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AIR STRIKE AGONY

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.On the 14th April 2018, the UK, France and USA took military action within Syria. An airstrike nearby Damascus was confirmed as well as two near Homs and a suspected chemical weapons site. Alleged claims have been made joining Russia and Syria as potential allies on from the reported....CONT PG.2

POMPEY FRUSTRATION AS SEASON ENDS ON
PLAY-OFF PERIPHERY -TURN TO PAGE EIGHT



SYRIA BOMBING

from the reported chemical attack on Douma on the 7th April.

Last Saturday, the Ministry of Defence released the information that eight Storm Shadow missiles had been launched by four RAF Tornados at a former missile base, 15 miles west of Homs.

Syria denies any chemical use and Russia rejects the claims of the support that they have offered towards the Syrian government. Both have reacted angrily towards the claims.

Recent allegations have been made against Theresa May debating whether it was the correct decision to act in this manner. Mrs May states that the action was “legally and morally right” for the UK to join into the air strikes against the Syrian regime to prevent “further human suffering”.

Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, stated that the action was “legally questionable” and announced that the government should be “accountable to this Parliament and not to the whims of the US president.” However, some labour MP’s still backed up the choice to launch the air strikes.

Mrs May took questions for three hours defending the reasons why she did not take Parliamentary approval. She received criticism from many parties but continued to believe that there was “clear evidence” for her actions. According to the PM, the UK had “explored every diplomatic channel” and regrettably decided there was no alternative to “limited, carefully targeted action”.

Upon the briefing in Parliament, Theresa May insisted that “we have not done this because Present Trump asked us to but because it was the right thing to do.” Mrs May announced that the use of chemical weapons could not be “normalised” in Syria or elsewhere but insisting that the attack was a “stain on humanity” that joined the pattern of the regime’s earlier use of such weapons.

After the first of two debates upon Syria (placed Monday and Tuesday), a vote was held. It determined whether she had made the correct decision. The end results were 314 to 36 votes, a majority of 278.

Investigations are still taking place to determine whether Theresa May made the correct decision for our country. Many officials are still against her actions, arguing that it was not a moral choice for the UK and that she should have consulted with others before it was made.

Syria continues yet to respond to this act as the recovery is still taking place within their country. It is unknown whether President Bashar al-Assad’s regime will continue to stockpile materials used to make chemical weapons.

The tension between Russia and the UK continues to build. Could it lead to further conflict in the future? 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, I feel left out in my friend ship group and I feel like I don't belong! What can I do?

We all sometimes feel a bit left out and as if we are a bit unwanted but maybe that is not the case. Sometimes you might have done something to upset one of your friends without you even knowing so it's better to speak up then just feel like this and stay silent. If you speak about it maybe you could sort it out and you could say sorry however if you don't speak about how you feel no one will read your mind therefore speaking about your feelings is a lot better than hiding them because no one can read your mind. However if this doesn't work out maybe you could try making friends with other people that make you feel a lot happier and that you feel you have more in common with.



Hi Kinga, I feel like my friends are bullying me. I don't know what to do!

Sometimes friends like to play around and joke around and sometimes it can be taken a bit too far and you could get upset over it and if you don't tell them then they won't stop and you will just get more upset all the time. Bullying is not allowed in the school therefore this is something the teachers won't tolerate so they will help you resolve the problem as soon and as best as possible. You're friends should be nice to you and jokes aren't meant to hurt you so as soon as you feel as if your friend is bullying you, speak to them or a teacher.

Hi Kinga, I'm at my wit's end. I keep revising but nothing seems to stick!

Revision is very important but it has to be done correctly for it to be successful as doing big chunks will make you hate revision and you will be so bored that everything will come in and out the other. Inset try doing s bit before school and then do small chunks after school that make up 2-3 hours and try not to get distracted as then you will focus on the wrong thing and then nothing will go on. After your exams are over you can get distracted and do what you want for how ever long you want as you have such a long summer holiday! So use this time wisely and everything will pay of later.

Need help?
Contact us for
advice!

STAY HAPPY!!!

EVERY SO OFTEN, we all struggle to keep smiling as times get tough. SAFFRON STEDALL is here to keep you smiling as the summer sunshine starts to appear....

Here are a few quick tips on how to make yourself more positive and improve your days.

Sometimes, you can wake up in the morning feeling utmost regret for the day that is to come. This may be because you didn't have enough sleep the night before, or maybe you just have all of your least favourite lessons all in one day and it just drags. Well, do not fear because I have a few tips that may (or may not) help you be more positive and have a better day.

- 1) Look at your lessons the night before and make sure you are fully prepared for the day to come. Pack your PE kit and make sure you have any technology items the previous night (if you need them) as this will save a lot of stress and rushing in the morning looking for that missing sock.
- 2) Make a drink the night before and put it in the fridge overnight. There is nothing better than waking up and grabbing a cold, refreshing drink to keep you hydrated. Speaking of...
- 3) Try to stay hydrated! If you remain hydrated you will have a lesser chance of having headaches/light-headedness. Also, it just makes you feel better.
- 4) Smile! Smile at everyone you see, not everyone will smile back as they may not be having a brilliant day but if you smile at everyone you see, you will not only make their day a little more bearable, you will feel better inwardly.
- 5) Be nice! Be nice to everyone around you and treat them with respect where it is due. Try to give 3 people meaningful compliments each day and you will feel more uplifted for the day to come.
- 6) List! Each night, if you can, list 4 highs and 2 lows or 4 lows and 8 highs of the day just passed. Reflect over your day. Never let the lows outweigh the high. Also, try and list one thing you achieved that day, no matter how small.

Those were my 6 tips to a happier day and I hope they help you in some way, shape or form. These tips may not work for you but that's okay! I hope you have a nice day anyway!

SAFFRON STEDALL YEAR 9



TOP OF THE POPS

The charts have been updated and this week there is a brand-new number one! However, let's start from number five.

This week at number five is 'Paradise' by George Ezra, at number four is 'These Days' by Rudimental, Jess Glynne and Macklemore, at number three is 'One Kiss' by Calvin Harris and Dua Lipa, at number two is 'Freaky Friday' by Lil Dicky and Chris Brown and finally at number one is 'Nice For What' by Drake.

The special song that I have chosen to speak about this week is 'This is me' by the ensemble cast of 'Greatest Showman'. At first when I listened to this song I struggled to figure out what it was about, but then I watched the film and it became perfectly clear to me. This song is about knowing your flaws, but not being afraid of them anymore, not letting people's words get you down and learning to love yourself, despite what everyone else says. This song has also won a lot of awards, such as a Golden Globe and an Academy

Award, I think that they deserved it! BY J MCALLISTER, YEAR 9



ARE YOU INTER-YOUR FAITH?

Interfaith dialogue is a very positive way to investigate the wide range of religion here at Saint Edmund's as we encourage our variety of cultures. It has a number of good impacts, such as tolerance, understanding and community cohesion. This links with our ethos regarding acceptance and inclusion, enabling free discussions of faith, in order to strengthen our beliefs as a whole school community. Interfaith dialogue features in our RE lessons (with the study of a range of religions, not just Catholic Christianity) and all religions are respected with the activities we can take part in. This way of education is very important for us as a younger generation because it means that we will grow to become adults who respect each other, without holding racist views about others in our community. GRACE HARGREAVES, YEAR 9



Book vs Film



A quick summary of the book:

The Maze runner is a science fiction book; the book is about a group of young boys who have no memory of their past life and they're trapped in a massive maze. The maze is changed every night, therefore the boys cannot escape. Due to the frightening griever no boy dares to search the maze at night. But soon Thomas arrives and everything changes...

BY HAST ISMAIL, YEAR 9

The Maze Runner

Film Review:

The film was remarkable. Although there were differences made in the film to the book, it didn't make much of a difference. The opening scene was intriguing, it gave you hints on what was to come. Due to some parts of the scene, the film started to lose my interests at times. But, they were only minor issues.

At times, certain scenes would go on for too long, however soon after something eye-catching would happen! Even though I'd read the book before the film, it wasn't boring. The film had new scenes additionally added to not bore the viewer!

Book Review:

As much as I loved the film, I prefer the book. The book would explain more thoroughly what happened. It didn't have additional scenes which were useless at times. I really enjoyed the book as I could imagine the characters and the maze clearly in my mind; everything was described excellently!

The only downside to the book was I didn't like how some of the characters got killed. The ending of the first series didn't feel right, it could have been a happier ending! However, I like the fact there is a series to go along with it meaning the series will take a while to read!

Even though the book and film were both great, there is always only 1 winner... *drum roll please* The winner is the book!

Due to the film being different to the book (in some small scenes), the winner had to be the book as it is original and it is an astounding book in general!

Film: 4/5



Book: 4/5



FOOTBALL FASHION

As this is his last edition as editor (!) of the Eagle, I decided to ask Mr Were about two of his favourite subjects—football and fashion. What should we be wearing for the World Cup this year? BY JOSH KIRK, YEAR 10



‘When people think of yellow football shirts most of them think of Brazil, but look at this! The red and blue. The hair. The moustache. It just screams glamour. You can almost smell the Ambre Solaire and taste the char-coaled sausage. It is sunshine in a shirt. One to wear down the beach. Beautiful.’

‘England have had a rough time of shirts of late. The nadir was the baby blue Nike kit from Euro 2016 but I’m glad that England have got back to navy shorts and red numbers on the back of the shirt. It makes you think of Gazza crying, Gary Lineker banging them in John Barnes rapping to ‘World in Motion’. One to wear after a humiliating first round exit to Panama.’



The Daddy of old football kits. West Germany from the 1990 World Cup seemed to take the fall of the Berlin wall and plaster it on ‘Der Mannschaft’ — a riot of Western colour daubed on the mundane white and black of the Eastern bloc. One to wear for the final (probably).’

‘Not strictly a World Cup shirt but Cameroon had it for African Cup of Nations 2004. No sleeves. NO SLEEVES. Only a real man could pull this off, letting his bulging biceps glisten in the summer heat. Add in the vibrant green and red and you just feel pumped already. One to wear up the gym. I can see Mr Brown in it already.’



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ON THE EDGE

POMPEY faced life on the play off periphery following a 1-0 defeat to Charlton last week-end. After a good run of form in March Pompey have slowly ground to a halt in recent weeks, culminating in back to back defeats against Bradford and Charlton.

What made the defeats even more disheartening for the Fratton Faithful was the manner in which they came—all four goals across two matches were easily preventable, with goal-keeper Luke McGee especially culpable.

However, finishing 7th or 8th represents a good return for a first season back in League One. Fans will be hoping Kenny Jackett can add to his squad in the summer and next year Pompey can go one further.