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# Bulletin Board



## Upcoming Dates

### July

26<sup>th</sup> - Break up from school

### August

15<sup>th</sup> - A-level results day

22<sup>nd</sup> - GCSE results day

### September

4<sup>th</sup> - Morning: Return for Year 7 and 11

Afternoon: Return for Year 12

5<sup>th</sup> - Return for all other years



**Remind to  
take care of  
yourself and  
others over  
the holidays!**

**Have a good  
summer!**

### My Bucket List:

- Have a picnic
- Go camping
- Use your local library
- Go on a bike ride
- Paint pebbles
- Have a summer sort out

## Open Days

### August

10<sup>th</sup> - Royal Veterinary College

15<sup>th</sup> - Staffordshire University

16<sup>th</sup> - University of Bournemouth

17<sup>th</sup> - York St John University, Bangor University, Keele University, University of Northampton, University of Greenwich

20<sup>th</sup> - Sheffield Hallam University

27<sup>th</sup> - University of Aberdeen

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> - Strathclyde University

4<sup>th</sup> - University of Glasgow

7<sup>th</sup> - University of Bath, University of Sheffield

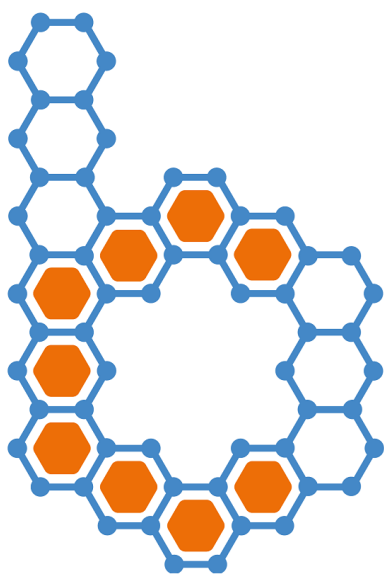
For more information check out <https://www.opendays.com/calendar/>

## Extra-Curricular Activity Timetable



LUNCH	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Afterschool	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Astro</b>	Yr9-11 Football AW	Yr7-8 Football MXB	Yr9-11 Football AW	Yr7-8 Football MWE/LSC	Yr9-11 Football AW	<b>Astro</b>			Yr7-8 Football BC/MWE/LN H/LSC		Staff Football
<b>Gym</b>			Yr7-11 Dodgeball BC	C'Nat Table Tennis MXB	Yr7-11 Boccia LSC	<b>Gym</b>	Yr10 C'Nat Boxing Club (after Half-term) MWE	Table Tennis Club* Coach: Tim Elmer		Taekwon-Do*	
<b>Sports Hall</b>	Yr7-11 Basketball MXB	Yr7-11 Basketball MWE/BC		Yr7-11 Badminton DIS/LNH	Yr7-11 Badminton DIS/LNH	<b>Sports Hall</b>				Yr 7, 8 & 9 Trampoline*	Staff Badminton





# BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST

UNTIL THERE'S A CURE

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Kimberley School held a charity day in remembrance of former Head Girl, Emily Barker. Emily was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in her leg at 20 years old while she was studying to become a primary school teacher. Osteosarcoma is a rare type of primary bone cancer that usually affects teenagers and young adults but can affect older people. By the time Emily was diagnosed, the cancer had spread to different areas of her body including her lungs. Emily then underwent treatment including chemotherapy and radiotherapy that resulted in her having to remain in hospital for long lengths of time.

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Grace Broker



This year we raised more than £1500! The charity day's theme was music which led to interesting costumes from Sixth Form and staff including Mel B, ABBA, (G)-IDLE, the Beach Boys and One Direction. There were also many stalls including the stocks, Where's Wally and face painting. Thank you to everyone who helped run the stalls and to everyone who helped raise money through participating in them.

# D-DAY

6th June  
80th anniversary

Operation Overlord began in the break of day on the 6<sup>th</sup> Of June 1944. British pontoons lined the French coastline with regiments of men from all types of backgrounds, both socially and militarily. Overlord came to be the largest naval invasion in the history of inter-nation conflict and lay the foundations for the turning point of the Second World War, and the start of the downfall of the Nazi regime that had encapsulated Europe.

Winston Churchill addressed Parliament back in 1940 and delivered his infamous 'We Shall Fight' speech. This speech foreshadowed, and later became synonymous with, D-Day. During this speech, he regarded the need to "fight on the seas and oceans", and the need for "superiority in the air".



In the evening before the main part of the invasion, troops from the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division were flown in makeshift Horsa gliders over enemy lines. They had the objective of securing two bridges, Benouville and Ranville, situated in France. **Ham and Sam Gensler-Woodcock**

Jam', the call for the capture of said bridges, was called in the early hours of the morning, signifying the success. This airborne assault became known to history as Operation Deadstick, and marks the beginning of the D-Day events. The bridges that were captured were vital road access points, and if they were not captured so effectively, the outcome of D-Day may have been entirely different. The bridges still stand today, and were renamed Pegasus Bridge and Horsa Bridge, honouring the brave men who were lost in that capture.

The events that D-Day is most celebrated for are related to the sea, particularly as it is the largest naval invasion in modern history. Just short of 6,500 marine crafts were involved in the landings, whether they were carrying troops who would be descending onto Juno Beach later that day or transporting wounded soldiers back in England. However, it is worth noting that the latter was also carried out by RAF Transport Command with their Douglas C-47 Skytrains. The naval power was supplied from 8 Navies with the majority from the British, but



▲ Paratroopers dropped over France





▲ Servicemen re-enacting the march through the waters on for the channel to commemorate D-Day

also other allied nations.

D-Day wasn't an event carried out by one force, from one country, alone. It was a combination of multiple nations that span the globe, all working as a unit. Naval attacks, aerial bombardment, paratroopers, coastal command and many other aspects played an integral part in the landings, and through the amalgamation of these allies, millions of lives were saved. However, through this, many brave soldiers, from all walks of life, including 4,415 allied personnel who lost their lives. 2024 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landings, and in this anniversary year, we pay homage to those who were lost. Events in Normandy, just a few metres away from the spots the men departed their crafts, were attended by world leaders and dignitaries, as well as WWII veterans. Modern-day servicemen re-enacted the march through the waters of the

channel that occurred on D-Day, the Royal Air Force and the United States Air Force dropped hundreds of paratroopers over France, and aircraft, such as a mass squadron of C-47 Skytrains – appropriately named the 'D-Day Squadron' – flew over the beaches. Events were also marked closer to home, whether that be in schools or at beacon lighting events, such as the one at the Chapel in Kimberley.

Through these events we remember. We remember the soldiers who served and died. Their sacrifice is what we remember that led to the collapse of the Nazi regime and served as the beginning of the end of the Second World War. As Winston Churchill stated in that speech to the Commons years before the landings, 'we shall go on to the end', and 'we will never surrender'. Lest We Forget.

# PRIDE MONTH

## PRIDE

Pride month is a month to celebrate how far the LGBTQ+ community has come. Pride month is an annual celebration for the contributions the LGBTQ+ society has made towards history, society, and culture worldwide. In most communities and countries, Pride month is celebrated in June each year in commemoration of its roots in the Stonewall riots of 1969.



▲ The first Stonewall anniversary march on June 28<sup>th</sup> 1970

## HISTORY OF PRIDE

Following WWII, a small number of groups, like the Mattachine society and the Daughters of Bilitis, published gay and lesbian positive newspapers and grew more vocal about demanding recognition as well as protesting about the mistreatment of gays and lesbians. For example, in 1966 members of the Mattachine society held a protest at the Julius a bar in New York City. They demanded drinks after announcing

their sexuality, clearly in violation of local laws at the time preventing local bar owners from serving gays and lesbians in bars.

Despite some progress in the postwar era, basic civil rights were denied to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Until one night in June 1969, when the gay movement took a furious step forward with a series of violent riots in New York City. As was widespread practice in many cities, the New York police department would occasionally raid bars and restaurants where it was widely believed the LGBTQ+ community would gather. This occurred on June 28, 1969, when the NYPD raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar in the Greenwich village neighborhood of Manhattan. When the police aggressively removed patrons and employees from the bar, several people fought back, and a growing crowd of locals gathered in the streets in support. The confrontations sparked six days of violent protests against the police outside the Stonewall Inn and throughout the neighborhood.



▲ Nottingham Pride 2022

Millie Webster-Shipston





▲ Nottingham Pride 2023

outside the Stonewall Inn and throughout the neighborhood.

By the time the riots ended on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1969, the gay rights movement went from being a fringe issue ignored by politicians and the media to being on the front page worldwide. On 28<sup>th</sup> June 1970, the one-year anniversary of Stonewall, the first Pride marches were held in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. This then was continued in their states and other countries around the world.

However, there was and still is stigma towards the LGBTQ+ community in certain areas of the world. Yet there is progress with an increased number of countries excepting same sex couples, allowing LGBTQ+ couples to get married and adoption becoming accessible for LGBTQ+ couples. The latest to legalize

gay marriage is Nepal, making it one of the first Asian-Pacific countries to legalize gay marriage, clearly showing that with time more countries will become increasingly more supportive of the LGBTQ+ communities in their respective society. This change shows the amazing change that Pride has created for LGBTQ+ societies across the world.





# Formula 1

Formula One is a sport that can trace its origins back to the 1920s, with European Grand Prixes, however the rules were not formalised until 1946, when the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) standardised its rules. Fast forward to the present day, Formula One has been a sport for 78 years, and has created its fair share of legends: Juan Manuel Fangio, Alain Prost, Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton. It has formed rivalries that span careers: Senna and Prost, Hunt and Lauda, Rosberg and Hamilton. It has entertained millions, with viewership in 2021 being 1.55bn.

 **2024 season** 

As of the 2024 Great British Grand Prix, the 2024 F1 season has been considerably more gripping compared to last year. Whilst there were 3 race winners in 22 races in 2023, there have been 6 different winners in 12 races in 2024. Max Verstappen has had seven race wins this season, but Carlos Sainz, Charles Leclerc, Lando Norris, George Russell and Lewis Hamilton have all won one race each. Leclerc, who is from Monaco, broke the so-called 'Monaco Curse' by winning the Monaco Grand Prix. The 'curse' started back in 2017, when he was still in Formula 2, and he suffered mechanical issues in both the Monegasque Sprint and Feature races, forcing him to retire. This continued into his F1 career, where he crashed in 2017, forcing him to DNF (Did Not Finish), and when he had a collision in 2019, meaning he had to DNF once again. It wasn't until this year when he managed to beat the 'curse' and claim victory in Monaco, something he had dreamed of since the start of his racing career. Norris had his first win of his career in

**Molly McGinley**

Miami, a first for McLaren since Daniel Ricciardo's Monza win in 2021. It has been 5 years since Norris started his Formula 1 career in 2019, at the age of 19, and the win has been long awaited. He is currently second in the Driver's Championship and has proven that he has what it takes to be a championship winner, winning the 2017 Formula 3 championship and placing second in the 2018 Formula 2 championship. Also in the 2024 season, Hamilton won his first race in 2 and a half years and broke the record of the number of



▲ Lewis Hamilton after his 105<sup>th</sup> win at the 2024 Silverstone Grand Prix

Whilst Max Verstappen has slowly come to dominate the sport, Lewis Hamilton has been ruling Formula 1 for almost 2 decades. When asked to name an F1 driver, Hamilton is often the first that comes to people's minds, and this is no coincidence. He started karting at the age of eight, and by 13 years old, he had been approached by the then boss of McLaren, Ron Dennis, who offered to financially support Hamilton throughout his career. Following this support, he went on to win 3 major single-seater championships and joined Formula 1 with McLaren in 2007, coming second in his rookie year, losing by

one single point in the final race to Kimi Raikkonen. Over his 17 years in Formula One, he has amassed 7 World Driver Championship titles, and holds the records of the most wins and the most pole positions. Hamilton has seen many teammates throughout his time in F1, none as well known to him as Nico Rosberg. Their rivalry was most prevalent during their years as teammates at Mercedes between 2013 and 2016. The beginning of their time as teammates can be traced back to 2000, when they were both still in karting, and fellow racers, such as Robert Kubica, can recall how they were competitive both on and off the track, even then. Whilst there is not one defining moment of their rivalry, it can be said that for the entire 4 years that they were teammates, several accusations of foul play and their fair share of fights on track, have led to a change in their relationship, that still isn't fully repaired to this day. However, Rosberg has publicly stated that he hopes one day his relationship with Hamilton can be rekindled.

## **The future of Formula One**

Looking ahead, the future of motorsport looks bright. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, a 17-year-old from Italy, has shown promise in karting and lower levels of single seater racing. He is the reigning FRECA (Formula Regional European Championship) champion and has the backing of the Mercedes Junior Driver programme. He skipped Formula 3 to go straight to Formula 2, which is almost unheard of. Mercedes seems to be shaping Antonelli to replace Lewis Hamilton for the 2025 season. Whilst he is currently 17, he will turn 18 in August, making him eligible to race in the 2025 season, as he has already earned the 40 Super License points required to race in F1. The team has crafted a 'Formula 1 acclimatisation programme' for him, which started with a run in the 2021-spec W12 in

Austria, and then a run in the 2022 W13 in Imola. It is clear that Mercedes wants to nurture Antonelli's natural talent and is putting a lot of effort into making him 'F1-ready'. Antonelli's Formula 2 teammate, Oliver Bearman, has already secured a seat in Formula 1 for the 2025 season, driving with Haas. He demonstrated his racing skills at the Saudi Arabia Grand Prix this year. He ultimately placed 7th in the race, earning 6 points, and is currently 14th in the championship standings, out of 21, which is impressive considering the 7 drivers below him have full time seats in the sport. Arvid Lindblad, a fellow Prema driver, much like Antonelli and Bearman, shows an incredible amount of promise for a successful future career in Formula 1. He is currently racing in Formula 3, has a record breaking 4 race wins to his name and is second in the driver championships, all despite it being his rookie year in the series. Last season, he came 3rd in the Italian F4 Championship, and has the backing of the Red Bull Junior Team. Most recently he won both the sprint and feature race at the F3 Silverstone Grand Prix, which is the first time this has happened in the series. There is a very high chance that he is in the running for the next Red Bull seat opening, which will likely be for the 2027 season, following the expiration of Sergio Perez's contract.

## **Women in motorsport**

Women in all areas of motorsport are becoming more common, but there is still a long way to go. Looking back to Formula 1's origins, Maria Teresa de Filippis was the sports first female driver, entering five races in the 1958 and 1959 seasons, scoring 10th at the 1958 Belgian Grand Prix. In the next race, the race director prevented her from competing, saying that "the only helmet a woman should use is the hairdresser." She ended her F1 career in Monaco the following year. Following on from de Filippis, Lella Lombardi participated in 17 Grand Prixes



between 1974 and 1976, and remains the only woman in the sport to score points. She scored half a point at the 1975 Spanish Grand Prix, which was the case because less than 60% of the scheduled race distance was achieved and therefore, only half points were awarded.



▲ Maria Grazia "Lella" Lombardi

More recently, Susie Wolff was signed by Williams as a test and development driver in 2012 and became the first woman to take part in a Formula One weekend in 22 years, by participating in practice. Currently, she is the managing director of the F1 Academy series, a female only single seater series, which runs cars on the same technical level as Formula 4. F1 Academy can trace its roots back to Formula Woman, which was established in 2004 due to the lack of female drivers in other series. This was then succeeded by the W series in 2019, however, this went into administration in 2022 after three seasons due to financial issues. F1 Academy's inaugural season was in 2023, which was won by Marta García for Prema Racing, who has now gone onto to compete in FRECA, a stepping-stone between F4 and F3. At the point of writing, Abbi Pulling is leading the 2024 Driver's Championship, with 147 points, and Rodin Motorsport are leading the Team's Championship with 176 points. The 2023 season was rather controversially not broadcast, apart from the season finale at the Circuit of the Americas. The irony of the FIA creating a series

designed to inspire women and girls in motorsport around the world without providing a platform for the action to be seen live has been pointed out by many, who have questioned the FIA's commitments to their ambitions for women in motorsport. F1 Academy has also played a part in increasing female participation in both the grassroots levels of karting, and the series of F1 Academy itself. Selected drivers are offered a drive for a single weekend in select rounds as a wildcard entry, with the goal to "promote regional talent ... and increase the talent pool in the regions in which we race." (Susie Wolff). Furthermore, the series supports the Discover Your Drive initiative, a global initiative, within the UK. The programme within the UK identifies girls aged 8-12 who show promise in indoor karting and offers them development sessions to nurture their talent. In 2023, the programme was rolled out at six venues across the country and the British Indoor Karting Championships saw an increase of 265% in female drivers participating. With the support of girls in motorsport at the grassroots level, there is a chance that we will see more girls progressing through karting and eventually single seater series, as they continue to be helped in their ambitions to become future Formula One champions.



▲ 2024 F1 Academy drivers and cars

Overall, Formula One seems to have a hopeful future, with more women becoming involved in motorsport on all levels, and encouraging new talent that promises new battles and an enticing watch at each race, just like the past 78 years of the sport.



# THE GENERAL ELECTION

## How do general elections work?

The UK is divided into 650 areas known as constituencies in which voters choose an MP from their area to represent them in the House of Commons. MPs are elected using the First Past the Post system. The candidate with the most votes becomes MP for the area. The leader of the party with the most votes then becomes prime minister. Parties have to have more than 326 seats for the win to be a majority.

General elections usually take place every 5 years. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Rishi Sunak announced the date of the general elections as the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The maximum length of a parliament is 5 years from the day on which it first met. Previously, Parliament met on Tuesday 17 December 2019 and would have been dissolved on Tuesday 17 December 2024 if it had not been dissolved sooner.

## Who is allowed to vote in a general election and how?

Any UK citizen who is 18 or older, a citizen of a country in the commonwealth or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland with a UK address can vote in the general election.



Lucy Stokes

In order to vote, first you have to be registered. When you do vote there are multiple ways to do so: in person at a polling station, by post or voting by proxy, which is where you apply to have someone else vote for you. If it is in person, you must bring identification with you to ensure you are eligible to vote.

## Can I vote for a new prime minister?

You can only vote to elect your local MP in the general election. Even if you live in the constituency represented by the current PM, you are also still only voting for them in your local area. The monarch appoints the prime minister, which is based on the political party that wins the most seats at a general election.



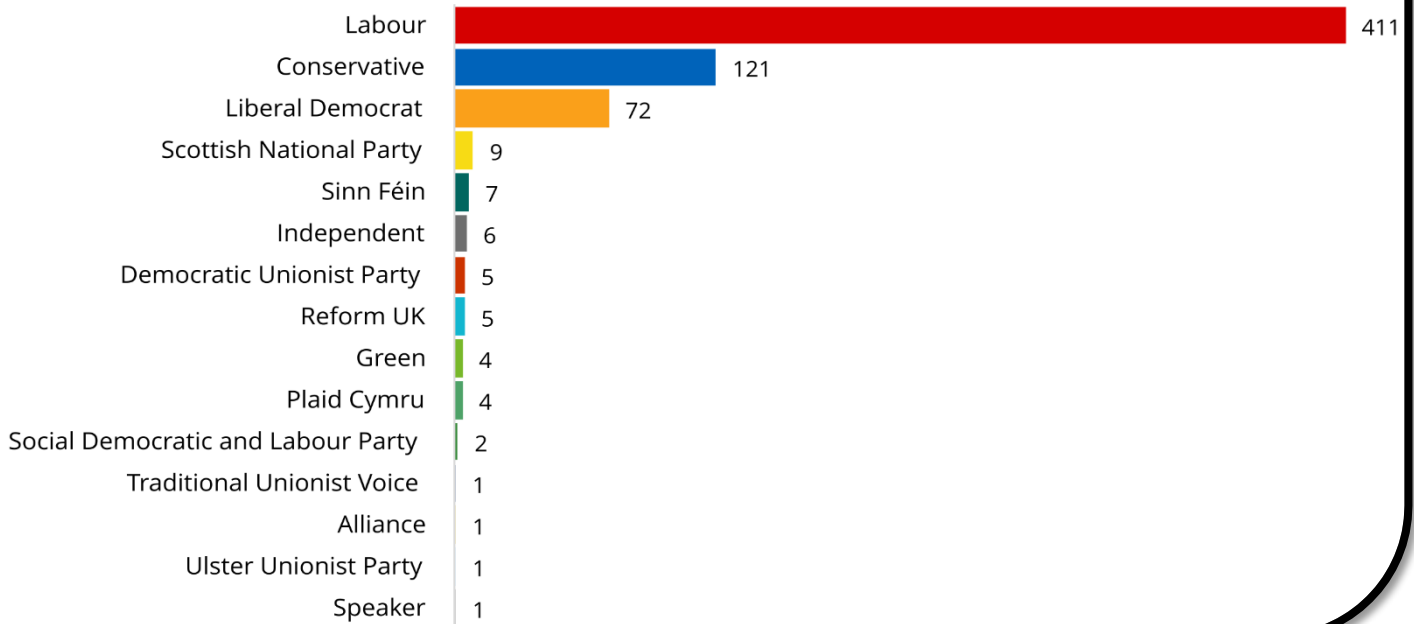
## What happens after the election results are said?

The King normally asks the leader of the party who has won with the most MPs to become prime minister and to form a government in which the leader of the party with the second highest amount of MPs becomes the leader of the opposition. However, if there isn't a majority, the results are known as a hung parliament. This could then cause the largest party to



## 2024 general election: number of seats won by party

After all 650 seats declared



▲ Chart from the House of Commons Library

form a coalition government with another party which means they rely on votes from other parties to pass laws.

### Results of the general election.

In Kimberley and Nottingham North, the elected MP is Alex Norris who is part of the Labour Party.

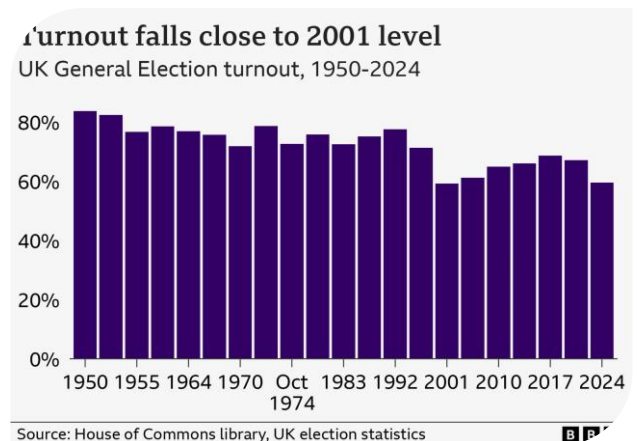
In total, Labour won with 412 seats, which is an estimate of 35% of the vote, which is the lowest share for a governing party in history. Whilst conservatives only gained 121 which is down 244 from their 2019 total of 365 seats. This means that our new prime minister is Kier Starmer. Furthermore, Liberal Democrats gained 61 seats for a total of 72 seats overall and Nigel Farage won a seat on his eighth attempt but his party only gained five seats, which they were initially predicted to gain 13.

### Turnout for the election

Turnout across the UK as whole was 60% which is the second lowest in the UK elections since 1885.

### Which MPs lost their seats?

The conservatives saw more than 200 of their seats being taken by other parties. Well known conservatives such as Jacob Rees-Mogg, Liz Truss and Grant Shapps all lost their seat.



▲ Statistics on the general election turnout from the BBC

# 📷 Chick Flicks

## —What are chick flicks?—

Defined most simply, a 'chick flick' is a film that is made to appeal to women and their assumed interests. Often associated with romantic comedies, these films consist of a primarily female-lead cast and commonly deal with themes such as love, family, friendships, and personal struggle. As the terminology has developed, 'chick flick' has become a derogatory term, used to discredit and belittle movies with a female focus.



▲ Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, and Dolly Parton in '9-to-5' (1980)

## —A brief history of 'chick flicks'—

In the 1930s, films that can be classified as 'chick flicks' were first seen, often referred to at the time as 'woman's films'. Beginning motion pictures such as 'Jezebel' (1938) and 'The Women' (1939) were categorised as 'woman's films' due to their female-lead cast and portrayal to stereotypical feminine topics, such as romance, motherhood, and domestic life. As the century continued, 'woman's films' in the 1960s-80 adapted to fit the contemporary landscape at the time. Films shifted from a homely setting to focus more on women in the workplace, as seen in releases such as '9-to-5' (1980).

Libby Bales

There was also an increased focus on 'heavier' topics being portrayed such as substance abuse and mental illness, seen in titles such as 'Valley of the Dolls' (1967). This change in female-cinema can be largely attributed to changing attitude towards women at the time due to a rise in feminism and women's independence. In the 1980s, there was an increase in 'teen films', centered around school, parties, cliques, and pop culture. While there is a great crossover between these films and 'woman's films', it is these female-lead movies that have later become known as 'chick flicks'. For example, films such as 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' (1986) and 'Footloose' (1984) are seen as 'teen films', while films such as 'Pretty in Pink' (1986) and 'Dirty Dancing' (1987) have become 'chick flicks', despite sharing similar themes.

In the 1990s, the actual term 'chick flicks' became more popular and was often used to group together any film that focused on women. Popular titles such as 'Fried Green Tomatoes' (1991) and 'Thelma and Louise' (1991) are grouped with other movies such as 'Clueless' (1995) and 'Notting Hill' (1999), despite the lack of similarities in their themes and plots. This continued in the 2000s, with films varying from stereotypical 'rom-coms' like 'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days' (2003) to movies focused on platonic love, such as 'The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants' (2005). While often belittled, films from this time such as 'Legally Blonde' (2001) and 'Bend it Like Beckham' (2002) can be argued as greatly empowering, delivering messages of embracing individuality and happiness. The 2000s were also a time in which the film industry tried to capitalize on the popularity of rom-coms, by using predictable plotlines with often sexist undertones. Titles such as 'The Girl Next Door' (2004) were made.



simply to capitalize on a female audience and contributed to the negative view on 'chick flicks'.



▲ Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever in 'Booksmart' (2019)

Popular 'chick flicks' of the 2010s greatly varied in success. Films such as 'Booksmart' (2019) and 'The Edge of Seventeen' (2016) continued in the positive depiction of women in cinema, conveying relatable messages of growing-up and platonic love to women and girls while being versatile comedies appealing to a wider audience. By comparison, there has also been a rise in films attempting to reverse past negative representations of women, so end up with female characters with an oversaturated and unrealistic strength and independence, seen in films such as 'The Hustle' (2019). These films lack a genuine focus on meaningful moments between women, and instead strive for shallow attempts at empowerment.

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### Sexism

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The term 'chick flick' has many issues surrounding it but the most significant one being the blatant sexism of the genre. These female-centred films are frequently discredited and mocked, being labelled as 'cheesy' and 'predictable'. In comparison, there is no male equivalent. Author of 'The 'F' Word', Christine Miyazato, argues "You'll never hear the male equivalent 'dude flick' because, in our society, male-centred movies and TV shows are the norm". Based on this argument, the term 'chick flick' and the attitude towards said films is rooted in a sexist, patriarchal society.

It is also reductive to argue feminine cinema is unserious and without a valuable message.

Many women are able to relate to the drama and cliques presented in films like 'Mean Girls' (2004), written by Tina Fey for teenage girls to feel it was "made for me, not at me", or find comfort in classics like '10 things I hate about you' (1999). While these titles may not be revolutionary motion pictures praised by critics, that does not mean they are without value.

Furthermore, while 'chick flicks' are often greatly enjoyable films, issues arise with grouping such a wide variety of films into one category. Serious topics about substance abuse like 'Valley of the Dolls' (1967), to lighthearted comedies like 'She's the Man' (2006), to heartbreaking romances like 'Me Before You' (2016) are all classified as 'chick flicks', despite conveying vastly different themes and emotions. Therefore, to group them all into one category based on their female-lead cast is reductive and belittling,



▲ Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum in 'She's the Man' (2006)

Overall, 'chick flicks' have become unjustly scrutinized, based on a sexist attitude towards women-centered media. While there may be issues around the grouping of such a variety of films into one category, as well as the film industry attempting to capitalise on the genre by creating shallow films without substance, the overall attitude towards 'chick flicks' has become overly negative, based on shallow and blatantly prejudiced arguments.



# Sustainability at the Olympics

With the Olympics looming, excitement across continents is building. It is a historic event, dating back to over 2,700 years ago in Olympia, Greece. Every four years, top athletes from all over the world gather and compete in a celebration of sport, watched by millions across the globe. However, underneath all of this lies a huge carbon footprint, damaging the planet. Travel, construction, energy and food all build up, piling on to the mountain of carbon resting on the shoulders of the Olympics.

## Paris 2024

Paris plans to change this. With a comprehensive plan and carbon budget laid out, hopes for a more sustainable Olympic future are high.

Paris 2024 is set to be the most sustainable Olympics ever. It will reduce the carbon footprint of the games by half from 3.4 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in London 2012 to 1.58 million tonnes in Paris 2024. Organisers plan to achieve this using many new measures. These include using only renewable energy, setting a carbon budget and the use of 95% pre-existing or temporary buildings, with all new buildings taking climate into account by having 'low carbon' standards throughout their life. Furthermore, mattresses will be made from recycled fishing nets and bed bases will be crafted from reinforced cardboard in order to reduce waste. Roofs will be built with

enclosures and openings to provide a home to insects and birds and 9,000 trees have been planted around the athlete's village to attract different species.

With 15 million people expected to visit Paris during the Olympics, it has been ensured that venues are accessible through public transport. 1000km of cycle lanes have been added, 200,000 new trees were planted in the streets and 3000 more pay-as-you-go bikes are being made available.

The organisers must also provide food for all of the athletes, amounting to 13 million meals, which can often have a high carbon footprint. In order to combat this, they have doubled the amount of plant-based food served, which has a much lower carbon footprint. Single use plastics have been halved to reduce waste and 80% of food is from French origin, and therefore has a much lower carbon footprint.

While many may think that personal attempts at combatting climate change, such as adopting a vegetarian diet or travelling sustainably, are futile, collective efforts are very effective, as shown through the huge decrease in carbon footprint at this years' games. The Olympics aim to model a new sustainable future and alter the way environmental issues are viewed, highlighting the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and proving that large global events don't have to put a strain on the environment.

**Sarah Pickard**

## Football:

Euro 2024 took place in Germany and saw England looking to go one better than their performance back in 2021. England found themselves in Group C with Serbia, Denmark and Slovenia. In their first group game against Serbia, England capitalised on a strong to the match when Jude Bellingham scored after 13 minutes. England then sat back after going 1-0 up and survived a flurry of Serbian chances to come away with 3 points from their first game. Against Denmark, England were lucky to come away with a point drawing 1-1 with the Danes who were superior on the day. After Kane's goal in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute, Denmark quickly responded with a superb 25-yard strike in the 34<sup>th</sup>. England were disjointed and disorganised but ultimately, Denmark were left disappointed after failing to win against England.

England slumped to a 0-0 draw, coming away with 1 point against Slovenia, seriously lacking creativity and energy throughout the match. Despite some disappointing performances, England still managed to top the group with 5 points so progressed to the knockouts.

England progressed to the Quarterfinals through a goal scored by Kane in extra time against Slovakia. England then played Switzerland where the game went to penalties. England converted all 5 of their penalties, with Alexander-Arnold dispatching the winning spot kick, seeing them through to the Semi-finals.

England played in the first of the Semi-finals. Xavi Simons took the lead for the Dutch in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute. England quickly

replied in the 18<sup>th</sup> from a Harry Kane penalty. England were largely dominant for the remainder of the match but couldn't seem to find a winner until substitutes Cole Palmer and Ollie Watkins combined to score the goal at the end of the match, taking England through to the final.

The second Semi-final between Spain and France occurred the next day and Spain went through to be England's competition for the win. Spain had dominated the tournament so far but England were confident their recent tactical changes could pay off.

The final commenced on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Spain scored within minutes of the start of the second half, but England were able to even it out with a goal from Palmer. It appeared for a short time that the game might go to penalties, raising the stakes of the competition even higher, but Spain scored in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute leaving the score at full time as 2-1 to Spain.



▲ Cole Palmer in the group game against Slovenia

**Thomas Graham**



# Hi, Agony Aunt...

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

“What good films have been released recently?”

Luckily for you quite a few new films have just been released into cinemas!

- I've heard a lot of good things about Despicable Me 4 if you've previously watched the Despicable Me film saga. This one has a past villain returning to get vengeance on Gru.
- If you're into horror films, the prequel for Quiet Place series has come out – A Quiet Place: One Day which is set in New York City under an alien invasion.
- For a good sense of nostalgia, Inside Out 2 shows Riley's life change as she becomes a teenager and is joined by new emotions including 'Anxiety'.
- But if none of these catch your eye there's a new comedy called Fly Me To The Moon about how much the White House wanted NASA's Apollo 11 landing to succeed and how they might even go as far as faking it.



CINEMA

“What should I do over the summer holidays?”

# SUMMER

Thanks for the question. There are plenty of free options such as having a picnic with friends, going swimming, going hiking in the Peak district, having a BBQ or a movie night or even going star gazing.

Here are some cheap options that you could do if you are willing to spend some money. You could have a Bake Off challenge with your friends, go on a day trip to the seaside, hire a pedalo boat, get a new piercing, go to the Riverside Festival (free entry but pay for rides) or go fruit picking.

I hope these gave you a bit of inspo of what you could get up to this summer!

## The Best Summer Bucket List

1. Bike Ride
2. Have a BBQ
3. Road Trip
4. Go Fishing
5. Go to the Zoo
6. Read 8+ Books
7. Camp in the Backyard
8. Go to the Beach
9. Catch Bugs
10. Fly a Kite
11. Jump on a Trampoline
12. Walk for ice Cream
13. Build a Sand Castle
14. Have a Water Fight
15. Have a Picnic
16. Make Bird Feeders
17. Collect Sea Shells
18. Play Lawn Twister
19. Climb Trees
20. Go to the Zoo
21. Play Swing Ball
22. Visit a Farm
23. Go to the Park
24. Family Sleepover
25. Movie Night
26. Visit a Museum
27. Play Board Game
28. Go Pond Dipping
29. Make Bird Feeders
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If you have any questions for Agony Aunt, please DM us on Instagram @thekimberleycolumn or leave an email at [kimberleycolumn@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleycolumn@gmail.com). All questions will remain anonymous on the paper.

Daisy Gillaspay

# Reader Submissions

## Pets of the Paper



Oscar, Evie Ratcliffe, Year 12

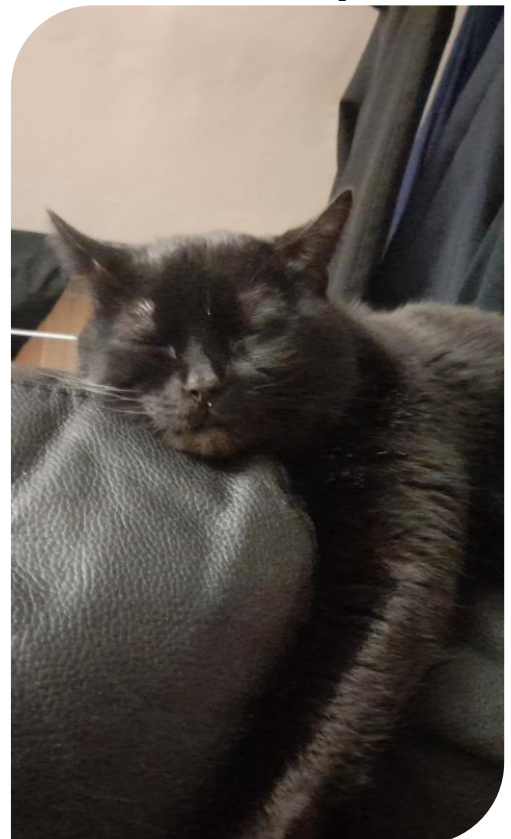
**Reader's choice**

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.

**@thekimberleycolumn**

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

**Runner up**



Max, Grace Broker, Year 12



# Teachers' Pets



Cassandra, Mrs Wilson, Languages

**Teacher's pet**

'Our lovely, resilient ex-racer greyhound came from Dog's Trust after she was rescued from the Irish racetracks. She prefers lazing in her pyjamas to running so domestic life is better for her. She is very gentle and calm (most of the time). Although if you get her on the beach or on a park she will occasionally show you her '40 mile per hour couch potato' credentials. A faithful friend and a general source of love and wellbeing.'

Teacher's pet is a section of Pet of the Paper, with submissions sent in by teachers and staff. The winners are not selected by public vote, but instead by the editors.

Thank you to all members of staff who submitted their pets.



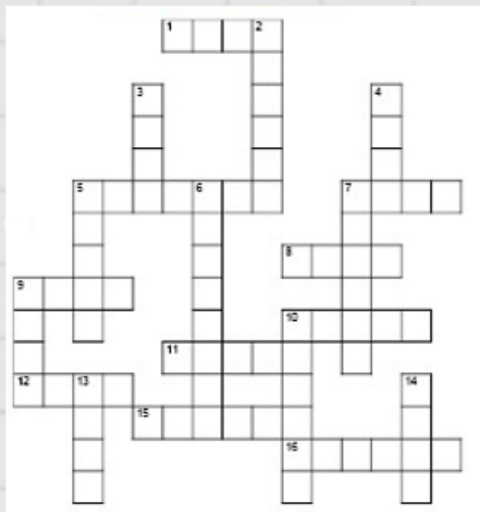
Bertie, Mr Clegg, Maths

**Teacher's pet**

# THE COMFORT COLUMN

Need a break?

## Crossword



### Down

2. Plunging into the water
3. Move through the water
4. Summer hazard
5. Cabin in the woods
6. Frozen Treat
7. Trail walking
9. a place to swim
10. Pants for hot weather
13. toy for a windy day
14. mildly hot



wordsearch

o	l	y	m	p	i	c	s	d
v	d	a	j	e	r	w	q	u
e	f	d	n	k	z	i	a	j
y	z	d	c	f	g	h	d	m
n	o	i	t	c	e	l	e	e
e	h	v	s	m	d	c	e	k
c	k	b	n	r	x	w	f	e

### Across

1. Grains on the beach
5. Living in a tent
7. It warms you up
8. two wheeled transportation
9. Come with a shovel
10. Full of daylight
11. A sandy shore
12. Area inland of water
15. Warmest three months of the year
16. Top for warm weather

### Wordsearch words

- chick
- election
- d day
- olympics
- pride

## Need to talk?



Bullying, Self-harm, exam stress. Share if you need to talk; there's always someone

Beat provides helplines for people of all ages offering support and information about eating disorders. If you or someone close to you has been affected. Talk to someone



Non-judgemental confidential emotional support 24hrs, 365 days a year



Free, confidential messaging and support via texting 85258



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

## TV Shows



**The Good Place**  
Four people and their otherworldly friendly struggle in the afterlife to define what it means to be good.

**The Big Bang Theory**  
A woman who moves into an apartment across the hall from two brilliant but socially awkward physicists shows them how little they know about life outside of the laboratory.



**The summer I turned pretty.**  
A love triangle between one girl and two brothers. A story about first love, first heartbreak, and the magic of that one perfect summer.

## Movies



**Hairspray**  
This film follows the teenager Tracy Turnblad as she pursues stardom as a dancer on a local television dance show and rallies against racial segregation.

**Brokeback Mountain**  
Its plot depicts the complex romantic relationship between two American cowboys, Ennis Del Mar and Jack Twist, in the American West from 1963 to 1983.



**Bottoms**  
This 2023 comedy follows two high school senior girls who set up a fight club as a way to hook up with cheerleaders.



# News in a Nutshell

Quick headlines from across the globe

## Global

- Mexico elects Claudia Sheinbaum as their first female president.
- Donald Trump found guilty of 34 felony counts in “hush-money trial”.
- France announced snap elections.
- Denmark has recalled ramen noodles from South Korean company, Samyang for being too spicy.
- Joe Biden withdrew from the US election and endorsed Kamala Harris.

## United Kingdom

- Keir Starmer becomes the new Prime Minister following the Labour victory in the general election.
- Homeless people in Edinburgh were moved to accommodation in Glasgow and Newcastle as the Eras Tour resulted into a lack of accommodation.
- Yungblud launches his own cheaper music festival this summer in Milton Keynes.
- King Charles banknotes are now in circulation.
- Royal Mail was bought by Czech billionaire, Daniel Křetínský.
- 85-year-old woman from Cirencester gets her fourth degree.

## Technology

- Hacking group called ‘ShinyHunters’ claim responsibility for hacking both Santander and Ticketmaster.
- Wordle engage in legal feud with geography spin-off, Worldle.
- A fern breaks the world record for the living thing with the most DNA.
- The James Webb Space Telescope detects the earliest and most distant galaxy yet, JADES-GS-z14-O.

## Humanitarian

- Ukraine faced extended blackouts due to the damage to their power stations caused by Russian attacks.
- The University of Nottingham becomes the third university to request a court order against pro-Palestine student encampments on their campus.
- Head of Israel’s spy agency is reported to have met with Qatar’s Prime Minister as there is again building momentum for a possible ceasefire.

## Environment

- North Atlantic could face up to seven major hurricanes of category three in this year’s hurricane season.
- The UK is set to have the wettest summer in 100 years.
- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, greenhouse gas emissions in the Republic of Ireland are at their lowest level in 30 years.
- EU monitoring reports wildfires ravaging the Arctic Circle for the third time in 5 years.

## Entertainment

- Moana 2 breaks record for the most viewed Disney animation trailer in 24 hours.
- The first trailer for the new Paddington film ‘Paddington in Peru’ came out on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- Song made by children in Ireland on their national day of creativity for young people, goes viral.
- BTS’s Jin returns from military service and hugged 1,000 fans who were chosen out of a raffle.



# The Back Page

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