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## Brexit Chaos

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

The designated Brexit Day, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019, has been pushed back, leaving the British public in a state of varied emotions. Disagreements have taken place in the Commons; despite having two years to agree to a deal, MPs seem no closer to agreement than how they started.

The EU has given Britain two new deadlines. If MPs agree to Theresa May's deal by next week, the EU will give Britain up until May 21<sup>st</sup> to make final arrangements before leaving. However, this is the same deal that has failed on the two previous occasions. Thus, the hopes are not high on a third successful attempt. In a final attempt to get her plan through, Theresa May has said that she will resign if her plan is passed. She hopes that this will convince a few wavering MPs to vote for her plan.

Although, if Britain does not agree to Mrs May's deal, the EU have passed the deadline of the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. This will require the Commons to agree on a different deal to the current plan in two weeks. Having failed to agree a plan in two years. Also, this seems unlikely.

The only remaining option if neither deadline is met is Britain to leave with 'no deal'. Ironically, in the two years of discussions, the only agreement between MPs is that this is not acceptable and a deal must be made.



The root cause of the problem is that MPs find it easier to decide what they do not want rather than what they would like. Consequently, this has caused the dilemma that no single plan has ever received a majority vote. At this eleventh hour, a few MPs have developed an alternative approach called 'indicative' votes. This alternative plan, means that instead of MPs being given a binary vote (agree or disagree) on a single issue, instead, a selection of eight or more possible plans are submitted. Then, asked to indicate their agreement to all eight plans simultaneously. Hopefully, this will be a mechanism that will allow MPs to see which plans have any chance of success and rule out those that will never pass.

As Brexit continues to stay in the headlines, if only to keep reporting that there is no solution to report and negotiations are underway. The uncertainty of this event leads the public to question the integrity of parliament and if politicians have the best interests of the country at heart.

## **Spring Cleaning**

**By Marinela Pervataj, Y7**

Spring cleaning means cleaning any room or house thoroughly, it was thought to have originated in Iran and China, where it marked the beginning of a new year. It could be also used metaphorically, symbolising a way of decluttering our minds and being at peace within ourselves.

Iran start their new year with rituals, festivals and elaborate customs. Spring cleaning begins on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, the vernal equinox: where there are more hours of sunlight each day. Pouches of flowers and herbs are draped over doors, in order to refresh the stale air of last year. Ancient symbols of fire and water are painted on door steps; this is to show purification, physically and mentally.

Others believe that this tradition was started by the Jews, where the house was cleansed in preparation for Passover. Passover is the most important festival for Jews, where they remember how the poor Israelite children were rescued from slavery by Moses and the plagues that came upon Israel. After they had broken free from the pharaoh, they were starving for 40 days and nights until bread started to fall from the sky. The Jews recall this momentous occasion by removing all grains from the house by candle light, the night before Passover. Through the ages Jews began to thoroughly clean their homes to show respect for God.

The Chinese believe that cleaning before the new year brings good fortunes. They sweep floors and wipe away any bad luck that is lingering from the previous year. They then restrain from sweeping their floors a week after the new year, to ensure that they don't sweep away any good fortune the new year has brought.

Before central heating was invented, people sealed off their home completely from the cold of winter. They were forced to clean their homes because of the smoke induced by coal and oil needed to maintain the fire. Spring, with its warmer days and lighter evening was, and still is, an opportunity to make a dwelling where the smell of stale smoke hung from the walls, fresh again. Windows and doors can be opened, so dust can be cleared outside, and washed cloth and linen will dry quicker now that it can be hung in the breeze.

Could it be that so many different cultures embark on rituals and celebrations that involve spring cleaning because, this time of year is simply the best time to refresh and clean your home?

## Poetry Corner

Forest Leaning of 8 John Paul has written a fantastic poem all about spring:

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Angels soar over green fields

Spring had begun

Crack crack

The egg hatches

Soft feathers peak out at the sunlight

Spring has begun

The sun pulls open its eyes

Staring in wonder at the new world

Spring has begun

Buds flourish

Exposing their delicate bodies

Bathing in the renewing light

Spring has begun

I look out at the world

Before me

I can't believe my eyes

The whole spectrum

Bursts, refreshing

My mind

Kissing my skin

The new baby has arrived

Warm mornings

And rainy days

We welcome

Its warm embrace

Spring



# Saffron Sorts It!

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



## **How to organise myself?**

This is a heavy loaded question with a very complex answer but I will try my best to answer it. Start with material objects, clean your room and make sure everything has its own place. Shove on some music and tidy. Go through your wardrobe and get rid of any items of clothing you do not wear. Be relentless. Then, if you have any items around your room you do not need, get rid of them too.

Obviously, donate all these items so you have done something for others as well. My best tip for organising anything is to compartmentalise it all, books over there (alphabetically organised) and so forth, give everything a home. After this, you'll find yourself feeling a bit better and a bit more organised yourself, small acts have great effects.

## **How to make a revision timetable?**

There are two ways that I can think of to help here. You could make your revision timetable the same as your regular timetable, spend time on each lesson you had that day- going over what you learned and going over everything else too. Not for long, but long enough.

Another tip is to prioritise the subject you struggle with first, then your core subjects, then everything else. Making sure you at least pass your core subjects is very important as they will take you far. Either way, revision is unique and as long as you are revising healthily and properly, you will be okay.

## **How to sort out my priorities?**

First and foremost, make sure your first priority is you. Make sure you are hydrated and not pushing yourself too hard. Push yourself to your limits but not fifty metres beyond them. Make sure that sometimes you have space to just read a book or listen to some music in the name of self care. Secondly, ensure you prioritise healthy relationships with those around you, family and friends. Listen to what they have to say to you and everyone else. Being on good terms with those close to you is going to instantly decrease your stress levels. Never underestimate the art of forgiveness. Then, your next priority should be your education and studies; stay on top of all your homework and make sure you pay attention. It sounds like I'm talking nonsense, I know but honestly, having no backlog of overdue homework is going to make you feel so much better. And, free up time for other activities.

## What is a Leprechaun?

Niamh O'Shea looks into the history of this mysterious creature...

As I'm sure you are aware, dear reader, March is the month of St Patrick's day, the patron saint of Ireland, and if you are one who enjoys festivities, it provides the perfect opportunity to have some fun with a few pints of Guinness- it's all in the name of tradition right? Well in the spirit of the season I became curious as to where the idea of leprechauns actually came from and what significance they have with Irish culture- or are they just a tall tale invented to attract tourists; perhaps those with the pots of gold are really the shops selling postcards with a generic picture of a mountain on them?

Well, the first mention of the creatures is in the 17th century where they are introduced as 'lubrican' in writing. One interpretation of this is that they are 'fairy shoe makers' from the origin words 'leath bhrogan', however they are also believed to be shunned Gods by some, who when their pagan followers decreased in number, so too did the creatures size.

Leprechauns became associated with gold not because they scored some cash at their local betfred on the Irish grand national or their own impeccable rugby team (whoop whoop!) but because of a story that came with the Danish invasion of Ireland that begun in the 8th century. The tale goes that the Danes *\*extremely intelligently\** gave their stolen wealth to little, pot-bellied gingers who proceeded to hide the riches in crocks and pots scattered across Ireland.

And then Bam! After a few drinks a rainbow's been added in and there you have a piece of folklore that represents an entire country's corner-shop tat.



## Christchurch Shooting

By Philip Collins White

Unfortunately, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 49 people were killed in two terrorist attacks at mosques. This also resulted to 48 people being injured, causing it to be the worst shooting in New Zealand's history.

The shooting has also brought to light some other troubling topics, such as how the internet's culture caused this to happen. The 28-year-old attacker, who won't be named here, broadcast live footage of his attack on Facebook. Moreover, the terrorist posted a manifesto to online forum page 8chan shortly before his attack; and in it, he made reference to popular online trends, as well as made ironic comments about his far-right fascist views.

On his livestream beforehand, he cried 'Remember, lads, subscribe to PewDiePie', a reference to the Youtuber Felix Kjellberg; who asked his subscribers to help promote his channel to fight the corporate company T-Series from becoming the most subscribed to channel on video-sharing platform YouTube.

Whilst it is sure that Felix didn't mean to encourage this violent type of behaviour, the fact of the matter is that this Youtuber and the culture surrounding him, encouraged the toxicity within the attacker.



Obviously, the Internet cannot be totally censored from all sorts of jokes, and in fact many people have claimed that the Youtuber PewDiePie has in fact helped them to overcome negative mental health issues, however it is clear that sites such as YouTube and 8chan must try to help prevent situations like this from reoccurring, as well as make sure that they provide help to those who need it.

Moreover, the way that we use social media is also being questioned by this tragic event. After the livestream, video clips were shared across social media platforms such as Instagram and Snapchat, and while this cannot be prevented, and while the sites in question did all they could to take down these clips, it was still appalling. Although it will be very difficult to do without completely censoring the Internet, these sites should be trying to develop a way to pre-emptively stop these clips from being uploaded in the first place.



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Finally, news sites have also faced criticism for posting edited versions of the attackers video, as well as links to the afore mentioned mantra. The Sun, Daily Mail and the Daily Mirror all posted footage on their website, however Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu said that it was wrong to 'hide behind the mantra' of free speech. His fear is that if people had access to the propaganda created by the manifesto and video, then this would incite far right opinions and ideals within the consumer.

Overall, due to the close link between this tragic event in New Zealand and online culture, many opportunities have been presented that allow us to evaluate the world we live in and the effect the internet has had on it; as well as giving us the opportunity to criticise media platforms, and the effect that they have both on the individual and society.





# Meet the Teacher: Mrs Deacon

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

## **What inspired you to be a drama teacher?**

I have loved performing and the theatre for as long as I can remember. I was part of a youth theatre group from a very young age and loved being onstage, so I always knew that I wanted a career in something involving Drama. It was actually my own Drama teachers at school who inspired me to want to become a teacher. They were so fantastic at what they did and gave me so much support and encouragement throughout my school years, that it made me want to follow in their footsteps and become a teacher myself. My mum is also a teacher, so she was part of my inspiration too.

## **What is your favourite production of all time?**

Now that is a tough question...I have seen 'Wicked' 5 times so I do really love that one, but I also really love the music in 'Rent', I find that musical very moving.

## **What is your favourite subject apart from your own?**

I think I would have to say PE. I always loved sport when I was younger and was part of many school teams. I even played netball for Reading for a short time too!

## **How would you describe yourself as a pupil?**

I was a very well-behaved pupil at school and I very rarely got into trouble. I worked hard and put lots of effort into all of my subjects. I only got one detention in my whole time at secondary school and that was for taking too long to get changed for PE!

## **What led you to Portsmouth?**

I moved to Portsmouth to be with my husband, as he lived and worked here. I am so glad that I made the decision to move as I really love living here.

## **If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

Hawaii - it looks so beautiful! I would be disappointed if everyone didn't walk around wearing grass skirts and garlands around their necks though.

## **What is something that nobody knows about you?**

I nearly got arrested on the first day of my honeymoon in Kenya! Don't worry, I hadn't actually done anything wrong - they thought I wasn't wearing my seat belt (of course I actually was) and the Kenyan police are very strict and scary. It was a rather terrifying experience actually!

## **What do you do in your spare time?**

I try to get to the theatre as much as possible. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and family. One of my favourite things to do is stay in, get a take away and watch a movie!

## Meet the Teacher: Mrs Deacon

By Caitlin Jones, Y10

### **What is your piece of advice for KS4 students undertaking revision and exams?**

Revise in small chunks and give yourself regular breaks, as otherwise you won't actually take anything in. When I was on study leave for my GCSEs and A-levels, I would revise for 30 minutes and then watch 15 minutes of TV or listen to some music, then I would revise for another 30 minutes. I found that used to work quite well.

### **What's your favourite season of the year and why?**

Summer, summer, summer! I love the summer! I really enjoy spending time outside so the summer is perfect for me. I much prefer wearing summer clothes as I don't like wearing coats and jumpers. The sunshine makes me happy and I find it so much easier to get up in the morning when it isn't dark and gloomy. Not too long to go until my favourite season starts 😊



## Match of the Day: Millwall F.C. vs Brighton and Hove Albion



By Albie Topliss



A tense game, but nothing really happened for the first 45 minutes, ending in the half-time score being 0-0.

The second half started and Millwall were dominating and looking likely to score. At 70 minutes Millwall broke the deadlock and made it 1-0. Still domination, Millwall went on to get a second goal at 79 minutes, extending their lead to two goals.

The Millwall players were lacklustre towards the end and were clearly tired. Then, at 88 minutes Brighton pulled one back making the score 2-1. Brighton dominated the last minutes of the game and deep into additional time they equalised. After 90+6 minutes the score was 2-2.

As this game was an FA Cup Quarter Final it went to extra time. For the first half of extra time the score remained 2-2. At 119 minutes Millwall received a red card, with their man Ferguson being sent off for a foul. The second half of extra time ended and the score was still 2-2. Penalties were needed as the score was still a draw.

The players from both teams took their penalties and the end score was 2-2, but Brighton won 5-4 on penalties.

The final part of this game was fully packed and extraordinary in the magical FA Cup tournament.

**Final Score: Millwall 2 – 2 Brighton – Brighton win 5-4 on penalties.**

## Top 3 Rom-Com Movies on Netflix:

By Hast Ismail

### Isn't It Romantic:

- This movie is about a girl who is brought up to hate rom-com movies; she finds them pathetic because she doesn't believe that they are realistic and therefore dislikes the thought of it. This girl, however, gets one day injured and wakes up in a rom-com movie. Many hilarious things happen in her life. At first she enjoyed this unrealistic life, but then realised that she missed reality. Throughout her journey she learns a lot of valuable lessons! This is one of my favourite movies at the moment as it is extremely comedic and I learnt new information (to life) from this movie. The main character is played by Rebel Wilson which is what makes the movie overall amazing!



### To All The Boys I've Ever Loved:

Released in 2018 was another incredible rom-com movie from Netflix. This movie is such a heart-warming movie and I believe it is suitable for all ages. It is about a girl (with two older sisters and her father) who secretly writes letters to her crushes. One day her little sister decides to post these letters to all the 5 boys. This creates a series of problems for her! If you also love to read, this movie also has its own series of books. I definitely recommend watching this film because not only is it comedic but you can also read the book versions!



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### 13 Going On 30:

-If you like watching older films then this is perfect for you! This film was released in 2004, however to this day is one of the greatest Rom-com movies available on Netflix.

The title gives the film completely away: a young girl on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes she was older. This girl wakes up the next day being 30 years old. She finds herself in difficult situations and finds way to cope with them. She realises that her friends are completely adults; she helps find their inner child again and brings joy to those who had lost it! If you have not seen this Rom-com movie, I definitely recommend it: it is the perfect movie to watch when you are sitting at home with nothing to do.



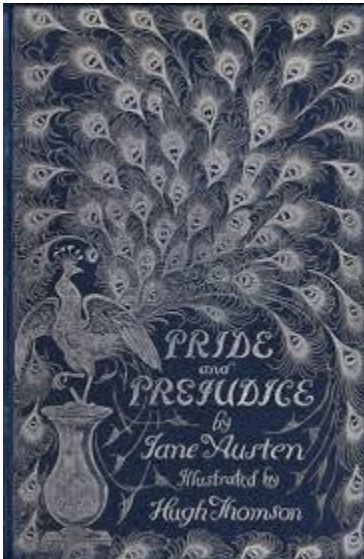
## What's your favourite...?

with Miss Chapman

By Philip Collins Wight, Y10

### What's your favourite game and why?

Articulate because it is really competitive, and good for developing vocabulary, I sometimes play it with my classes.



### What's your favourite book and why?

Pride and Prejudice, as I love the story behind it because its hilarious and so well-written. I also believe that it was way ahead of its time.

### What's your favourite film and why?

The Goonies is one of my favourite films; I have far too many to choose from! However, the characters are hilarious and I love the ending.



### What's your favourite song?

At the minute, my favourite artist is George Ezra, especially his song Paradise, because it puts you in a really good mood, and is great to sing along to.

## Puzzle Page

Thank you to the book club for our literary themed puzzle!

### Harry Potter Characters

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J R L A G X I N Z X A C F F L T A J J Z L Z  
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HARRY  
HERMIONE  
RON  
LUNA  
GINNY  
SNAPE  
DUMBLEDORE  
HAGRID  
RITA  
DRACO  
LILY  
JAMES  
PETUNIA  
VERNON  
DUDLEY  
HEDWIG

**Top 10**  
**By Lily Robson**

To celebrate the coming of spring, in this month's issue, we will be listing the Top 10 Ways You Know Spring is Here:

1. You know its spring when it's not just cold- but it's cold with sun
2. Spring is here when flowers appear- under a layer of ice
3. You definitely know its spring when- teachers start stressing about exams
4. Spring has arrived when- you start stressing about exams
5. You know its spring when- you start counting down the days till the Easter Holiday
6. Spring is here when you start seeing Easter eggs in the shops- although you can see this in January too
7. You know its spring when it's not warmer- and it should be
8. You definitely know its spring when- you've given up on your New Years Resolutions
9. Spring has arrived when there's rain or hail- every 2 minutes
10. And finally, you know its spring when- the clocks go forward and you lose a precious hour of sleep

**Check back next issue to see more intelligent Top 10 listings!**