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News In Brief



Platinum Jubilee

This week, our Year 12 Chemistry class enjoyed a Platinum Jubilee-themed lesson: they took part in a quiz, and got creative making crowns!

- "Today in Chemistry, we had a Jubilee themed lesson. We made crowns, and had a Chemistry and Royal Family themed quiz. This helped towards our end of year exam revision, and was so much fun!" Hannah Bergman
- "In our Chemistry lesson today, we did a Jubilee-themed lesson. This included chemistry revision, as well as some facts about the Queen. Lots of fun!" Janhavi Singh

- “We had great fun completing the Platinum Jubilee Quiz in Chemistry, and my team won! There were six gruelling rounds, including both Chemistry and royal topics.” Hannah Donaldson



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

By Umayah Zaman

The Queen will become the first British monarch to commemorate a Platinum Jubilee, celebrating 70 years of service. This Friday, we held a non-school uniform day: all wearing colours to represent Union Jack. These are some of the events that will be happening next week:

- The Queens Birthday parade;
- Platinum Jubilee Pageant;
- BBC's Platinum party at the palace; and
- The Cazoo Derby at Epsom Downs



The Lumière Film Society

Towel Day is an annual celebration on the 25th of May, as a tribute to the late author Douglas Adams (1952-2001). On that day, fans around the world carry a towel in his honour. Our film recommendation this week is [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy \(PG\)](#): a 2005 science fiction comedy film directed by Garth Jennings, based upon Adams' work.



Non-binary Recognition Debate

By Afrah Qamar

The Petitions Committee of the House of Commons scheduled a debate on a petition relating to legal recognition of non-binary gender identities, which was held on Tuesday 24th May. The petition was signed by over 140,000 people, which surpassed the 100,000 signatures needed for it to be taken to Parliament. The petition called for non-binary gender identities to be included as an option under the Gender Recognition Panel and Gender Recognition Certificate "in order to allow those identifying as non-binary to be legally seen as their true identity". As it stands, non-binary gender identities are not recognised in UK law. The Gender Recognition Act 2004 (GRA) allows people to change the gender on their birth certificate, however it makes no provision for the recognition of any other genders. Whilst this Act is a great step towards the recognition of transgender identities, and demonstrates the progress we have made to recognise these individuals, it still doesn't account for those who do not fit into the gender binary, completely invalidating their identity in the eyes of the law.

The debate began with Conservative MP Nick Fletcher suggesting that some people or organisations are "putting" the idea of non-binary gender identities into the minds of young people", and instructed parents: "do not ever give into children with gender dysphoria, or to peer pressure from other adults", insisting that parents should "push back" if their child says they are non-binary or transgender.

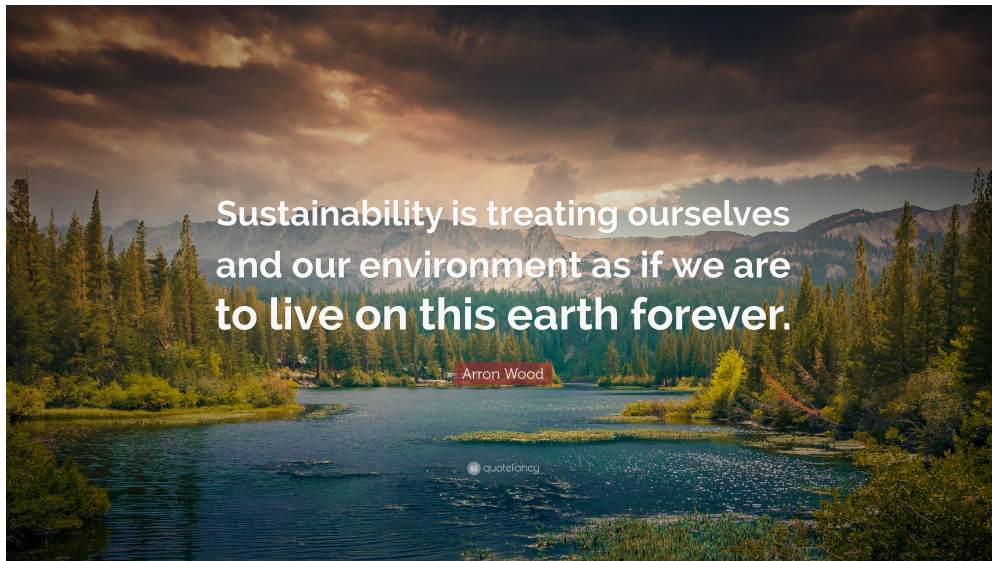
Rather than debating the topic of the actual petition, Fletcher went on to talk about trans-women in sports and bathrooms, insisting no trans person under the age of 18 should receive gender affirming care. I think this very clearly demonstrates how widespread transphobia is: regardless of the progress we have made as a society, there are still many people that are not accepting and therefore dismiss and invalidate these identities purely because they don't care to understand them.

Some MPs spoke powerfully in defence of the non-binary and transgender communities, and transgender rights, but were mainly focused on the state of transgender healthcare in the UK. This is a very important topic that needs to be discussed in more detail, but focusing on this about completely took away from the main point of the debate, further minimising how significant getting recognition for non-binary identities is. Westminster became a stage for anti-transgender bigotry, falling into a myriad of culture war topics that are entirely irrelevant to the issue of legal non-binary recognition. Some form of legal non-binary recognition exists in 20 countries, so it is far from impossible, even if it is not simple.

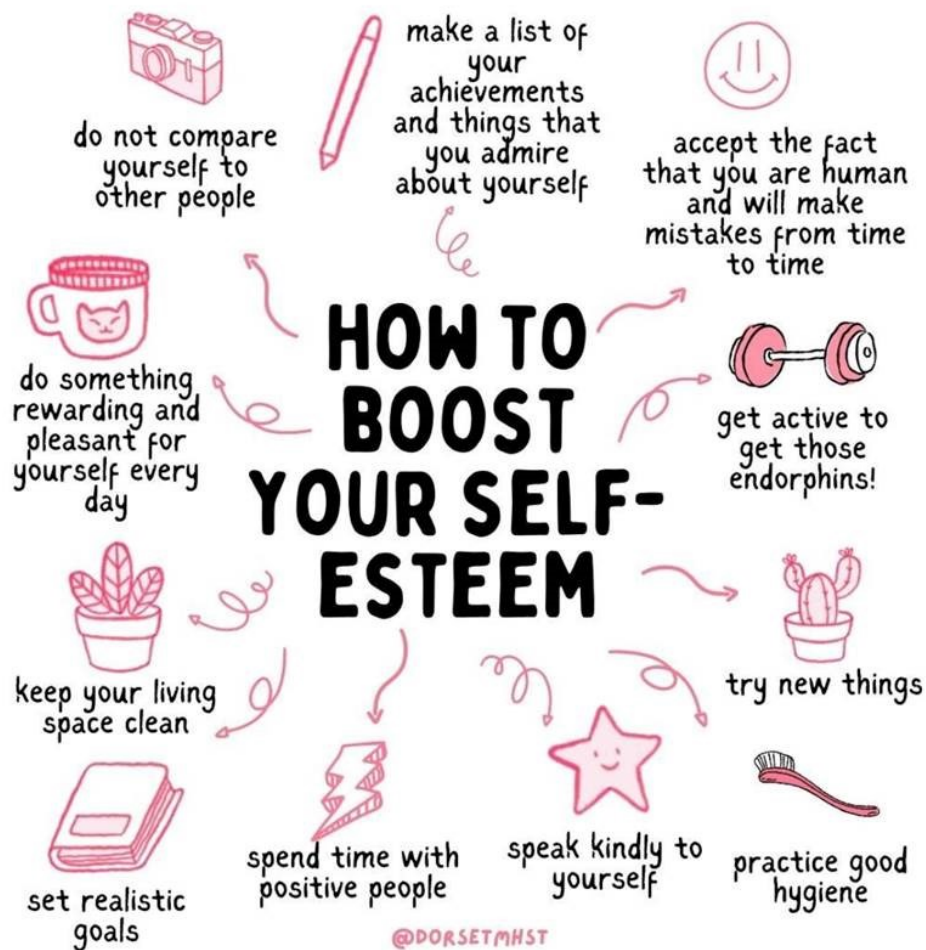
As someone who does identify as non-binary, this is something that means a lot to me. Having non-binary identities legally recognised is something that might have helped me to come to terms with my gender identity quicker, as it would have provided me with a sense of comfort and safety within my gender. This

debate had the potential to do some good and seriously help people who are questioning their gender, but instead it was a waste of time and nothing of good value was discussed. It reveals and exposes the ongoing transphobia in this country, and how people are so quick to dismiss something they do not fully understand, rather than educating themselves. Nevertheless, I do hope this is a topic that is re-discussed in a more effective way in the near future, and there is a positive outcome for the non-binary community. We deserve the same respect and visibility as the rest of the trans community, and more importantly as much as cisgender people.

Green Thought for the Week



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Careers and Tertiary Education Spotlight



Careers Information

Please note that we will be saving any careers information that we include in the bulletin in a file called 'Careers Information' on the public drive for students to access. Only new opportunities will be included in the weekly bulletin but you can still find the information from the past bulletins in the folder.



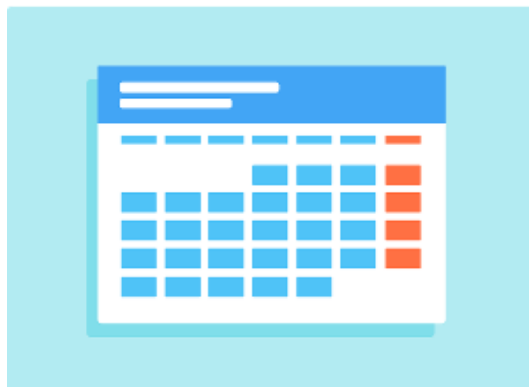
Opportunities

Virtual work experiences

- [Springpod](#)
- [Speakers for Schools](#) (pupils need to email Mrs Jandrell after applying, with one week's notice before the deadline)

Resources

- [The Employability Guide | Pearson Business School | Pearson College London](#)
- [Experience University before you go | Springpod](#)



Events

Royal Holloway Taster and Information Sessions

- [Social Sciences on demand](#)
- [The Sedimentology and Palaeontology of Portishead 13th July, 6pm](#)
- [Clearing and Adjustment - Tuesday 5 July, 5pm](#)
- [UCAS and Personal Statements - Thursday 30 June, 5pm](#)
- [Choosing a Uni plus Student Ambassador Q&A - Thursday 10 July, 5pm](#)
- [Making the most of Summer - Thursday 14 July, 5pm](#)

Medic Mentor

- Get into Medicine Conferences take place on Saturday 28th May, 9am to 1.30pm, and Sunday 29th May, 9am to 1.30pm [Register here](#).
- Insight into Medicine Conference on Saturday 28th May, 2pm to 5.30pm. [Register here](#).
- Get into Dentistry conference on Sunday 29th May, 2pm to 5.30pm. [Register here](#)
- Get into Law Conference on Saturday 28th May, 2pm to 6pm. [Register here](#)

All attendees must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian.

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