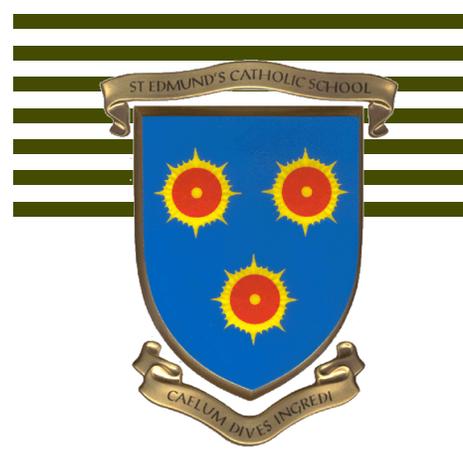


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This issue features revision tips and advice for Y11 students, alongside information about the upcoming general election. Don't forget to vote and have your say in the in-school election on December 12th!

Please enjoy this issue and remember to see Miss Chapman in 213 if you would be interested in contributing to The Eagle!

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By Lily Robson, Y11

In this month's edition, I will be counting down the Top 10 Best Christmas Presents to Receive. Making this festive list is the following:

1. An Avocado- they are warm and fuzzy and delicious
2. Fluffy Socks- they are also warm and fuzzy and delicious
3. Tissues- for all your issues
4. Mouthwash- makes for a nice refreshing drink
5. A Crown- preferably from a turkey
6. Money- cause we all need it
7. A 'Grow Your Own Dinosaur'- it's the pet you never had
8. Me
9. A Fedora- for the bants
10. The Eagle- why get a new phone, when you could read my obviously very real "Best Christmas Presents" suggestions

Check back next issue for even better Top 10 listings!

General Election 2019: What happened?

By Philip Collins White

In 2011 Parliament passed the Fixed-term Parliaments Act which was designed to make sure elections were held every five years. This then scheduled the next election for 2015, and the successive one for 2020. Instead, Brexit happened. In the four years since 2015 we've now had 2 general elections as well as 2 Conservative leadership contests. Why, and what's happened now?

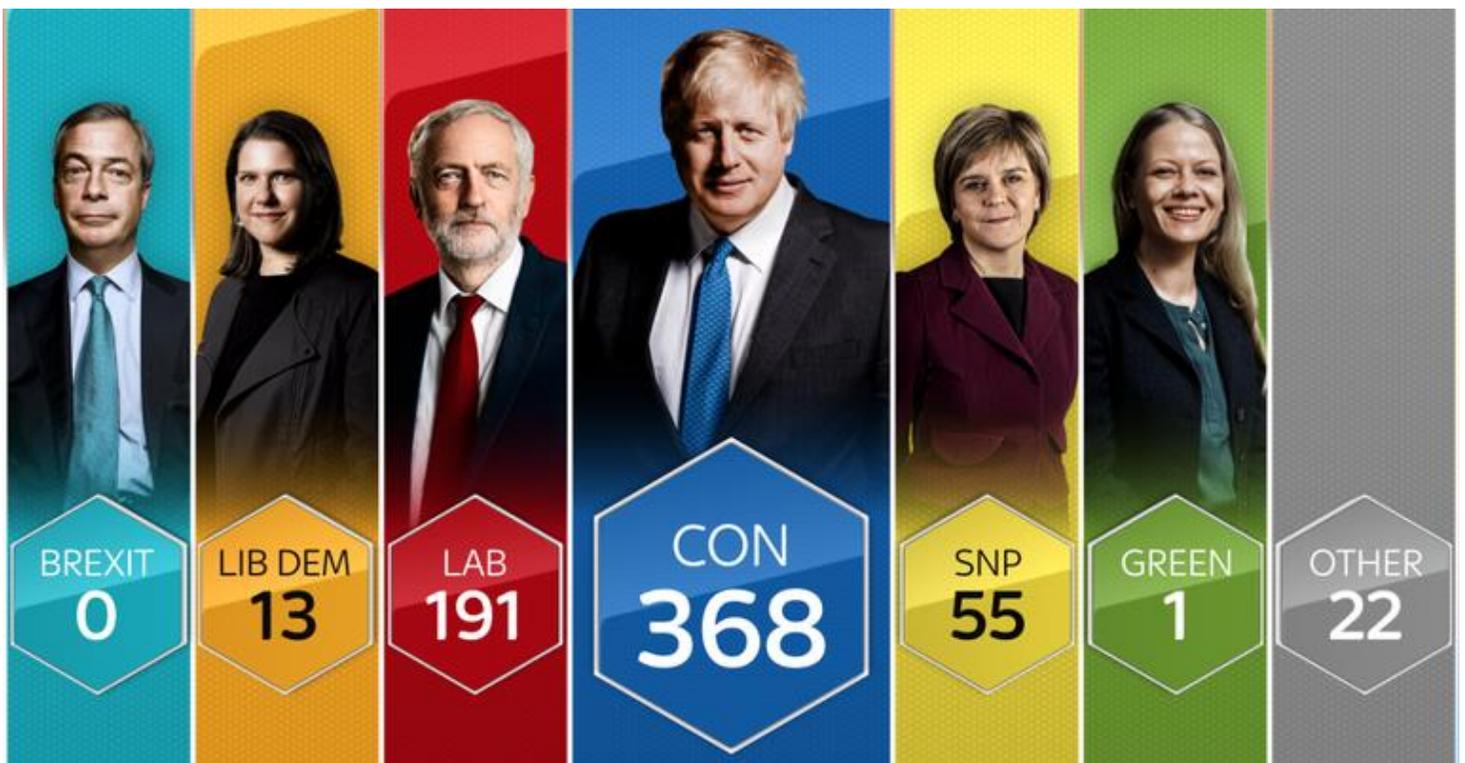
On the 23rd June 2016, under the PM at the time, David Cameron, the country held a referendum on Brexit. Beforehand the Prime Minister had stated he would resign if the country voted for Brexit; the country voted for Brexit. After this Theresa May was elected as leader of the Conservative party, but she believed many people had doubts about whether her and her party deserved to still be in power after Cameron resigned. However, she too resigned soon after due to the blocking of many of her Brexit deals by Parliament. Finally, Boris Johnson was elected as leader of the Conservative Party and thus Prime Minister in the summer of 2019. The problem was that not only had the Conservative Party not achieved a majority in the previous election, some conservative MPs refused to back the new Prime Minister. This meant Mr Johnson couldn't muster enough votes to pass his Brexit deal, and so instead called a new general election hoping that the Conservatives could win a larger majority.

Now we know why this election happened, it's time to find out what did happen. Firstly, Mr Johnson won his majority (of 365 seats, a majority of 80) that he had been hoping for, the largest since 1987's election. Meanwhile, the Labour Party scored 203 seats while the newly formed Brexit Party received none.

From the leaders there has been a variety of different responses: a victorious Mr Johnson has thanked the voters for their trust, Jeremy Corbyn has announced he will stand down as leader of the Labour party early next year and Jo Swinson lost her seat, causing the Liberal Democratic Party to be momentarily leaderless.

So what happens now? After the election the Prime Minister has decided to make small changes to his cabinet, and then he will move onto completing his campaign tagline of 'Get Brexit Done' before January 31st. Whilst Jeremy Corbyn has stated that he will step down next year, many people have called for him to step down immediately, the Labour leader says he believes the 'responsible thing to do is not to walk away from the whole thing.' Finally, Nicola Sturgeon, leader of the Scottish National Party is calling for an independence referendum for Scotland, saying that the PM has 'no right' to oppose it.

For the moment though, the next five years of Tory rule doesn't seem to exist past the 31st January, and it seems to be a waiting game until then.



The Nightmare Before Christmas: Review

By Mia Laver, Y9

The Nightmare Before Christmas is a Christmas movie and a Halloween movie depending on what parts you are looking at. Jack (the main character) is in the Halloween door; he ends up on an adventure and he tries to bring Christmas back home. Obviously it fails because he's only ever known Halloween and is only good at Halloween.

He even kidnaps Santa and pretends to be him, he thought what he was doing was ok and fun but really he was turning Christmas into Halloween.

It is also a musical with some amazing songs in there. Jack and Sally express their emotions through the songs and the other characters express their thoughts through the songs. It is arguably one of the best Christmas movies ever for people who maybe aren't crazy about Christmas.

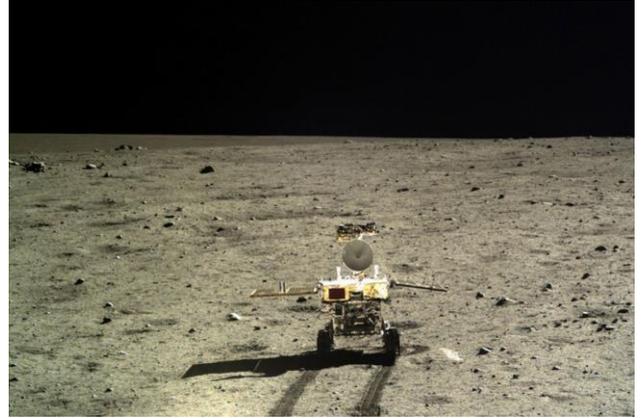


2019: A Year in the News

By Caitlin Jones, Y11

7th January: China landed on the dark side of the moon

23rd January: World's 26th Richest People are as rich as the Poorest Half of the World



24th February: Karl Lagerfeld's cats inherit millions in his will

8th March: Kylie Jenner becomes the world's youngest billionaire

15th March: Climate Change School Strikes, inspired by Greta Thunberg

13th April: Astronomers release the first ever photo of a black hole

25th April: Extinction rebellion protests

24th May: Theresa May resigns



2019: A Year in the News

By Caitlin Jones, Y11

16th June: Oil Tankers attacked in the Gulf

10th July: UK ambassador says the White House is 'inept'

14th July: England win cricket world cup



26th July: Boris Johnson becomes new Prime Minister

28th August: Survey shows parents are happier when their children leave home

14th October: Ethiopian Leader wins Nobel Peace Prize

26th October: Climbing of Ayers Rock banned



19th November: Online shopping addiction is classed as a mental illness

9th December: Australian bush fires combine to form 'mega fire'

12th December: UK election, with largest Tory majority result since Margaret Thatcher

21st December: Donald Trump Impeached



Is Last Christmas Worth a Watch?

By Charlotte Golding, Y11

I am sure that you have all heard about the new festive film Last Christmas that has recently hit this cinema screens. But you may be wondering - is it worth seeing?

To find out if it is as good as it is made out to be, I went to see this movie in the cinema.

Firstly, I would like to point out that the storyline is heavily built around the music of George Michael and Wham! So, if that is not your taste, then this film is not going to be your cup of tea.

Here's a synopsis: Last Christmas is a festive romantic comedy about Londoner, Kate, who is struggling with family and friends, her singing career and her recovery back to health. At the moment, Kate works as an elf in a year-round Christmas shop. However, things change for the best when she meets Tom, a fellow Londoner, who seems too good to be true. As the capital city turns into a winter wonderland, Kate and Tom's relationship transforms into a Yuletide romance.



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Now, after watching Last Christmas for myself, would I recommend it?

I have to say there is a lot to like about this film. Personally, I really love the music and I think the storyline is amazing (there is a huge plot twist which really took me by surprise!)

Some people might say that the storyline is a bit far-fetched, but I think that it is original and definitely emotional.

I do have one small criticism though, and that is that there are some plot-holes that I noticed, which you might pick up on if you watch the film. Although, I do you think that this can be excused due to the heart-warming message of the film.

Overall, I would say that Last Christmas is worth the watch. It reminds you of what Christmas is really about and will certainly get you feeling festive.

