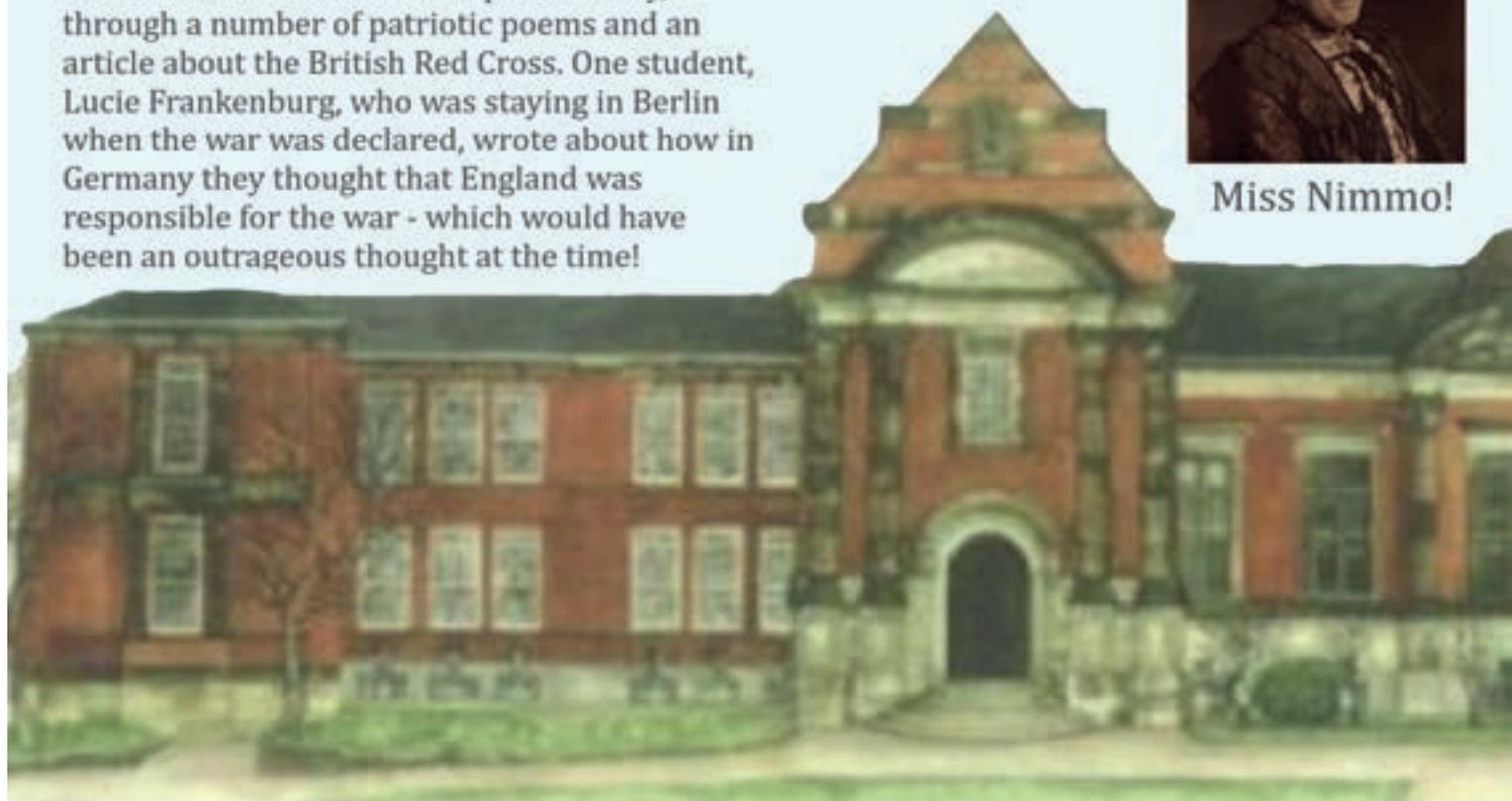
World War One was an understandably difficult time for the school, and the 1914 Beacon reflects the world affairs in a positive way, through a number of patriotic poems and an article about the British Red Cross. One student, Lucie Frankenburg, who was staying in Berlin when the war was declared, wrote about how in Germany they thought that England was responsible for the war - which would have been an outrageous thought at the time!

Changes were even made to the school's long-standing tradition of Speech Day, with certificates being given out instead of prizes to economise. Hope carried the school through the years of conflict, and, in September 1919, a fancy dress party was held to celebrate the armistice, and a collection was held to fund the Peace Memorial Prize.

This wasn't the only struggle that the school (along with the rest of the world) faced in the early part of the twentieth century however, as there was an influenza pandemic in 1918 in which two students sadly passed away. The outbreak closed the school a fortnight early at the end of the autumn term and Speech Day was delayed. From November 1918, there were intermittent holidays for parts of the school due to the pandemic and the whole school shut from 29th November until January. Sounds familiar...



Miss Nimmo!



HISTORY

Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls

During World War Two, the school faced even more challenges. In September 1939, 258 girls and 34 mistresses were evacuated to Worcester, where the students attended Worcester Girls Grammar School. By September 1940, the school had reassembled at Handsworth but alterations had been made including the reinforcement of the ceilings of the rooms in the basement and nets being put up over corridor windows. In 2020-2021, the school also went through physical changes including 2 metre stickers and yellow tape on the floor and the gazebos on the field!

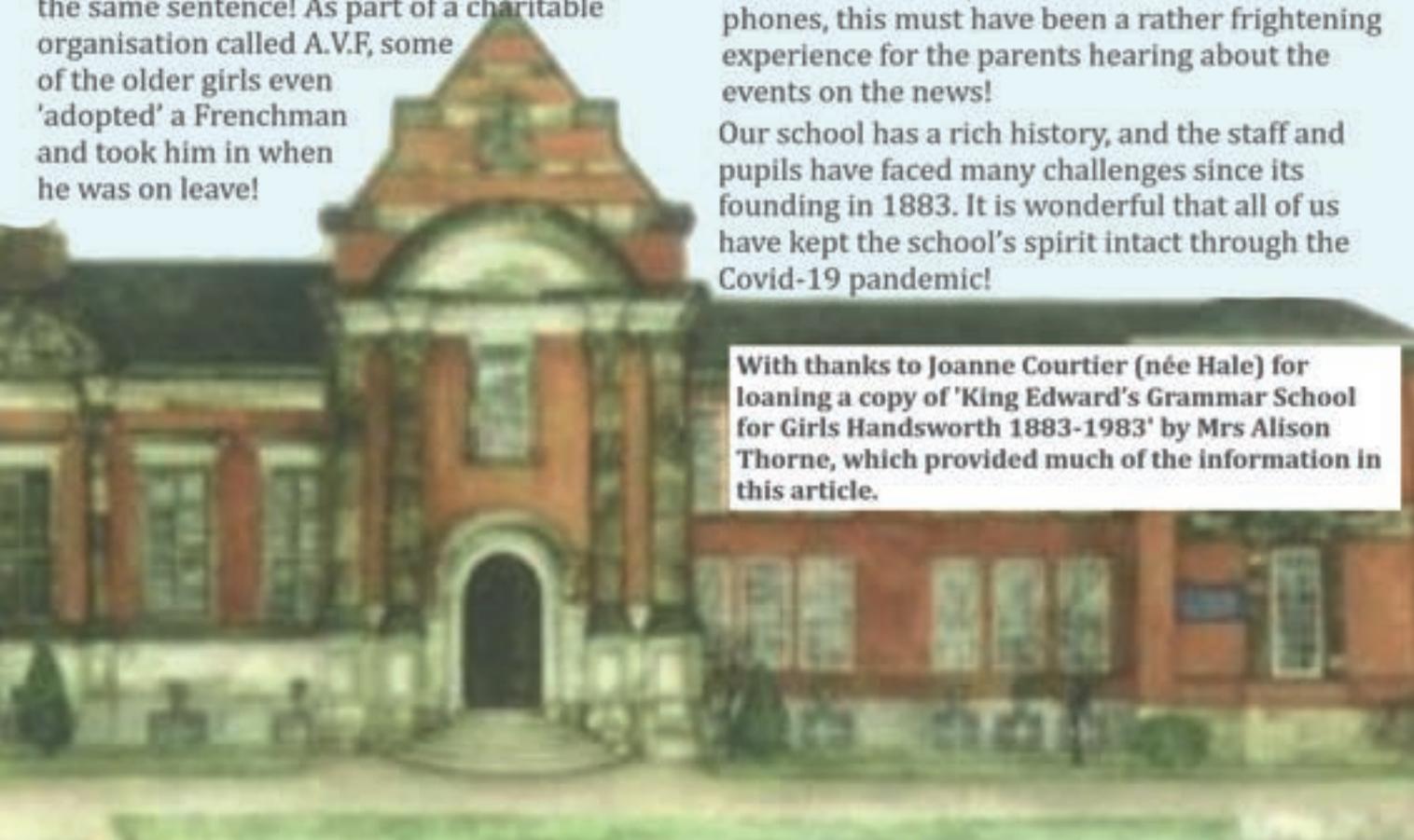
The trials were not over for the school however as in November 1940 there was a second evacuation, this time to Coalville. One teacher, Miss Davis, is said to have given pocket money to those with less well-off parents, and taught lively Latin lessons to boost the girls' spirits. You don't often hear 'fun' and 'Latin' in the same sentence! As part of a charitable organisation called A.V.F, some of the older girls even 'adopted' a Frenchman and took him in when he was on leave!

In more recent years, the school has faced the threat of closure due to the ideology of the City Council of the time, who aimed to implement comprehensive education throughout the whole of Birmingham in 1965. The threat was held off until October 1973, when the grammar schools at Handsworth, Aston and Five Ways were planned to be closed down. The Foundation was determined not to let this happen however, and, after a petition and a procession in the city centre (a great demonstration of Building Learning Habits!), the schools were allowed to remain open. In 1982, the change in who ran the Council saved grammar schools in Birmingham. Yay!

The 1985 Handsworth riots also impacted the school as it had to go into lockdown (we'd be prepared for this thanks to our lockdown drills) and small groups of girls were accompanied by a teacher to bus stops on Soho Rd. With no mobile phones, this must have been a rather frightening experience for the parents hearing about the events on the news!

Our school has a rich history, and the staff and pupils have faced many challenges since its founding in 1883. It is wonderful that all of us have kept the school's spirit intact through the Covid-19 pandemic!

With thanks to Joanne Courtier (née Hale) for loaning a copy of 'King Edward's Grammar School for Girls Handsworth 1883-1983' by Mrs Alison Thorne, which provided much of the information in this article.



Teachers' Pets - Match the Teacher to the Pet!



1. Andre



2. Ruby



3. Norris



4. Hamlet



5. Bertie



6. Snowy and Jinx

Whilst there might be some teachers' pets in the classroom, which of these furry friends do our favourite teachers go home to?

Match the pet to the teacher. The teachers involved are: Miss Goodyear, Miss Samuels, Mrs Hubble, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Emmrich, Mrs Osborne, Miss Badchkam, Mrs McKee, Mrs Bates, Ms Pettit, Mrs Harris, Miss Glendenning, Miss Berry, Mrs Flood, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Augustin, Mrs Daniel, Miss Lock, Mrs Kirby, Miss Nolan, Miss Russell, Mr Sammons, Mrs Hancox, Miss Collins and Ms Gallagher.



7. Prince



8. Ruan



9. Matisse



10. Gatsby



11. Willow



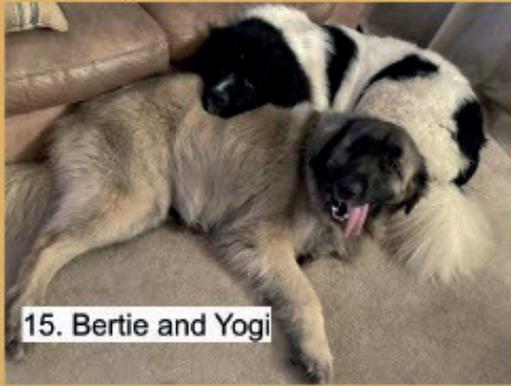
13. Rory



12. Brushy



14. Bailey



15. Bertie and Yogi



16. Billy and Luna



18. Boggie and Bosley



17. Joey



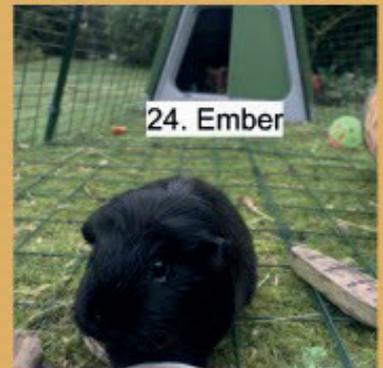
20. Floss and Bear



21. mason bee



19. Smokey Joe



24. Ember



22. Nebula



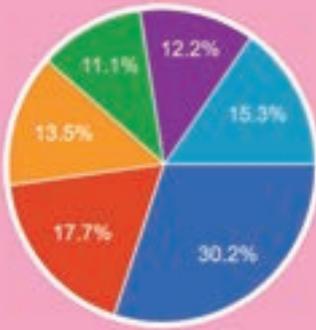
23. Siouxsie and Budgie



25. Lady

Student

BEST ALBUM

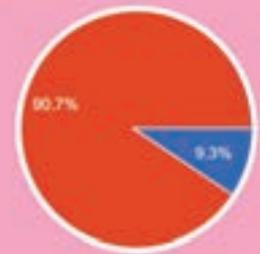
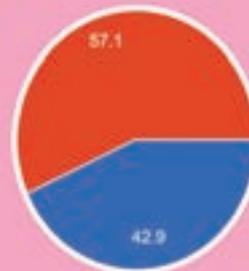
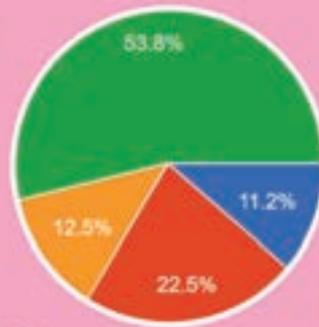


- positions, ariana grande
- the album, blackpink
- folklore, taylor swift
- after hours, the weekend
- hot pink, doja cat
- fine line, harry styles



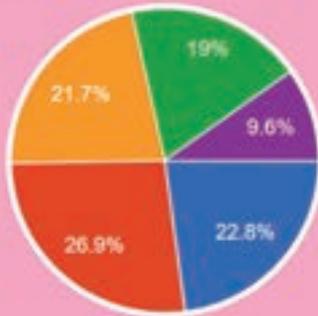
BEST APP

- twitter
- instagram
- snapchat
- tiktok

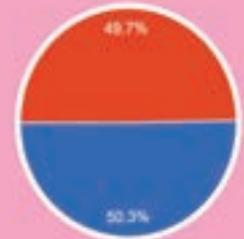


- star trek
- star wars

BEST TV SERIES



- infinity war
- endgame

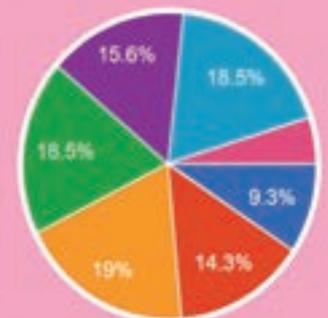


- online lessons
- in school lessons

- the umbrella academy
- wandavision
- the crown
- the queen's gambit
- the mandalorian

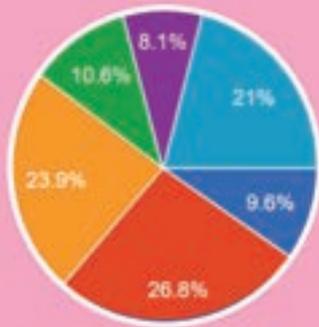
BEST SONG

- say so, doja cat
- adore you, harry styles
- drivers license, olivia rodrigo
- dynamite, bts
- pov, ariana grande
- blinding lights, the weekend
- circles, post malone



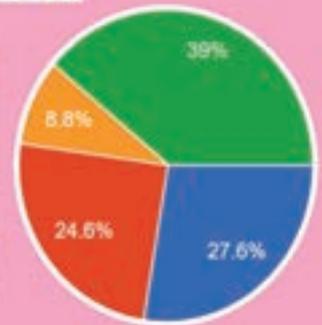
Polls

BEST QUARANTINE TREND

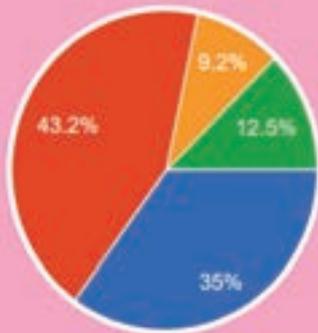


- banana bread
- tiktok dances
- whipped coffee
- home workouts
- zoom quizzes
- home haircuts

BEST FILM



BEST QUARANTINE COMFORT FOOD

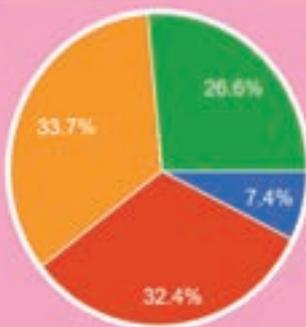


- ice cream
- chocolate
- sweets
- popcorn

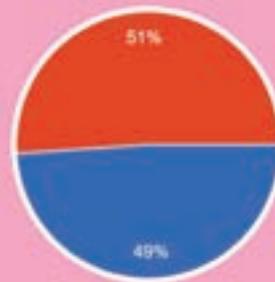


- wonder woman 1984
- soul
- tenet
- mulan

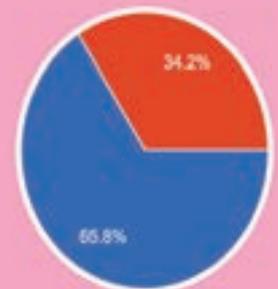
BEST FASHION TREND



- cow print
- sweater vests
- bucket hats
- butterfly clips

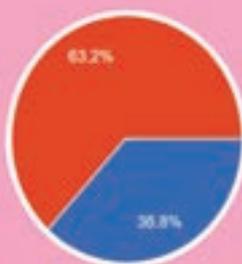


- maths
- english

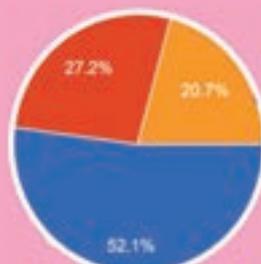


- kendall
- kylie

BEST SPIDERMAN

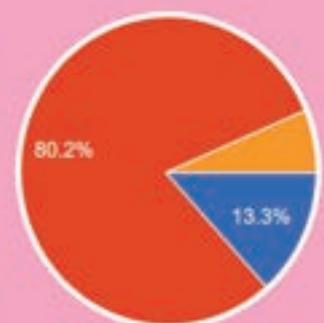


- cottagecore
- dark academia



- biology
- chemistry
- physics

- andrew garfield
- tom holland
- tobey maguire



Creative Competition : *Hope*

This year we wanted to inspire fellow students to get creative and reflect on their experiences of the past year. To do this, we decided to hold a competition with all pupils having the opportunity to submit something they'd made or written. We were so happy with the results! We really appreciated the effort and creativity put in and enjoyed judging them, although it's true that we had to make some tough decisions and unfortunately not everyone could win a spot in the magazine! We are so proud to announce that the winner of this competition is Humaira Rafaqat from Year 10, whose beautiful digital art is a perfect encapsulation of the message of hope. Also, big well dones to our runners up: Charis Willis from Year 12 and Sophie Lawrence from Year 9, and of course to everyone else who entered!

✓ Winning entry: Hello Dove by Humaira Rafaqat 10.3



the Hope that anchors my soul
in the midst of raging waters:
tides turn; ships overthrown,
but Your hand establishes the meek and humble
winds roar; sailors stumble,
but Your voice keeps my feet from falling below

lightnings and lightnings -
the blink of an eye
thunder cries out and echoes everywhere -
moving through the air around
deep into the hearts of humanity

the unknowing flee, seeking shelter in the waves,
but we look on Your Light as they grope in darkness,
drowning in depths they quake in fear but we stand on
oceans trembling in awe:
lifting up our eyes on High;
for our Redemption is drawing nigh

< *the Hope that anchors my soul*
by Charis Willis
12.5

"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."
- Psalm 27:14 :)

We Can Stop Covid by Sophie Lawrence 9.3 >

My message is that there is hope for the pandemic to end thanks to masks, the vaccine, COVID tests, hand sanitiser e.t.c and of course our NHS



Teacher Awards

We all know that the teachers and staff members help to make our school such a special place, so it's only right that we recognise their achievements with the long-awaited 2021 Staff Awards. Students from across the school cast their votes, and I think you'll agree that these prestigious awards are very well deserved. *Drum Roll please*

Best Dressed:-

Winner:

Miss Collins

Honorable mentions:

Mr Sammons (need I say more?)

Miss Mahmood (described by one student as a "Zara icon")

IT Hero:-

Winner:

Mr Trotter (thanks for keeping the charity work going over lockdown!)

Honorable mentions:

The actual IT technicians (for sorting all of the projector crises)

Mrs Daniel

Mrs Bates

Best Department:-

Winner:

Science (KEVIHS loves you)

Honourable mentions:

English (putting the lit in literature)

Maths



Most likely to have the best Netflix show:-

Winner: Mr McIntosh (a staggering win!)

Honourable mentions:

Mrs Harris

Mrs Whittall



Most likely to become TikTok famous:-

Winner: Vera

Honourable mentions:

Miss Goodyear

Mr Thomson (could definitely be famous on German TikTok...)

Funniest teacher:-

Winner:

Mr McEwen (of course)

Honorable mentions:

Miss Badchkam

Mr Nawaz

Most smiley teacher:-

Winner: Mrs Plante-Bekenn :)

Honourable mentions:

Miss Lock

Miss Campbell

Unsung Hero Award:-

Winner: Vera

Honourable mentions:

Mrs Hancox

Miss Naz

Mr Vann



Most likely to win a Zoom quiz:-

Winner:

Mrs McKee

Honourable mentions:

Mr Crockford

Mrs Kirby



Best Lockdown Hair Award:-

Winner:

Mr Nawaz

Honourable mentions:

Mrs McKee

Dr Perrins

Lockdown Heroes

Cont.

Vera

What was it like working without many people in school?

It was "dry" boring. This was during the first Lockdown, there was only one pupil present until Easter 2020. Walking around in empty toilets cleaning clean toilets was the craic. Second Lockdown was a bit better with more girls in, so the days weren't so long.

Did you have anything that you liked to do during lockdown?

During lockdown I enjoyed spending the days in the sun with grandkids.

What positive things have you learned over Lockdown?

Positive thing after Lockdown: my eyes are more open to a lot more things. With me what you see is what you get.

Any advice for the readers?

Don't believe everything you hear, investigate.



Mrs Whittall

What was your favourite lockdown habit?

I really enjoyed regular walking and running. I was disappointed when my local Parkrun had to stop due to the pandemic. Fingers crossed these will start up again soon. I have continued to try and keep fit to be ready for them when they start - we will see!

You've had to oversee two schools this year, how has it been?

It has been incredibly busy and challenging, I have missed being at Handsworth every day and have missed more regular contact with staff and students. The staff and students in both schools have been incredible and worked so hard, and with such commitment and dedication; that has certainly made my dual role easier and I am very grateful for everything that has been done and achieved. It will be wonderful to be back at Handsworth full time in September.

Which uniquely KEVIHS event will you be looking forward to when restrictions are lifted?

Whilst not unique to Handsworth, I have really missed our assemblies. These are such an important time for year groups and staff to be together with space to listen and reflect. They help to create a sense of genuine community and I am looking forward to having groups together again - hopefully soon. I have also missed the concerts, the fixtures and the dance show; it is always so wonderful to see you all excelling in your extra curricular activities - hopefully we can get back to these again soon too.

Any wise words for the readers?

I think two things spring to mind. Firstly, take a moment to reflect back on this challenging time. You have managed to deal with something entirely unprecedented and will have learnt a great deal from doing this. I firmly think if you can cope with this, you can cope with everything. Well done - be proud of yourself. Secondly, think about the new things that you have valued because of having space and time which you might not have had in a normally busy, hectic schedule. I am sure some of these things will be worth continuing - for me walking, running and spending time outside (whatever the weather) are those things. Don't let them get pushed out of your week when the world gets increasingly busy again. Finally, remember, value and be continually grateful for the people and connections you have - never take time and opportunities for granted.



Hello, hello, hello!

This year we've had to say goodbye to some very valuable members of our school community and have said hello to some others. Thank you to all staff this year for all of your hard work, we truly appreciate it!

Mrs Robertson

When did you start working at KEVIHS and what is your role?

I started my role as Subject Leader for Economics on the 4th January 2021, so it was a bit of a strange start as we were all at home and experiencing on-line lessons. My classes could see me but I couldn't see them!

What have you enjoyed most about working at Handsworth so far?

Because of the above, one of the highlights was meeting my classes in person for the first time. As a teacher, the best part of the job is getting to know so many interesting and talented people.

What is the strangest or funniest thing that a pupil has ever said to you?

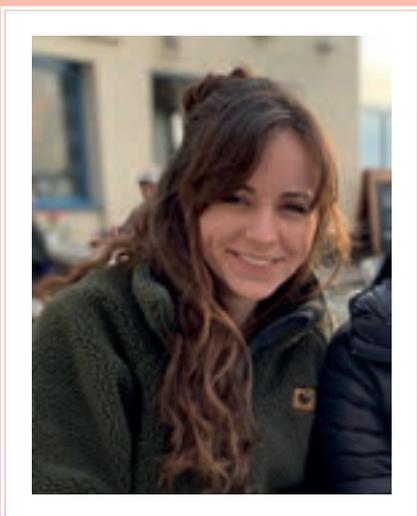
During a recent 'getting to know you' conversation with one of my form group I found out they had just got a parrot for a pet! In over 20 years of teaching that was a 'first' for me.

What uniquely KEVIHS thing are you looking forward to and why?

Feeling part of the school community. Once we can break out of our 'bubbles' I'm looking forward to seeing and experiencing more whole school events where we can all mix again.

Any messages/comments for the readers?

Thank you to all for the warm welcome I have received.



Miss Hallett

When did you start working at KEVIHS, for how long and what was your role?

I started working at KEVIHS in September 2020, for my teacher training year. My role was learning to teach music, teaching music, and generally supporting the music department!

What is the strangest thing that a pupil has ever said to you?

"My microphone is broken" (During online learning, through their microphone...)

What will you miss most about Handsworth?

The students of course, and the positive and supportive school environment.

What are your next steps after leaving?

I am going to be getting married this summer and moving to live near the sea, then starting a new job as a fully fledged music teacher at a secondary school in Southampton - wish them luck!

Any messages/comments for the readers?

It has been a pleasure to teach at Handsworth!

FUN FACT: Miss Hallett came to KEVIHS for Sixth Form where she was taught English Literature by Miss Glendenning, Music by Mr Heppel, and Psychology by Mr Sammons!

Mr Puzey

After some very extensive detective work (aka lots of back and forth emails), we couldn't find a photo of Mr Puzey. Therefore, please enjoy the page's beautiful tones of pink and purple! Isn't it pretty?

How long did you work at KEVIHS and what was your role?

I was only at Handsworth for a year, Easter 20-Easter 21, covering Ms Whybrow's maternity leave (and so teaching English, as well as being form tutor to 11.5 - the best form in Birmingham, possibly in history).

What has been your favourite thing about teaching at Handsworth?

My favourite thing about teaching at Handsworth was the students. Students are what make a school and at Handsworth I was always impressed by your willingness to get involved and do whatever was asked of you - even in such difficult circumstances as Covid brought on. What's more, I was very grateful you laughed at my jokes - well, most of them.

Your most memorable/funniest moment at school?

As for a most memorable or funniest moment, that is difficult as there were so many. Pretending I was being attacked by a pigeon during a live lesson was up there, as was engaging in a leaping competition with Mrs McKee along the bottom corridor. Y7 putting up a banner with 'Your revels now are ended' to mark my departure was also great, especially as it showed they'd remembered something from *The Tempest* which I'd tried to teach them in lockdown. Starting teaching in lockdown was memorable too, especially as I hadn't met any students, couldn't see them and couldn't even hear from most as (apparently) their mics weren't working. Though I think some may not have been telling the whole truth about that.

What are your next steps after leaving?

My next step is to start a tutoring business, and maybe get a street food van organised. I like food.

Any messages/comments for the readers?

As for a message, nothing too profound. Just stay as wonderful as you are and never forget what huge potential you have - go on to make a positive change in the lives of those you've yet to meet.

Mr Freer

How long did you work at KEVIHS and what was your role?

I worked at Handsworth for 5 and a half years and I was Head of Economics (sounds fancy but it was only me!) and Head of EPQ.

What has been your favourite thing about teaching at Handsworth?

My favourite thing is of course the students who make the job worthwhile

Your most memorable/funniest moment at school?

My most memorable moments are the results days, when I see the students' faces, when they get the reward for their efforts and when I find out that the exam board has not downgraded the EPQ marks :) The funniest moments always involved Miss Goodyear, behind that ambitious all-star super teacher exterior there is some real childish humour.

What are your next steps after leaving?

My new role is at Bishop Vesey's teaching Economics and in charge of academic progress of the Sixth Form.

Any messages/comments for the readers?

My message to readers...find some humour in each day, set goals, be ambitious, always use manners and don't forget to smile :) I wish you all the very best at Handsworth.



So long, farewell...

MR SAMMONS

Photographed by Mr Sammons

Artist: Yasmin

PSYCH-Y BLINDERS

NEW SEASON OF PSYCH-Y BLINDERS | STARRING MR SAMMONS AS THOMAS SHELBY | COMING SOON TO A CLASSROOM NEAR YOU

Catching up with an Ex-pupil



KEVIHS has produced some highly talented alumni down the years, from doctors (obviously), to actresses, to politicians, to lawyers - the list is endless. There is no doubt that an education at Handsworth really sets you up for whatever it is you want to do with your life. This year we spoke to a woman who has found success in radio since leaving the school. Emma B attended KEVIHS from 1982 - 1989 and has since gone on to present shows for numerous radio stations and TV. We asked her a few questions about her time at Handsworth and what she has done since. Here is what she said:

What memories do you have from your time at King Edward Handsworth School for Girls?

I have so many great memories of school. Right from going round the school when I was 10 and falling head over heels in love with the hall and thinking how magnificent it was, through to the Queen coming and us thinking it was fantastically posh that Miss Sergeant's (headmistress from 1971 to 1989) loo had to be refurbished to accommodate Her Majesty! Being in Handsworth in the 80s was a real eye opener as well, and I am still hugely grateful for going to a school that was as brilliantly diverse as it was, and still is, even though there were tensions in the area at the time. The school plays were always a highlight for me, as were the 6th form revues that I think we started planning in our head when we were in Yr 8 or 9! I'm still convinced that playing Ratty in *The Wind in The Willows* was my gateway performance to the career I have now in radio!

What is the most positive learning you have taken with you from your time at school?

I loved being part of the school family and I think that sense of belonging to something we were all quite proud of, was very strong. Miss Sergeant, however tiny in stature, was a huge personality and I think she really instilled that idea that you get out of something what you put in. Even though we were all annoying teenagers, whoever we were and whatever background we came from, we all had the school to bring us together and that taught us all, I think, to find what we have in common in people and not to look for our differences.

What advice would you give to current students who are interested in a career in media/showbiz?

If you're looking for a career in media or the crazy world of showbiz, your biggest weapon is persistence. There are thousands of young people out there who are all capable of doing these kinds of jobs but surprisingly few who keep at it. Asking once won't cut it. Trying once won't get you there and often, in a pile of CVs from people that are all qualified, it'll be the people who battle their way into the room that will get the breaks you need. Oh, and get a thick skin and spend less time adding followers on Instagram and more time getting relevant experience.

CLUED HOE

CHILLING DETECTIVE JUMPER SPECIAL



MR TROTTER SPILLS THE SECRET TEA



TELETUBBY HILLS? WHY ARE THEY CALLED THAT?

ELEMENTARY MY DEAR WATSON! IN 1997 THE TELETUBBIES THEME TUNE BECAME A HIT, (IN ITS VERY FIRST YEAR OF BEING AIRED) - AT NO.1 IN THE CHARTS. BY 2003 THE NAME WAS USED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL - PRESUMABLY BY TEACHERS WITH CHILDREN OR STUDENTS WITH YOUNGER SIBLINGS.



THE RIDGE TURRETS, A GREAT MYSTERY - BUT HOME TO NOTHING ...

THE LOUVRES LOCATED THERE ARE SAID TO VENTILATE THE LOFTS FROM THE HALL VIA THE CENTRAL CEILING ROSE, THROUGH A GRILL.

WHATS UNDER THE SCHOOL? IS IT ACTUALLY BOMB-PROOF (FROM WW2)?

THE DEAD BODIES... JKI NO SERIOUSLY, THERE'S A SECRET SERVICE TUNNEL, IT'S ABOUT 1.5M HIGH SO YOU CAN WALK DOWN IT (I CAN'T!). IT HAS ELECTRICAL AND NETWORK CABLES, WATER AND HEATING PIPES AND RUNS BELOW THE PLAYROOM CORRIDOR.

WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO MR YANN

THE TOP OF THE PANELLED-IN LIFT SHAFT - THE ORIGINAL PULLEY THAT WOULD HAVE HAD THE ROPE IN IT - YES A MANUAL LIFT, NO MOTORS ...



THIS IS VERY CLOSE TO THE GEOGRAPHY ROOMS.

HOW DO THEY OPEN THE WINDOWS AT THE VERY TOP OF THE HALL (THAT OPEN UP TO THE SKY)?

THERE IS A WALKWAY OUTSIDE BY THOSE WINDOWS, ITS NOT THE EDGE OF THE ROOF; THERE IS A FLAT AREA BETWEEN THE WINDOWS AND THE NEXT ROOF OVER THE CLASSROOMS.

HAUNTING GHOSTS OF THE PAST



WHERE ARE CLASSROOMS 15-21? WHY IS THERE A ROOM 13 BUT NONE OF THESE?

HMMM, THEY WOULD BE WHERE THE ART ROOMS ARE WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY NUMBERED, THEY WEREN'T ALWAYS ART ROOMS ...

EQUALLY, WHERE ARE ROOMS 1-7 OR EVEN LAB 14?



THESE ARE "DUMB WAITER" STYLE LIFTS FOR GETTING BOOKS TO THE TOP AND MIDDLE FLOOR.



THE SCHOOL HAS HAD SO MANY CHANGES OVER ITS LIFE THAT SOMETIMES IT CREATES "DEAD ENDS" THAT HINT AT HOW THINGS USED TO BE.

THE STAIRS THAT GO NOWHERE... (NOW)

DOORWAYS TO THE PAST...

DO THE TEACHERS KNOW THAT WE NAME THEM BY THEIR SURNAMES? EG TROTS/TROTTER.

YES.

OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION!

AND ONE FINAL QUESTION ... HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE HEPPTS AND TROTS BROMANCE APPRECIATION?

IT JUST SHOWS THAT SCIENCE AND ARTS CAN HAPPYILY COEXIST AND ACTUALLY COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.



The Signs As...



The Signs as Places in School

- Aries: Dining Block
- Taurus: Teletubbies Land
- Gemini: Playroom
- Cancer: Library
- Leo: The Hall
- Virgo: The Main Office
- Libra: The Art Corridor
- Scorpio: Science Block
- Sagittarius: Drama Studio
- Capricorn: Sixth Form Block
- Aquarius: Music Block
- Pisces: The Field

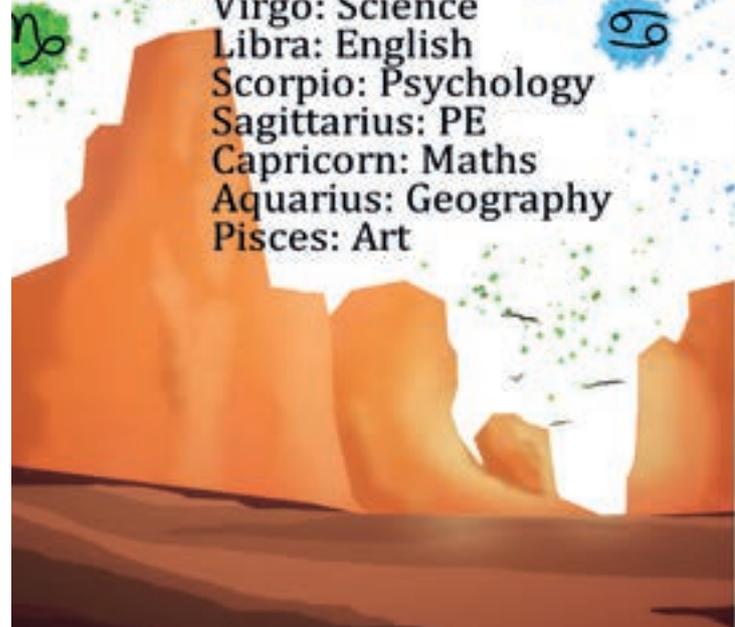
The Signs as Subjects

- Aries: Politics
- Taurus: Food Tech
- Gemini: Languages
- Cancer: RS
- Leo: Drama
- Virgo: Science
- Libra: English
- Scorpio: Psychology
- Sagittarius: PE
- Capricorn: Maths
- Aquarius: Geography
- Pisces: Art

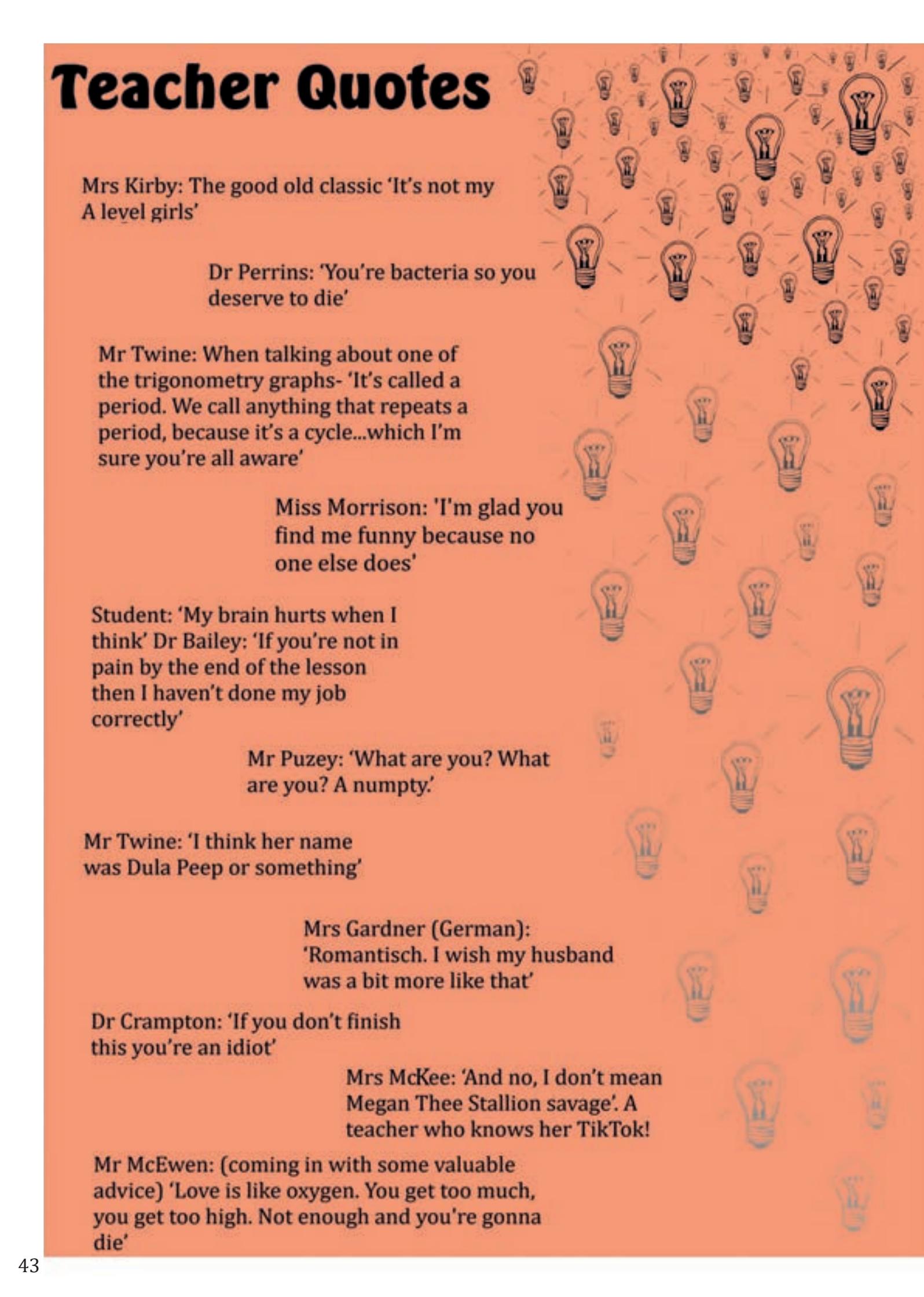


The Signs as Teachers

- Aries: Mrs Osborne, Mr Nawaz
- Taurus: Miss Plante, Mrs Adams
- Gemini: Miss Badchkam, Miss Collins
- Cancer: Mr Twine, Mrs Robertson
- Leo: Mr McEwan, Dr Bailey
- Virgo: Mrs Bates, Dr Clewlow
- Libra: Mrs Polke, Mrs Hubble
- Scorpio: Miss Goodyear, Mr Sammons
- Sagittarius: Mrs Brown, Miss Russell
- Capricorn: Miss Smith, Mrs Daniels
- Aquarius: Miss Campbell, Mrs Emmrich
- Pisces: Mr Crockford, Mrs McKee



Teacher Quotes



Mrs Kirby: The good old classic 'It's not my A level girls'

Dr Perrins: 'You're bacteria so you deserve to die'

Mr Twine: When talking about one of the trigonometry graphs- 'It's called a period. We call anything that repeats a period, because it's a cycle...which I'm sure you're all aware'

Miss Morrison: 'I'm glad you find me funny because no one else does'

Student: 'My brain hurts when I think' Dr Bailey: 'If you're not in pain by the end of the lesson then I haven't done my job correctly'

Mr Puzey: 'What are you? What are you? A numpty.'

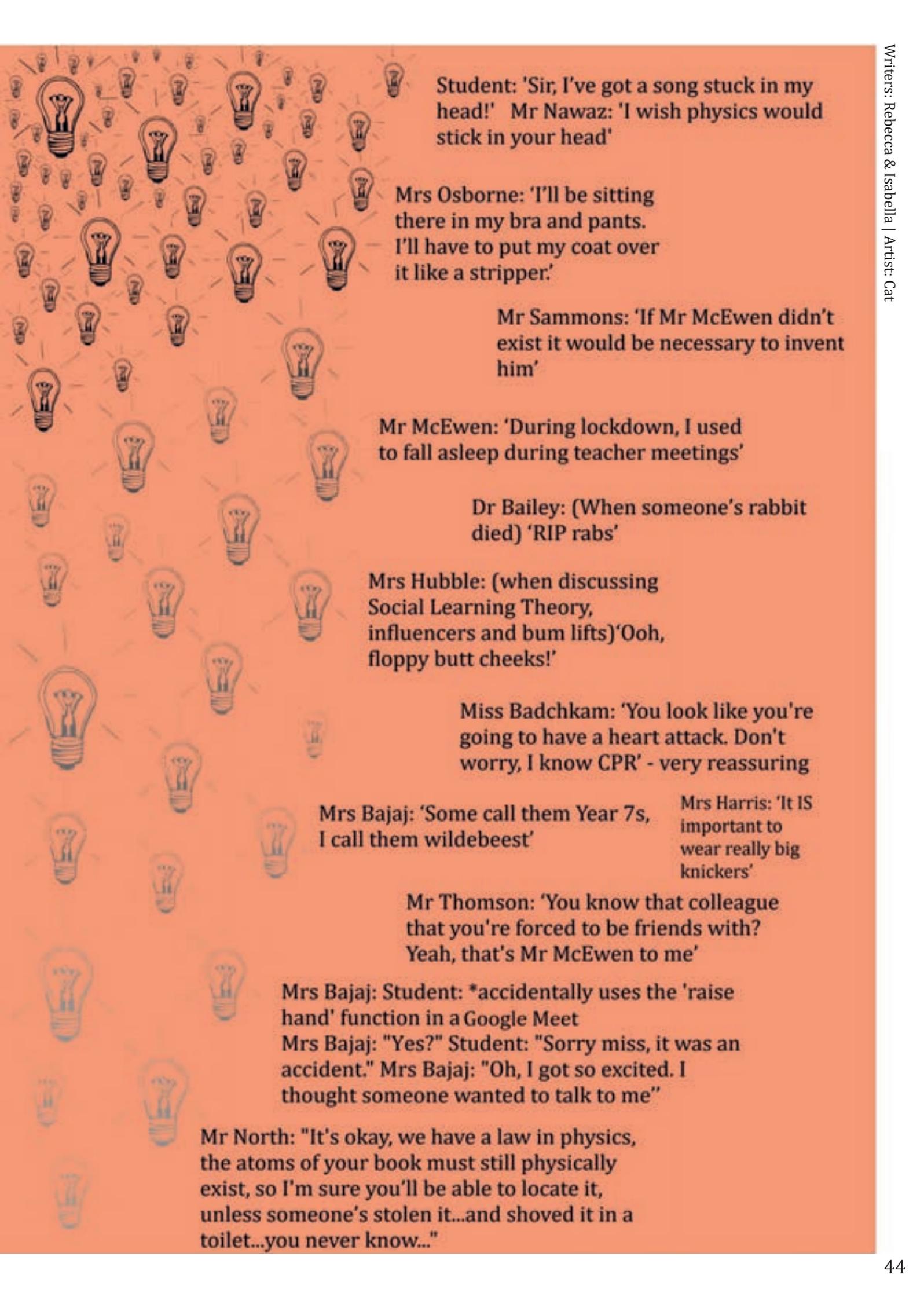
Mr Twine: 'I think her name was Dula Peep or something'

Mrs Gardner (German):
'Romantisch. I wish my husband was a bit more like that'

Dr Crampton: 'If you don't finish this you're an idiot'

Mrs McKee: 'And no, I don't mean Megan Thee Stallion savage'. A teacher who knows her TikTok!

Mr McEwen: (coming in with some valuable advice) 'Love is like oxygen. You get too much, you get too high. Not enough and you're gonna die'



Student: 'Sir, I've got a song stuck in my head!' Mr Nawaz: 'I wish physics would stick in your head'

Mrs Osborne: 'I'll be sitting there in my bra and pants. I'll have to put my coat over it like a stripper.'

Mr Sammons: 'If Mr McEwen didn't exist it would be necessary to invent him'

Mr McEwen: 'During lockdown, I used to fall asleep during teacher meetings'

Dr Bailey: (When someone's rabbit died) 'RIP rabs'

Mrs Hubble: (when discussing Social Learning Theory, influencers and bum lifts) 'Ooh, floppy butt cheeks!'

Miss Badchkam: 'You look like you're going to have a heart attack. Don't worry, I know CPR' - very reassuring

Mrs Bajaj: 'Some call them Year 7s, I call them wildebeest'

Mrs Harris: 'It IS important to wear really big knickers'

Mr Thomson: 'You know that colleague that you're forced to be friends with? Yeah, that's Mr McEwen to me'

Mrs Bajaj: Student: *accidentally uses the 'raise hand' function in a Google Meet
Mrs Bajaj: "Yes?" Student: "Sorry miss, it was an accident." Mrs Bajaj: "Oh, I got so excited. I thought someone wanted to talk to me"

Mr North: "It's okay, we have a law in physics, the atoms of your book must still physically exist, so I'm sure you'll be able to locate it, unless someone's stolen it...and shoved it in a toilet...you never know..."

In the Spotlight

What positive things were in the spotlight in the years that we were born and started secondary school?

Year 7

Born 2008/2009 President Obama is sworn in as the 44th President of the United States of America and the first African American person in the role.

Year they started school- 2020 Although 2020 was a pretty rubbish year by all accounts, it did produce some positive moments such as Marcus Rashford's free school meals campaign, Captain Sir Tom Moore's (RIP) 100 laps of his garden in which he raised over £38.9 million for NHS Charities Together and the creation and approval of Covid-19 vaccines in record time.



Year 9

Born 2006/2007 The Spice Girls (yes, including Victoria) launch their reunion tour in Vancouver, Canada

Year they started school- 2018 England reach the men's World Cup semi-finals for the first time in 28 years



Year 8

Born 2007/2008 Jay-Z and Beyonce get married

Year they started school -2019 Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's baby Archie is born



Year 10

Born 2005/2006 Coldplay's 'Speed of Sound' becomes the 1 billionth song sold on iTunes

Year they started school- 2017 The #MeToo movement kicks off in Hollywood, starting a vital conversation on sexual abuse and harassment



Year 11

Born 2004/2005 YouTube is founded and thank goodness for that because where would we be without Shaun Donnelly and FreeScienceLessons???

Year they started school- 2016 Paris Climate Change Agreement comes into force



Year 12

Born-2003/2004 Mark Zuckerberg creates Facebook (initially only for Harvard University students)

Year they started school- 2015 Adele releases her 3rd studio album '25', after much anticipation



Year 13

Born- 2002/2003 Halle Berry becomes the first black actress to win the Academy Award for Best Actress

Year they started school-2014 Malala becomes the youngest person ever to win a Nobel Peace Prize



Solutions, Answers & Easter Eggs

CLUED HOE EASTER EGG WORDS

Bromance

Teletubby

Teachers' Pets - ANSWERS

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| 1. Miss Lock | 2. Miss Samuels | 3. Mrs Augustin | 4. Miss Goodyear |
| 5. Mrs Daniel | 6. Mrs Farmer | 7. Miss Badchkam | 8. Mrs Hubble |
| 9. Ms Pettit | 10. Miss Glendenning | 11. Mrs Hancox | 12. Mr Sammons |
| 13. Mrs Bates | 14. Mrs Flood | 15. Mrs Morgan | 16. Mrs Nolan |
| 17. Miss Berry | 18. Mrs Kirby | 19. Mrs McKee | 20. Mrs Osborne |
| 21. Mrs Emmrich | 22. Mrs Harris | 23. Miss Russell | 24. Ms Gallagher |
| 25. Miss Collins | | | |

Where's the Tag Answers

- 1) Library Balcony 2) Dining Block 3) DB7
4) Deck area outside dining Block 5) In front of Library

Wordsearch

SOLUTION

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