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News In Brief

Poetry and the Human Condition

'Poetry in Motion' was the *Thought for the Week*, and our thanks go to Mr Kerrigan who delivered an inspirational assembly on Thursday, exploring the human condition through poetry. The human condition is defined as "all of the characteristics and key events that compose the essentials of human existence, including birth, growth, emotion, aspiration, conflict, and mortality".

Given the current situation in Ukraine, we wanted to take the opportunity to share this poem, written by Simon Armitage, our poet laureate, about the invasion and the pain of displacement, as a mark of solidarity with those under fire. *Resistance* was written over a few days against a backdrop of harrowing television footage of Ukrainians fleeing bombardment and shooting.

Armitage describes the poem as a "refracted version of what is coming at us in obscene images through the news [. . .] but is also a form of resistance, I hope. There is not a lot I can do, sitting here. But writing it down, taking ownership of the terrible images, feels like a positive act."

Resistance

It's war again: a family
carries its family out of a pranged house
under a burning thatch.

The next scene smacks
of archive newsreel: platforms and trains
(never again, never again),

toddlers passed
over heads and shoulders, lifetimes stowed
in luggage racks.

It's war again: unmistakable smoke
on the near horizon mistaken
for thick fog. Fingers crossed.

An old blue tractor
tows an armoured tank
into no-man's land.

It's the ceasefire hour: godspeed the columns
of winter coats and fur-lined hoods,
the high-wire walk

over buckled bridges
managing cases and bags,
balancing west and east - godspeed.

It's war again: the woman in black
gives sunflower seeds to the soldier, insists
his marrow will nourish

the national flower. In dreams
let bullets be birds, let cluster bombs
burst into flocks.

False news is news
with the pity
edited out. It's war again:

an air-raid siren can't fully mute
the cathedral bells -
let's call that hope.

Simon Armitage



Superb Swing Band

We were also incredibly lucky to be treated to a brilliant performance from our Swing Band as we entered and left the assembly. They played Runaway Baby by Bruno Mars, and Welcome to the Jungle by Guns N' Roses. The latter really struck a chord: the lyrics of the song draw a parallel between the jungle - a harsh, lawless environment - and life in the city. It is understandable why the director of the European Council on Foreign Relations, Mark Leonard, uses the song title as a headline for a recent article in which he observes that "as a paranoid dictator, Vladimir Putin has survived by eliminating anyone who could pose a threat to him. But now that he has triggered the survival instinct of Europe and the broader West, the world is entering a dangerous new phase of existential conflict."



Cakes Galore

The Year 11 Prom Committee is hosting a bake sale at **the end of school today**. They will be selling their cakes by the Farm Road school gate: please do come and support them. After a challenging few years due to COVID, they really do deserve a wonderful celebration at the end of their GCSEs, so dig deep and help them put on an event to remember!



Oxbridge Workshop

Are you in Year 11 or 12, and interested in going to Oxford or Cambridge University? Are you getting top grades in all your subjects at school – 8/9 at GCSE or A/A* at A-Level? If so, we would like to invite you to an OxBridge session with Dr Joe Organ in the Sixth Form QSA at 11:25am on Tuesday 26th April. You will need to ask permission from your teacher to miss Period 3, and must be planning on continuing your

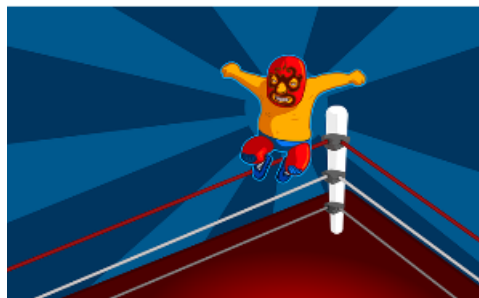
studies in the Sixth Form at Newlands. Please let Mrs Walton know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.



Library Reminder

Please remember that students should not walk through the library during lessons: even if you are silent, this disrupts the class. There is a timetable on the main door, and during these times you should use the side entrance to access the Quiet Study Area, or work in another place.

Please also remember that the Sixth Form space in the library is a Silent (not just quiet!) Study Area. It is vital that students have a room where they can focus without distractions. This also means that you should not be on your phones unless it is absolutely necessary for your work.



The Lumière Film Society

Our film recommendation this week is [The Peanut Butter Falcon \(12\)](#), to mark World Down Syndrome Day. The film is an adventure story set in the world of a modern Mark Twain, that begins when Zak, a young man with Down syndrome, runs away from the nursing home where he lives to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler, and attending the wrestling school of The Salt Water Redneck.

Student Voice





Year 12 Geography Trip
by Gracie Butler and Georgia McAdam

Last week, our Geography Class went on a field trip to Leeson House in Dorset, where we spent three days doing hands-on fieldwork for both physical and human geography. We loved the beautiful scenery and great facilities, and the fact that we got to visit new places while getting key data, and learning new skills in gathering fieldwork.

The first day was spent visiting Boscombe, where we gathered valuable human data, including Bipolar surveys, which helped us gain deeper understanding on what gives a place its features and reputation. During this we got to explore the area including the beach, despite being in the pouring rain!

On the second day we visited Corfe Castle with our lovely guide from Leeson house. We got to explore the idyllic village of Corfe while collecting human data on the area, including local surveys. We even got to visit the traditional sweet shop, which was a hit for the class!

On the third day we went to Studland Bay, where we measured sand dune recession with a range of exciting and interesting data collection methods, such as soil pH equipment and quadrats, taught to us by our wonderful fieldwork staff member. After investigating the biodiversity of the dunes, the class enjoyed lunch on the beach and ice creams in the sun!

Another bonus was the table tennis, where Mrs Coombs and Mrs Turner battled out rounds with support from the class! Leeson house also offered a great cooked breakfast every morning, and even vegan options.

The amazing fieldwork staff taught us many methods of data collection and gave us access to websites and links which will greatly assist us in our NEAs. To top off the trip, we travelled sustainably by train, where we caught up with our classmates on the exciting few days.

#WorldDownSyndromeDay

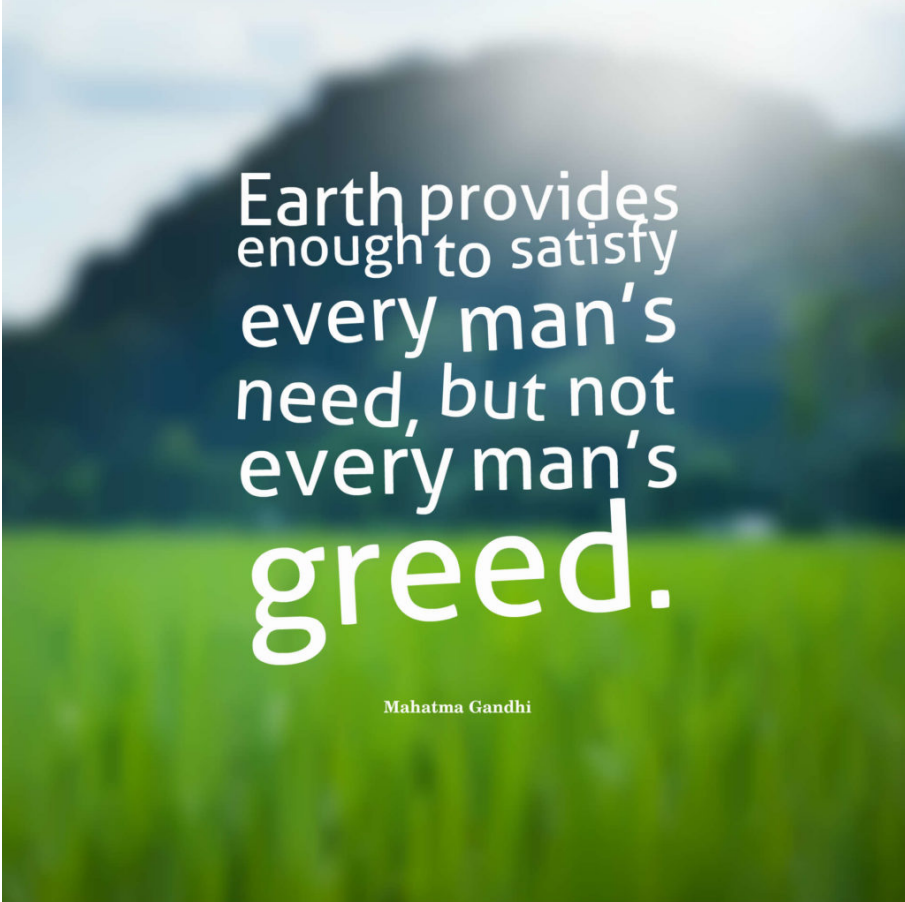
#InclusionMeans

World Down Syndrome Day

By Ciara McCann

World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS), celebrated on 21st March each year, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. All over the world, events are held to amplify the voices of people who have Down's syndrome, highlighting their vital role in our communities and calling for their full participation in anything that affects their lives. Staff at Newlands held a cake sale and wore colourful socks to raise money for both the Down Syndrome Association, and Chattertots, a local speech and therapy group for children with Down syndrome. A total of £382 was raised: thanks to everyone who donated.

Green Thought for the Week



Earth provides
enough to satisfy
every man's
need, but not
every man's
greed.

Mahatma Gandhi

Sixth Form Support

MENTAL HEALTH

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO WATER WILL GROW



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

Apprenticeship with Octopus

On the Octopus Future Generations Trainee Rotation Programme, you will spend three periods of six months working as part of the Retail Investments team, as well as other teams across the business, including our Centres of Expertise (Marketing, IT, People and Change) and the Fund Management teams

(Octopus Ventures and Octopus Real Estate). Please apply by 8th April [here](#).

Apprenticeship with GAM Investments

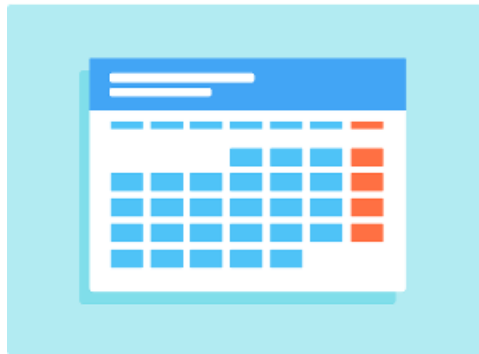
If you are interested in an apprenticeship as a Corporate Services Trainee then please apply [here](#). Make sure to check closing dates.

Apprenticeship with Triple Point

For a Business Development apprenticeship with Triple Point, please apply [here](#). Make sure to check closing dates.

Apprenticeship with Santander Asset Management

Santander offers apprenticeships in Product & Communications Marketing, and you can apply [here](#). Make sure to check closing dates.



Events

Student Finance

University of Salford is offering a webinar on Tuesday 5th April, from 6pm to 7pm, about student finance and the support available. You can book using this [link](#).

World Earth Day

Celebrate World Earth Day with this interactive virtual session looking at sustainability in terms of careers, and its wider impact on jobs on 22nd April, from 11am to 12pm. You can register [here](#).

International Law Firm Undergraduate Bursary Programme

If you are in Year 13 and hold an offer to study law at a UK university, you could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary programme. You can apply [here](#).

Pearson Business School Open Day

On Saturday 2nd April at 10.30am, Pearson Business School in London is holding an Open Day where you can find out details about their business courses in Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship. You can book your place [here](#).

Fast Futures

FastFutures is a free online programme which equips you with all the employability essentials you need to build your career. On 29th March at 5pm, you can find out how the programme works and how you can join yourself. Please register [here](#).

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