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# The Kendrick School Student View: Oxford AstraZeneca- an acceptable risk?

## Is this vaccine safe?

Despite the MHRA (the UK's medicine regulator) saying the benefits of the vaccine outweighs the risks for the large majority of people, speculation has emerged about whether the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine is safe to use.

### The problem:

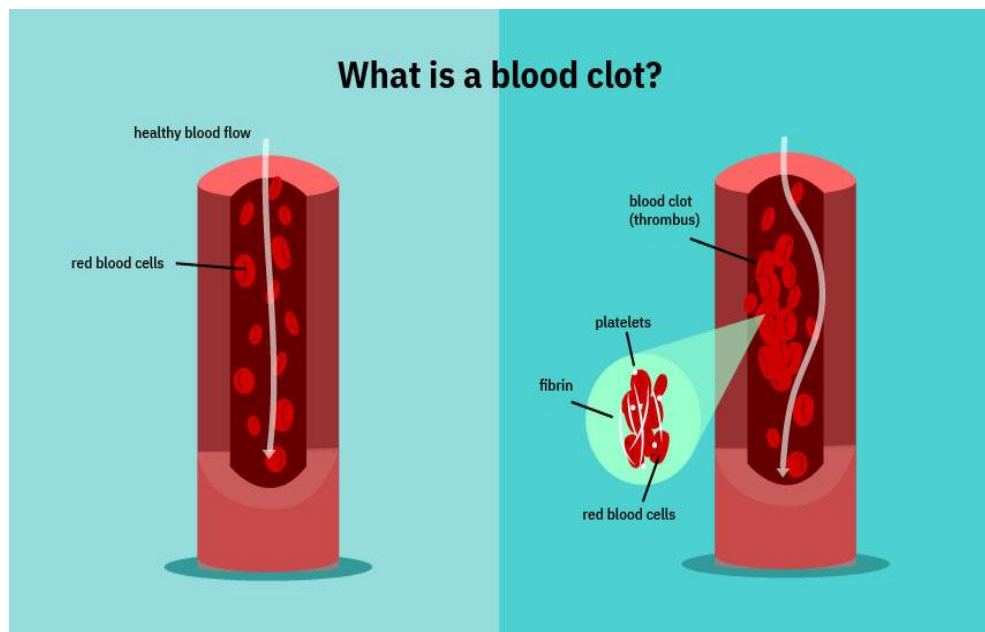
The MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency) has begun to investigate cases of rare blood clots in people who have received the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine. Blood clots are clumps of blood that have changed from the normal liquid to a gel-like or semisolid state. They can spread to vital organs, such as your lungs, which could prove fatal if not treated quickly. It has been found that 79 people-  $\frac{2}{3}$  of which were women- experienced blood clots; 19 were fatal.

So the question is, *Should we still be taking this vaccine?* Well, you have to balance out the risks and benefits. Essentially, risk is a spectrum

where you balance out tolerable risks, and risks that do not seem worth taking. The risk of blood clotting is extremely low- around four in a million. You have to seek to acquire the benefits of the vaccine, while managing the potential risks to taking it. 20 million people have taken the Oxford AstraZeneca so far- the risk of covid-19, for the vast majority of people, exceeds the possible risks of blood clotting. Vaccination also benefits not only yourself, but the people you meet and interact with. Studies have shown that it prevents symptomless infections, and also reduces the severity of the infection if received- which is incredibly beneficial for those you meet with. It seems illogical that we should hinder the vaccine rollout simply because it has an incredibly unlikely chance of causing a rare few to experience blood clots.

### What action has been taken?

Several European countries have either suspended, or have banned the vaccine entirely. Denmark has stopped the AstraZeneca vaccine rollout completely, while Germany, Spain, Ireland and Italy have suspended people under 60 being injected with the vaccine. Australia says people under 50 should receive the Pfizer vaccine instead, while France has



recommended it should only be injected into people aged 55 or over.

**A summary:**

Overall, although there is a risk in taking this vaccine, we believe that it is an acceptable one. Statistically speaking, you are more likely to be killed by a cow than you are to die of blood clots. Not taking the vaccine, and being at the risk of contracting Covid-19, is a far greater risk than experiencing blood clots.



## Sarah Everard Inspires Movement

After the kidnapping and murder of 33-year-old Sarah Everard by Met police constable, Wayne Couzens, an activist group known as The Sisters Uncut has been leading vigils to honour Sarah and other women who have met similar fates. They have also protested against state violence and increasing police powers.



Sarah Everard went missing shortly after leaving a friend's house to walk back to her home in Brixton on March 3rd at around 9pm. It took 7 days to find her body after a huge search operation. She was found in a woodland close to an abandoned leisure centre and was identified through dental records. Her cause of death still remains a mystery but Couzens was arrested at his home in Kent for being her suspected kidnapper and murderer. He appeared at Old Bailey (a court house) on March 16th but no pleas were entered. He is next due to be seen in court on July 9th.

On March 13th many people gathered at Clapham Common at 6pm to publicly mourn Sarah Everard by laying down flowers and giving speeches. They also protested police violence despite the protests by Reclaim the Streets being called off. During the event the Sisters Uncut were heard to have said: "we will not be silenced, we will not ask for permission, we will not be told what to do by violent men". Although this event started off peacefully, at 6:30pm - shortly after sunset- Metropolitan police stormed the bandstand and told members of the public to go home. By 7:30pm, police started grabbing women in the crowd and tore down a banner. Everyone began to disperse at around 8pm.

The Sisters Uncut say they are protesting against routine and systematic violence perpetrated by the police. They fight alongside everyone who has experienced domestic, sexual, gendered and state violence in their daily lives.

The Sisters Uncut have made some evidence more known to the public such as:

- Statistics show that every 3 days, a woman is killed by a partner or ex-partner
- Only 1.4% of sexual violence cases are prosecuted
- Survivors of abuse are repeatedly arrested by police despite their partner being the aggressor.
- Police are less likely to take an investigation seriously if a sex worker is involved.

They have been protesting since 2015 and have started to make a list of demands for the future. The Sisters Uncut has only come into the main headlines a few times before now but it seems that they are becoming a bigger and bigger movement.

- Evie Crowson



## The USA, Navalny and Xinjiang: the Second Cold War?

Tensions are high between America, Russia and China at the moment. While the USA and Russia take turns accusing each other of election interference, China is closer to superpower status than ever. In fact, a report from the Centre for Economics and Business Research expected China's economy to exceed the US by 2028. The competition is fierce, and every day brings a new opportunity to gain an advantage.

In August 2020, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny fell ill on a flight to Moscow. It was later discovered that he was poisoned. After recovering from a coma in Germany, Navalny returned to Russia, only to be arrested on the spot for failing to meet parole inspection officers... *while in a coma*. Despite his obvious obstacles, he was still sentenced to almost 3 years in jail. Riots have taken Russia by storm in the past few months, with millions nationwide demanding Navalny's release. Thousands of his supporters have been detained for protesting. However, Navalny was soon forgotten, and disappeared from the headlines. Only the USA has taken action, introducing limits on Russian exports and visas, but these sanctions are mostly symbolic. Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has made his indifference toward the restrictions clear.

China, on the other hand, faces consequences because of the situation in Xinjiang. Since 2017, Xinjiang has accommodated "re-education" camps as part of a "war on terror" orchestrated by Chinese president Xi Jinping. Mostly Uyghur Muslims are imprisoned there, but other ethnic groups are also being held. Investigations into the sites have uncovered horrific conditions, like extreme physical abuse, involuntary sterilisation and being forced to commit acts against

one's religion. Many Western countries, notably the USA, have finally sanctioned China for abuse of human rights, which banned senior Chinese officials from trading with them.

Although it's nice to see governments taking action, you might be wondering: why were they only imposed in China and not also in other countries that have a history of humanitarian issues? It's comforting to believe they were to enforce equality, but it's also probably not the whole truth. If that's the case, why not sanction India too? A humanitarian crisis has raged there for years now, yet it's restriction-free. There is an obvious answer to this - India is the primary US ally against Russia and China. That's why the motivating factors for these sanctions are both "virtue", as well as the tension between the two sides. It's clear that America no longer intends to be forgiving to its main competitors, and recent events have been the perfect opportunity to capitalise on their advantage.

This leads onto another question: why now? Vladimir Putin wasn't exactly consistently moral before the Navalny incident - there have been plenty of chances in the past to challenge Russia. In terms of China, those camps have been around for years, and the pleas for measures to be taken were rejected until a month ago. Nothing out of the ordinary triggered a response.

A significant motivator might have been the global audience - as these humanitarian issues gained worldwide attention, they required large actions to act as adequate responses. However, it is also reasonable to think that this might be building to something big, especially as China grown in international significance and the three big nuclear superpowers come head to head.

- Kaya Garcha



# What's happening in the UK Economy?

'What *is* Economics, Mr Wilson?' – I must have been asked this question a thousand times by aspiring and curious Year 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s and 11s... if I had £1 for every time that I have been asked this, I'd have loads of money. Which is ironic, given that most people (incorrectly) think Economics is about money. It is not about money. Money is just one system of allocating scarce resources. SO STOP SAYING ECONOMICS IS ABOUT MONEY... thanks.

Anyway, I will annoy my colleagues and fellow Heads of Department if I use this platform to recruit even more students to take my subject (plus I'm not sure I have the capacity to mark anymore), so instead I would like to use this opportunity to explain what is going on with the economy right now.

Firstly, what is an economy? Well, put simply, the economy itself is like a bathtub (yes, really). All of the raw materials, workers, offices, factories and tools we have available to produce goods and services in the UK is known as our *productive capacity* (the bathtub). Right now, our bathtub is looking pretty empty and not as full as it could be.

This is where *GDP* becomes relevant. GDP stands for *gross* (as in total, not like 'ewww gross'), *domestic* (at home in the UK) and *product* (goods and services produced). In terms of our bathtub analogy, the GDP is represented by water.

So, the *bathtub* is our capacity to produce goods and services... and the *water* in the bathtub is our GDP (the amount of goods and services we are actually producing). Got it...? Good.

As previously mentioned, the UK's bathtub is looking pretty empty and has a low amount of water right now. In fact, 2020 saw the largest reduction in GDP since the year 1709! After 12 months of mostly being locked down and unable to go out and spend money, GDP fell by its lowest levels since George I was on the throne.

Since there was a lack of spending going on, there was no need to produce goods and services – GDP collapsed by nearly a fifth and the bathtub did not hold much water.

Of course, there was still *some* water/GDP in the bathtub as people shopped online, still purchased groceries, played video games and increased their consumption of Disney+ and Netflix.

The last time GDP fell by that much in 1709, the country was gripped by severe snow storms. Nobody could go outside, nobody could get to work and nobody spent much money... sound familiar? Yes, because ultimately snow storms and pandemics have the same economic effects.

Now in 2021, this has had some interesting effects. As a result of being in lockdown for so long, the amount that some people were able to save increased significantly. During April the average proportion of income saved was 18% and then during May this was 26%! For context, this figure (known as the savings ratio) is usually somewhere between 6-8%.

This means that many people have built up a large amount of savings and are ready to spend. This pent-up, explosion of demand has seen the water level (GDP) rise dramatically at the beginning of 2021, with GDP rising by its fastest rate in 70 years.

Thankfully, this should help people keep their jobs and avoid becoming unemployed. Approximately 5.1% of the working population became unemployed during lockdown, which is still historically low, in part due to the Government's furlough scheme. You may have friends and family that have been furloughed, but it basically means that the UK Government paid 80% of workers' incomes whilst they sat at home. Then they can return to work when demand/water/GDP starts to rise again.

The big problem though, is that it is not just the water level that has been negatively impacted... the bathtub itself has shrunk. The need to adhere to social distancing (such as working from home, limiting customers indoors and closing shops and restaurants) means that our *capacity* to



actually produce goods and services has also fallen. Sad times.

Which brings us to the last thing I want to mention... the ridiculously scary numbers regarding the UK Government's debt. In total, the government has spent £400bn during lockdown to support jobs and make sure that the worst drop in GDP since 1709 didn't become the worst drop in GDP since 709 BC!

Numbers like this are meaningless and hard to get your head around on their own, so here is some context... £400bn is 6x the usual amount that the UK Government would borrow in a typical year.

If you were given £1 every second, you would have £1M in two weeks... in order to get £1bn, it would take 32 years at this rate.

The total spending for all primary and secondary education in the UK each year is approximately £115bn... so we are literally saying that the government spent 3.5x as much on protecting the economy from COVID, as it does to employ every teacher and run every school in the entire country each year. Woah.

Overall, the current UK economy right now is basically a shrinking bathtub, with not much water inside (biggest drop in 300 years) and a load of debt. So the next time a student asks me, 'What is Economics, Mr Wilson?' – don't be surprised if I just start rambling on about bathroom furniture.

- Mr Wilson



## Star Wars or Star Trek?

For TV and film enthusiasts and lovers of all things space and sci-fi, the Star Wars-Star Trek debate is arguably one of the most fiercely argued. As an avid fan of both, I will attempt to break it down: which one is **truly** the better series?

Let's start with Star Wars. The original Skywalker series was released between 1977 and 1983, involving humans and aliens a "long long time ago in a galaxy far far away". They coexist with droids.

The basic premise is that a group of Rebels work in secret to take down the Galactic Empire, led by the infamous Darth Vader. Episode IV - A New Hope (the first film) follows Leia, a princess and Imperial Senator of Alderaan, who steals the plans for the Death Star, a moon-sized superweapon developed by the Empire. These find themselves in the hands of Luke Skywalker, who later discovers he is able to control the Force (an energy created by all living beings that binds the universe together), with the help of Obi-Wan "Old Ben" Kenobi. They later meet Han Solo and Chewbacca, two smugglers who join the Rebel Alliance and help Luke and Leia take down the Death Star. The subsequent two films (The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi) follow the Imperial Fleet (the Galactic Empire) building a bigger Death Star and the introduction of Yoda, arguably one of the most iconic characters in film history. I mean, even if you haven't watched Star Wars, you *must* have heard of Yoda.

There are some awesome lightsaber scenes and some of the most iconic movie quotes and plotlines are in these movies - Vader trying to convince Luke to join the Dark Side a few times, etc. Han Solo goes missing so the third movie starts with an expedition to find him - meanwhile Luke completes his Jedi training with Yoda. The Alliance learns that the Empire are constructing the second Death Star under the supervision of Palpatine - more on him later. A few more inter-galactic spaceship battles and some brilliant lightsaber fight

scenes later, the trilogy finishes with Rebels destroying the Imperial capital ship and destroying the Death Star's main reactor, escaping the exploding vessel in the nick of time (movie-style). The galaxy celebrates at the fall of the Empire and Luke watches.

The next trilogy, known as the Prequel Trilogy which follows the making of Darth Vader from an innocent, well-intended yet misguided Jedi Knight to an angry, misunderstood, oppressive and murderous villain. Anakin Skywalker's was a satisfying backstory. The Phantom Menace, set thirty-two years before the original series, follow two Jedi Knights—Qui-Gon Jinn and Obi-Wan Kenobi—who find out that the corrupt Trade Federation has blockaded Naboo. Naboo's senator Palpatine (remember him?), who is secretly the Sith Lord Darth Sidious, had devised the blockade to become Supreme Chancellor of the Galactic Republic. Padmé Amidala, Naboo's queen, helps Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan escape the blockade to Tatooine (where we met Luke in the first of the original series) to repair their starship, and meet a nine-year-old slave named Anakin Skywalker. Qui-Gon takes Anakin to be trained as a Jedi, believing he may be the "Chosen One" who will bring balance to the force. Ten years later, in the second of the trilogy, an assassination attempt is made on Padmé, who goes from being queen to senator on Naboo. Obi-Wan and Anakin, now his apprentice, are assigned to protect her; Obi-Wan tracks the assassin, while Anakin and Padmé secretly fall in love. Meanwhile, Chancellor Palpatine devises a nefarious plan to involve the galaxy into the Clone Wars between the Republic army of clone troopers led by the Jedi, and the Confederacy of Independent Systems led by Sidious' Sith apprentice, Count Dooku. The third film is set three years into the Clone Wars, where Anakin slowly becomes more and more distrustful of the Jedi Council and begins to have visions of Padmé dying in childbirth. Palpatine convinces Anakin that the dark side of the Force can be the only solution to saving Padmé's life, so a desperate Anakin agrees to serve Palpatine and takes on the Sith name





Darth Vader. Palpatine reveals himself as Darth Sidious to the Jedi and orders their extermination while declaring the former Republic as an Empire instead, which remains an autocracy until the end of the first trilogy. Vader is shown having a heart-wrenching lightsaber fight with Obi-Wan on the volcanic planet Mustafar, while Padmé dies after giving birth to twins (spoiler - Luke and Leia).

Since then, the Star Wars series has been rebooted with the sequel trilogy in 2015, starting with *The Force Awakens*. Thirty years after the end of the original trilogy, Luke Skywalker has gone missing and what was left of the former Empire has become the First Order under Kylo Ren, Darth Vader's grandson and Leia and Han Solo's son. The trilogy follows Rey, BB-8, Finn, Poe and Leia fighting back against the First Order with the Resistance in order to keep the peace in the galaxy without the autocracy spreading fear into every corner of space.

In a nutshell, Star Wars is about the protection of the galaxy, a classic good-versus-evil story. While I'd argue the newer series isn't as good and could be seen as of a "rip-off" of the originals, it's still a good series and the other independent "anthology films" (*Rogue One* and *Solo*) and the television series' (*The Clone Wars*, *The Mandalorian*, etc) add more to the story. Still, I'd say the best ones are still the originals.

Moving on to Star Trek. Essentially, the original Star Trek series, released in 1966, follows the main crew of the USS Starship Enterprise, led by Captain James "Jim" Kirk, under the earth-based organisation Starfleet in roughly the 2260s, whose aim is to explore where "no man has ever gone before". Again, absolutely an iconic line. I believe there's even a space article on display outside the school library that is titled "where no woman has ever gone before".

Starfleet is, again, a multi-species organisation and their main aim is to explore and, if needed, act as

peacekeepers (a bit like the Jedi Knights). However, the Prime Directive states that officers are "prohibited from interfering with the internal and natural development of alien civilizations" - basically civilisations who do not have warp speed technology yet. There are six movies following the subsequent journey of these original characters, before the writers decided to branch out with *The Next Generation*. TNG follows a new crew in the 2300s, seventy-eight years after the end of the original series, under Captain Jean-Luc Picard. New cast, new Enterprise, but the same core etymology: exploration of space - although, TNG has an additional counsellor on board to keep the emotions and mental health side of things smooth on the Enterprise. There are four TNG films, one of which is a crossover with the original cast. Next up we have *Deep Space Nine*, which features one of the lesser characters from TNG. Then, *Voyager* - enter Starfleet's first female captain, Kathryn Janeway! This series is a little different - yes, it's still exploration and protection, but there is one major complication - Starship Voyager has been stranded in the Delta Quadrant and the crew are attempting to get back to Earth before they all die (cheerful, isn't it). They run into numerous problems (not helped by Janeway's obsession with coffee) and struggle at times to uphold the Prime Directive, and especially the morals involved with elements of Starfleet's usual regulations. Then the rebooted Star Trek movies - following Captain Kirk and his crew, in a parallel universe known as the Kelvin Universe. There are currently three movies in this series, with another due to hopefully be released in 2023. The original actor of Spock (Leonard Nimoy) features briefly in this series alongside the new Spock, and unfortunately Nimoy's death in 2015 had to be worked into the plot of the most recent film. Moving back into more TV series - *Discovery* was first released in 2017 and follows Michael Burnham, who accidentally starts a war with the Klingons by killing one in an act of self-defence (so not entirely her fault). There are some interesting plot intricacies with this series too, with alternative universes and time travel becoming more



involved later on in the first and second series. There are more series floating around somewhere and there are probably more to come, and while I think the newer series have become “Netflix-ised” and stray slightly further away from the original more basic, hopeful elements of Star Trek, they are still on my recommended list for all of you and actually would work perfectly fine as a stand-alone series without knowing much about the rest of the Star Trek franchise.

So overall, which of the two is better? I could have gone on for years about the ins and outs of each one, from the languages designed (there’s a Klingon course on Duolingo which I am enrolled in), set

design, character arc, and so on and so forth. But in conclusion, as much as it pains me deeply to have to choose between these two incredible franchises, I would have to go with Star Trek. Both have been a huge part of my life for years, and there is something about the diplomacy involved in Star Trek that speaks to me a little bit more than the constant wars and struggles of Star Wars (although admittedly Star Trek has its fair share of battles too). But a final query to those of you who, like me, have dedicated so much time and energy into these franchises: which do you, the readers, think is the better series?

- AG Upton



## Anime: Why is it so Addictive?

Anime is a Japanese style of hand-drawn and computer-aided animation which is often an adaptation of manga (Japanese comics). Now, why is it so addictive to many of those who watch it?

For starters, let's look at it in more depth. Anime has become increasingly popular outside of Japan and Asia, with more western countries starting to acknowledge it and consider it an interesting form of entertainment. This is because anime has started to progress and grow alongside the audience, in terms of both content and animation quality.

Many of the animes that are commonly talked about are directed towards older audiences, as they often have stronger and more complex themes, for example, Attack on Titan. It follows the story of a young boy named Eren Jaeger who lives in a world surrounded by 50m tall walls designed to keep the predators, Titans, out. However, he soon discovers that all is not what meets the eye, and the plot only gets thicker after that. It brings in issues of morality, and how right and wrong do not automatically equate to what is acceptable and unacceptable and how humans are incredibly weak creatures.



Another example of a serious anime that has representation is Jujutsu Kaisen. While the overall theme is that of a common shonen (high-action genre often including martial arts, robots, science fiction, sports, horror or mythological creatures), it has an underlying message of anti-misogyny and feminism from the perspective of the character Nobara Kugisaki.



A final example of a serious anime is Banana Fish; it talks about corruption and how hard life can be for some who are not born in the best circumstances. It is also extremely jarring because it mentions topics that could happen and do happen in real life, and yet people find small joys in their lives despite the tragedy.

In this sense, the argument that 'anime is for kids' would not be very appropriate as it touches on quite sensitive and serious topics.

Anime is also enticing to older audiences because of its unique style and emphasis on specific aspects of fan service. Nowadays, a large majority of people struggle with day to day life, and so watching a show in which you get to see people in similar struggles or going through the mundane does not sound very appealing. This is where the animated style comes in, making it so interesting because of the bright colours



and exhilarating fight scenes that hail from a fantasy world.

On the other hand, there are also types of anime that are more directed towards younger audiences, however they can still be quite entertaining for all. Spirited Away was an award-winning film by Hayao Miyazaki that teaches the importance of family and belief in yourself. My Neighbour Totoro was also a film by Hayao Miyazaki, but one key feature that makes it stand out is how Totoro is depicted as a soft cuddly spirit. If you were to show it in a live-action, it would be hard to represent its lovable form.



In conclusion, anime is so addictive because it is so much more than just 'cartoons'. Once you begin watching a very good one, it is difficult to not fall in love with the beautiful music, the eye-catching art style and the intricate plot. There is so much depth to anime and the genres; it can be educational (Dr Stone, Cells at Work), heart-wrenching (To Your Eternity, Given), action-filled (Blue Exorcist, Moriarty the Patriot), the list goes on. So go on, try watching an anime today!

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## Movie Recs:

### Action:

#### Love and Monsters

This is a film about a boy called Joel who travels across the US to find the girl he was in love with however the land is covered with mutated insects (huge versions of them) which are deadly and he fights them on his way across.

#### Raya and the Last Dragon

It is about a young girl whose father is the keeper of a special stone which defeated evil. Then the evil comes back and Raya has to set out on a mission to unite the five different parts of the land Kumandra with the help of the last dragon.

#### Avengers Endgame

Endgame is the final battle between the avengers and Thanos, where they come up with a way to time travel because they lost in infinity war.

### Comedy:

#### Mitchell's vs The Machines

A chaotic family have to save the world from a machine apocalypse.

#### Journey to the Mysterious Island

It is about a son and a step-dad travelling with two strangers to embark upon an adventure to find the mysterious island and rescue the boy's grandpa!

#### My Best Friend's Wedding

A girl has found out that her old best friend is getting married and realises she wants him for herself and plots to break up the wedding.

### History:

#### Hamilton

The life (and death) of the immigrant founding father of America, Alexander Hamilton. This film of the stage musical tells the story of how he worked for America.

#### Victoria and Abdul

An Indian man named Abdul comes from India to be a companion to Queen Victoria. They become good friends and face the troubles of Victorian society together. This is based on a true story.

#### The Imitation Game

Touching historical drama about Alan Turing's working cracking Enigma during WW2. (But not entirely accurate)

### Drama:

#### Stowaway

Three people are travelling on a mission to Mars and an unwanted extra person is found, compromising the mission and its resources.

#### The Shawshank Redemption

A man named Andy gets wrongly convicted of a crime and is sent to prison where he faces all kinds of issues and problems. The film follows the life of Andy

in prison, the friends he makes and how he deals with the problems that arise and how he smartly escapes. The film features some sensitive topics as well as religious aspects and some humour for relief - overall a satisfactory watch!

#### Inception

Dom Cobb is dragged to a wealthy Japanese Businessman's house - Mr Saito. He explains the idea of 'inception' - technology that has allowed people to plant ideas in another person's mind. Saito wants him to initiate ideas that will lead to the surrender of his rival's corporation.

#### The Boy who Harnessed the Wind

This is about a poor boy whose family are suffering from drought and food shortage.

He wants to use his scientific knowledge to help the people and bring them water but his father doesn't want to let him. If this doesn't work they would lose everything they had. What will happen next?

### Horror:

#### The Call - (mystery, horror)

It tells the story of 2 women, who live in the same house during different times, 20 years apart. Their lives and fate become intertwined as they connect through a phone.

### Romance:

#### Five Feet Apart



It's about these two patients who meet at a hospital who both have cystic fibrosis which means they have to stay 5 feet apart from each other. It is the story of how they fall in love and the challenges they face together.

### **Mamma Mia**

Sophie invites 3 of her possible dads to her wedding and when her mum finds out, everything gets chaotic

### **Notting Hill**

Awkward, British William Thacker lives an ordinary life in Notting Hill until the sensational actress, Anna Scott walks into his shop. Funny, sweet and one to make you smile.

### **Thriller:**

#### **Parasite**

It's a Korean dark, psychological thriller about the toxicity of greed and class discrimination. The destitute Park family can only dream about escaping their poverty, picking up odd jobs here and there to make a living, so they must snatch up any opportunity to escape the slums of Seoul. What could be a more perfect opportunity than to cunningly infiltrate into the glamorous lives of the naive, wealthy Kim family by becoming their new employees? The movie shows the parasitic nature of both the working class and the wealthy and is told as an anti-capitalist narrative.

### **Syriana**

It is a political thriller about the state of the corrupt oil industry in America and how it is tied with politics. It explores the way how all the "big people" will stop at nothing to get their way, and instead of doing the moral thing, they do what benefits them.

### **Level 16**

Girls in a prison like boarding school embark on a desperate journey to uncover the awful truth behind their captivity.

### **Coming-of-Age:**

#### **The Squid and the Whale**

Two boys process (in different ways) their parent's recent divorce. It's an Indie coming of age film with a good soundtrack.

#### **Queen of Katwe**

Living in Katwe, the slum of Kampala, Uganda, Phiona Mutesi believes she has no hope of a better future. One day, she follows her younger brother to a shack full of children playing chess. She gets involved and her life changes forever.

#### **A Silent Voice**

A young boy and the rest of his class bully the new, deaf girl in elementary school. When she leaves, he is blamed solely for what happened to her. In his last year of high school, he sets out to make amends whilst his past actions continue to haunt him.



## TV Show

### Recs:

#### Drama:

##### White Collar

Charismatic con-man Neil Caffrey teams up with FBI agent Peter Burke to serve the rest of his prison sentence by helping the FBI catch dangerous criminals.

##### Scorpion (on Netflix)

A show where a group of geniuses tackle crimes that regular scientists don't seem to be able to solve.

##### Queen's Gambit

A journey of an orphan- a chess prodigy, Beth Harmon, battling with emotional problems and drug and alcohol dependency- to becoming the world's best chess player. (Set in the 1950s)

##### Miraculous Tales of Ladybug and Cat Noir

It is about two superheroes fighting evil but also have to keep their identities a secret from each other. The super villain's power is to create negative emotions and transform negative people into super villains to get revenge and the magic jewels of the super heroes.

##### Gravity Falls

Dipper and Mabel Pines go to the small town of Gravity Falls to stay with their great uncle Stan for the summer. They help him run his shop but there are dark mysteries in the town. Creatures lurk in the shadows and questions

about a certain author keep on coming to haunt the pair.

##### Lupin (Netflix)

French with English subs, about a man who imitates fictional thief Arsene Lupin in order to clear his dad's name from the theft of a diamond necklace 25 years ago. Sounds boring but is in fact very exciting.

##### Itaewon Class

A boy loses his father in a car accident and the person at fault (the son of the CEO of a leading food company) will not admit to it. He ends up spending the rest of his life trying to get revenge. This TV show is about his journey and struggles.

##### Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Just about a girl who kills vampires and saves the world from time to time.

##### Merlin

Warlock Merlin is sent to the kingdom of Camelot by his mother and becomes the personal servant to Prince Arthur. Over time, Merlin learns that his magical powers must be used to protect Arthur, but also be kept hidden because magic was banned in Camelot by Arthur's father, King Uther Pendragon, and those caught practising it are executed. Eventually, Merlin and Arthur become trusted friends and companions, with the former doing his best to influence the latter into becoming the mighty king he is destined to be, unaware of what his actions will do in shaping this destiny.

#### Anime:

##### My Hero Academia

In a super-powered world, a boy named Izuku Midoriya has no powers, but wants to become a hero. Could a chance meeting with his idol, All Might, change that?

##### Kuroko's basketball

The basketball team of Teikō Middle School rose to distinction by demolishing all competition. The regulars of the team became known as the "Generation of Miracles". After graduating from middle school, these five stars went to different high schools with top basketball teams. However, a fact few know is that there was another player in the "Generation of Miracles": a phantom sixth man. This mysterious player is now a freshman at Seirin High, a new school with a powerful, if little-known, team. Now, Kuroko Tetsuya, the sixth member of the "Generation of Miracles", and Kagami Taiga, a naturally talented player who spent most of middle school in the US, are aiming to bring Seirin to the top of Japan, taking on Kuroko's former teammates one by one.

#### Fantasy:

##### Shadow and Bone

Shadow and Bone is fantasy show, based on the Shadow and Bone trilogy and the Six of Crows duology by author Leigh Bardugo. Alina Starkov, an orphan mapmaker, discovers she has the power to hone sunlight,



after crossing the unnatural swath of darkness known as the Shadow Fold, which has split the war-ridden country of Ravka (inspired by the Tsarist Russian Empire) in two. Along with General Kirigan, she journeys with the country's magical elite- The Grisha, to destroy the darkness. Along with a few charismatic criminals, we see Alina discover her powers mean for the fate of her and her country.

### **Fate: The Winx Club (15 on Netflix)**

A girl goes to fairy boarding school after she caused an accident at her home. She meets loads of other fairies and they have to learn how to fight The Burned Ones. Meanwhile, she causes a whole host of trouble at the school.

### **Stranger things**

When Will Byers suddenly goes missing, the whole town of Hawkins, Indiana, turns upside down. Many people are on the search for Will, including his mother (Joyce), his brother (Jonathan), his friends (Mike, Dustin and Lucas), the police chief (Jim Hopper) and other notable people. But one thing leads to another, creating a supernatural trail. And things get even weirder when a little girl with a shaved head comes into the story.

### **Sit-Coms: Brooklyn 99**

Jake Peralta is a cop for the 99th precinct in New York and the show basically

### **Coming of Age:**

follows him and his friends/co-workers and their jobs and love life etc.

### **Comedy: Ackley Bridge**

Comedy-drama set in a Yorkshire school with a large percentage of Asian pupils, like our own. As well as being humorous, the show tackles major issues with young people's lives.

### **Vincenzo**

An Italian mafia consigliere comes to Korea in disguise as a lawyer after the betrayal of his organisation. He comes to retrieve gold stashed in the basement of an old building but gets involved in another family's problems, resulting in him going on a journey of 'justice' and revenge. - It's a dark comedy

### **Julie and the Phantoms**

A year after her mother dies, music re-enters Julie Molina's life in the form of the ghosts of three members of '90s pop-punk band Sunset Curve. A paranormal musical drama-comedy produced by Kenny Ortega.

### **Action: The Falcon and the Winter Soldier**

Follows on from Endgame, shows how the world tries to move on and how different people have different opinions on how to do that.

### **Umbrella Academy**

A dysfunctional family of adopted sibling superheroes reunite to

solve the mystery of their father's death and the threat of an apocalypse.

### **Family Drama: Modern Family**

Follows the life of a large family that is connected and shows their individual day to day life problems, fun filled moments and is a hugely comical show with something for all areas of audience.

### **Atypical**

This TV show is available on Netflix and it's about this family who are atypical. It's about the life of the boy in the family called Sam Gardener who has autism, however the show expands on his friends and his family's friends too. It is age rated 12+.

### **Thriller: Alice in Borderland**

Three friends, living a very simple life end up lost in a parallel Tokyo where they are forced to participate in deadly games, pushing their emotional and physical limits in the process to survive.

### **Sci-Fi: The Unlisted**

This is a Sci-Fi Netflix show about identical twin brothers Drupad and Kalpan Sharma who work together to uncover a top-secret government plan in Australia to control students'.





**Dawson's Creek**

A group of teenagers grow up in a small town and find that as they grow into adolescence their lives, relationships and problems are ever-changing

**Jamie Johnson**

This show follows the life of Jamie Johnson, from starting a new secondary school to achieving his dreams: becoming a star footballer.



## An Interview with the House Captains

As you must already know, Kendrick has the best house captains we could possibly have! We decided to interview these house captains to ask them about house events and activities that would now begin to take place as we are hopefully coming to the end of this lockdown, as well as how they feel about upcoming events and their thoughts on where the houses stand at the moment.

### **Ana Lenoir and Aysel Turacli - Palmer Captains**

### **Serena Whitehead and Geetika Lakhanpal - Cedars House Captains**

### **Lucy Ward and Alice Owen - Sidmouth House Captains**

We asked them about the house events taking place and what we will be doing as houses when things get back to normal as we are all excited for it. There will be more house events such as House Musical (which is already taking place), House drama and house assemblies will also begin to take place so we can discuss what we could do to make sure our respective houses can gain an advantage. They told us that the House Musical competition will be taking place and that sports day will be going ahead next term as normal. We have

also been told that there will be house Drama going on for all people that love drama and acting.

A lack of initiative has often led to houses losing in the past so the house captains have decided to encourage more people to take part in competitions to help their house win.

As you probably know, Palmer won the house cup this year. Despite this lockdown and pandemic, this year we have been able to do House football and House Chess. Some of you may have also taken part in House colouring, House Reading and even House Joke competition. We look forward to these maybe continuing and our usual house events making a reappearance as we move out of lockdown.

The standings right now in terms of the house cup is:

Cedars, in 3rd place, Palmer a close second and Sidmouth in first!

By Vidushi Angra (Palmer), Anaya Tripathi (Cedars) and Swathi Chandrashekhar (Sidmouth)

Year 7



## Agony Aunt Column

**“Every time I look at myself I see someone that’s not me. I worry that this is just a phase like some people say, but sometimes I feel it isn’t.”**

Feeling like a stranger in your own skin is something many of us struggle with sometimes. It’s not a pleasant feeling and all we want to do is feel good about ourselves and who we are. It takes a lot of courage and acceptance to come to a conclusion where you feel happy, and that’s completely fine. Take all the time you need to get through this - it’s okay to not feel okay.

Always remember that who we are is not always what we look like or by what people think of us, but who we are is built from the stories or jokes we tell, the dreams we have and the hobbies we do.

As cliché as it sounds, you should try to be yourself, especially when interacting socially - don’t pretend to like something that you hate, be honest with what you think and act like yourself, or the person you feel like inside.

If you need someone to talk to, friends are always happy to help and there’s staff you can turn to who can talk it out and keep things confidential.

I found a poem by Erin Hansen that you might like to read:

Never trust a mirror,  
For a mirror always lies,  
It makes you think that all you’re worth  
Can be seen from the outside.  
Never trust a mirror,  
It only shows you what’s skin deep,  
You can’t see how your eyelids flutter,  
When you’re drifting off to sleep.  
It doesn’t show you what the world sees,  
When you’re only being you,  
Or how your eyes just light up,  
When you’re loving what you do.  
It doesn’t capture when you’re smiling,  
Where no-one else can see,  
And your reflection cannot tell you,  
How much you mean to me.  
Never trust a mirror,  
For it only shows your skin,  
And if you think that dictates worth,  
It’s time you looked within.

- Agony Aunt

**“How do I gain some self-control over myself? I can’t bring myself to do anything except for watch Minecraft you tubers and I’m gonna be honest that’s pretty self-deprecating”**

I understand - I used to have a complete obsession with a particular video game and in the end it drove me nuts because I couldn’t be productive. You’ve identified the problem and have the desire to do better which is already a huge step towards improvement.

Self-control is hard, and you should start small - tell yourself you will not watch YouTube until say 6pm, and either block the site temporarily or move your device away until 6pm. Trust me, you’ll find something or another to do when YouTube is unavailable.

The human mind is inherently creative, and if you’re artsy or musical, try getting into a new hobby such as learning a new piece (I love Bella ciao from money heist!) or start a little painting. Maybe you could even cook?

Whatever you end up doing, I guarantee you’ll be feeling much better when you can physically see the progress you’ve made.

If you find yourself scuttling up to the forbidden YouTube device when you know it’s a rabbit hole, then maybe you could ask a parent to hold onto it until the time you set yourself runs out?

It takes time and practise to form a new habit, and once you get into the swing of hobbies and activities, you’ll automatically reduce your YouTube use without even needing to keep devices away - self-control!

- Agony Aunt



**“What do you do if you have a toxic girl in your class who victim blames and lies to the teachers and tries to frame others for bullying?”**

People like this suck! I realise how much you want to see them stop their ways but you must remember to NEVER go to their level and lie your way through - it'll just get you in trouble without solving the problem.

Perhaps your first line of defence is to ignore them if they're purposely provoking you, getting a rise out of you is their goal and you definitely don't want to fulfil it! I know it's totally annoying to keep calm when someone is saying things, but if you show no rise they'll hopefully give up. If that doesn't work, your second line of defence are your friends - if you ignore the toxic person, and they begin to blame or frame you, ask your friends to defend you. If the toxic person is waffling about you, especially to a teacher, your friends can back you up and prove that it's all based on lies.

The important thing is to have no offenses to your name (if you haven't been mean or done anything harmful, you will not get in trouble and their blaming will have no basis). Maybe that would expose them in a harmless way?

If both those methods aren't working, I'd suggest it's time to go to a teacher, perhaps a form tutor. Personally, I believe you should ignore the toxic person, or at least keep minimal contact - a 'hi' or 'sure you can have a pen.' is fine but the less contact you have and the less secrets you share, the less they will begin to affect you. Trust me, I've seen people go through this and keeping yourself away from the fireworks will help.

Of course, if a friend is being bullied, make sure to talk to said friend and defend them in case anything serious goes down.

- Agony Aunt

**“I have more than one group of friends and I don't know how to stay in them simultaneously.”**

Being in a big friend group has positives and negatives, and in your situation, you may want to tell your friends and come to a shared decision about it. If you and your friends feel like you spend more time with one particular friend group than the other, spending a little more time with the neglected group may be the best option for you.

- Agony Aunt

**“How do I revise for end of years except for creating a couple hundred flashcards then not even having time to go through them all (this isn't an exaggeration I literally have a drawer filled with flashcard sets), help would be appreciated as I'm going to have a mental breakdown any second !! - to be answered by anyone year 11+ please :)”**

What I would suggest are using methods of active recall instead of passive revision like making notes or flashcards – these are time consuming and less likely to be effective in the long run. You're better off doing activities like mind maps where you write down everything you can remember about a certain topic and then fill in anything you missed with a different colour, or brain dumps where you just write down anything and everything you know about a topic. These can serve to reassure you about just how much you actually know and also if you repeat these methods, you'll find you remember more and more by yourself each time. You could also try talking the topic through aloud, either to yourself or a family member/pet as some people learn better by rote. And my final piece of advice is to space out your learning. I know a lot of people will have said this, but it is truly effective. Mr Nemeth's learning curve is really helpful to see why this works, but essentially if you revise something one day, leave it a couple days and then revise it again. Then leave it a week and recap. Then a few weeks, and so on, you'll retain the knowledge much easier and it also allows you to fit multiple subjects around each other.

Hope that helps x

Agony Aunt



**“I am not sure how to choose my GCSE options and it feels quite daunting. To be answered by a year who have chosen their options”**

I know this seems like a really daunting life milestone, but choosing your options is a great opportunity. I'd start right away by going through the list of topics and cutting away anything you don't enjoy. You'll either know right of the bat, or be on the fence about it and for those “maybe” subjects, I'd monitor the lessons and your experiences in them – are you enjoying the work, do you find it fulfilling, would you enjoy learning more about it? For the subjects you absolutely love, that's a done deal. It's the “maybe” subjects that you need to think about, since you will need enough for 11. Don't worry too much about A Level choices just yet,

they're at least two years away and don't need to be worrying you now. If you don't have a strong idea of where you're headed, **that is okay**, and it's a decision you don't have to come to at GCSE. For now, just focus on taking subjects you find fulfilling and enjoyable. For the subjects you've never studied before (Business), you might not know what to expect. For this, I'd talk to a subject teacher about what the course entails and also have a look on the school website as the teachers most often have put information about the courses and links to the syllabus there.

Hope that helps,

Agony Aunt



## Affirmations Page

### **Sai Darekar**

She always makes our conversations more interesting and is a very good friend!

She is a great friend, loves cricket (she talks about it ALL the time) and she is a very nice person.

### **Akshitha Pathi**

Akshitha (or Lucky as our class knows her) is such a sweet girl. She always comes to the rescue when we need her, and personally helps me out every time I need help, as well as encourages me that everything will be fine, and tries to stay positive. On top of that, you can always see a smile on her face, and she's like an angel to me.

**Jessica Widdicombe** She is so amazing and so kind, when I panicked about a presentation in class she was so understanding and I think that deserves recognition.

### **Jess Spurgeon**

She is always there for everyone and is the kindest and most selfless person ever. She always makes everyone happy and is the most supportive human ever... everyone needs a Jess in their lives :)

**Faith** and **Monique** for being really awesome friends!!!

### **Sarayu Potluri**

She has always been there for me, right from the start. :)

### **Simran Sandhu**

You are so kind and funny and gorgeous! I am so grateful that you're my best friend; I love you to the moon and back xx

### **Eva Zheng**

You're a literal lifesaver and so kind! Even though your self-esteem might be low,

know that you aren't disappointing anyone who thinks you're incredibly smart, because you are :)

### **Sophie Baker**

She's always smiling and checking up on me and it's the little things that really count :))

**Faith Obum-Uchendu** She is a great friend, is helpful and kind. She wants to be the prime minister when she is older and I think she has a good chance :)

**Diana, Heather and Carissa** - thank you so much for reminding everyone to take care themselves during exam week and being our school mothers :) you are all so kind and intelligent beans.

### **Arya Kalavath**

An absolute legend who's been organising all this along with dealing with exams and everything else, while continuing to be an amazing friend and all round star. Love you loads <33

### **Sudiksha Dixit**

; ) This girl is absolutely fabulous and makes everyone around her so happy. She is so kind, caring and selfless. She definitely deserves some recognition for her amazingness!!

**Athyanta in 8JP and Sai Darekar in 7HES** for getting selected to play cricket for Berkshire County

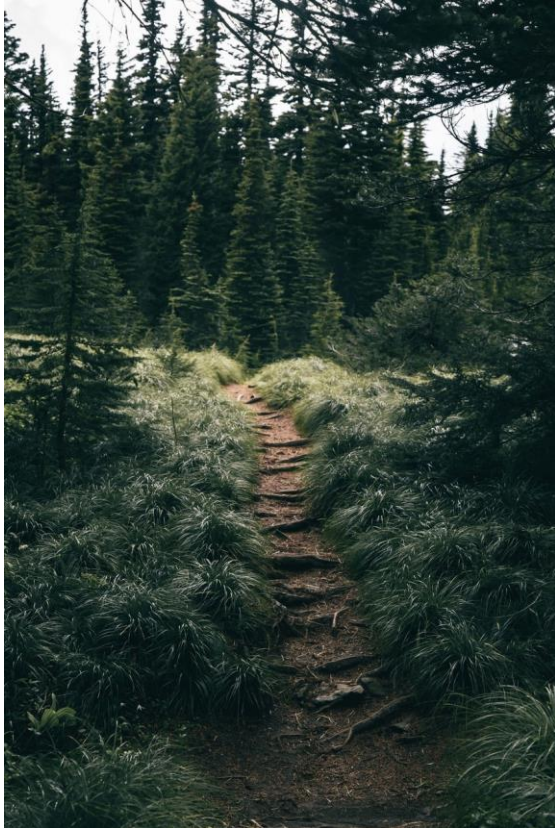
### **Shout-outs:**

Miranda Cao  
Simran Sandhu  
Arti Lenoir  
Carissa Ooi  
Satvi Avadhanula  
Nidhi Aradhya  
Ruthika Sabbineni  
Davneet Brar  
Mia Jackson



# Eco Spot

Help the environment! And earn house points along the way!



“We are writing history.

What do you want it to say?”

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## FUN FACT

Planet Earth is 4,500,000,000 years old. If we condense that into a 24 hour clock, we have been on earth for 1 minute 17 seconds. But we have changed its landscape...

Our Oceans are rising. Nature's decreasing. Carbon is building. Trees are burning. Temperatures are rising. The poles are melting. Garbage is growing. Factories are increasing. Species are dying. Plastic polluting. The planet's overheating.

In less than 2 minutes.

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## THE PROBLEM

This is not new knowledge. But we keep refusing to do something. The problem seems so big that it cannot be fixed by one person. But to change the path we're on, we need to work together and collectively. Our actions, however small or big, can help change the bigger picture.

We all know the facts but we keep imagining the consequences as a faraway problem. However, those problems are coming faster and faster as we dive into the future.

There is an average decline of 68% in the vertebrate species population between 1970 and 2016. Currently, there are 5.25 trillion macro and micro pieces of plastic in our ocean. If this carries on there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.

Last year we saw the effects of climate change in



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daily life. Australian Bushfires were all around the news at the start of the year. These raging fires burnt over 18 million hectares of land, destroyed 2,800 homes, 34 direct human fatalities, contributed to 478 human fatalities and 3 billion animals died or were displaced.

Temperature records were shattered around the world throughout the year. Temperature records shattered, in February researcher's reported temperatures of 21°C in Antarctica. Death Valley, California broke all records for the highest temperature ever recorded.

In April, the Great Barrier Reef experienced its third bleaching event in five years. Arctic ice was at its second-lowest. Scientists presented evidence that a large-scale drying took place in the Amazon Rainforest which suggested that climate change, deforestation and forest degeneration is pushing species to a tipping point. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season was the most active on record, with 30 named storms, 13 of which are classified as hurricanes. Hurricane Eta, a category 4 hurricane saw 200 deaths. Hurricane Laura killed 77 people in America and Hawaii. In November, a typhoon killed 42 people in the Philippines. Flash Floods in Indonesia killed 66 people. Flash Floods killed more than 150 in Afghanistan. Cyclones killed more than 85 in India and Bangladesh.

This was all just last year. These problems did not focus on only one country. These problems contributed to destruction and deaths all around the world. We will reach dangerous warming by 2027 to 2042. It will affect every single person in some way or another.

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## ECO SPOT COMPETITION!

So where does EcoSpot come in?

Perhaps we can't change everything but we can do our own bit to help the efforts against climate change. Simple things such as meat free meals, recycling, turning off lights or devices etc.

The Eco Committee has launched a new competition called EcoSpot, a digital, accessible and fun competition to help the environment while earning house points and having fun! And all you have to do is download the app, make an account and complete small challenges.

The app will be available on all desktop PCs and can be downloaded on all phones. In the following two terms, we are piloting a house competition. Next year however, we hope to launch a competition between year groups.

Once a challenge is completed simply take a picture and upload it onto the app. We hope to see everyone do their little bit for the environment.

Small and Simple Tasks to help make a Huge Change.

**“The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.” - (Paulo Coelho)**

- Dora Abbi





## Tidal Power

Many people doubt the feasibility of tidal power as an energy resource and think of it as an unpredictable, unrealistic way of generating electricity but is that actually the case?

Tidal power is an effective way of generating electricity and in the UK it could be able to provide up to 20% of the nation's electricity. Worldwide it is estimated that oceans could provide up to 1 Terawatt of energy. That is enough to power 10 billion lightbulbs at once!

Tidal energy is also more predictable than the sun or wind, making it easier for people who are running the tidal energy farms.

Right now there are tidal energy farms in some of the largest rivers in the UK such as Swansea and the Severn. However, many people think that it is too big of a starting point. Starting somewhere smaller will make it easier for it to progress and spread across the nation. This may be good advice to follow if we are going to create a tidal power revolution in the UK.

There's no doubt that the concept of tidal power is attractive. Perhaps it's time we move away from nuclear power sources and concentrate our efforts on this new technology that could power us into the next century.

- Akshaya Yeddula



# Planets with possible intelligent life orbiting outside our solar system

Even though planets in our solar system are unlikely to inhabit life, there are some other planets outside our solar system that may be habitable. Such as:

## Teegarden's Star B

Teegarden's Star B (also known as Teegarden b) is an exoplanet found orbiting within Teegarden's Star, an M-type red dwarf star around 12 light-years away from our Solar System, and is within the constellation Aries. As of April 2020, it is the fourth-closest potentially habitable exoplanet. As of April 2020. It was discovered by a team of more than 150 scientists, led by Mathias Zechmeister.

## TOI 700 D

TOI 700 D is an exoplanet that is orbiting the red dwarf planet TOI 700. Two other planets are orbiting. There are two other planets orbiting TOI 700 but this one is one of very few discovered exoplanets that are the size of Earth. It is located roughly 101.4 light-years (31.1 pc) away from Earth in the constellation of Dorado.

## K2-72 E

K2-72e, is a confirmed exoplanet, likely rocky, orbiting within the habitable zone of the red dwarf star K2-72, the outermost of four such planets discovered in the system by NASA's Kepler spacecraft on its "Second Light" mission. It is located about 217 light-years away from Earth in the constellation of Aquarius.

**Fun Fact:** Tardigrades (microscopic water bears) are one of the only animals that can survive in space. They're one of the most fascinating species on Earth and the moon. Until now, researchers weren't sure how they did it. Previous studies in *Ramazzottius varieornatus* pointed to the effects of damage suppression protein

(Dsup), which protects from radiation. Now, using biochemical analysis, researchers at the University of California San Diego have discovered that Dsup binds to chromatin, the protein that wraps up DNA inside cells. Once bound, Dsup forms a protective cloud that shields the critter's DNA from hydroxyl radicals produced by X-rays.

## What type of species could be out there?

### Primitive Microorganisms - Mercury

The spacecraft Messenger found evidence of lots of ice on Mercury. Based on studies reported in March 2020, there may be scientific support for considering that parts of the planet Mercury may have been habitable, and perhaps that life forms, albeit likely primitive microorganisms, may have existed on the planet.

### Unknown Microbes - ISS

Four strains of bacteria, three of which were previously unknown to science, have been found on the space station. They may be used to help grow plants during long-term spaceflight missions in the future. The four strains of bacteria that researchers isolated belong to the Methylobacteriaceae family. The microbes were taken from samples across the space station, during the expeditions of different crews that occurred consecutively.

### Bodies of water- Titan (Saturn's biggest moon)

Titan, the largest moon of Saturn, is the only known moon in the Solar System with a significant atmosphere. Data from the *Cassini-Huygens* mission refuted the hypothesis of a global hydrocarbon ocean, but later demonstrated the existence of liquid hydrocarbon lakes in the Polar Regions—the first stable bodies of surface liquid discovered outside Earth. It has been speculated that life could exist in the liquid methane and ethane that form rivers and lakes on Titan's surface, just as organisms on Earth live in water. Such hypothetical creatures would take in H<sub>2</sub> in place of O<sub>2</sub>, react with acetylene instead of glucose,



and produce methane instead of carbon dioxide. The Dragonfly mission is slated to land on Titan in the mid-2030s with a VTOL-capable rotorcraft with a launch date set in 2026.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, we think that there could be life on other planets or in space in general, however we also believe that it will take some time, but gradually, the amount of extra-terrestrial life will increase.

- Avika Kapoor and Anvi Rao



# The Farmers Trade Protests: What is it?

By Kashvi Tyagi 7MAH

As many of you may have heard, the farmers' trade protests in India are based on the new trade law that has been issued by the current Indian government. Some feel that the farmers are doing the right thing, such as American Singer Rihanna, while others, such as Indian Movie star Kangana Ranaut, openly oppose the way that the farmers are protesting.



## What is the law?

The new law will basically loosen up the rules around the sale, pricing and storage of farm produce. At the moment, most Indian farmers sell the majority of their produce at government-controlled wholesale markets or mandis at assured floor prices, but with this new law, farmers will be able to sell their produce at a market price directly to private players - agricultural businesses, supermarket chains and online grocers. But if this will help the farmers, why are they protesting against it? Well, the problem is that it's unclear if this will succeed in reality. For example, most farmers feel that this may leave them with no other options if the old 'Mandi' markets fall, along with their assured prices. So, if they are not satisfied with the price offered by a private buyer, they cannot return to the mandi or use it as a bargaining chip during negotiations, leaving them with no other choices.

**"First, farmers will feel attracted towards these private players, who will**

**offer a better price for the produce. The government mandis will pack up meanwhile and after a few years, these players will start exploiting the farmers. That's what we fear,"** Multan Singh Rana, a farmer in the northern state of Punjab.

## Why do India's farmers disagree with the new law?

To be frank, India's farmers should not be complaining; the government provides them with generous subsidies, exemption from income tax and crop insurance. They are guaranteed prices for 23 crops and debts are often waived when they are unable to pay off loans. But the farmers fear that the new laws will end up diminishing their Mandi system. However, the government tried to address their fears, and gave assurances that the Mandi system will remain in place, and have recently taken steps to improve it further.

## The protests

The farmers have been camping around Delhi for the last 9 months, and have braved the harsh winters for their cause. The protests had started out as peaceful, but slowly changed into violent attacks. Until 26th January, Indian Republic Day, all the farmers had been doing was peacefully protesting all around Delhi, but all of that quickly changed. 26th January had been one of the most chaotic days the Indian Police Force had had to tackle, with many of them injured, and one protester ending up dead. Though the protest rally had started off peacefully, it quickly changed into a vicious rampage.

## So how did it become violent?

The farmers had received permission from the government to peacefully protest through a certain route, provided that they would stay on it. But on the day of the protests, a faction of the protesters diverted from the path, and began vandalising and rioting. When the police tried to stop them, they were attacked by tractors, swords and sticks, all wielded by the protesters.

This violence led to over 500 policemen and women being badly injured, and one protester



dead, who had tried to ram his tractor into a police barricade, causing his vehicle to overturn. The march illegally continued down to the famous Indian Red Fort, which symbolises India's independence, heritage and glory. The protesters took control of the fort, and hung up their own religious flag, causing public outrage and losing them much support from the Indian public.

### **What happened next?**

After this upsetting incident, many farming organisations removed themselves from this protest, while other factions are still camped all around Delhi. The Supreme Court of India has assigned a committee to look over the case and has delayed the law for another two years. Meanwhile, the government has opened themselves up for any amendments to the bill, provided that they have valid reasons behind them. Though many farmers are still camping around Delhi, the likelihood of another attack is much lower.

In conclusion, I think that though the government and the protesters may have their differences, both parties have the best interests of the farmers in mind, and we should hope for them to work together and find the best solution.



## **Interactive:**

# **Best martial arts to learn as a teenager**

Why should teenagers enrol in martial arts?

Teenagers are more prone to being harassed than other age groups. The reason for this could be that people who harass are also teenagers and in most cases are from the same neighbourhood. Martial arts is the best way to defend themselves if they are landed in situations like these.

According to my research, Karate is the best martial art for teenagers. This is because it provides ample self-defence techniques while also teaching a wide variety of punches, kicks and many more offensive moves. Many martial arts focus on either only offensive or defensive skills instead of incorporating the two. This is what makes karate unique.

It is also one of the most well-known martial arts out there making it accessible to many people. It improves body flexibility, mental sharpness, agility and overall fitness. The level of skill in Karate is measured by the colour of the belts at each level and students are motivated to move up belts and achieve the black belt, the highest belt.

Karate instils confidence whilst improving discipline and respect for others. Teenagers practising karate for years would grow up into healthy adults leading happy lives. Though this could be achieved through the other martial art practices as well.

The other martial arts such as Taekwondo or Judo are also useful for defence, though Judo could be hard to implement in practice as almost half of the moves practiced are “holds” which would not be practical in a real-world scenario where the aim is to get far away. However all martial arts provide a high level of discipline and provide muscle training that could help in any situation.

Overall, there isn't necessarily a “best” martial art, as they all instil discipline and build stamina, though karate is the most well-known and accessible form.

- Akshaya Yeddula



## Book Recs:

### Fantasy:

#### **Caraval by Stephanie Garber**

Scarlett has always wanted to see the legendary Caraval, where players compete for a prize. This time, the prize is a single, powerful wish.

Remember, it's only a game...

#### **Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo**

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone. . .

*A convict with a thirst for revenge*

*A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager*

*A runaway with a privileged past*

*A spy known as the Wraith*

*A Heartreder using her magic to survive the slums*

*A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes*

Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.

#### **Arrows of the queen trilogy - Mercedes Lackey**

A girl - Talia - gets found by a Herald's companion - a magical horse-like being that choose their Heralds. She has to learn how to use her gifts ethically, be a teenage girl and be advisor to the Queen throughout the trilogy all while trying to make sure that the Heir presumptive, Elspeth gets Chosen. She goes on adventures and is stuck in a host of sticky situations throughout the series.

#### **City of Bones**

When her mother disappears, Clary Fray learns that she descends from a line of warriors who protect our world from demons. She joins forces with others like her and heads into a dangerous alternate New York called the Shadow World.

#### **These Violent Delights- Chloe Gong**

These Violent Delights is a loose retelling of Romeo and Juliet, set in Shanghai in 1926, with people who are gouging their throats out left right and centre, due to a monster who resides in the Huangpu River.

“This place hums to the tune of debauchery. This city is filthy and deep in the thrall of unending sin, so saturated with the kiss of decadence that the sky threatens to buckle and crush all those living vivaciously beneath it in punishment.”

#### **The Maze Runner**

A boy with no memories arrives in a glade surrounded by a maze full of monsters and tries to escape.

#### **Thirteen by Tom Hoyle**

This book is about a cult who wants to kill every boy born at the start of the millennium before they turn 14. The last boy left, Adam, has to outrun the crazy cult leader, who is planning a bombing spectacular across London to celebrate his last victim.

#### **The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown**

A book that delves deeper into the origins of Christianity, except the two main characters need to know maths and many other things to put two and two together to find the secret that a murdered man left behind.

#### **Magnus Chase and the Summer Sword – Rick Riordan**

A boy named Magnus learns about his Norse god father and embarks on a quest to find his father's lost sword before the world ends. He also dies.

#### **The Shades of Magic trilogy - V.E Schwab**

There are 4 different worlds, and the one similarity is the city of London in each of them. There's grey London, and world that's dull and without magic, red London that thrives and has a perfect balance of magic, white London which is full of fighting and bloodshed, and black London which no one has entered for thousands of years after it got taken over by magic. Well is an Antari and he



can travel between them, and in the process unleashes a magical being that tries to kill them all.

### **Psychological:**

#### **Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoevsky**

Crime and Punishment focuses on the mental anguish and moral dilemmas of Rodion Raskolnikov, an impoverished ex-student in Saint Petersburg who formulates a plan to kill an unscrupulous pawnbroker for her money.

#### **Rebecca - Daphne du Maurier**

Rebecca is a thrilling, suspense novel about how a young woman meets a charming, mysterious widower, Mr de Winter, whilst working for an elderly socialite in Monte-Carlo. After a whirlwind courtship he marries her and the couple move into his mansion, Manderley, only to find that her husband and his household are all still haunted by the memories of his late first wife, Rebecca. To the new Mrs de Winter, Rebecca personifies glamour and gaiety, a portrait of perfection to which she cannot compare but there are dark secrets which she unfolds through her increasing obsession with her husband's first wife.

#### **13 Minutes by Sarah Pinborough.**

It is a psychological thriller about a girl who is found in freezing water one night, with no recollection of how she got there and how she is still alive after being dead for 13 minutes. She is part of the 'it girl' clique but instead of turning to her two also popular best friends, she asks for help from her ex - best friend who frankly wants nothing to do with her. She soon begins to harbour suspicions of her two friends and realises that she cannot trust anyone, because how far will someone go to hide the truth? (I won't give anymore spoilers :)

### **Romance:**

#### **Geek Girl**

It is a book about a girl called Harriet Manners who is a geek. Then she gets spotted by a modelling company. This book is all about her life from Geek to Chic: D

### **Historical:**

#### **The Closest Thing to Flying by Gill Lewis**

A girl called Semira moved to England with her mum when she was four and is constantly kept under control and has no freedom however, she finds that freedom through a century old diary.

#### **The Ice Monster - David Walliams**

A small orphan girl - Elsie, sets out on a mission to reunite a prehistoric woolly mammoth that she brought to life) with her family in the North Pole.

#### **The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller**

The Song of Achilles is a retelling of the Iliad and centres around Patroclus and Achilles - their relationship and their part of the Trojan War.

### **Experimental Literature:**

#### **The Art of racing in the rain- Garth Stein**

It's set through the eyes of a dog, Enzo. On the night of his death, he recalls all that he and his family have been through.

### **Mystery:**

#### **A Study in Scarlett - Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

This is the first of the Sherlock Holmes series and it gives you the origins of how Watson came to be his companion and where all the detective work begins - giving an insight into Young Sherlock's mind - great read! :)

#### **Girl Missing by Sophie McKenzie**

Lauren is adopted but doesn't know anything about her past. One day she finds herself on a missing person's website and goes to find her real family.

#### **The Murder Most Unladylike series**

This is a series of 10 books where two teenage girls from the 1930's solve murders. This book is better for some of the younger readers at Kendrick but can be enjoyed by everyone!

### **Sci-Fi:**





## **The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas by Ursula K. Le Guin**

A small town called Omelas is eternally happy, but at one cost: the eternal suffering of one child. The people living on Omelas face a moral dilemma - do they remain in Omelas and remain happy, or do they leave and feel free of the guilt, but lose eternal happiness?

## **The Midnight library by Matt Haig**

Nora Seed has many regrets in her life and while many wish to see how their life could've been different, Nora is given that very opportunity. By investigating possible paths her life could've taken her, will she settle in one or realise what she took for granted in her real life.

## **Ready Player 2**

You should read the first book in the series first - Ready Player 1. The blurb is 'Days after Oasis founder James Halliday's contest, Wade Watts makes a discovery that changes everything. Hidden within Halliday's vault, waiting for his heir to find, lies a technological advancement that will once again change the world and make the Oasis a thousand times more wondrous, and addictive, than even Wade dreamed possible. With it comes a new riddle and a new quest. A last Easter egg from Halliday, hinting at a mysterious prize. And an unexpected, impossibly powerful, and dangerous new rival awaits, one who will kill millions to get what he wants. Wade's life and the future of the Oasis are again at stake, but this time the fate of humanity also hangs in the balance.'



# Song Recs

## Alternative/Indie:

How Did We Get So Dark - Royal Blood

CURSED - AViVA

exile - Taylor Swift and Bon Iver

champagne problems - Taylor Swift

mad woman - Taylor Swift

my tears ricochet - Taylor Swift

Francis Forever – Mitski

This is Home - Cavetown

I'm Doing Fine - Mike Waters

Featherstone - The Paper Kites

## Pop:

Have We Met Before (by Sarah Barrios and Eric Nam)

Princesses Don't Cry - Aviva Mongillo

Twilight - bôa

Deja vu - Olivia Rodrigo

Tomboy - Destiny Rogers

4AM – Derivatkat

Skin - Sabrina Carpenter

Confetti - Little Mix

BANG! by AJR

Moral of the Story – Ashe

Feel like by WOODZ

Queen of Mean - Descendants 3

17 by Pink Sweat\$

Space Girl by Frances Forever

Everything at Once by Lenka

Control by Zoe Wees

In and Out - Red Velvet

Hold On by Justin Bieber

Feel Something - Joshua Bassett

Heartbreak Weather - by Niall Horan

## Lo-Fi:

I'm closing my eyes (feat. Shiloh) by Potsu

## Hip-Hop:

Glorious by Macklemore

Grind night vibes - DJRish

Empty by jaidenanimations and BoyInABand

## K-Pop:

God's Menu - Stray Kids

Drunk-Dazed – ENHYPHEN

Save Me by BTS

## R&B:

Wicked Games - The Weeknd

## Rock:

Cloud 9 by Beach Bunny, the April 2021 version.

Beautiful War by Kings of Leon

## Gospel:

Jesus from Texas by Semler

## Country:

Mr Perfectly Fine by Taylor Swift

## Metal:

Find a Way - Mayhem



# Entertainment's Page

## WORDSEARCH

Find all the words hidden in the across, down, and diagonally, with no backwards.

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

ANIME  
 BLEACHING  
 CORAL

DARTHSIDIOUS  
 FARMER  
 KARATE

MICROBE  
 NAVALNY  
 PUTIN

SUBSIDISE  
 TARDIGRADE  
 TIDAL

WILDLIFE

## IT'S MY CHOICE:



## Editor's Note

That brings to a close the first issue of our school newspaper. Thanks to all of our writers for making this a possibility, we could not have done it without you. This symbolises the voice of the student body, so we hope you found something of interest or learned something new. The cover art for this issue was done by Sofia Kar Almazan. Our editorial was written by Elizabeth Coupe. The comic was created by Siddhi Badole. We as an editorial team are glad we were able to bring this together, and we hope to publish many more issues just like this one. To address the social issues of the current climate, please find below links to aid efforts against Covid-19 and donations to Free Palestine.

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/donate/emergency/coronavirus-appeal>

<https://savepalestine.carrd.co/>

- Arya Kalavath

