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News In Brief



Easter

By Phoebe Parker, Umayah Zaman and Carmen Horler

The school's Thought for the Week was 'Easter', and our Tutor Group was asked to present an assembly on the topic to the Sixth Form on Thursday. As a Form, we started off with doing mind maps in registration time. We then went to the library and did some research on places such as Africa, France, Greece, Bermuda, Spain, and Italy. It really brought us together as a group because we were working with each

other and learned so much during this time. Delivering the assembly also helped us to develop important life skills such as confidence and public speaking. We didn't have any Form Time between October and February, which meant we didn't have an opportunity to mix with each other, so this allowed us to create bonds with other students and our Form Tutor.



Helping with Hockey

By Annabel Jones

On Tuesday morning, a group of us travelled to the Bisham Abbey National Sport Centre to umpire a hockey tournament for Year 6 pupils from around the borough. We umpired six-a-side 10 minute matches after helping the organisers to set up. We got a chance to see the amazing facilities that the Bisham offers, and were all impressed with the high standard of hockey on display by the young players. One of the best parts of the morning was seeing the GB Hockey squad who arrived to show support for the teams. Two players from the GB team, Ellie Rayer and Joe Hunter, stayed to sign shirts, take photos even brought their bronze medals from the 2021 Tokyo Olympics (and we got some photos with them too!).



The Lumière Film Society

International Transgender Day of Visibility is an annual event occurring on March 31st, dedicated to celebrating transgender people. The day raises awareness about the discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, and also highlights their contributions to society. Our film recommendation this week is [The Danish Girl \(15\)](#): with support from his loving wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander), artist Einar Wegener (Eddie Redmayne) prepares to undergo one of the first -change operations.

"Transgender identities should not be ignored: with more information being accessible, an increasing amount of people are coming to terms with who they are, and coming out. It is not a taboo topic, and education on this subject is vital especially for trans youth.

I have been experiencing gender dysphoria for years, but that concept had been completely foreign to me until recently. I felt suffocated in my own skin without realising the reason. I was fortunate enough to meet people that educated me. but many people do not. Feeling dysphoric and not knowing how to alleviate it can lead to so many detrimental mental health issues. We need to ensure trans youth understand themselves and feel safe enough to come out and ask for help."

Year 13 Student

Student Voice



What about us?
Zoha Qureshi, 13E

The war in Ukraine has been raging since February, wreaking havoc on the lives of men, women and children across the country. Crowds have been gathering and taking shelter in underground subways, after bombings of houses and vulnerable areas such as nurseries. But have we really learnt any lessons from situations elsewhere, or is Ukraine destined to face conflict for years to come?

Similar struggles have been unfolding **for decades** in Palestine, Yemen, Kashmir and other regions. Regular Palestinians have had their homes terrorized and invaded in Sheikh Jarrah. Yemen, one of the poorest countries in the middle East, has been targeted by the Saudi regime in its plan to expand its regional influence against Iran. This has dominated Yemen for

centuries and has caused an estimated 233,000 deaths, including 131,000 from indirect causes such as lack of food, health services and infrastructure.

I cannot help but wonder why these examples are so under-represented in the news, and why it seems the world remains silent and chooses not to intervene? What differentiates Ukraine from Yemen and Palestine? Is it unfair to suggest that it is perhaps because the latter are Muslim countries, where often any conflict is labelled extremism? Is it because Ukraine is considered more western, and geographically the war is on Europe's doorstep?

While I passionately hope that the war in Ukraine will be brought to an end as soon as possible, and grieve along with the rest of the world about the human loss and suffering, I also pray that these other conflicts do not continue either.

Current Affairs

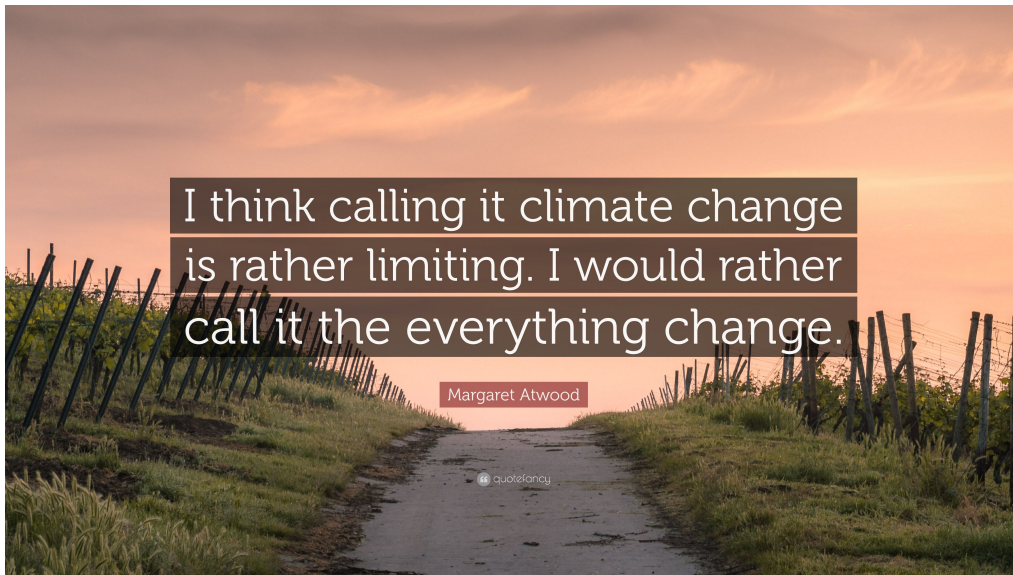


Purple Day

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th annually, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. Purple day was created in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a young girl from Canada, who has epilepsy and wanted to get people talking about the condition. Cassidy decided to use the colour purple because lavender is recognised as the international flower of epilepsy. Cassidy not only wanted to raise awareness but also assure people with epilepsy that they are not alone.

"I don't have epilepsy, but I have a condition called Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) which causes me to have seizures: sometimes these can be similar to an epileptic fit. Seeing these seizures can be scary for other people, unless they understand what is happening and what they should do to help. I think Purple Day is a brilliant opportunity to educate people about this."

Tori McFarlane, 12D



Sixth Form Support



Careers and Tertiary Education Spotlight



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

Dental Summer School for Students in Year 12

King's College London is now taking applications for their Dental Schools Council funded residential summer school, from 25th to 28th July. Check eligibility criteria and [apply](#) by 24th April. If you have any questions, please email outreachformedicine@kcl.ac.uk.

Insurance Apprenticeship

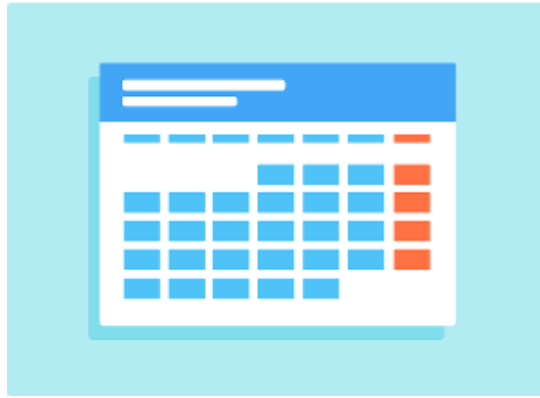
Willis Towers Watson offers apprenticeship opportunities in insurance, project management, data analysis and development operations. You can apply [here](#).

Pathway Work Experiences

Please have a look at different online work experiences with [Pathway](#) throughout April and May.

Apprenticeship search

Remember, a lot of apprenticeships are advertised on [Find an apprenticeship](#). The website is updated daily. Also look on company websites and job search sites for vacancies.



Events

Meet the Russell Group

This virtual event will take place on 27th April, 5.30 to 8pm. Students and parents can [sign up for their free place](#).

Green jobs

World Skills UK had a Spotlight on Green Jobs which you can register for and watch on demand [here](#).

T Levels Monday

Join this webinar on 25th April, 3.30pm to 4.15pm, to find out what T Levels have to offer. Please register [here](#) to attend and receive the recording.

UCAS Discovery online

If you are wondering what university course, apprenticeship ,or career might be right for you, join UCAS live on 1st April, 10am to 6pm, to help you decide on your next steps. Please note that you can only attend outside of lesson time. [Save your virtual seat](#).

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