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WATH LOVES LANGUAGES



By Lauren Hollingsworth-Smith, Year 10

On Thursday 11th May, Wath celebrated its ninth Love Languages Evening – a night filled with laughter, music and, of course, languages!

Throughout the evening, everyone was moved by the performances of very talented students ranging from energetic, culturally inspired dances; the enchanting voices of Year 10 Ellie White's *La Vie en Rose* and Year 13 Charlotte Palmer's *Le Lac*; and some more 'unique' French songs (dancing with a giant papier-mâché cabbage was certainly an experience). We also saw numerous presentations on all the weird and wonderful things that our language department has been involved in throughout the year, and participated in a very enjoyable multilingual film quiz. Albeit, the main event of the

evening was the prodigious awards ceremony, including the *Language Student of the Year* award and the *Outstanding Linguist* awards, given to Billy Black, Ethan Gray and Jack Nunn for KS3, 4 and 5 respectively. Congratulations to all winners.

I caught up with some of this year's attendees' thoughts on the evening:

"I thought it was a great opportunity to celebrate achievements of a great department within the school," said Robert Johnson, Year 10.

Personally, my favourite part was the flash mob, meticulously orchestrated by Ethan Gray and Patrick Binns, 364 days in advance. I'm sure you'll agree that seeing Mr Taylor doing the Macarena would be the highlight of anyone's Thursday evening!



Spring Watch

Help us welcome in the slightly warmer weather by locating all the chicks that are loose in *The Torch* this month! The word 'chick' or 'chicken' appears **seven** times (not including this page!). Can you locate them all?

If you find them, bring your newspaper back to Miss Taylor in the English department. The first five winners will receive small prizes. Others will receive merits.

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write, the examination 'season' is well under way, as we approach the final half term of the school year.

The Y11 GCSE and Y12 AS examinations have already started and the A2 programme of examinations for Y13 begins soon, with examinations running until the end of June. A programme of revision classes will run throughout this period, especially for Y11 students, who are new to such external examinations.

Just before the examinations started, Year 11 students had a final opportunity to meet together in a celebration assembly. This was a very special occasion where staff and students from every tutor group could share memories and highlights from their years together at Wath. Many students received certificates and awards, for such as outstanding attendance, motivation, achievement and a chosen few received tutor group prizes.

The presentations were interspersed with entertainment items, which included singing, dancing and instrumental performances – what a wealth of talent we have! Thank you to the many students who contributed so willingly to this. It is no mean feat to stand up in front of the rest of (the 300 students in) your year group and perform.

The whole staff involvement in a final, pre-filmed, event left a great deal to be desired in terms of the quality of staff dancing! This lovely occasion ended with refreshments and an opportunity for photographs to be taken and memory books to be signed.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a particular thank you to the contribution Y11 students have made to the extra-curricular life of the school and the example they have set to our younger students. The girls got through to the Rotherham schools finals in netball and rounders. The boys' football team were runners-up in their Rotherham schools final, earlier in the season, but the 2nd XI team, made up mainly of Y11s, won their final, despite having to fight back from being 2-0 down at half time. The rugby team won the Hall Cross tournament without conceding a try and got through to the Yorkshire schools semi-final.

In addition, our E-safety Champions have won the 'Diana Award' for their extensive E-safety work in school and community. The press release will be issued

on 29 June to coincide with Diana's birthday. Students will then have the opportunity to collect their award in a presentation which will take place in October.

Year 13 will begin their Study Leave on Friday 26 May and they too will have an opportunity to celebrate with their own special assembly.

Last week, we held our annual 'Love Languages' evening, where we celebrated our specialist language college status and the many opportunities this offers. During this vibrant evening, we were entertained through song, dance and video presentations in a range of languages taught at Wath. Students talked about their experiences on international visits and several students also received awards for excellence in languages. There were even delicious refreshments during the interval, also of an international flavour. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Once the intense period of examinations is over, students (and staff) will be looking forward to their respective Y11 and Y13 Proms; these are always delightful occasions where everyone makes a very special effort to look their best, which is always fabulous.

Finally, may I offer my very best wishes to all students taking examinations. I am sure that they will reap the rewards they deserve following all their hard work. I would particularly like to thank all the staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort they have given, not only in lessons but also after school, at lunchtimes and in the holidays, in support of our students. We are very fortunate to have such a committed and dedicated group of staff; I am sure that their efforts are much appreciated by our students and yourselves.

AS and A2 examination results will be published, and available in school, on 17 August, and Y11 examination results on 24 August.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Taylor

Headteacher



News in Brief

Y9 national STEM competition

Students in Year 9 have entered a STEM competition aimed at raising parent awareness of routes into science careers. The competition was run by an organisation called Cogent Skills and the entry featured contributions from numerous students in Year 9.

An A3 poster featured ideas from Adam Johnson, Imogen Rooney, Grace Brammah, Brandon Newell, Umud Bilyal, Emily Holcroft and Lauren Morton. There was also an A6 postcard designed by Charlie Reeder and Alex Law with input from Lewis Dockray and Ben Skinner.

Students have researched routes into science jobs such as airline pilot, defence engineer, nursing, veterinary surgeon and phlebotomist.

Junior Maths Challenge



The Junior Maths Challenge was held on Thursday 27 April, across the United Kingdom. Twenty-nine students from Year 7 and Year 8 took part. Twelve students achieved a Bronze award, and four pupils achieved a Silver award, including Hannah Sleight (who was the highest achiever in Year 8). Alex Knight (Year 7) was our highest achiever overall, and he received a Gold award.

Biology Challenge 2017

During Science Week, 51 Year 10 students took part in the National Biology Challenge competition. This is an international competition in which students undertake an hour long challenge consisting of two online papers designed to test their general Biological knowledge as well as their application skills. Students were successful this year with four students (Ted Stainrod, Robert Johnson, Beth Savage, and Libby Chappel) achieving a

gold award, placing them in the top 5.4% of students nationally.

Along with this, we had ten silver awards: Katie Bewick, Tegan Hartley, Cameron Hoyland, Maverick Pooley, Canada Ridge-Harrison, Rhys Turner, Abi Twynham, John Aaltio, Jai Barber, and Abbie Lewis.

Nine bronze awards: Samuel Smith, Jack Buck, Ethan Gray, Lucy Levin, Connor Russell, James Ball Lewis Burgin, Jack Cotton, and Megan McCarthy.

Five Highly Commended awards: Stacey Knaggs, Grace Marson, Ebony Caine, Aron Bell, and Sophie Law.

Eight Commended awards: Crystal Ramskill, Kate Harrison, Olivia Marson, Alex Baxter, Jack Bell, Amy Jenkinson, Holly Moore, Rebecca Swift, and Caitilin Meakin. Congratulations to all students involved.

Ten Riddles to Test Your Mind

By Molly Hammerton, Year 9

1. What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?
2. Which word does not belong in the following list: Stop cop mop chop prop shop or crop?
3. What has a heart but no other organs?
4. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
5. Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die. What am I?
6. There was a plane crash and every single person died. Who survived?
7. A boy fell off a 100 foot ladder. But he did not get hurt. Why not?
8. Mr Smith has four daughters. Each of his daughters has a brother. How many children does Mr Smith have?
9. When was the latest year that is the same upside down?
10. A mother had five boys: Marco, Tucker, Webster and Thomas. Was the fifth boy named Frank, Evan or Alex?

Answers:

1) Your name. 2) Or. 3) A deck of cards. 4) Footsteps. 5) Fire. 6) Married couples. 7) He was only on the first step. 8) He has five children, all of the daughters have the same one brother. 9) 1961. 10) Frank. Each child's first name begins with the first letter of the days of the week: M, T, W, T, W, T, Frank.

Inside and Outside the School Gates:

Y11 Capita Revision Days



In the run-up to the GCSE exams, the English department took three groups of Y11 students to spend a day at Capita in Manvers.

Inside the 'Boiler Room', a comfy space set up with projector, desks and chairs, as well as a breakout area, students spent the day in an intensive 'boot camp', revising topics to be examined in the English Language exams that will take place at the start of June. Students were guided through handy hints and information about what to expect on the papers and all came away feeling positive about the coming exams.

The day was about more than just the exams, of course. Students were also provided with a plentiful free lunch in the Capita cafeteria, which overwhelmed them with choice: an extensive salad bar, many sandwiches, as well as hot food options.

THE TORCH Journalists

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If you are interested in helping to produce THE TORCH, come along to F24 on Thursday afternoons, 3-4 pm, or see Miss Taylor for more information.

It was nice for students to get out of the usual school environment for a day, and enter a real working environment—though, to quote one student, "it seemed as though the staff there had never seen a teenager before!" The Boiler Room was also used as a staffroom for staff at Capita, and the large sign saying 'Closed until 4pm' didn't seem to put them off from attempting to enter, and their looks of bewilderment and hasty retreat provided light relief for students.

All students were exemplary in their conduct throughout the days and were a pleasure to teach.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

By Emily Balaiss, Year 9

On 10th May, Years 9-13 went on a trip to the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to watch the play *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*. In my opinion, this play was marvellous and truly amazing—so amazing that the cast got a standing ovation and a few tears from the ecstatic crowd.

However, the play was a little different to the book (which I had already read) so I was expecting a few things in some scenes that weren't there in the play but in the book. But one thing that was in both the play and the book was the answer to the 'incident' of what happened to the dog (Wellington). I won't give away who was guilty, but it was an amazing twist in both book and play alike.

The story starts when Wellington (the dog) was murdered and his owner (Mrs Sheers) was sure that Christopher was the murderer. Christopher then goes around his estate trying to find out who killed Wellington. Christopher then travels to London to find his mother, who he had been led to believe was dead after she fell in love with another man named Mr Sheers, the previous husband of Mrs Sheers. Christopher and his mother then travel back to Swindon (where they are from) so Christopher can take his Maths A-level exam.

Updates from Wath Comprehensive

To make things better, Christopher's father makes it up to Christopher by getting him a dog of his own, Sandy.

I hope you get a chance to read the book or see the play as it was truly remarkable.

What are Fidget Spinners?

Luis Walsh, Year 7

Fidget spinners are like fidget cubes that spin and you have to use to your hands. They comes in many different shapes and sizes.



These are just a few of the many of the shapes that you can have.

Fidget spinners can be useful to help concentration, if you have conditions like ADD, ADHD, or autism.

However, there has been a recent craze for lots of students to have them out in lessons. They can be a distraction, especially if you are spinning them instead of listening to your teacher!

The school rules say that fidget spinners should not be seen in lessons. If they are seen, you will be warned and if you ignore the warning, it will be taken away from you until the end of the day.

The school already provides strategies for students who need help to concentrate—so there is no need for anyone to bring fidget spinners. I recommend not bringing them to school at all.

Year 9 Holocaust Trip

By Emily Balaiss, Year 9

On 27th, 28th February and 1st March, Year 9 went on a trip to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum with the PSHE department.

We had the chance to speak to Harry Bibring, a Holocaust Survivor who told us his story, including what the conditions were like during World War II and what happened to the Jews. One of the horrible things that happened to the Jews was that they were humiliated in front of everyone by having to scrub the streets; this might not sound too bad at first, until you realise that they had to scrub the streets with acid.

One of the saddest things there was a pile of stones to remember all the children who died in the Holocaust, and there was between 40 to 45 thousand stones there. Another sad thing there was in the garden: there were a lot of small plaques with a white rose next to them in remembrance of families and individuals who died in the Holocaust.

I hope that the Year 8s that go next year find it inspiring and enjoy it as much as I did as this is one of the best places to go to remember all the innocent people that Adolf Hitler killed for no good reason.

Spring Word Search

If you find all ten words, bring your newspaper Miss Taylor to receive an e-Praise point.

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N	U	D	L	N	C	U	J	H	L
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O	I	J	X	Z	E	R	K	C	W
M	O	S	S	O	L	B	P	K	E
F	C	I	V	C	E	Y	E	S	R
D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	L	S
P	B	Z	F	L	A	C	A	Y	L
R	A	B	B	I	T	M	Z	E	W
M	N	C	Y	E	B	Z	K	B	X

blossom	bluebell	calf	chick	daffodil
flowers	lamb	rabbit	spring	sun

News, Politics and Opinion

Prince Philip stands down from Royal duties

By Bella Aaltio, Year 8

Prince Philip (The Duke of Edinburgh) has decided, with the help of the Queen, to stand down from royal duties late this summer. The Duke is turning 96 next month and is still planning to go to previously scheduled engagements between now and August.

In 2016, The Duke attended over 110 official engagements, which makes him the fifth busiest member of the royal family. He is also a member of over 780 organisations and once he has retired, he says he will remain in contact with them.

Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn has wished The Duke all the best in his well-earned retirement.

On Thursday, the Duke will be attending a service of Order of Merit at chapel Royal at St James's Palace.

The Suzuki Technique

Lauren Williams, Year 8

The Suzuki technique is a form of teaching the violin that Shinichi Suzuki introduced in 1946. Although the violin has been dubbed the hardest instrument to master, Suzuki believed that he could even teach toddlers to master the instrument. Two brothers, Hideya Taida and Toshiya Taida were both taught by Suzuki; they say that he couldn't read music, yet he could play Mozart. This is because the method mainly focuses on playing by ear and it holds a very mechanical technique. There are many professional musicians that have been taught under the Suzuki technique. Hideya and Toshiya also say that Suzuki was never angry and loved his students.

Shinichi studied the violin in Germany and later became a music professor in Tokyo. However, when the war hit Japan, he moved to the countryside (Matsumoto) and started teaching, utilizing his own violin technique. The brothers claim that, after the war, their mothers and fathers were seeking new culture and had a concern about their education. They began to learn the violin. Hideya, at the age of 10, and Toshiya, at the age of only four. They can now play the violin very skilfully; however, they are not professional violinists.

The French Presidential Election

By Ethan Gray, Year 10

As some of you may know, there was recently a heated election in France between Marine Le Pen (leader of the Front National) and Emmanuel Macron (the leader of the centrist party En Marche, and the ultimate victor). Now, one may believe this doesn't really have an impact on our lives as Britons, but the outcome of this election does determine some things over here, especially as both Britain and France are the only EU nation with independent military power, making us two countries dominant in formulating UN resolutions.

As we just recently left the EU, Mr Macron will affect our Brexit negotiations. He is, it currently seems, a firm believer of the EU, promising to lead a 'rebirth' of the EU. This is evident after he promised he will take a hard-line approach to Brexit, describing us in an interview as a 'vassal state' to America, and thus, shall suffer.

However, as I see it, it's not all doom and gloom for Britain, as Macron, with his firm belief in the EU, will make Brussels slightly more inclined to have a better deal with us in the UK.

Chicken Nuggets

Nathan Billups, Year 8

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Don't we all just love a good box of chicken nuggets?

Well, sixteen-year-old Carter Wilkerson (@Carterjwm on Twitter) from Reno, Nevada got himself a life supply from Wendy's after he tweeted to them: "How many retweets for me to get a lifetime's supply of chicken nuggets?" Wendy's replied with an almost unreachable number of 18 million retweets, "Consider it done!" replied Carter. Massive companies like Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon, even massive celebrities and Twitter itself retweeted this tweet. Some other companies even

chimed in, for example United Airlines saying, "If it reaches 18 million retweets we will personally give you a free flight to any country that serves Wendy's."

Within two days, his tweet reached one million retweets! His tweet is now the most re-tweeted tweet of all time! Wendy's came good to their side of the bargain: Carter got his chicken nuggets and Wendy's donated \$100,000 (£78,00) to @TDFA (Dave Thomas Foundation)

At the end, everyone was happy and Twitter rested easy.

UK might attack Syria

By Callum Mitchell, Year 8

On the 27th April 2017, Boris Johnson told the BBC that the UK could attack Syria at some point in the future.

He said it would be very difficult for the UK to refuse if the US asked for support in Syria. Mr Johnson also claimed that Syria unleashed murder on its own citizens with weapons that were banned almost 100 years ago.

Earlier this month, the US sent out a missile strike against a Syrian air base days after a chemical attack which killed 80 people and lots of Syrian people were wounded.

I think the US did the right thing because they could have done more destruction, but should Britain join the attack on Syria? I don't think so because America has the best military in the world and all we would give America is more men.

But will Prime Minister agree to help fight against Syria?

Couple die holding hands after 69 years of marriage

Caitie Swallow, Year 8

An Illinois couple, married for a whopping 69 years, have died within an hour of each other.

Isaac Vatkin, 91, was holding his wife, Teresa, 89, as she sadly succumbed to Alzheimer's disease on Saturday 22nd April. Isaac sadly died 40 minutes after. Family members said they took comfort in knowing they were together at the end. "You didn't want to see them go, but you couldn't ask for anything more," said grandson, William Vatkin.

"Their love for each other was so strong, they simply could not live without each other," said their daughter, Clara Gesklin at the couple's joint funeral. They would always be together, or otherwise, the world would have ended. "They were always in love, literally to the end," said the vicar.

20 Interesting Facts

By Carys Garner, Year 8

1. The name of the kangaroo mouse, *Microdipodops Megacephalus* means 'two small feet with a big head'.
2. Britain has 230 slugs for every human.
3. One bite from the lone star tick can make you allergic to red meat.
4. Jellyfish contain the same number of calories as green tea.
5. After water, the most widely consumed food or drink on Earth is tea.
6. It would cost £9 billion to buy one of everything for sale on Amazon.com.
7. Boys born in winter are more likely to be left-handed.
8. The word 'Nile' means 'river', so River Nile means 'River River'.
9. The largest and most distance body of water so far discovered is 30 billion trillion miles away, with 140 trillion times more water than Earth.
10. The Norwegian version of then Mr Men book Mr Bump is called Herr Dumpidump.
11. It would take 136 billion sheets of A4 to print out the Internet.
12. Starfish can regrow a whole new body from a single arm.
13. Falling into a black hole would turn you into a hologram.
14. A person who was invisible wouldn't be able to see anything.
15. The third most popular ice cream van jingle is the Match of the Day theme.
16. New Zealand's Ninety Mile Beach is 55 miles long.
17. In the first two years of the First World War, a soldier who broke a leg had an 80% chance of dying.
18. Young British adults rate an Internet connection as more important than daylight.
19. The first email had to be printed out to be read.
20. A gram of scorpion poison costs £415.



Media and Review:

Top Movies Of 2017...

By Kennedy Ellis, Year 7

- Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 2 (my personal favourite)
- Star Wars: The Last Jedi
- Beauty And The Beast
- Boss Baby
- Personal Shopper
- La La Land
- John Wick: Chapter 2
- The Fate Of The Furious
- Smurfs: The Lost Village

Luckily, most of these movies have been released! They are extremely exciting to watch (especially all of the sequels). They have a range of humour, action and even mystery.

The New Doctor Who

By Carys Garner, Year 8

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As a lot of us know, after being the Doctor for the past three years, Peter Capaldi is stepping down from his role. There has been a lot of debate about who the new Doctor Who could be.

So far, two of the main runners for the new role are Kris Marshall (Death in Paradise star as he played the likeable detective Humphrey Goodman), and Olivia Coleman (who has previously appeared in an episode of *Doctor Who*, playing one of Prisoner Zero's copies, and also starred in *Broadchurch*).

So, who do you think should be the new Time Lord as he or she flies across all of time and space?

Beauty and the Beast

By Emily Balaiss, Year 9

Disney has produced yet another live animation film in the form of *Beauty and the Beast*. The all-star cast featuring Emma Watson, Luke Evans, Josh Gad and many more really pulled this performance together and gave the fans everything they were wishing for. There were a few new songs including: 'Evermore' and 'How Does A Moment Last Forever'.

One of the most popular songs was 'Be Our Guest', which was personally my favourite song in the whole film as it is a classic. I think that most people would be just as happy as I am that the producers decided to bring back the classic song which makes people smile.

And the film wouldn't be completed without Mrs Potts (Emma Thompson) singing the also classic song, 'Tale As Old As Time' and in my opinion is one of the best songs.

Some people say, "The film was touching, eminently watchable, at times a slightly awkward experience that justifies its existence yet never totally convinces you it's a movie the world was waiting for," which personally, I agree with and the film is a good option for viewers of all ages.

The Flash Season 3 – Savitar Revealed!

By Emily Balaiss, Year 9

(This article contains spoilers)

To understand what I'm about to tell you, you need to do something first, you need to believe in the impossible. Can you do that? Good.

Finally, Savitar's true identity was revealed and it was NOT the person who I thought it would be; actually, it was the person that I least expected it to be. Before we reveal his identity, let's review what has happened so far...

After Barry got back from the world of musicals with Kara (Supergirl) things got back to normal, with Savitar destroying things. The next 'meta-human' who came to challenge Barry was named 'Abra Kadabra' from Earth

Films, Games and More



19. He said to Barry that he knew everything about the 'God of Speed'.

So after Barry and the team manage to catch Abra Kadabra, they try and convince him to tell the team who Savitar really is. Unfortunately, for team Flash, Joe decides that it's time to take control and find out Savitar's identity for himself, trading his name for Abra Kadabra's freedom. And when he gets loose, Caitlin gets injured and does her own surgery with the help of Julian doing all of the things that Caitlin can't do herself.

At the end of that episode, Caitlin ends up becoming Killer Frost when her heart stops and Julian rips off her necklace which is stopping her from becoming her alter ego.

The next episode shows Savitar revealing himself but we don't see who he actually is until the next episode. And like I said before it is the person you would have least expected it to be... Barry Allen. That's right, Savitar is Barry Allen, so it turns out that The Flash is a double crossing agent, right? Not really: it is actually Barry from the future who has gone rouge and it appears that he has turned on all of his friends and became the God of Speed, even faster than his past self.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2

By Molly Hammerton, Year 9

Marvel has bestowed upon us yet another fantastic film featuring our favourite intergalactic heroes Star Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket and the adorable Baby Groot, for another adventure through the galaxy, encountering new and exciting villains as well as old ones. Featuring another great soundtrack of music from the 1970s, this makes the movie so recognisable as well as its unmistakable sense of humour.

However, I personally feel that it did not live up to the hype and was slightly disappointing. Though the film was still marvellous with its entrancing visual effects and loveable characters (Baby Groot!), the film seemed to lack something that it had in the first film. It also seemed to move slowly and didn't captivate its audience as quickly as it should.

Overall, it is an incredible film with an intriguing plot that could have grasped the audience if they had only moved the film along quicker. Though I feel that it could have been improved, I would still recommend the film to any Marvel lover and I will leave you to decide for yourself what your opinions of the film are.

Top TV Shows of 2017...

Kennedy Ellis, Year 7

- Riverdale (my personal favourite)
- Stranger Things
- 13 Reasons Why
- The Walking Dead
- Supergirl
- Big Little Lies
- Pretty Little Liars
- The Flash

All of these shows are amazing purely because they contain so much action! There is never a dull moment within all the episodes. This way, viewers stay entertained and continue to watch the series. For example, *Riverdale* contains a new mystery every week, making its audience satisfied with the content.

Creative Corner

Untitled

By Olivia Storey and Lauren Clack, Year 8

Last time, Libby tried to make Lorena feel better about the fact they had killed someone.

(Libby's p.o.v)

a brilliant explanation (if I do say so myself)

If you are wondering who this murderous person (Jane Sanderson) was—the person we ended up killing—she was a secret agent sent to destroy WIS (Women's Institute of Spies).

She was sent by a TWIT (The Women's Institute of Terror). She was sent by Governor Johnson from TWIT, and TWIT is behind a huge secret that only WIS know. However, it cannot be revealed just yet...



Music and Events

The Vamps Light Up Sheffield Arena

By Molly Hammerton, Year 9

Returning for a new tour, The Vamps started off with a bang when they started (like their first tour) in Sheffield Arena. The tour has been named Middle of the Night after their new single by the same name, while being accompanied by New Hope Club. The Tide, another band signed to The Vamps label, however, did mysteriously not turn up on the night for accompaniments, though this did not stop the arena from being packed!



Fusion

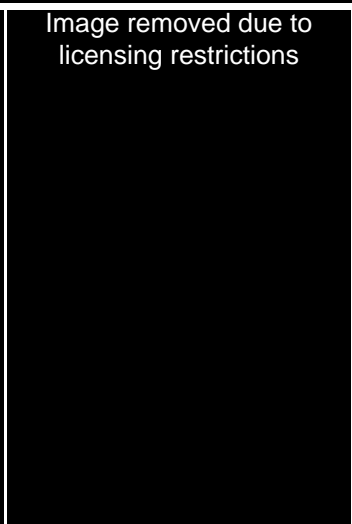
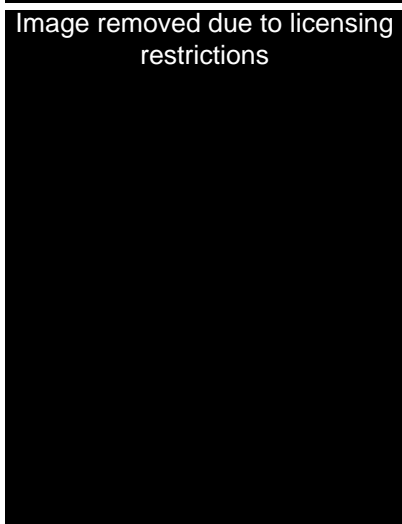
By Jacob Linney, Year 7

Imagine a world where people had abnormal powers. While you and your friend were trying to save the world, your foes are too strong, so as a last resort you combine to beat them. You do this but the only problem is you can't un-fuse and here are some ups and downs of permanently being fused (if you thinking it's mostly ups, you're probably wrong).

Let's start off with the ups: let's say your powers depend on electricity and let's say fusion multiples it by two. Normally, you'll produce about 800 watts of electricity and an iPhone needs about twelve so you could put your hand on your phone and have an instant 100% battery! Plus, you'll be twice as smart!

Now for the downs: let's say fusion is like having a multiple personality disorder. Things will happen to you such as you'll experience things such as amnesia, depression and, depending on the two people, maybe you'll find yourself not trusting anyone at all and you may have hard time relating. Plus, if the two people fused were two different heights, you may find yourself shorter or taller than you already were and if you were ill that would be even worse: imagine having the flu then it gets twice as bad! But hey, look on the bright side—you'll only need to pay for one on a plane.

So, all together, fusion is a bad idea.



The Vamps rocked Sheffield Arena on 24th April, with a mixture of old and new songs, leaving the crowds hungry for more...

Not only was it packed in the arena, the corridors outside mirrored this: full of new merchandise, lanyards, t-shirts and programs—all sold in record time as fans wanted to show their support for the amazing, young band.

The show itself was truly unforgettable, with old favourites of the band being played mixed perfectly with the stunning new songs that instantly got caught in the listeners' heads. Oh, and who could forget the incredible drum-off between Brad (lead vocals) and Tristan (drummer) or the witty small-talk between Brad and the crowd? Incredible laser lights lit up the band and fit the songs well with bright colours like blues, greens and reds and the pyrotechnics created a great (if stuffy) atmosphere.

Overall, the event was phenomenal and fans can truly say that they were "up all night, no sleep".

Top 5 greatest albums of all time

By Amy Renwick, Year 10

(warning: this will be very biased)

Number 5: *GOLD AGAINST THE SOUL* - Manic Street Preachers

This is the second studio album by the Welsh alternative band. The lyrics are overtly political and explore themes of sadness and desolation, especially 'La Tristesse Durera (scream to a sigh)' with the French title being shared with a Vincent Van Gough biography, with it translating to 'The Sadness will go on'.

This was one of a few albums released with Richie Edwards, who disappeared in 1995, presumed dead.

Number 4: *Songs to Learn & Sing* - Echo & the Bunnymen

The best known album by the Scouse band, *Songs to Learn & Sing*. This post-punk album features a solid collection of the band's top songs.

Number 3: *Different Class* - Pulp

The most notable album from the Sheffield band, *Different Class*' songs highlight the struggles of the 'common people' (the second track on the album) and how the peers of the lead singer, and the struggles of the lead singer of himself, affected his daily life.

Fun fact: the song 'Common People' was recently used as a satirical YouTube spoof of the Conservatives under David Cameron.

Number 2: *The Smiths* - The Smiths

The self-titled debut album from 1984 is amazing. Every song has a meaning and is a very powerful insight into Morrissey's mind, with songs such as 'This Charming Man' have an interesting message, with Morrissey wanting people to be quite charming instead of being handsome (like Morrissey).

Number 1: *Closer* - Joy Division

Posthumously released after the suicide of the lead singer Ian Curtis on 18th May 1980, *Closer* features the song 'Atrocity Exhibition' which is seen as influential in the alternative music scene of the '80s. The album's title also inspired the biopic film of the same name which detailed Curtis' personal life and demons.

The science behind Frankenstein's monster

By Jacob Linney, Year 7

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It's alive!

Today, I'm here to make or break your dreams of bringing back the dead (if that is the sort of thing that interests you). Firstly, we need to know if we can stick together body parts and they will work. It is possible but that would cost around £4,000,000—but if we assume you're overly rich, that won't be a problem.

Now, let's discuss the brain. You can't just dig one out of the ground! Who knows what will happen? To be honest, he would be dead or a complete idiot to get a secure brain. You would need to buy one, but that would be pretty awkward, asking for a brain. They would probably think, is this guy a cannibal? Anyway, back on topic. Yes, you would have to purchase a brain, but this is reviving the dead we're talking about and who cares about what you do to accomplish your goals, as long as it is perfectly legal. Don't you dare go trying to steal a brain James Bond-style, because then you would never be able to accomplish your greater goal of reviving the dead! If it went wrong and you caused a zombie outbreak, you should be all right because you read my last article about how to survive one.

Time to get back on track and for the final component: the heart. Luckily for you, heart transplants are a fairly common thing so you are fully capable of making a monster from beyond the dead but there is just one drawback: you need a body under a day old because any older and the body would start to rot. Just think how sad you would be if you had gone through all the trouble and it did not work. Not counting that drawback, it is completely possible.

Sports Roundup

Anthony Joshua vs Wladimir Klitschko

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By Daniel Nutley, Year 8

On Saturday 27th April, two titans of heavyweight boxing clashed for the IBF World heavyweight title and the WBA and IBO belts. Anthony Joshua and Wladimir Klitschko fought it out at Wembley Stadium with a crowd of 90,000 people, the biggest audience for a UK boxing fight in over 80 years.

Joshua (27) and Klitschko (41) fought for a tough 11 rounds until it was stopped after Joshua floored

Klitsckho twice, the first of which was from an almighty uppercut to his opponent's neck which has since become a viral photo on the internet.

Despite his victory, it wasn't an easy fight by any means for Anthony Joshua, suffering his first knockdown of his professional career.

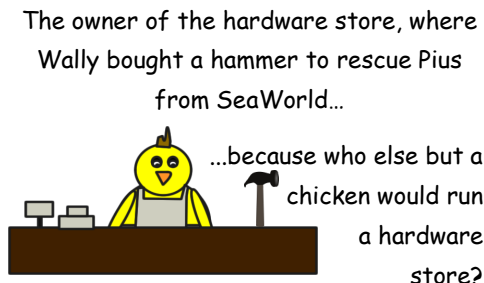
After the fight, there was controversy involving the victor and his opponent's brother almost coming to blows. Fortunately, they were separated just in time.

WALLY THE WATH WOMBAT

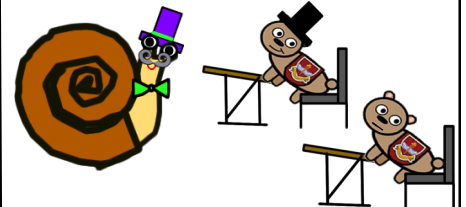
With our resident cartoonist (Mya Taylor, Year 11) busy with her exams, we look back at Wally's top moments over the last three years...



Hardly seasonal but comedy gold: Wally was electrocuted and landed on a Christmas Tree.



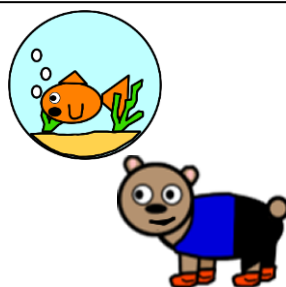
The owner of the hardware store, where Wally bought a hammer to rescue Pius from SeaWorld...
...because who else but a chicken would run a hardware store?



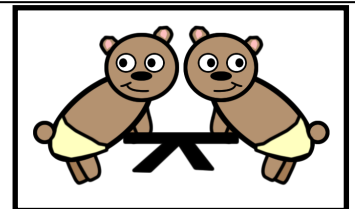
And who else but a giant snail would be an exams' invigilator?



But in the mad world of Wally the Wath Wombat, no critter could top the Agony Ant...



...though a goldfish in a bowl, running a school marathon, is a close second.



Baby Wally and his twin? Sumo wrestlers? Who knows... Thank you for so many unforgettable moments, Mya!

COULD YOU BE THE NEW CARTOONIST FOR *THE TORCH*? SPEAK TO MISS TAYLOR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!