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From the Editor's Desk...

I invite you to congratulate our wonderful contributors who have really written from the heart and tried to provide us with an outlook of 2021 thus far.

From the start this edition has been coordinated by the students, and I've been delighted to see them take the reins and produce a wonderful piece of journalism.

Ms Wolfson

Should you trust Facebook with your data?

Facebook is notorious for monetising users' private data by selling it to other companies to provide targeted adverts. They even recently updated their terms of service on WhatsApp, making it compulsory to give Facebook your data. In this article, I will show why they want your data and the lengths they will go to get it.

Firstly, the recent WhatsApp privacy update does not apply to Europe as we are shielded by protection laws. However, many people forget to turn on data protection on their device. Also, as Facebook continue to produce more devices such as their latest VR headset, the Oculus Quest 2 and smart video devices, they are able to collect more and more data about us and how we live our lives through our time usage, which applications we use, and even whom we follow. Facebook even displays their guesses on what the user likes in the advert settings under categories used to reach to you.

As the famous saying goes, if it's not clear who is paying for a free product, it is you. Facebook are trying to sell products to you, not solely to make a profit from the

money you give to them up front, but also from the data you give to them as you continue to use your device. Facebook is currently in dispute with the Australian government about access to news stories, and I believe that other governments and regulators will be observing how this turns out with a view to considering placing restraints on Facebook and the big tech companies in general.

When you use any website, you are promptly asked if they can use cookies to remember you. However, some websites may use them to track you without your consent to target specific adverts. Also, some websites target you with specific adverts when they know you are more likely to buy a product due to your mood or situation, which I believe is particularly cruel.

Many people believe that one shouldn't create a Facebook account due to data privacy concerns, but I believe if you are brave enough to accept cookies, you are brave enough to open a Facebook account.

By Joshua Reuben Y10

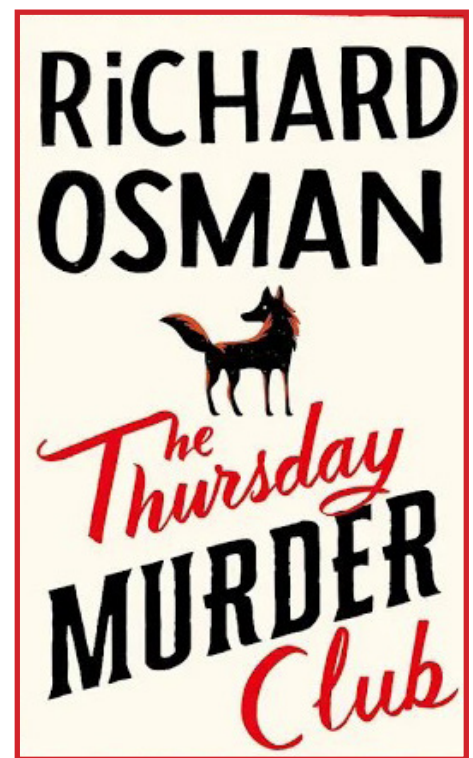
Life Locked Down: What's popular in literature?

With another lockdown, many of us have more time to spare, but what are people doing with that time?

Reading, it seems. According to estimates from Nielsen BookScan, a book sales monitor, more than 200 million paperback books were sold in the UK in last year alone. It is the first time since 2012 that this number has been exceeded. It is further estimated that the volume of books sold grew by 5.2% compared with the figures from 2019. This is equal to 202 million books being sold in the UK worth £1.76 billion. The total value of books

being sold is up 5.5% from 2019.

But what were the bestselling titles last year? The first place was awarded to the truly beautifully illustrated children's book, but applicable and meaningful to all ages; *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. This book follows the boy, the mole, the fox and the horse on a symbolic journey through life, friendship and good advice. In second place was Richard Osman's new book, only published on 3rd September 2020, *The Thursday Murder Club*. It is a



mystery and crime fiction story. In third place was Deila Owens's *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Published on 12th December 2019 it is already a multi-million copy bestselling book. To illustrate how popular, it really is, as of late January 2021 this book has spent 124 weeks on the bestseller list.

It appears that many people have turned to books while staying at home. They have taken the opportunity to be adventurous, reading and trying a variety of books, broadening their horizons and developing new interests.

By Eliana Ben-Menachem Y9



Why Every School Needs a School Newspaper

If you think the school newspaper is rapidly becoming outdated and old-fashioned. A school newspaper article will serve as an important part of enhancing the quality of education. School newspapers provide students with a platform to share their thoughts and imagination. It helps improve their abilities for logical thought. In addition, it may play a role in creating peer-to-peer relationships, thus influencing their viewpoints, beliefs, and personalities.

Running a school newspaper enables students to display their writing skills and share their thoughts. Many students at our school have different insights on the world and the perfect way to catch them

in an innovative way is a newspaper. School newspapers run by students can really help improve communication skills, working in a team, they come together, communicate, brainstorm, and visualise. And that helps enhance the bond between peers. Having a school newspaper can be a way for the students to express their views, we write articles that people can relate to and talk about past events in and out of school.

To conclude having a school newspaper is a particularly important thing to have in a school.

By Jacob Leon Y9

WHAT TO WATCH IN 2021



Television of 2021

The start of 2021 was not an enjoyable one, with us being plunged straight into a lockdown. But despite the numerous activities which have been restricted, we do still have the glorious invention of television. However, with today's overwhelming amount of streaming platforms and television channels open to us, this abundance of choice comes with the age old question... what do I watch? So how about we dive into the 'hits' and 'misses' of TV.

Beginning with Netflix, there has recently been such a boom in hit shows that there is bound to be one that takes your liking. Hence, let's take a wander through time with some historical stories for the older audience. To take you back to the cruel times of mid 19th Century Canada, 'Alias Grace' takes us on an emotional journey throughout the life of Grace, as we ponder on the classic question of, who did it? Progressing later into history we can follow Beth Harmon in 'The Queen's Gambit' throughout her struggle to beat her ultimate Russian rival as well as her tantalising tranquillisers. Heartbreaking, yet truly endearing, this story will have you right till the end – and even if I do say so myself, it's very worth your time. For the younger members of the family, some book based stories like the lovely 'Pride and Prejudice' and the exciting 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' are great ways to relax following a long day of school work.

If Netflix has nothing left to watch, the beginning of the year saw the first episode of a new season of 'Doctor Who' – the untimely British classic which has come long before us, and is practically guaranteed to exceed us in lifespan. However, many people took it as a disappointment, with a reported lack of character development and genuine audience engagement – but never fear! You can binge the entirety of the 'Doctor Who' revival from the Ninth Doctor all the way up to Thirteen on BBC iPlayer, so don't lose faith yet! Additionally, you can find many great shows like 'The Serpent' and 'His Dark Materials' waiting for you.

Now on to the latest platform (that quenches all longing for any Disney movie imaginable). Disney+ is packed full of movies that I am (almost) certain you haven't watched the entirety of... yet. And to accompany this excitement, Marvel Studios are on a roll with some brand new shows about some of your favourite MCU characters, with there already being 'Wandavision' for you to sink into. This incredibly enticing series explores the lives of Wanda and Vision following the heartfelt ending of 'End Game'. Additionally, Falcon and the Winter Soldier is about to air on March 19th, and with a new episode each Friday, lockdown does leave you with something to look forward to after all!

Although rather concise, I hope you now have some new shows and movies to start watching in this frankly boring time. Happy Watching!

By Jasmin Jones Y11

Taking Control

Well, I'll tell you how yesterday went. Actual trash. The other night, sensing the nothingness tomorrow would bring, I prayed for a late awakening, "around 3.00 pm's fine" I told the sleep G-d's. Not what happened, I'm literally never having kids - the morning destroyers. So, 7.00 am, down the stairs I come determined to talk to no-one cause it's way too early for that, "Good! You're up!" mum's in her doorway gleaming unnecessarily, "I'm gonna go do some errands, keep an eye on the baby yeah?" "Whatever," my arguing energy levels were on the minus part of the spectrum. The rest of the day followed a likewise trash trend. Realising the mounds of 'Teams assignments', and seeking out relevant emails on Outlook among a relentless 'Show My Homework' spam; procrastinating over the contents of my barren snack cupboard - a shocking display - the best thing being Paskesz ultra-thin squares or maybe Kirkland chocolate cranberries. The mirrors and multiple reflective surfaces supported this decaying atmosphere, 'Lockdown look' just simply hasn't been the one. I keep telling myself 'wait till summer' as if one morning I'll wake

up and just look bang. Course mate, like that's happening, the glow up or summer. Anyways the afternoon wasn't any better; boredom, the sense of insignificance, dreams of a better life and TikTok scrolling. By the time evening came around, my mind (spiralling in its forty-second existential crisis), was certainly made up: 'That, just everything about today, was unacceptable. Not doing it again'. And so - satisfied with the scheduled plans, a solid Romcom and the longest of showers - I crashed into an undeserved slumber.

Call me basic but Parliament Hill at sunrise, good tunes and the ideal breakfast (M&S fruit box, Starbucks and a croissant) is a vibe. Having worked out twice beforehand, a brutal combo of cardio and calisthenics, listening to lectures by Jordan Peterson and opening Bolt to a promo offer, copping a cheap ride, the day was living up to the predetermined standards. As they say, small things make a real difference. Say good morning to the few out roaming, joke with the driver, give mum a genuine hug, and dance awkwardly as you cook-up your favourite brunch to

quality tunes. Gratitude. The key to happiness. Try it. Anyhow back to the itinerary. It must be acknowledged, art in all its forms will take you to metaphysical places. I play and paint amongst other things but that's how the late morning and early afternoon unfolded. Dad, who lives in the Pacific North-West Zoomed me for most of this time, together we related our shared passions, and modes of expression. Talking with some people feels forced, but if a conversation could be represented as a tapestry, dad sews and weaves like a master. Following that engaging and uplifting interaction, a childhood friend, and I went for a cycle stopping at the abandoned building around Staples Corner where you can smash everything in sight, a proven remedy for accumulated frustration and aggravation. The weather for a change was clear and sunny, there we lay by the bank of the Brent Reservoir opposite the stadium trying to skim rocks whilst we spoke and laughed lots about nothing at all. And so, time did its thing freezing at all the right moments, speeding at others to mimic the pace of our pedals, capturing the essence of living. Later, I met with a separate 'geez' and retreated to the man cave built over lockdown number one. It's an ideal location. Remember that scene in



'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' where they step into a small tent to find several bed chambers alongside all you could ever want, that's my shed - out of reach and sight to the external world. Opposite to the prior, the rest of the day followed a likewise spontaneous and blissful trend, for the lack of space I'll leave all further details to the imagination. You can fill it in with your own sublime memories and moments.

What exactly am I getting at? I feel people at times (myself included) don't thoroughly appreciate the fact that we are granted the capability to

create and construct our experiences, just how we want them. It all starts with a fundamental decision, mine was the realisation that the laziness and inactivity hurt more than the effort it would take to change, and that once I did, my capacity to influence my day would totally transform for the better. Each morning we make a choice, our investment in the present, which in turn determines how much you will love, engage, laugh and feel. Understand, you're doing this for you. Especially under the circumstances, we do ourselves the greatest service in choosing

to take control. We decide to live. It's so unbelievably easy to throw up our hands and give in, snuggle under the blanket of overwhelming self-pity. But just give it a try, lay out the perfect day possible with the intention of enjoying yourself and watch wonders occur. Finally, we can see an end to this mess, but if the last year has taught us anything, let it be the lesson of presence which grants us the power to cultivate our lives.

By Saadiah Klein Y12

Clubhouse

With Pandemic still on the loose, and people still working from home, social media has become prevalent in all of our day to day lives. From posting videos on YouTube and TikTok or posting about your Zoom quiz on Instagram or Facebook, everything is available online. However, there was one thing missing. We had LinkedIn, a platform to network over messages and texts, posts... but it was time for something new, something modern, forgetting the old-school style social media platforms commonly used in our lives.

So last Spring Clubhouse was unveiled by two tech industry veterans. Paul Davison and Rohan Seth. Clubhouse is different, Clubhouse is unique. With monthly podcast listeners growing by a large 54 % in the past three years, it was time for a networking app that exploited this opportunity, Clubhouse is doing that. So, what is Clubhouse? Clubhouse is a social networking app that lets people gather in audio chat rooms to discuss various topics, whether its sports wellness, art, or why Bitcoin is headed to \$87,000.

What's special about the platform is that you can connect and network with people who you never thought you could talk to. Rooms are usually divided into two groups: those

who are taking and those who are listening (participants can see a list of everyone who is in a conversation and the numbers sometimes run into the thousands).

If all the social media platforms put in all of their best features into a new app, its Clubhouse. From the live conversations on House Party, to the networking from LinkedIn. This is a chance to grow in knowledge and contacts, in a fun, informal way. According to the New York times 'The focus on audio, rather than text photos or videos is a differentiator and part of the appeal'.

How do I Join?

As the name suggests, Clubhouse is an exclusive, invite only platform, and you can only join by being invited by an existing user. Early members

of the club include, investors such as Mark Cuban and Tim Ferris, to Influencers and performers such as Drake and Virgil Abloh. Even Mark Zuckerberg and Elon Musk have spoken on the platform!

Last summer there was only a few thousand members, with now over a million users and a valuation of roughly \$1 billion, this platform is the place to be. There is still a long way to go to eliminate hatred and negative influence on the platform, and problems with the apps maintenance. However, if your invited, this is a great way to grow yourself in knowledge, network with people of similar interests, and even have a say on some topics.

So, if you ever get invited, join.

Sam Field Y10





An Inspirational Inauguration

On 20th of January 2021, Joe Biden was inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States at Capitol Hill. The ceremony involved singers, poets, judges, but no Donald Trump, even though it is traditional for the former president to attend the new president's inauguration. Jennifer Lopez, a singer, performed the song 'This Land Is Your Land', to commemorate President Biden's swearing-in. Another singer, Lady Gaga, sang an impressive performance of the American national anthem, 'Americana,' wearing an equally impressive outfit.

However, the speaker that really captured people's hearts was a young poet, 22-year-old, Amanda Gorman. Miss Gorman had won the National Youth Poet Laureate of Los Angeles when she was 16, and Mrs Biden invited her to speak at the ceremony. Amanda Gorman's poem, 'The Hill We Climb,' was very moving. Amanda Gorman called the people of America to unite and be bold, to find light and a better future. She spoke of a country and a world that is fair and free; we can all learn from her words.

Kamala Harris is the first female, Asian and black Vice President of the United States of America and, like Amanda Gorman, has become an inspiration for black girls. Her

speech was heartfelt and uplifting, calling for ambition and justice. She said, "Even in dark times, we not only dream, we do." A rousing sentiment for all.

Joe Biden's address to the nation was a stirring one. He talked about things to improve, justice to pursue, and America to unite. He pledged his whole soul to this in fact, saying, "My whole soul is in this. Bringing America together, uniting our people, uniting our nation." The inauguration was an inspiring moment, especially in these times. Hopefully, Joe Biden will bring goodness and unity to America and indeed, the world; and he can, truly, make America great again.

The inauguration was surely a promising start.

"When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid.

The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it."

Amanda Gorman, The Hill We Climb

By Natasha Alexander, Year 7



Superbowl LV

In his first season after a glittering 20-year spell with the New England Patriots, the evergreen quarterback helped Tampa Bay become the first ever team to contest in a Super Bowl in their own stadium.

An astonishing 25,000 fans were there to sing the national anthem, of which 7,500 were newly vaccinated healthcare workers rewarded for their hard work in the past year. The first quarter started with the Buccaneers on the upside, although they didn't live up to their hype initially. The first action of the match came to the Kansas City Chiefs, who went 14-2 in their campaign to the Super Bowl. Harrison Butker converted a wonderful 49-yard field goal to make the score 3-0. However, their lead was short, as the Buccaneers charged down the opposite end and the world-renowned duo, Tom Brady

and Rob Gronkowski, again, linked up to score the first touchdown worth a vital seven points to the scoreboard.

The second quarter started the same way as the first ended. The boys from Tampa Bay mostly dominating possession and eventually finding a flaw in the Chief's defence. Yet again the culprits were Brady and Gronkowski, arguably the most expensive and highly valued NFL players in history. A rare stint of possession for the Kansas Chiefs brought them another field goal tightening up the score to 14-6. However, the icing on the cake was complete when the Chief's defence collapsed and star man Brady was there again to capitalise and hand wide receiver, Antonio Brown, a memory that would last a lifetime.

The most entertainment Chiefs fans would have had, was the famous half-time show in which The Weekend attracted most of the 96.4 million people watching, the lowest number since 2007. Despite the seemingly low viewer count, the show did still live up to the spectacular standards that previous acts such as; Black Eyed Peas,

Michael Jackson, Maroon 5 and more had set.

The game was clearly in Tampa Bay's hands heading into the third quarter, although yet again Harrison Butker impressing with a 52-yard field goal to add a mere three points back for the Chiefs. That seemed to be the last action the Chiefs were going to capitalise from as Leonard Fournette finished an extravagant team play for another touchdown. The game plan that the Chiefs had set was all wrong when star quarterback Patrick Mahomes was intercepted and converted into a consequential field goal for the Buccaneers.

The fourth quarter was rather dull with little action for what was forecast to be the best sporting event in America, in 2021. Neither team could finish any chances that they had, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers dominated the last few minutes as they cruised to what had looked like a very easy victory.

Remarkably, Buccaneers star man, Brady, now has more Super Bowl wins than any single NFL franchise and was named the big game's Most Valuable Player for an extending fifth time.

"I'm so proud of all these guys," he said. "We had a rough November, but Bruce Arians (Head Coach) had all of the confidence in us, and we came together at the right time. I'm not making comparisons. Coming down here and playing with this group of guys is amazing."

Aaron Jaffe and Aaron Toubian Y10



Reddit Attacks Wall Street

On the 28th of January, 2018, popular stock-trading app 'Robinhood' had to suspend the trading of stocks in GameStop, (GME). This was due to Reddit users that found that lots of people had bet large sums of money against GME stocks, meaning if the users could make GME stocks skyrocket, the hedge funds would lose a lot of money.

But how did it happen? Well, the Sub-Reddit 'Wall Street Bets', a group dedicated to discussion and trading of stocks, decided they wanted to show the hedge funds that they weren't so powerless to compete with them. So, they all began looking for a stock that had

been largely bet against, when they found GME. The GameStop corporation had already been forced to lay off thousands upon thousands of workers and to close hundreds of schools, due to being short of funds. When the first post came in, saying to invest in GME, it went huge. Everyone was investing, and nobody was selling. This sent the price skyrocketing, from below \$100 to nearly \$400. With people with hundreds of thousands of dollars in their accounts, and one hedge fund already reaching bankruptcy, the need to sell became bigger and bigger. When finally, the first person sold, that person had made over \$400,000, from a trend that sprouted from Reddit. Everyone began selling, and the hedge funds could relax.

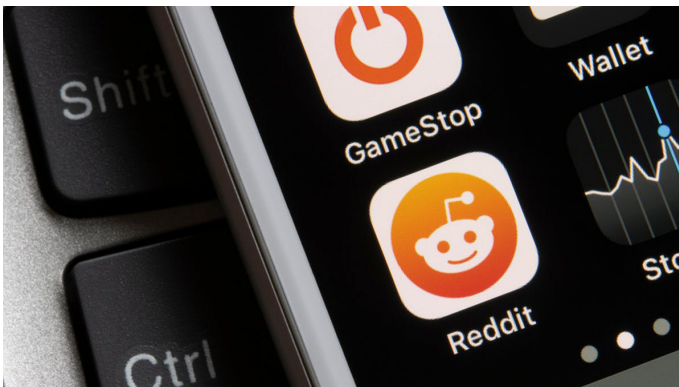
But, another wave came, with wall street bets deciding to buy into AMC, a company that nearly went bankrupt due to losing 80% of sales due to COVID-19. Everyone began buying and the hedge funds had to try and buy as much as they could before they lost even more money before they had a chance to recover. They spent a week on AMC, causing it to rise by huge amounts.

Above: An image of the prices in GME in the past year.

Now, wall street bets want to go for a second round, everyone saving up to buy into AMC and GME once more.

But for now, that's all there is.....

By Milo Spalter Y7



2021 in the fashion world: Is comfy the new go-to?

Now in 2021, tracksuit bottoms have become the new-found style. Due to the global pandemic, the fashion industry has fallen apart. Looking back to when it all started, almost a year ago, in March, elders began shielding, everyone kept their distance, online schooling had begun and essentials like pasta and ketchup had disappeared from food aisles in supermarkets due to panic buying. No one knew how long it would last. Nevertheless, tracksuit bottoms had inevitably become what people

internationally wore on a day-to-day basis.

Over the years, tracksuit bottoms have had their own fair share of both undervalue and love. Over two decades ago, in the early 2000s, tracksuits from famous brand 'Juicy Couture' were frequently worn by celebrity icons Britney Spears, Kim Kardashian, Nicki Minaj, and Paris Hilton. Sadly, their glory didn't last nearly as long as it should have. In the early 2010's, if someone wore a

tracksuit, it was an indication that they were either lazy or they didn't



Britney Spears wearing her 'Juicy Couture' tracksuit



Kim Kardashian wearing a black tracksuit

have the energy to pick out a proper outfit.

However, in 2021, tracksuit bottoms are the new style, famously worn by Kendall Jenner and Hailey Bieber. They usually are paired with a matching jumper or hoodie, minimalist jewellery, and some canvas shoes. Tracksuits' styles have definitely evolved and became more comfortable, simple, impressive and accessible to people of all genders, ages, and aesthetics.

By Gabriella Jaffe Y8



Kendall Jenner wearing leafy green jumper and black tracksuit bottoms

Bubble Concerts

Twenty- twenty-one. What did you think it was going to be like? Did you picture it to be some form of saviour like a Messiah? Or did you think it was going to be 2020 2.0? Have you decided to embrace the time we have or waste it away (or maybe both)?

Do you remember this time last year when we thought that COVID-19 was simply an epidemic in China and nothing more, then I think back to mid-March when we thought it would be a "two-week holiday" and we'd be back in April? It's a month, and a bit until April the following year and the pandemic is still going on. What I mean by this is that officials have stated that we might need to live with this disease from now on,

this means wearing masks and adapting to a new post-lockdown way of life.

For young people the future will never be the same. That is not to say it will be spent in lockdowns and home-schooling, but rather we will have to adapt to new ways of life. There have been remote bachelorette parties and sleepovers but more and more activities done before COVID that were deemed "not safe" have been done successfully. One event which was really significant was the COVID-19 safe American rock band 'The Flaming Lips' concert on the 26th of January.

The band wanted a way to perform live to their fans without risking an outbreak of the virus. They used 100 protective bubbles, which were referred to as 'space bubbles', that held up to three people for all of the fans, and each band member had their own bubble too. Each bubble contained

water, a cooling fan and a speaker. The band ensured that all needs were met, they even provided a sign which on one side said, "I need to use the bathroom" (and an attendant would assist you in safely getting out, and back in) and the other side said, "it's hot in here" (the attendant would refresh your space bubble with cool air). The frontman Wayne Coyne, in a clip released by the BBC said, "we're the only band in the world that would probably embrace this."

However, the use of space bubbles is not new to the band as since 2004, Wayne has been using them in concerts where he 'crowd surfs' in a bubble but never before have the audience been inside them as well.

Could this be the future of indoor concerts?

By Tami Potishman Y9

