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SKRIPAL MYSTERY

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On Sunday 4th March 2018, former Russian Colonel, Sergei Skripal, and his daughter were found outside of a shopping centre bench in an unconscious manner. The couple are currently at a critically ill state in hospital after a "mysterious substance" caused them to collapse and appear in their current..CONT PG.2

**POMPEY BACK IN PLAYOFF PICTURE AFTER 3-0
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RUSSIAN POISONING

current manner.

Sergei Skripal was previously a Russian Colonel who was highly regarded in his career for Russia's military intelligence (GRU). In 2006, he was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment after being accused for spying for Britain. Russia claimed that the MI6 had given him \$100,000 for his information that had been supplied since the 1990s. Skripal later became one of four prisoners Russia swapped for spies in the US in 2010. Afterwards, he was flown to the UK.

A former colleague of Colonel Skripal described him as "the life and soul of the party" and he, among many others, were surprised when Skripal was arrested for spying as they all respected him and took it as a real shock.

In 2004, he was arrested near his home and was convicted of "high treason in the form of espionage" by Moscow's military court. He was stripped of all of his titles and awards.

Allegedly, according to the Russian security service (FSB), he was recruited in 1995 by the British secret services whilst still serving in the army. The FSB claimed that he exchanged classified Russian state information secrets with the MI6. Later on, money was to be transferred to an off-shore Spanish bank account. The asserted data that was revealed to the British was information on several Russian undercover operatives that would place them under surveillance and eventually banish them from an array of European countries. Even after his retirement, the FSB believed that the knowledge was still continued to be given.

Reports at the time read that Colonel Skripal pleaded guilty at his trial. Allegedly, he confessed while co-operating with investigators.

During the time of the trial, the media dominantly focused on his trial as they believed that his sentence to years' imprisonment was clearly not enough for his actions. Komosolskaya Pravda, a daily newspaper, stated that he "got off lightly" and if it had happened in Soviet times, he would have been shot.

After the spy-swap in 2010, Skripal has since settled in Salisbury and has been living a relaxed and quiet lifestyle with reportedly making a collection of business trip.

Around two weeks ago, he made a very optimistic phone call to his ailing mother. However, his family say that since the 2010 spy-swap, he has always been vigilant as Skripal strongly believes that the Russian special services will come after him.

Still to this day, Sergei Skripal's family are adamant that the case against him was fiction. They insist that he was always a large patriot.

The majority believe that this case has significant links to the 2006 Alexander Litvinenko problem. He was killed by drinking tea laced by a radioactive substance. It was decided by the British courts that the Russians were responsible for the murder of the former dissident and intelligence officer. However, they have never claimed the responsibility for the act.

Sergei Skripal (66) and his daughter, Yulia (30s), are still in intensive care at hospital. The police officers near the scene showed minor symptoms of wheezing and itchy eyes, but, were later released.

Public Health England show deem that there is no outstanding health risk. Investigations are still continuing on to discover who is responsible for this heinous act. By CAITLIN JONES, YEAR 9

"I need to Ring King...."

ITS BACK! By popular demand we have brought back our problem page to help you with burning issues. This year we bring a little eastern European insight with our perfect prefect KINGA JEZIOR waiting for your calls.....

Hi Kinga,

My boyfriends from a different faith and his parents won't accept me, what should I do?

Firstly, do some digging and find out why. It might be a simple reason, DON'T jump to conclusions yet!!! Or it might be just a clash of beliefs. You have to think if you can accept that his parents might never like you or you need to decide if you want the relationship to come to an end. You also NEED to talk to him. If he respects his parents too much to not take your side and stick up for you, then you know where you stand. That might help you to make a decision. But hopefully you will live happily ever after and ride off on a horse together into the sunset.



Hi Kinga,

People have started sitting on mine and my friend's bench that we always sat on. Am I being stupid?

Funnily enough, I sometimes have the same problem! Right, all you got to do is politely ask them to move or shoot them...actually I wouldn't do that, bit extreme! Personally all we've done is sit somewhere else and get straight in there when they move, were all too lazy to make a scene. Do what you think is right but don't start an argument, it's not worth it!

Hello Kinga,

I've picked my option subjects, but none of my friends are in them and I find it hard to make friends; HELP!

If it's concerning you that much maybe you could talk to your head of year or tutor, they might be able to help or give you some advice. When it comes to making friends all you have to is be yourself, and it helps if you're funny too! Joining after school clubs is also a good way to get mingling and you never know may-be you will find some friends ! Good luck!

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advice!*

BUILD YOURSELF UP

EVERY SO OFTEN, we all feel a little bit down or that we aren't good enough. SAFFRON STEDALL is here to give you a few tips on how to pick yourself up and dust yourself off....

Okay, so every now and then, we all feel worried about how we look, self-conscious even! There is no shame in saying so, but once in a while (or more often) we all feel...unconfident.

And I'm here to give you some tips to make you feel more confident and self-assured.

If you have an event coming up, it can be easy to overthink what you are wearing, how your hair looks and your general persona or vibes you are giving off to those around you. I have a few tips that might be able to help you out. These tips may not work for everyone but I strongly recommend trying them when you get a little doubtful.

Look at the dress code.

If the dress code is smart-casual, then I recommend dark coloured jeans and a smart looking top. Good accessories would be a simple bracelet or a tie. Simple but neat, put together hair will leave a good first impression. For those of you who wear makeup, light, neutral tones are suggested.

If the dress code is black tie, then a suit or a formal dress is necessary. For a suit, iron your shirt and trousers, and for a dress, make sure you are comfortable. Accessories include, bow ties, hair pieces, jewellery and a flower.

Tip two!

Make sure you feel comfortable. Your comfort in what you are wearing should be your top priority. Not just comfortable physically but make sure you feel assured in your choices. I promise you, everyone is going to be worrying about themselves, you look brilliant. If the people you are hanging around with make you feel judged for what you want to wear, don't let them.

Take time for you.

You are important and you need to make sure you remain your top priority. If you are ready for an event and you don't like your makeup or your hair- redo it. Honestly, the time spent redoing it and making yourself comfortable and confident is worth it. It saves you spending the whole time worrying.

Smile. You look amazing.

Those are my 3 tips for confidence, I hope you find them a little bit helpful. As previously said, these tips may not work for everyone but if they helped you then I'm glad.
SAFFRON STEDALL YEAR 9



TV IN TROUBLE

Television's greatest modern double act suffered another set back last week when Ant Mcpartlin was charged with drink driving. It was alleged he was under the influence when he ploughed into three cars on a Sunday afternoon, causing a child to go to hospital.

As a result, the stars' 'Saturday Night Takeaway' gameshow was cancelled last week and many wondered if pint sized co-star Declan Donnelly would go it alone.

However, ITV have since confirmed that the last two episodes of the series will take place as planned.



In another case of TV stars behaving terribly Sky Sports pundit and former Liverpool player Jamie Carragher was captured on camera spitting at a girl and her father following the Red's 2-1 loss to Man United.

Carragher claims he was provoked by the girl's father and that he 'unreservedly apologises for his actions'. The pundit was removed from his newspaper column with the Telegraph and the Monday Night Football show with Sky with immediate effect.

This removal was in spite of the family he attacked accepting his apology and asking Sky not to remove him from his post. Perhaps celebrities shouldn't take their elevated positions in society as an excuse to behave the way they do.



Book vs Film



A quick summary of the book:

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas is a Holocaust novel (made in 2006 by Irish Novelist Boyne). It is a novel which explains the life of 2 young boys who live two completely different lives; it shows the major effect the Holocaust had on the lives of others (the Jews). The two boys become friends; terrible events occur...

BY HAST ISMAIL, YEAR 9

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Film Review:

The film was so heart-breaking; it was a film which made realise the amount of pain the Jews were going through during the Holocaust. Although it was it was about the Holocaust, it didn't have a great amount of historical feel.

The film was really clever, it helped me almost experience the horrifying events (that happened in the film) only through the eyes of a young boy! The ending is one of the saddest plot twists, as it made me cry. Only ruthless human-beings would not cry to it! Even though the film would stretch too far on certain event (sometimes), the film overall was really great to watch. It showed me the reality of the world and how there are heartless people in the world who could cause chaos to innocent humans.

Book Review:

As much I loved the book, I still prefer the film. The book explained every event with a lot of detail, however the book didn't hook me in as much as the film. The ending of the book handled the scene much differently (to the film); it didn't bring me to tears and it didn't change my emotions, whereas the film brought me to tears!

There are many differences with the book and the film! There are different scenes, it would have been easier to understand if both the book and the film were the same. I didn't picture the characters looks and emotions as much as I did through the film. The film helped me have a good of image of each character in the book. However the book was overall really good!

I enjoyed the book a lot!

Both the film and the book were amazing and emotional, however 1 must win! So the winner is.....*round of applause*..... **The film!**

This is because the film was more 'touching'. I understood the film more than the book and overall I enjoyed the film more! I recommend you to read and watch the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, as it's an amazing film and book!

Interested in writing for the Eagle? Come and speak to Mr Were in 414 and the world is your oyster! Looks great on prefect applications and for college/Uni

VAR-DY STRIKES

ENGLAND put on two promising shows over the weekend to whet the appetites of football fans everywhere in the run up to the World Cup.

Friday featured a strong yet experimental line up from England coach Gareth Southgate, with Man City full back Kyle Walker in central defence and Alex Oxlade Chamberlain in a more advanced position. However, it was Jesse Lingard that proved the difference with a strike from the edge of the box to give the Three Lions a 1-0 against the Dutch.

This was followed by more quick thinking from the Man Utd man in Tuesday's 1-1 draw against Italy. Lingard slipped a ball through from a free kick to Jamie Vardy, who powered a shot into the top corner of the net.

However, it was VAR not Vardy that proved the game's biggest moment. The referee ruled that debutant James Tarkowski upended an Italian forward in the 88th minute, resulting in the awarding of the controversial spot kick.

Irrespective of this England played really well at times and we all look forward to them playing with freedom and a lack of pressure in Russia this year.



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OX IN THE BOX

POMPEY put on a show for the watching Sky cameras as mid table Oxford were put to the sword 3-0 at Fratton Park. A brace from Brett Pitman and a single strike from Kal Naismith was enough to put Pompey back into contention for a play-off spot.

However, the turning point of the match was the penalty early in the second half which led to midfielder Alex Mowatt being sent off for raising his hand to Nathan Thompson. Oxford manager Karl Robinson felt the attack was provoked and publically criticised the referee for his poor handling of the situation.

Pompey however will not care as they are now firmly back in the driving seat for a play-off spot. With key players returning, now may be the right time for a promotion push.