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# **News In Brief**



Library

Sixth Form students are able to use the Library QSA for independent study, but please remember that you should be working there in silence. You should use the side door by the PE block to access the QSA: please do not walk through the library, particularly when there is a Library Lesson taking place,



The Lumière Film Society

This week is International Week for Science and Peace: it highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. Our film recommendation this week is Al: Artificial Intelligence (12), which is an eerie, beautiful science fiction fairy tale where the flourishing economy is based on the production of Mechas, humanoid robots.

## **Current Affairs**



People with at least two first-degree relatives\* diagnosed with pancreatic cancer have almost double the risk \*Mother, father, brother, or sister

Other diseases associated with an increased risk are:

- chronic pancreatitis
- periodontal disease
- Crohn's disease
- previous cancers

**40**%

40% of patients diagnosed are under the age of 69 years 12%

Obesity increases the risk in approximately 12% of all pancreatic cancers

**2**<sub>x</sub>

People with diabetes have **double** the risk of developing pancreatic cancer



Nearly one-third of cases are attributable to smoking. Risk may be reduced to that of a non-smoker after stopping smoking for 5 years or more

#### **World Pancreatic Cancer Day**

### By Luz Dance

Yesterday, Thursday 18th November, was World Pancreatic Cancer Day. On this day people across the world come together to raise awareness about the symptoms and risks of the disease, and the urgent need for earlier detection. Despite being one of the top killer cancers in the UK, pancreatic cancer has

one of the lowest survival rates, with only 9% surviving up to the 5 year mark, and the majority making it less than a year after diagnosis. This is due to the little awareness doctors have of the disease and it's symptoms, and the little government funding it's given.

It's really important to be aware of the symptoms of this disease as early detection is the key to survival. Pancreatic cancer generally affects older people so it would be a good idea to make older relatives aware of the symptoms. If you had asked me 3 years ago, I wouldn't have even recognised the disease. Since taking away three of my close family members, however, I am incredibly passionate about making sure people are aware of the disease and are able to catch it early. Pancreatic Cancer Action and Pancreatic Cancer UK are two of the main charities that support this issue and share important information on their social media pages if you are looking to know more. Additionally, there has recently been a documentary called Britain's Hidden Killer on ITV.

# **Student Voice**



**Exams and Social Media** 

All Year 13 students can relate to how stressful the mock exams have been this week, with most of us trying to pack in lots of revision so that we don't sit in the middle of our exams with a complete blank!

Picking up your phone, however, and checking social media is a habit probably all of us have. I can't say I don't struggle too, but putting my phone down for 30 minute intervals works for me. I even sometimes will record myself doing my work and make a time lapse, which stops me from picking up my phone because I get to watch the satisfying speeded-up video at the end!

# **Broadening Horizons**



#### **Road Safety Week**

This week was Road Safety Week: the UK's largest road safety event. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to shout out for our right to make safe and healthy journeys every day. More than 1.3 million people die on roads every year, and road crashes are the leading cause of death for children and young people worldwide. You can find more information on how to stay safe <a href="here">here</a>.

# Green Thought for the Week

# Global temperatures are likely to rise more than 2C above preindustrial levels by 2100, with even the most optimistic scenario passing the Paris agreement's 1.5C goal



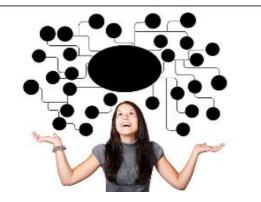
#### COP26

#### By Lily Hall

Over the past 2 weeks, COP26 has taken place in Glasgow. The event was a global United Nations summit about climate change, with more than 200 world leaders attending. The plan of the COP26 meeting was to expand on the Paris Agreement to limit the average global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Whilst the summit welcomed agreements over deforestation and investment for green technology, many have described the outcome of COP26 as a failure since the negotiations have shown little evidence to keep temperature increases lower than 2 degrees Celsius. Climate experts have estimated that even if all nations were to really apply themselves, it wouldn't be enough to stop temperatures increasing to 1.8 degrees Celsius which, according to scientists, is too little too late. The above diagram produced by the Guardian presents the possible outcomes.

# Sixth Form Support





#### **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**

#### **HSBC** work experience

If you are interested in a one week work experience with HSBC, please have a look at their <u>website</u>. Applications open in November.

### **National Medical Awards Programme**

Student considering a career in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine might like to explore the Medic mentor awards programme. Please note that there is a £50 cost attached to this.



**Events** 

#### Virtual UK Higher Education Expo

To attend this virtual Higher Education Fair after school on 24th November, 11am to 6pm, please register here.

#### **Degree Taster Events**

Springpod is offering taster events for different university courses. Please find details and register here.

#### **Subject Taster Sessions**

The University of East Anglia is offering the following taster sessions:

- 22 Nov: Linguistics Exploring the link between language and power
- 23 Nov: Literature Classical civilisation: The epics of Homer
- 24 Nov: Creative Writing Script-writing workshop
- 30 Nov: Medicine and Healthcare Top tips for a successful interview
- 01 Dec: Geography Landscapes and systems
- 06 Dec: Chemistry Studying proteins with spectroscopy
- 07 Dec: Literature <u>Dystopian literature</u>

#### **LinkedIn Masterclass**

Springpod is offering a masterclass with experts from LinkedIn on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5pm. You can register <u>here</u>.

#### **Get Into Social Care with the NHS**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm to 7pm Pathway will showcase careers available in the Social Care Sector. You can register using this <u>link</u>.

### **Contact Us**

Please feel free to email any suggestions for future bulletins to: katebretherton@newlandsgirls.co.uk

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