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## EASTER TIME IS HERE!

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By Ellisia Bowman, Year 8

Easter Time is nearly here and Cadbury have already got their egg hunting advertisements up! Make sure to get your chocolate eggs and chocolate bunnies for your family and friends (or just yourself!), but don't eat too many.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from his tomb. This happened on the third day of being in the

tomb. Easter happens on Sunday any time between March 22 and April 25. This year, it will be on Sunday 21st April, which is rather late—unfortunate for those who have family in Sheffield schools, as they will return to work just as we break up!

It's also a perfect time to see cute spring baby animals: so you can go to the farm to just have a look (which can often be free) at all the cute lambs or bunnies. Happy Easter, everyone!

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### Easter Word Search

Can you find the all ten words?

BUNNY	EGG
CHICKS	HUNT
CHOCOLATE	JESUS
CRUCIFIX	RABBIT
EASTER	SPRING

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Return to Miss Taylor for an ePraise point.

# Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent / Carer,

As Easter is almost upon us, we can reflect upon another very busy term. There are a wide variety of exciting opportunities available for our students to get involved in and they really do bring a real benefit to a successful all-round education. As I write, I have just had the pleasure of attending the Rotherham Schools' Finals for both netball and football. It was quite an achievement to get netball teams through to the finals in Years 8, 9 and 12. All three teams performed admirably, but perhaps a special mention should go to the Year 12 team, that narrowly missed out on a medal in an 8-7 defeat to Aston in the last minute. In the football, both our 1st and 2nd XIs were in the finals. The 2nd XI quickly went 2-0 down, but fought back magnificently to make it 2-2 for most of the game, before ending up as runners-up after conceding late goals. The 1st XI, comprised mainly of students who had also played football for the school throughout Years 7-11, also fell behind, before fighting back to 1-1 and finishing the stronger of the teams. With no extra time, unfortunately Wath lost 4-3 on penalties to Maltby.

I am sure all the students involved in the finals day were very appreciative of the large amount of support from parents and staff. I would just like to thank all of the students involved for the commendable way in which they conducted themselves. Their attitude towards the officials and the opposition was outstanding and certainly made those supporting them feel very proud of their achievements.

In March, Year 11 Dance students gave an excellent recital evening, in preparation for their external assessment. This was an opportunity to perform in front of an audience, and hone final improvements, ahead of their examination performance. Everyone was left wondering how they had managed to memorise the moves of multiple dances. 'Science Week' has been celebrated in school and a special evening was put on for parents of Year 8 students, the 'Next Three Years Evening', to advise on Key Stage 4 subjects – GCSEs and applied subjects – that these students will embark on in Year 9. Our current Year 9 students visited the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre earlier this half term, while all Year 12 students enjoyed a week of Work Experience. These type of activities help to enrich our curriculum



and provide our students with a broad range of experiences, beyond those that are experienced directly in school.

Students in Year 11 have sat a second set of Trial Exams this half term in preparation for the impending final summer external exams. An extensive programme of support and revision has already begun for Year 11 to help with this preparation. It runs every evening, and lunchtime, until the end of the examination period. Year 11 parents have received a timetable and a letter informing them which sessions students should attend. Parents of Year 11 students will also be notified of the study programme that will run through the Easter and May holidays. We have been pleased so far with some of our students' responses to these extra sessions but urge all Year 11 parents to ensure that their child takes full advantage of what is on offer. I am very appreciative that staff in all subject areas are giving of their time so willingly to support students, not only beyond the school day but also in the holidays. The external exams have already started, with the MFL Speaking Exams; however, the written exams begin on 13 May, less than three school weeks away, and then continue until 28 June.

Years 9, 12 & 13 have had a parents' evening this half term. Year 12 students should be beginning their preparations for their own Trial Exams in June while Year 13 have already had their Trial Exams this half term and should be making final preparations for their own final external exams, which also begin on 13 May.

When I last wrote, I had mentioned that the proposed date of academisation was 1 March 2019. Again, that target date was missed by the Department for Education, however, I am pleased to advise you that Wath Comprehensive School did academise on 1 April and we are now Wath Academy, a sponsored academy within Maltby Learning Trust. Once again, just to keep you advised, there will be no change to the Wath uniform or the motto on our school badge, 'Meliora Spectare' – 'Aspire to Higher Things' – as relevant now as it has always been; hence our desire for every student to leave us 'Able, Active & Qualified'.

We have continued to work closely with executive leaders from Maltby Learning Trust (MLT) in order to secure even further school improvement, particularly with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Trust, Mr Sutton, who is also a National Leader of Education. From the end of this academic year, Mr Sutton will be focusing more on his CEO role and therefore MLT and the governors of the school have taken the decision to advertise for a new post of Executive Principal for Wath Academy, commencing on 1 September. This is intended to add still further to the strategic leadership of the school as it continues to build on the work already started over the last two years.

Attendance at school has consistently improved over the last three years and is now above the national average. Similarly, punctuality at the start of the day has improved, not least because of our immediate late detention requirement when a student is not on time for registration / assembly. However, we want to work with parents to improve attendance still further – please do encourage your child to attend if the only concern is, for example, a cold, sore throat or slight ache: often symptoms do subside as the working day progresses.

Thank you for your continuing support of the school. The end of this term is 2.45pm Friday 12 April. May I take this opportunity in wishing you a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Taylor

Headteacher

## News in Brief

### Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 30th April:**  
Year 7 Students' & Parents' Consultation Evening with Subject Teachers: 3.15-6.15.
- **Monday 6th May:**  
May Day Bank Holiday – school closed.
- **Monday 13th May:**  
Y11 & Y13 summer external written exams begin, and continue to 28th June.
- **Thursday 15 August:**  
A Level results published.
- **Thursday 22 August:**  
GCSE results published.

### Year 12 Sociology

On 19th March 2019, twenty-one Year 12 Sociology students attended a 'Sociology Taster Day' at the University of Manchester. The visit was organised by Mr Ghasemi as part of the HEPPSY programme. It was a unique experience as it was purely aimed at budding Sociologists which meant it was a day full of Sociology at one of the top universities in the country.

Students experienced their first full day of 'university life' and as part of the day attended taster university lectures and participated in seminar sessions. Students also had the opportunity to speak to university lecturers and Sociology PhD students to find out further information about the course offered at Manchester University. In addition, students also got to experience navigating their way around a university campus! Students were impeccably behaved and were an absolute credit to the school.

### Guest Speaker: Iby Knill

Year 12 were treated to a guest speaker on Wednesday 3rd April, Holocaust survivor Iby Knill. She shared her stories and experiences to an attentive audience. Born in Czechoslovakia in 1923, she escaped to Hungary in 1942 and was eventually captured by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz Birkenau in 1944, when she was twenty-one years old. She endured the horrors of the concentration camp for a year before its liberation on 1st April 1945, and she came to the UK in 1947, where she has since lived.

# Latest News and Updates

## Flipping Brilliant

By Daniel Nutley, Year 10

When you think of a typical sporting achievement of a pupil in school, you may think of a man of the match in football or winning a netball tournament. However, I would guess that winning the Yorkshire tumbling championship wouldn't be the top of the expected list. Furthermore, that the same student is involved in an Aerial Skiing programme. I spoke to Year 7 student Finlay Parr to find out more.

For eight years now, Finlay has been involved in tumbling, which is a subset area of gymnastics which involves meticulous choreographing and predominantly gymnastic elements. Recently, he has been doing so well in his tumbling, that he has been to Telford for a tournament in the sport. The tournament was for the whole of Yorkshire and involved 14 people. Finlay managed to do so well, that he won the tournament and has subsequently progressed into the finals for the whole of Britain. This will involve the top eight tumblers in the country. His prize for winning was a medal, which I suspect is one of many in his collection.

He has also been involved in another non-typical sport, that being Aerial Skiing. He takes part in this at X-Scape in Castleford where there is an indoor ski slope. He found out about the sessions that are run there through a family friend who has been involved in the X Games. This, coupled with the fact that he has been lucky enough to go skiing once every year, meant that he was excited to get started as soon as possible after finding out about it. He said that he really enjoys the programme and is glad that he found out about it.

## Scientific Exploits: A Rundown

### Science Week 2019

In the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated British Science Week with a theme of 'Journeys'. Students enjoyed Science-themed assemblies, fizzes and bangs workshops, tutor quizzes, Science competitions and Science and Engineering visits. We

were lucky to have guest speakers from the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam who delivered sessions on their specialist areas ('Apollo moon landing 50 years on. Where now?', 'Not all Superheroes Wear Capes', 'Venomous Animals', 'Neuroscience and biopsychology') and were also able to talk about further, higher education pathways and potential careers. We also hosted the VIVIT experience for sixth form students. Well done to all who got involved!

### Y7 Famous British Scientists Competition

Year 7 took part in a poster competition titled "Famous Scientist", and there was some really impressive posters produced. The runners-up were: Ruby Birch and Lucy Ann Moss (who focussed their poster on local astronaut and first Brit in space), Helen Sharman, Riley Prat (who created an excellent and interactive poster on Isaac Newton), and Olivia Shirtcliffe (who produced a poster themed on a blackboard and covered in chalk writing, creating the perfect backdrop for information on Albert Einstein). The winner of the competition was Emily Rodgers, who chose to design a poster based on the life and work of Katherine Johnson, a mathematician at NASA who aided the first U.S manned missions into space. Well done, again, to all participants.

### Science Week Engineering Extravaganza Day

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March a group of year 9 students attended an 'Engineering Extravaganza Day' which was being run by Sheffield University. The trip took place at the 'AMRC knowledge transfer centre' in Rotherham and was designed to expand students' knowledge about careers in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Throughout the day we got to work with representatives from professional engineering organisations and people who chose further education in these topics. The day was made up of 5 different workshops all around an hour long, to do with different parts of engineering. When we first arrived, we had an introduction to the place and were given a timetable for the plan of our day. The first workshop we took part

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in was called the 'Apprentice Centre', here we got to look around all the different types of technology/ machinery you could use if doing an apprenticeship. We could also get to use a welding simulator machine. After this we got the opportunity to build a motor powered by a magnet and look at different properties of it. We also got to speak to professionals in the field and students. Next, we got to design and build a small scale skyscraper, we also got the chance to look at other aspects of this job rather than just the building side (for example, how to make a profit). We then had a 20 minute break before going on to do a workshop about liquid nitrogen. We learnt about its properties, things it could be used for and also got to do our own practical experiments with it. The last workshop we took part in was about materials in engineering, in this we got the chance to look at different materials and what they could be used for. To finish the day we had a conclusion where we spoke more about STEM and filled in some evaluation sheets.

## World Book Day

By Grace Clowrey and Ellisia Bowman, Year 8

World Book Day, on 7th March, was celebrated in schools all over the world, by dressing up as book characters and spending time of the day reading. It was celebrated in many ways. How did you spend it?

World Book Day started in 1998 in the UK and was launched by Prime Minister Tony Blair in the Globe Theatre in London. It is now organized by a charity and it takes place in more than 100 countries all over the world - however, some countries celebrate it in April. Primary school children (including some nursery and secondary school children) are given book tokens which take £1 off any book or can be traded for a free World Book Day sponsored book. Over 15 million tokens are given out! This is around one for every child under the age of 18.

World Book Day gives a chance for young children to have their own book and celebrates authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) reading!

2019 £1 books include: *Percy Jackson And The Singer Of Apollo*, *Diary Of Greg Heffley's Best Friend*, *Nought Forever*, *Snap* and many more.

The Book of the Month was *You Against Me* by Jenny Downham, a love story about rich girl Ellie and poor boy Mikey. When Mikey's traumatized sister accuses Ellie's older brother of sexual assault at a party, the two families' futures become entangled. A beautiful novel about class, consent and two young people who should never have fallen in love.

## UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Alex Boardman and Michael Yu who qualified for further Maths Challenges following their recent success in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Alex qualified for the McLaurin paper and Michael for the Pink Kangaroo Paper. 8,000 students qualified for the Pink Kangaroo (Years 10 and 11 combined) and 500 students qualified for the Maclaurin (Year 11 only). Alex is the first ever student at Wath Academy that has qualified for the McLaurin paper.

A fantastic achievement by both Alex and Michael!

## Music Success

Congratulations to the following on their recent ABRSM exam results: Niamh Hazlewood (Grade 5 Singing), Emily Jackson (Grade 4 Singing with Distinction), Alicja Hopko (Grade 3 Piano with Merit), Sienna Thorpe (Grade 4 Piano Distinction), Mille Withington (Grade 2 Clarinet with Merit), Thomas Armitage (Grade 2 Clarinet with Distinction), Tilly Levin Bentley (Grade 3 Flute with Merit), Annabel Pearson (Grade 1 Flute with Merit), Kate Harrison (Grade 4 Alto Saxophone with Distinction), James Jones (Grade 4 Guitar), Grace Clowrey (Grade 2 Guitar with Merit), Hollie Winstanley (Grade 1 Piano with Merit), Tilly Levin Bentley (Grade 1 Piano) and Leah Saxton (Grade 3 Piano with Merit).



# Successful First Year for Wath

Continued from the back page.

## Female Football Scholarship



We are delighted to announce that from September 2019, Wath will also offer the Football Scholarship to female students. The girls' programme has already started training on Thursday evenings, with both internal and external students attending. This opportunity will mirror that of the boys and we expect it to be just as successful with girls joining from Sheffield Wednesday, Doncaster Belles RTC and local grassroots clubs.

## Student Perspective

The players have certainly enjoyed the experience of studying full time, with both internal and external players explaining their positives for the programme;

"I have really enjoyed doing the scholarship programme because it's a great experience, training full time and playing a lot of competitive games on Wednesday afternoons." T. Ward (Former Wath Comprehensive Student)

"I have enjoyed the transition from Swinton to Wath as I now have the chance to receive great education with the football scholarship at the side, this allows me to enjoy regular training and games to improve me as a football player whilst progressing in my education." L. Laird (Former Swinton Student).

The Football Scholarship programme has also benefited our PE department, who have been keen to praise the students involvement in coaching and refereeing the lower schools game. This dedication to the school has seen the players help at Multi Sports Camps, After school games, charity events and even weekend fixtures. The 6th form scholars have set a great example to our lower school students, refereeing, coaching and setting the standard for our current Year 11s to aspire to achieve and be signed onto the Scholarship Programme.

The programmes have already started to take shape for next academic year with many different signings being made for both the male and female programmes. It is positive to see so many players applying for the programme from a variety of backgrounds from Regional Talent Centres, Professional Academy and Development Teams and local schools and grassroots teams. If you are a student and feel you would like to hear more about this opportunity, please contact Mr Flowers on [football@wcs.rotherham.sch.uk](mailto:football@wcs.rotherham.sch.uk) for more details.



## Golf Scholarship

When the partnership with Waterfront Golf was made for this academic year, no one could have imagined the huge success that the programme has brought to Wath Sixth Form. The six golf scholars have had an outstanding provision that has seen them coached by PGA Professional Frank Houlgate, and play and train weekly on one of the best and most challenging local courses around South Yorkshire. The players have used

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state of the art training equipment and as a result seen their handicaps drop significantly. The players have had opportunity to practice daily, whilst also studying A-level or Applied subjects at Sixth Form.



Results have seen some impressive performances, both within our individual and team matches. Ben Schmitt has represented England at both national and international tournaments, with respectable finishes in all. Ben has also been supported within our team results by Charlie Daughtry and Luca Houlgate. Our most significant finish came at St Andrews Scotland, the home of golf, where our team finished 3rd overall in a National tournament at Fairmont Golf Course. This AOC tournament is regarded as one of the strongest fields at college and schools level and the school were extremely proud of the achievements that also included Charlie finishing 3rd individually.



Frank Houlgate has been extremely pleased with how

the programme has started and is already looking forward to the next academic year that will include its first female golfer.

The golf scholarship team have also found themselves on work experience at Waterfront, understanding and developing knowledge into the business and coaching that is involved in running a golf course of WaterFront's size. This experience has been greatly received by the players and one that gives them an even greater gratitude to the hard work that is put into the scholarship. This partnership between school, student and golf club is excelling, one that Mr Shaw is keen to develop over years to come.

This unique opportunity has already had some fantastic students apply for next academic year, with the team looking even stronger! If you would like to hear more about the opportunity at Wath and Waterfront, please contact [sixthform@wcs.rotehrham.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@wcs.rotehrham.sch.uk) for more details.



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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.**

# News, Politics and Current Affairs:

## How Old Should Children Be to Own a Phone?

By Grace Clowrey, Year 8

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New research has shown that most children are given their first smartphone at the age of 11. The survey, which was carried out by money services company OneFamily, found that about one in three parents worry about the age their children should be allowed to use the internet without parental supervision.

I believe that this age is pretty good, because you need a phone for secondary school, to chat to friends, decide where you go after school, and phone friends and parents. However, children under the age of 11 should still be allowed devices such as iPods and tablets, to listen to music and use the internet.

How old do you think you should be to have a phone?

## Nation's Favourite Chocolate Bars

By Emily Rodgers, Year 7

According to statistics about the amount eaten per year, the UK's favourite chocolate snack is Cadbury Dairy Milk. Other popular purchases include Snickers, Bounty, Flake and Twirl. You might disagree with me but I think that these are very wrong, so much so that I decided to survey fellow journalists at *The Torch*. Here are our views about what should be the top five:

1. Toblerone
2. Maltesers
3. Twirl
4. Aero
5. Kit-Kat

What do you think?

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## Galapagos Tortoise Found Again

By Emily Rodgers, Year 7

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A tortoise thought to be extinct for more than 100 years has been discovered on the Galapagos isle of Fernandina after a team of people discovered bite marks in some stalks and footprints around the island.

Unfortunately, several species of animals are in the firing line to suffer the same fate as these tortoises:

- Vaquita – less than 12 in total
- Amur Leopards – 84 left in the world
- Mountain Gorillas – 790 left in the world
- Sumatran Elephant – 2,500 left in the world
- Sumatran Orangutan – 6,600 left in the world
- Saola – 70–700 left in the world
- South China Tiger – thought extinct
- Javan Rhino – less than 60
- Pangolin – 300 killed per day

Some animals, such as the Giant Panda have been saved from the brink of extinction with the help of zoos and charities. I believe, with help, we could save more.

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# News From Around the Globe

## Jeffery Star Cosmetic Line Stolen

By Emily Balais, Year 11

The internet superstar Jeffery Star has released his new makeup line, Blue Blood, which has already sold out worldwide and has also been the number 1 trending topic in the world. But in the weeks leading up to the launch, Jeffery was very quiet on social media, and here's the reason why.

On the morning of March 15th, Jeffery uploaded a reveal of the Blue Blood collection. That night, at around 1:00 am, one of Jeffery's stock and shipping facilities was broken into and over \$2.5 million of makeup products was stolen. He said: "It is the biggest theft I have ever been involved in my entire career and the biggest hit to a brand." On Saturday 30th March a photo popped up on social media of one of Jeffery's stolen concealers, before he had even launched them.

Jeffery thinks that it was an inside job or possibly someone who used to work for him and he said that he now has all of his products spread around in different facilities. The robbers came through the roof of his warehouse and he said that it was "gut wrenching".

Jeffery was on his way back from Dallas when one of his employees called him and told him that some of the 'Northern Lights' highlighter pallets had been stolen and a whole shade of concealers (colour C5 is one of 30 shades from his new collection). The robbers had taken thousands from the warehouse.

When a picture of the concealers popped up on Facebook, Jeffery hired a full team of private investigators and is also working with the FBI to try and solve the case. They found out the robbers were black market makeup dealers who had hit Anastasia (Beverly Hills) about a year ago and stole \$4.5 million from her as well. The PIs managed to track down the person who leaked the photo on Facebook and they are now in prison until they find out how the photo came into their possession.

On the bright side, Jeffery said that he is not cancelling the launch and he is very proud of the products he has created.

## S.U.M.O.

By Maxton Hutchinson, Year 7

S.U.M.O. is an acronym for 'Shut Up, Move On' or 'Stop, Understand, Move On' depending on the situation and was created by a man called Paul Mcgee. Paul has a YouTube Channel in which he talks about S.U.M.O. and other things such as M.A.D. (which is another acronym and this one means 'Make A Difference' as he believes that everyone makes a difference).

S.U.M.O. is used to help people cope with different problems whether that be exams, family problems like a bereavement or something completely different so see how S.U.M.O. can help you with your problems.

A S.U.M.O. card has 7 questions. The first one is: Where is the problem on a scale of 1-10? This is to help you put the problem into perspective. Question 2: how important will this be in 6 months' time? An example of this is exams; you might not be thinking about them much right now but in 6 months' time, they will be important as you are waiting for the results to see how you did. Question 3: is my response appropriate and effective? Question 4: how can I influence or improve the situation? Question 5: what can I learn from this? Question 6: what will I do differently next time? Question 7: what can I find that is positive in this situation?

This is a good way of dealing with problems if other way are not really working for you. Check out the S.U.M.O. website at: <http://www.thesumoguy.com/>.

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## Luke Perry Suffers Fatal Stroke

By Emily Balaiss, Year 11

Luke Perry, 52, who plays Fred Andrews in the Netflix show *Riverdale*, was rushed to hospital after suffering a stroke at his home in LA.

Paramedics were called to his home in Sherman Oaks on Wednesday, and although family members claimed he was put into an induced coma, his representative says the star was sedated. It was reported that his stroke was 'massive' and when paramedics arrived at his home, he was responsive, but his condition was deteriorated, and he was rushed to hospital.

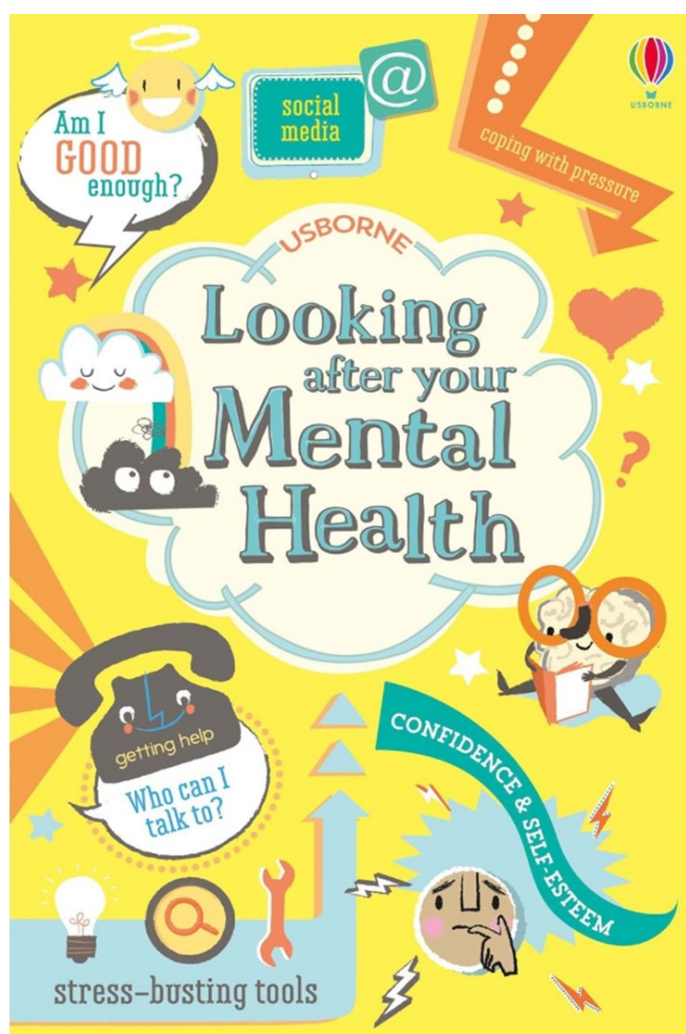
Strokes are often caused by clots or bleeds in the brain and the effects vary greatly in severity; patients have a better chance of recovery the faster they are rushed to hospital. Unfortunately, it was revealed that on 4th March 2019 Luke had not recovered from his stroke and died in hospital care. He passed away in St Joseph's Hospital in Burbank surrounded with his family, including his children, and fiancée Wendy Maddison Bauer.

The star was only recently spotted filming scenes on the Warner Brothers Hollywood lot. He had also shot a role in Quentin Tarantino's upcoming Charles Manson film *Once Upon A Time In Hollywood*. On the same day that Luke suffered his stroke, Fox announced that they were going to reboot *Beverly Hills 90210*. The star was yet to sign on to the project, despite his former co-stars – including Tori Spelling, Jennie Grath and Brian Austin Green – already being confirmed.

## Book of the Month

*Looking After Your Mental Health*

Reviewed by Chloe Smith, Year 9



This book is very helpful for people with anxiety; when I read this book it helped me to calm down. It has lots of helpful tips, including advice on friendship and self-esteem. It helped me to feel positive instead of having negative thoughts. I think it would be beneficial for any student to read. Usually, I would never read a book like this but I saw the display in the library and was intrigued. I'm glad that I gave the book a try. I would rate it 5 out of 5!

## The strangest fantastic creatures

By Isobelle Fenton, Year 7

From myth to cartoon to film, all sorts of weird and wonderful creatures have been dreamed up over time. But which is the strangest? We had a vote at *The Torch* and the Cirein Croin came out on top. A vast mythical creature that supposedly lurks on the coasts of Scotland, it can be seen below:

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# Forays into Fiction

## Wolven Meadows

A short story by Isobelle Fenton, Year 7

The trees swayed with the wind as the children played together in the meadow. Daisies and sunflowers were littering the fields that spring morning, and already, the sun shone, warming the earth with its glorious light. The forest around the meadow held many strange and wonderful creatures. There were squirrels and butterflies, toads and birds—all living in harmony. The children loved to play in the field, and even venture into the forest occasionally.

“Ma, can we go play now?” young James asked his mother, who nodded her head. Bethany, James’ mother, had been busy caring for her youngest pup. Spring brought another litter of pups to the family every year, and last year, James, his two sisters, and his three brothers had been born. Sadly, only James and Diane had survived. This year, Bethany had given birth to only five young: Alex, Nina, Madison, George, and Harry—three girls and two boys.

However, she feared that George would not live long, as he was weak, and he would not eat. No matter how much she tried, she could not convince herself that her youngest son would live past the autumn. Meanwhile, Alex and Nina played amidst the flowers, while Madison and Harry watched.

“Will they ever get tired, Harry?” Madison asked, “Or will they play like that forever?” but Harry didn’t reply, he seemed unaware of his surroundings. Finally, he replied, “I think they will eventually tire, and then they will simply trot inside the house,” he paused to think, “or they will lay in the grass.” He giggled, gesturing with his head towards his resting siblings.

As Harry and Madison walked, they bonded, and realised that they had many similarities. They both enjoyed chasing butterflies, and tormenting fish in the stream. When they returned home, they saw their mother with George, and she seemed relieved.

“Oh, hello, there’s good news,” she exclaimed,

“George is eating as he should, and he can walk.” Harry and Madison could not believe it. James walked in, followed by Alex and Nina. George stumbled over to James, who was now old enough to move out, but he didn’t want to yet. He had to comfort his mother. Every day, she would worry about her family, and if James left, she would worry about him even more.

When he returned from hunting and defending the nest, he saw his mother calming all her other children as they huddled around her, their tails wagging. James immediately noticed his mother’s mauled paw. And he knew exactly when it happened. He was outside, and heard paws pattering into the den. He had thought it was just one of his siblings, but it must have been a coyote...

Two years later, Bethany’s paw was healed fully, and James had cubs of his own, who were healthy. Along with that, he finally moved out, and into his own home.

## Careers Corner



Check out the new area of the library: the Careers Corner! In this area, you’ll find books full of advice about how to plan out your future, whatever your next step might be.



# Sport Update

## Sixth Form Scholarship Success

It's been a hugely exciting and successful first year for our new scholarship students at Wath Sixth Form. We were delighted to announce last academic year that we would be offering a Football and Golf Scholarship, that was like no other around the local area. The opportunity to study a variety of A-levels and Applied courses whilst partaking in over 6 hours a week of training in the respective sport. An opportunity that Wath is incredibly proud to offer.

### Football Scholarship

The first year of the Football Scholarship, which is in partnership with Sheffield FC, the world's first football club, is having a fantastic first year, with results which are proving their football capabilities. The scholars are reaching the penultimate part of the season with everything still to play for. The 18 student strong squad are still in contention within the South Yorkshire Cup, Rotherham Cup, South Yorkshire Colleges Flexi League and AOC Yorkshire and Humber League. The students have competed in fixtures every Wednesday, alongside after school fixtures due to their continued cup runs. The success of the team



comes from their continued hard work and dedication to the first year programme, and their abilities to develop and apply their learning from the detailed programme.

Alongside the long positive season, which will conclude in the final academic term, the players have been given opportunities in a variety of enrichment opportunities. The students have participated in a university visits to York St John, American Scholarship Presentations and work experience in a variety of sporting industries, including that of working with Rotherham United's First Team and Sheffield Wednesday's Academy! Finally, 16 scholars participated in their FA Level One Coaching Award

over February Half Term, where they all successfully completed their Level 1 Coaching Certificate. Another encouraging part of the course was two Year 11 girls also participated and completed the course, as the Football Association continue to push the women's game and the coaches within it.

See pages 6 and 7 for more detail.

