

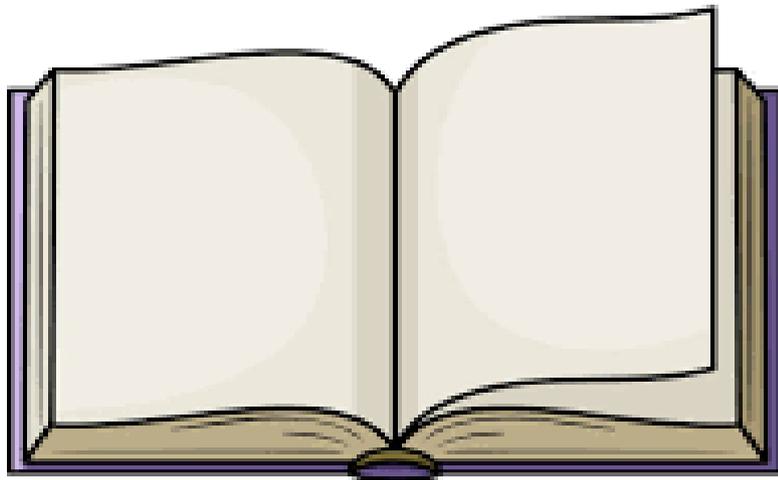
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“NON SOLUM INGENII VERUM ETIAM
VIRTUTIS”

“NOT ONLY THE INTELLECT BUT ALSO
THE CHARACTER.”



Editor's Note

Welcome everyone to the sixth edition of Liverpool College's Middle School Magazine: *College Column*. This release has a particular festive focus in addition to a plethora of interviews with members of staff. Thank you to 8 Brook's, a range of Literacy Leaders and my colleagues for putting together this jam-packed issue.

As always we have included some puzzles. Make sure you complete them and hand in your work to yours truly for a PPC point. Remember: points mean prizes.

Also for your reading pleasure are examples of creative writing, updates on the House Competition League Table, a game review and a piece of opinion writing.

I have been very fortunate to be on two school trips since the release of the last instalment of *College Column*. Along with the Classics department and a mixture of Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils, I went to The Bay of Naples. Additionally, my Key Stage 3 Literacy Leaders went to see *Still Alice* at the Liverpool Playhouse. Read about both trips here.

Finally, as always, thank you to **YOU** the reader for picking up this copy and thank you to my contributors. Happy Holidays!

Mr Farnan – Assistant Head of Howson's

House Competitions

Term 1 League Table: 3rd September – 19th October

1st - Howson's

2nd - Butler's

3rd - Howard's

4th - Brook's

5th - School

6th - Selwyn's

*Term 2 League Table: 31st October - Present

*As of Friday 30th November 2018. Results for Term 2 will be published in Issue 7.

1st - School

2nd – Howson's

3rd – Howard's

4th – Butler's

5th – Selwyn's

6th – Brook's

House Competitions (November 2018 – December 2018)

Year 7 Quiz

- 1st - School
- 2nd – Brook's
- 3rd – Butler's
- 4th - Howard's
- 5th – Howson's
- 6th – Selwyn's

Year 8 Quiz

- 1st - Butler's
- 2nd - School
- 3rd - Howson's
- 4th - Howard's
- 5th - Brook's
- 6th - Selwyn's

Year 9 Quiz

- 1st - Howson's
- 2nd - School
- 3rd - Howard's
- 4th - Brook's/Butler's/Selwyn's

Dodgeball

1st – Howard's

2nd – Butler's

3rd – Selwyn's

4th - School

5th – Brook's

6th – Howson's

Art Competition

Overall Winner (£40 voucher)

Olivia H (HSN)

Prize Winners (£20 voucher)

Emily T (SEL)

Chloe P (HOW)

Lili L (SEL)

Lucia M-S (HSN).

Runners up

Amilia W (HSN)

Armani A (HSN)

Sean R (HSN)

Manu B (HSN)

Freya N (HSN)

An interview with Mr Turbitt - Head of Brook's

Are you enjoying your role as Head of Brook's?

It's great to be back as Head of Brook's and to be able to assist pupils from all over the school. As a Head of Year you only see one part of the picture so I feel really involved again in all aspects of Liverpool College life.

What advice do you have for the pupils of Year 7 Brook's?

Now you've all settled in so well, really enjoy your lessons. Ask as many questions as you can and live the subjects. One of my own regrets at school is that I didn't do too many activities outside of lessons. Take part. When you're part of a team those friendships can last a lifetime.

What have been your highlights as Head of Brook's so far in this academic year?

Children in Need was great. So many pupils raised so much money with a few wonderful pupils raising over £100 each.

What do you want the pupils of Brook's to accomplish in this academic year?

To have courage. Stand up for what you want to achieve and to say "I will do this, I will take part. I will give my all to everything I do."

What words come to mind when you think of Brook's?

So far this year, in talking to the pupils every day in the house space, I have realised that the pupils have so much heart. They care for each other as best they can, support each other as best they can and protect each other as best they can. They can also fall out with each other and take the roof off the place. That's what happens in every family. And that's what Brook's is. Family.

An interview with Miss McCone - Assistant Head of Brook's and House Mentor of 7 Brook's

Are you enjoying your role as Assistant Head of Brook's?

It is great, I have got to meet a lot more students and I have a great team of form tutors in Brook's that make my job a lot easier.

Were you sad to leave Howson's after a very successful 2017/2018 academic year?

Very sad. We formed a great house with excellent house spirit which led to us coming on the top of the leader board!

What advice do you have for your Year 7 Brook's pupils?

Be kind. It doesn't take a lot of effort but it can really make someone's day whether it's a student or staff.

What have been your highlights as Assistant Head of Brook's so far in this academic year?

Getting to watch Brook's compete in the multiple house competitions. Dodgeball was definitely my favourite to watch and cheer on!

Are you enjoying your role as Year 7 Brook's House Mentor?

My form are the best form in Year 7 by far, so of course I am. I feel very lucky to have such a great group of students.

Have you enjoyed working alongside Mr Turbitt on your journey to take Brook's to glory?

It's been great learning from someone who has had years of experience in a pastoral job role. I feel like I am benefitting a lot from working with him.

Explain what Brook's did for Children in Need 2018.

Each form in Brook's, from year 7 the whole way to year 13, discussed how they were going to raise money within their year

group. We had a range of activities that included, guess how many sweets there are in a jar, guess the teddy's name, guess the baby teacher and sponsored silences. One student completed a marathon outside of school and we had a Staff versus Sixth Form netball game. The staff were highly competitive and won the game 7-1. I was overwhelmed with the involvement from students. My door never shut with all the ideas and contributions I had from students during the course of the week. I am very thankful to have such a great house that are highly motivated to help others.

In the baby teacher quiz, which staff picture amused you the most and why?

Probably Mrs Miller, as she hasn't changed one bit!

What was your reaction to the amount of money you raised?

I was shocked when myself and the sixth form team counted it in. I was expecting about £500. To raise £1025 was unbelievable. I was so proud of how charitable Brook's house was.

What do you think the whole school should do for the next Children in Need event?

I would like to do a whole house event on the same day where everyone wears yellow accessories and we could get a few members of staff to dress up as Pudsey and definitely more Staff versus Student events as they were a lot of fun.

Why is Children in Need important to you?

Children in Need supports children and young people with a range of disadvantages, from poverty and deprivation to children who have suffered abuse or neglect. As a teacher these are particular problems that can affect a lot of school children and I want to try my best to help.

Mr. S. Bartlett interviewing Mr. W. Bartlett

Last year he was the devoted House Mentor of 7 Brook's. This year, he's the Assistant Head of Butler's. Here's your favourite Latin and Classics teacher being grilled by his former pupil.

In the first few weeks of having 7 Brook's what was your first impression?

I thought you were a wonderful group, full of personality!

What have been the funniest moments for you in your teaching career?

In form, Reem's jokes were so bad they were good.

How did you feel when almost everyone in the 7 Brook's disagreed on Harry Kane being the best footballer?

I didn't mind it at all; Liverpool fans don't always understand the truth. (Editor's Note: Liverpool beat Tottenham 2-1 this season. That's the truth.)

How did you feel about leaving Brook's and going to Butler's?

I was sad to leave Brooks but proud to take up a new position as Assistant Head of Butler's.

You are a Latin and a Classics teacher. How did you feel about the progression of those you taught last year?

I was very lucky to teach so many people Latin and Classics. I think they all enjoyed the subject in one way or another.

Do you have any tips for Mr Crossey the new Brook's form tutor?

Don't let the girls talk too much.

How do you feel about your old 7 Brook's class being taught by an Arsenal supporter?

I think that whatever football team you support doesn't affect whether you are a good teacher or not, even if Mr Crossey does support Arsenal.

Having been in the school for a year now what do you like and what do you dislike?

I like teaching all of my pupils and I'm not the biggest fan of marking!

An interview with Mr Crossey – House Mentor of Year 8 Brook's

What is the funniest moment you have had in teaching, so far?

Making slime with Year 7 pupils in my last school. Complete Disaster. Funny though.

What were your first opinions of your new form 8 Brook's?

Loud but a nice bunch.

What are your favourite subjects?

Any Science. Mostly Chemistry. DT, Business Studies and PE.

What is your favourite and least favourite areas of science?

Favourite: anything with lots of practicals. Least: Geology.

What is your favourite song?

Changes every day, but Jailbreak – Thin Lizzy is always up there.

If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

Working in a lab most likely.

What is your overall opinion of the school so far?

Great staff, great pupils and a solid canteen. So I can't complain.

As you support Arsenal, how do you feel knowing that your form was once led by Mr Bartlett: a Tottenham supporter.

I feel sorry that the form had to go through that.

**BREAKING
NEWS**



Shocking, I know, but true. To prove it, here's a range of teachers discussing their favourite things about this festive time of year.

Mr. P. Crossey

Favourite Christmas Film? Die Hard

Favourite Christmas TV Special? The Simpsons

Favourite Christmas food? The only answer to this is pigs in blankets.

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? A supersoaker or socks.

What you do want for Christmas this year? More socks?

Favourite Christmas song? Darlene Love – Baby, Please Come Home

Mrs. N. Diamond

What is your favourite Christmas film? Love Actually

What is your favourite Christmas television special? Downton Abbey

What is your favourite Christmas food? Christmas pudding, with loads of custard.

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? A skateboard when I was 13!

What do you want for Christmas this year? Some smart boots to stop my feet getting wet in the Liverpool College puddles!

Favourite Christmas song? Pogues - Fairytale of New York

Ms. R. Snyder

What is your favourite Christmas film? Elf

What is your favourite Christmas television special? The Royle Family

What is your favourite Christmas food? Mince pies

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? A kitten

What do you want for Christmas this year? A new car

Mr G. Wilson

Favourite Christmas film? Home Alone

Favourite Christmas TV special? Father Ted

Favourite Christmas song? Pogues – Fairytale of New York

Favourite Christmas food? Epic Boxing Day leftovers sandwiches

Best Christmas present you've ever received? Subbuteo in 1990

What do you want for Christmas this year? Absolutely no idea. Health is wealth and everything else is a bonus.

Ms. H. Roddy

Favourite Christmas film? Love Actually

Favourite Christmas TV special? Absolutely Fabulous

Favourite Christmas food? Gold Quality Streets

Best Christmas present you've ever seen someone receive? The best Christmas present I ever saw anyone receive was when my cousin thought he was getting a car and ended up getting a cow.

What do you want for Christmas this year? Definitely not a cow.

Dr. E. Atkins

What is your favourite Christmas film? Scrooged

What is your favourite Christmas television special? Dr Who

What is your favourite Christmas song? The Little Drummer Boy (Peace on Earth) – David Bowie and Bing Crosby

What is your favourite Christmas food? Trifle

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? Big Trak

What do you want for Christmas this year? A rest

Mrs Y. Shepherd

What is your favourite Christmas film?

'Elf' with Will Ferrell. It's the story of a tall human who was brought up as an elf after accidentally crawling into Father Christmas's sack as a baby. When he returns to earth at Christmas time as an adult to find the father who lost him, the reunion is not a simple one. My 10 year old daughter and 80+ year old Dad love watching this together.

What is your favourite Christmas television special?

I manage to persuade my husband to watch the Strictly Come Dancing Christmas special every year. He claims not to enjoy it as much as me, but I'm not convinced.

What is your favourite Christmas song?

The song 'Toyland' sung

by Doris Day. I first heard this as a child on an LP bought by my Dad. I've never forgotten the lyrics:

"Mystic merry toy land

Once you pass its borders

You can ne'er return again"

What is your favourite Christmas food?

A chocolate selection pack.

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received?

Definitely our new born baby daughter being brought home from hospital, just in time for Christmas .

What do you want for Christmas this year?

I've asked for membership for Monkey World in Dorset. I'm a huge fan of the show about the monkeys rescued from appalling cruelty in the world. This year I intend to visit the centre in person as a member.

Ms. E. Shaw

What is your favourite Christmas film? Flash Gordon

What is your favourite Christmas television special? The Vicar of Dibley

What is your favourite Christmas food? Yule log.

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? That's a tough one. The best one I got last year was a Christmas tree ornament in the shape of a walrus.

What do you want for Christmas this year? A lemur.

Favourite Christmas song? Mariah Carey - All I Want For Christmas

Ms. E. Wood

What is your favourite Christmas film? It's got to be The Polar Express

What is your favourite Christmas television special? The Royle Family is the first to come to mind!

What is your favourite Christmas food? Pigs in blankets

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? It's a toss-up between a trip to my home town and tickets to see The Wombats!

What do you want for Christmas this year?

I'm hoping for a new copy of The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Mine's looking a bit battered.

Favourite Christmas song? Band Aid - Do They Know It's Christmas

Ms. L. Kennedy

What is your favourite Christmas film? Santa Claus: The Movie

What is your favourite Christmas television special? Gavin & Stacey

What is your favourite Christmas food? Roasties or pigs in blankets!

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? A spa break to my favourite hotel in the Lakes!

What do you want for Christmas this year? Anything from Jo Malone

Favourite Christmas song? Otis Redding - White Christmas

Ms. O. McCone

What is your favourite Christmas film? Elf/ Nightmare Before Christmas

What is your favourite Christmas television special? Anything that comes on with David Attenborough. Does that count as Christmas?

What is your favourite Christmas food? MINCE PIES!!!

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? A trip to Iceland/ a ticket to see Jurassic Park with a live orchestra (I love dinosaurs).

What do you want for Christmas this year? A holiday to somewhere warm, where it doesn't rain like England!

Mr. T. Farnan

What is your favourite Christmas film? The Muppet Christmas Carol.

What is your favourite Christmas television special? The Royle Family, Father Ted or Only Fools and Horses.

What is your favourite Christmas food? Chestnut stuffing.

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received? My record player.

What do you want for Christmas this year? Liverpool to be top of the Premiership.

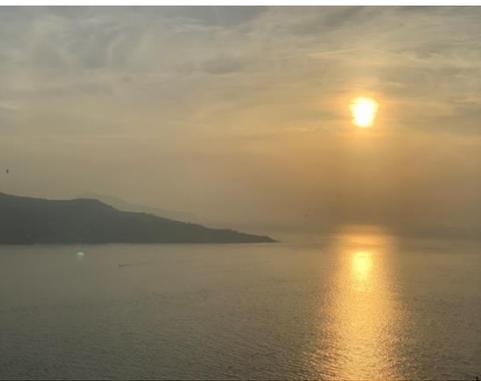
What is your favourite Christmas song? Weezer – The Christmas Song

The Bay of Naples by Yassin Y



On 20th October 2018, an airplane set off to Naples Capodichino Airport for an interesting adventure to Italy, for the first time in several years. Thankfully, despite everybody's fears that the poor-quality plane may crash, the aircraft landed safely in Naples. Directly to Naples Archaeological Museum, the coach comfortably took us swiftly to the museum, where many famous Italian masterpieces including statues from the Roman period are displayed.

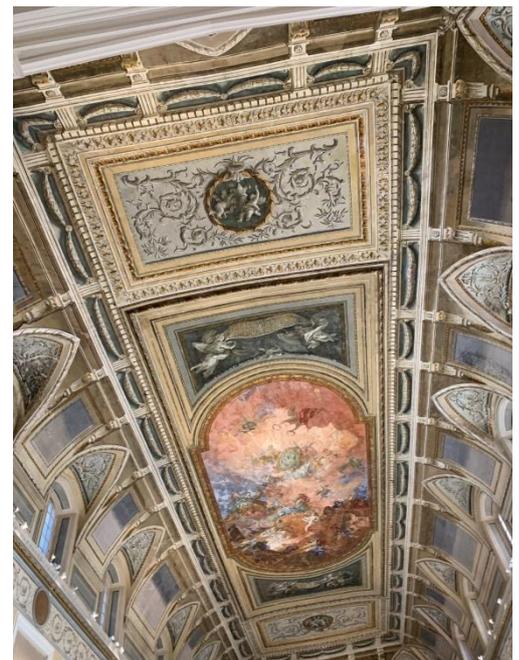
Afterwards, after an exhausting day, the group, including me, arrived at the hotel by the sea, Hotel Klein Wien. It was a 3-star hotel that had impressive views, but the journey up to the rooms was an entire 5 floors - this gave the teachers a reason to ban students from the balcony.



Picturesque scenes were seen from different places around Naples, from tranquil sunsets to high cliffs, it was a perfect time to take stunning photographs such as these. A once-in-a-lifetime experience. The dinner... well let's say it was not what most expected from an Italian hotel pasta. I will not elaborate upon the food because I would still highly recommend anyone reading this article that has not yet had the pleasure to visit this place to go, but I suggest bringing a backup snack if you are a fussy eater.

(Editor's Note: The food was delicious. There was nothing wrong with it.) The beds were average, yet, of course, to ruin my fun, I was put, despite all the other high-quality rooms, in the smallest and darkest room,

yet I was not too much disturbed by this.



On the second day, which was a Sunday, we had a continental breakfast provided by the hotel; croissants to fill with any spread. Unlike their dinner, Hotel Klein Wien managed to impress the harshest food critic in Italy. Swiftly after that, Liverpool College set off for yet another unpredictable adventure in Herculaneum.

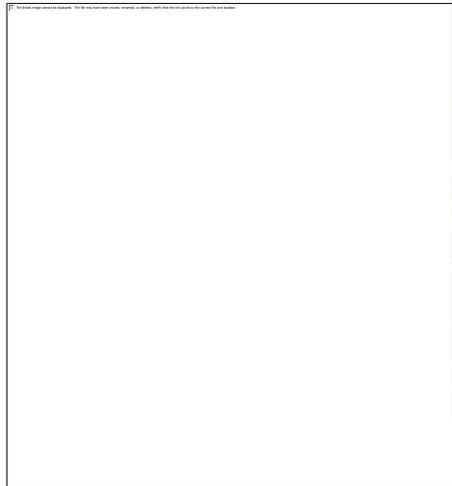


At Herculaneum, after a long coach trip, we arrived at the main activity for the day. However, it was not the sight everybody was expecting; it looked like a group of abandoned and destroyed buildings more than anything else. Despite this, the whole group really enjoyed the visit – especially the frightening skeletons that were peculiarly still present and visible after millennia of when the people died.

At the bottom of the site, there was a colossal swamp that was filled with dirty water, dead plants, debris and all of the



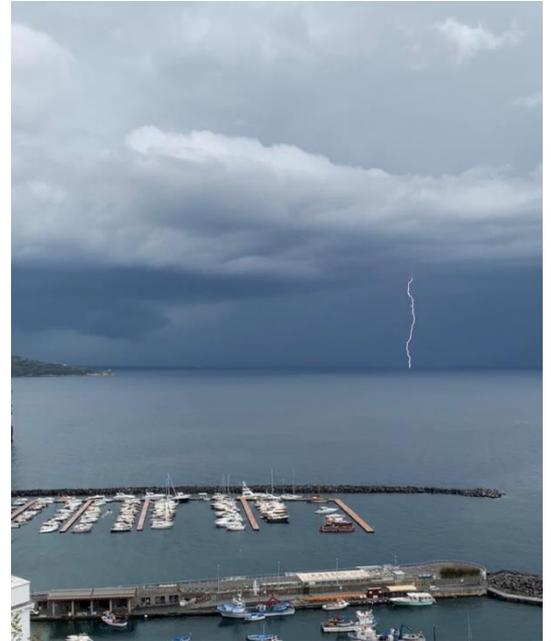
other swamp miscellaneous. But the thing that caught most of our eyes was the creatures living there. These included frogs, lizards, geckos and rats.



This day was fun and educational and taught us a lot about how the people of Italy died in Vesuvius. The group of 2018 was back in action when we went for a shopping spree in Sorrento and it was incredible. People bought umbrellas, hats, chocolate (tons of chocolate), posters, sunglasses, sweets, many attempted at buying Napoli and Tottenham t-shirts yet found them too expensive and others bought calendars. It was a hectic day. It reminded us all of our own Liverpool One and it reminded us of home, yet we were all too distracted by the excitement of the night. Then, to make things even better, Dr McNamara treated the whole group to some Italian ice cream.

Throughout the night clouds collided making the whole of the city tremble in fear while the sky was flashing with a bright white light as if it were an explosive. The group woke up with an unwelcoming scene that was quite the fright. Blinding lightning bolts lit up the sea just a few miles away from the coast. As seen in the photograph on the right, the lightning was a thin line, like you may see on various pirate and adventure television programmes.

After waking up, we all had yet another one of the hotel's breakfasts that were surely not as bad as their meals. We headed towards Pompeii. As the song says "The walls kept tumbling down in the city that we love. Great clouds rolled over the hills bringing darkness from above". This was the song that was running through most of our heads, named 'Pompeii' by pop artist Bastille. It indeed was a sad sight, seeing the shapes of the exact positions of the people when they were compressed in the ash. Some were children, some were dogs, some were lying down in fear. It must have been a terrible death to experience.



Walking through the dull city, there were indeed roads, but they were all very uneven and hard to walk on, which proved to be very irritating when you have to walk a couple of miles to get back to the coach while being attacked by heavy bullets of water from the sky. The floor was wet and slippery, we were wet and tired, but despite this, we all had the time of our lives.

Then, we arrived at the hotel for the final time in Italy. However, this time, the meal was divine. It was chicken and chips. The fussy eaters' stomachs may now be back in business. After dinner was over, before we went back into our rooms for the final time, the teachers decided to host a humorous quiz. The first section was 'Name That Person'. A riddle was to be made about one of the surnames of one of the people on the trip, for instance, one question was, "Cows graze here" so the answer was 'field' and indeed there was a person whose surname was Field. Another section was about occurrences that happened during the trip, like how much the Tottenham Hotspurs shirt was that Mr Bartlett was planning to buy. The night ended in a humorous 'Happy Birthday' song to my brother on the trip whose birthday was that night. We all slept extremely late and had to wake up at around 2:15 am, which left us with approximately 4 hours and a half to sleep: how fun...



A few hours later, we woke up, not on our alarms, but a thunderous knock from the teachers, who were happily circulating the rooms to see who has or hasn't woken up or packed for the long trip ahead of us to get back to the UK. Later, we had a quick breakfast and then we were off. Arriving at around 5 in the morning, when the sun had not yet emerged, we entered the modern airport of Naples that had a vast television screen with various departure times and the one marked 'MANCHESTER AIRPORT' said that the flight would be delayed a further 2 hours. This led us to spend another two hours in the duty-free shopping area, like last time. Many travellers, including me, slept sweetly on the sofas in the centre of the shopping area, while others roamed around contemplating on how to spend the spare £5 per child that was given. Eventually, as the flight took off, we all said a big farewell to the beautiful country of Italy.



Pompeii Trip Review

By Lucy C

Exciting, enjoyable and interesting: three words to describe the Pompeii trip.

My favourite day out of the whole trip has to be the second day, where we travelled to Herculaneum and had free time in the town Sorrento. Herculaneum was quite easy to find your way around. However, whenever you got a bit lost you would always find something interesting around the corner e.g. a house, a painting. We then had pizza for our dinner and the pizza was delicious!

Sorrento was very nice to walk around in the evening and we all appreciated the free time and spent it well. On that day we had gelato, which was absolutely mouth-watering.

The next day was the day we had all been waiting for, travelling to Pompeii. We were all waiting for this because we had all heard so much about Pompeii from the books we study in school. We visited the amphitheatre, and some of us sang there. We also caught a glimpse of Caecilius's house, which everyone knows about. Everyone on the trip loved Caecilius so much that the slogan of the trip was "Caecilius est in horto" (Caecilius is in the garden).

On the last day we travelled back at a very early time of 3:00am, which was too early for all of us. When I arrived home I wished the trip would have lasted longer because it was so much fun and very interesting. I think I'm speaking for everyone on the trip saying it was one of the most enjoyable school trips of the year. I hope Dr McNamara organises another trip with the Classics Department because I'm sure it would be just as fun.

Finally, I just want to say thank you to Dr McNamara and the Classics Department.

An interview with Miss Knoop

Why do you think future pupils should go on The Bay of Naples trip?

We were able to experience first-hand the wonders of Pompeii and Herculaneum, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We stood in the shoes of the Romans as we learned about their everyday lives, walking the same streets as they did, more than two thousand years ago.

What were your particular highlights of this year's Bay of Naples trip?

One particular highlight for me was the MAV (Virtual Archaeological Museum), which used immersive 3D technology to help us understand the power and devastation of the eruption, as well as the glory and grandeur of Herculaneum before the blast. Another highlight was the beautiful sea views of the Bay of Naples we all admired from the hotel balcony.

What did you prefer: Herculaneum or Pompeii?

I find Herculaneum smaller and simpler to navigate – the sheer size of Pompeii can be overwhelming. Also, parts of Herculaneum are fantastically well preserved, and the houses are grand and impressive. The sight of the skeletons in the boat houses was a shocking and sobering experience. The relentless rain and thunder may have also slightly dampened our experience of Pompeii!

What other trips would you like to be available for Liverpool College pupils?

I've always wanted to visit Athens to learn more about the history of the ancient Greeks – maybe one day!

What would you like to say to Dr McNamara for organising the Bay of Naples trip?

*I would like to say a huge thank you to Dr McNamara – it is a huge undertaking to run a trip like this, and I think every pupil and teacher on the trip appreciates the massive effort she put in to make the visit a rewarding, enjoyable and memorable experience. **(Editor's Note: I couldn't agree more. Thank you, Dr McNamara.)***

An interview with Dr McNamara

Why do you think future pupils should go on The Bay of Naples trip?

No matter how many Latin and Classics lessons you have, there is nothing better for understanding the Romans and Greeks than actually visiting the places they lived, worked, played and worshipped; you can see for yourself how

it felt and looked, and it makes you ask questions that we sometimes just don't think of in the classroom. We really are so lucky to have Pompeii and Herculaneum in such an amazing state of preservation – even though it was terribly unlucky for the poor people who lived there!

What were your particular highlights of this year's Bay of Naples trip?

I really enjoyed the virtual museum at Herculaneum, which we only went to because Vesuvius was closed to visitors. It's quite new, so I had never been there before and it was great quality, on the whole (though some of the speaking holograms were a bit rubbish!).

I also LOVED getting into the House of the Vettii in Pompeii – it's usually closed and it's one of the most... err... vividly decorated houses in Pompeii. Mr Farnan's quiz was also outstanding.

What did you prefer: Herculaneum or Pompeii?

Pompeii, this year – the thunder and lightning made it weirdly atmospheric.

What other trips would you like to be available for Liverpool College pupils?

I ran a trip to Greece a few years ago and would love to do that again (Athens, Delphi, Olympia, AMAZING!). Also, there's no place like Rome. But I'm tempted to do a trip in the UK, too – Hadrian's Wall is cool, and a big, strong reminder that the Romans left lots of marks on our own landscape.

What would you like to say to the pupils that went on the Bay of Naples trip?

Thank you so much for coming, and for being such excellent company throughout. Caecilius est in horto!

Comments from pupils

'The trip was amazing: from jumping in puddles in Pompeii, to eating pizza in Sorrento, to sitting up until 2am waiting out the thunderstorm, it was amazing, and everyone loved it. One of the best times of my life!'

'My favourite memory was the night in Sorrento, as the shopping and gelato were very fun and later that night there was a thunderstorm and power-cut and it was hilarious because everyone in our room screamed!'

Still Alice

On November 8th, a group of us in Year 9 were lucky enough to be taken, by Mr Farnan and Miss Knoop, to the Liverpool Playhouse to see a performance of Still Alice.

A summary of the plot: a fifty-year-old woman(Alice) starts to develop early-onset Alzheimer's, and the story follows her as she comes to realise the condition she has and how she deteriorates from an ambitious, intellectual and independent woman, to a scared, helpless and passive one. Throughout the play, Alice has her mind portrayed as a human character, whom she interacts with, which I thought was a very clever, visual way of showing what is actually going through someone's head when they are suffering with an illness like this. Another great technique used was the way that at the beginning the set was filled with lots of props (i.e kitchen units, sofas, armchairs), but as the performance progressed the props filtered out, conveying the emptiness not only on stage but in Alice's head.

I found the play extremely moving, although in cases quite difficult to watch due to the pure reality, brilliantly executed within the phenomenal acting. I think it is very easy for one, when hearing heart-wrenching stories like those of someone with Alzheimer's, to think about how awful it is for the sufferer. What this play did excellently was not only show that awful aspect of it but it also enhanced the sheer struggle families and loved ones go through, whilst watching and dealing with this process. Alzheimer's and Dementia are both atrocious illnesses, and although it may be hard to take in the reality, it definitely showed me personally how lucky I am now in life, and that you should endeavour to enjoy every bit of it!

Overall it was a superb play with a truly touching storyline, beautiful performances and it was fabulous to watch! Thank you very much for Mr Farnan and Ms Knoop for organising it –I loved it!

Below is an original written by a Literacy Leader based on the storyline of *Still Alice*.

Are you still there?

The unravelling,
The unlearning,
The not knowing,
It consumes you.

I can see you reaching for a word or phrase,
It being on the tip of your tongue,
But you still can't find it.
It's as if the person you are is slipping through my fingers.

I find you awake worrying about where you are,
Who you are,
Why you're here!
You're losing everything and I don't know how to help you,
And the worst part is there's no fighting or escaping it,
Are you really going to leave me?
Will I be all alone?

Is the witty and sociable woman I once knew still in there?
Is the mother to my children still in there?
Is the woman I once loved still in there?

Are you even still living?
Or are you just alive?
Would you want this if the former you could see yourself now?
At night I dream of you,
The real you I mean,
Are trapped inside a prison cell,
able to see the key,
But unable to reach it,
Trapped by the prison that is your own mind?

I wish with my entire being I could help you remember me,
Remember us,
Remember them,
And remember yourself.

I love you.
But you don't even know me

An interview with Miss Knoop

Did you enjoy Still Alice?

I thought it was a great play, and the acting was fantastic. It was interesting to see the creative way the progression of Alice's dementia was staged – using two actresses. It was a very emotional but heart-warming production.

Why do you think it's important to expose students to different adaptations of texts?

I think the more opportunities students have to experience different adaptations of texts, the more they are able to appreciate the joy of language and the vast wealth of literature available to them.

Were you impressed by the mature reactions and interpretations from the Year 9 pupils?

The Year 9 pupils not only behaved impeccably, but also fully engaged with the play and responded with emotional maturity. They were keen to discuss and debate their experience afterwards, in an articulate and thoughtful way.

Would you have liked to have been a Literacy Leader when you were a pupil?

I have been a book lover all my life, but I didn't have much opportunity to visit the theatre as a school pupil – I would have relished the chance to experience the magic of plays as the Literacy Leaders do!

Are you looking forward to seeing A Christmas Carol and The Girl on the Train with the Literacy Leaders?

I am looking forward to seeing A Christmas Carol, not only as an introduction for Year 9 to one of their GCSE texts, but also it's a wonderful way to start feeling festive. However, as a crime thriller enthusiast, I am especially excited to see the dark and chilling novel, The Girl on the Train, reproduced on the stage!

Christmas Word Search

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ANGEL
HOLLY
NEW YEAR
RUDOLPH
SNOW
TURKEY

BAUBLE
MINCEPIES
PRESENTS
SANTA
STAR

BOXING DAY
MISTLETOES
REINDEER
SLEIGH
TREE

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A Christmas Word Search

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❖ Christmas

❖ Bethlehem

❖ Christmas Dinner

❖ Turkey

❖ Reindeers

❖ Gingerbread Man

❖ Brussel sprouts

❖ Christmas Tree

❖ Milk and Cookies

❖ Candy Cane

❖ Giving

❖ Advent Calendar

❖ Santa

❖ Snowman

❖ Presents

❖ Angel

❖ Elves

❖ Stockings

❖ Baby Jesus

❖ Wreath

Christmas Jokes

Q. How is the alphabet different on Christmas?

A. There's Noel.

Q. Why did Scrooge keep a pet lamb?

A. Because it would say 'Baaaaahhh Humbug.'

Q. What's Santa's favourite food snack?

A. Crisp Pringles.

The story of the rich tea biscuit

When I've not been well,
My mum says to me,
Just eat something light,
Perhaps a rich tea?

Sometimes I nibble,
Or break them in two,
But a half won't fit in,
So I chew and I chew.

Sometimes I dunk them,
And count up to three,
But if they're too floppy,
They swim in my tea!

One day I stopped
And I started to think,
How must it feel
To be dunked in a drink?

How must it feel
Being nibbled or chewed,
And how does it feel
Ending up... somewhere rude?

Yes I like rich tea
But do they like me?
When they go in my tummy
What is it they see?...

...Bugs and germs
That made me sick,
Chased by good guys,
Double quick.

All my thoughts,
And what I feel,
Whirling round ,
Like one big wheel.

My bones, and heart,
Each body part,
Pipes and veins,
Lined up like trains.

A factory,
That makes up me,



And lots of gruel,
That gives me fuel.

My favourite stew
Chewed up like goo
Noodles and pancakes
And lamb vindaloo

Sweets and meats
And tasty treats
All mixed together
Sloppy like glue...

...Ready to come out
(When I do a big poo!!!)

Do they hear
My blood go pump?
Each tummy growl...
Each smelly trump?

If that really is,
The life of rich tea,
It's tough being a biscuit,
Don't you agree?



CONOR MCGREGOR VS KHABIB



McGregor's unstoppable run at the start of his UFC career was largely fought at featherweight. His first bout in UFC, a first round technical knockout win over Marcus Brimage in 2013, was fought at lightweight, as was his famous 13-second drilling of Jose Aldo two years later. The whole world recently watched Conor McGregor get humiliated and destroyed by Khabib. Khabib Nurmagomedov finally applied the neck crank, and almost immediately Conor McGregor's right hand struck his left shoulder in succession, a signal of submission, and the proverbial white flag in a war of attrition. It was the shining moment of the Russian's career. But then, in an act of spontaneous stupidity, the moment was ruined.



Nurmagomedov apparently wasn't satisfied to simply prove he was the superior fighter in the octagon on Saturday night at UFC 229. No, for Khabib, the fourth-round finish that should have been the culmination of months of vitriolic barbs between both camps wasn't enough to conclude the feud.

The unbeaten lightweight champion insisted on Thursday that he wouldn't shake McGregor's hands even after the fight. The words clearly weren't your usual pre-fight fare meant to sell tickets. Khabib took it all to heart. In a wild, surreal scene at T-Mobile Arena, Nurmagomedov hurled himself over the top of the cage, across an officials' table and on to the floor, all in order to exchange punches with Dillion Danis, the Irishman's jiu-jitsu coach. Soon after, the ugly fracas spilled inside the confines of the octagon.



UFC 229

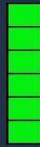
Head to Head Breakdown

KHABIB NURMAGOMEDOV

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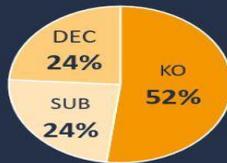
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WIN BREAKDOWN

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Conor McGregor is one of the most marketable sports personalities in the world – and he stands to earn even more money if he reclaims his UFC lightweight title by becoming the first man ever to defeat Khabib Nurmagomedov. Dana White has dubbed the fight “the biggest in UFC history” and the pay-per-view numbers could even reach the 3 million mark. McGregor – undoubtedly the biggest star in the UFC – has said that he expects to earn around \$50m for fighting Khabib: the biggest payday of his mixed martial arts career. Providing the fight goes the full distance – which we’re not expecting – that works out as \$10m per-round, \$2m per-minute and a whopping \$33k per second.

BLACK OPS IIII – Game Review



An intro to Black OPS IIII:

Black OPS 4 is a first-person shooter, multiplayer shooting video game. It has a range of game modes, some of which are: zombies; gun game; team death match; free-for-all and of course Blackout. This year they have brought out the new game mode Blackout, due to the increase in enjoyment in battle royal games. Although Black Ops is quite expensive, being a total of £49.99 for the standard addition, it is well worth the money. The long wait for the new Black Ops has being exciting and now it's here!



This year, the new Black Ops is all the hype! We have seen the introduction of a new game mode 'Blackout'. It is a 100 survival game, where the people with the quickest hands and the most skill become the last person alive. You pick a spot on the map to land, then loot up with different gun and stronger armour. Also there is a new and improved zombies' game mode. The aim of the game is to make your way through the Titanic, a bunker or a Roman Amphitheatre, unlocking different chambers with the points you get for killing zombies. When the game first came out it was missing one of the fans' favourite game modes; just in the last update it came – Gun Game. This game mode can consist of 12 or 10 players, all starting off with a pistol and then working their way up, getting better guns. But near the end of the game you receive very hard guns to kill with such as a sniper!

What I Think:

Overall I think that Black Ops 4 is a brilliant game that you can play with your friends. You can make new friends on multiplayer, and create the best squad to earn victories and collect different rewards. Some of these rewards are available to use in game; such as power ups and different specialists. Many people may think that it is too much money, but it is worth the price!



Middle School – Jokes



What kind of trees fit in your hand?
Palm trees.

Why was a baby strawberry crying?
Because its parents were in a jam.

What did the little corn say to the mama corn?
Where is pop corn?

What do elves learn in school?
The elf-abet.

Why did the nurse need a red pen at work?
In case she needed to draw blood.

What did one toilet say to the other?
You look flushed.

Where does a horse go when it is sick?
To the horsepital.

What is brown, hairy and always on vacation?
A coconut.

How does a vampire start a letter?
Tomb it may concern.

iPhone XS

Huawei P20 Pro



VS



Introduction and Overview

As the new Apple iPhone came out along with the newly discovered company Huawei, there has been controversy on whether people looking to invest their money in a new phone should purchase the award-winning Apple company's new phone that is priced from £1000 up to £1500, or purchase the cheaper (£800), unknown company Huawei's model that has unexpectedly thrived compared to their previous models and may become neck-a-neck with the iPhone. These two highly and technologically advanced smartphones are both fairly expensive for handsets. Aesthetically, they both look impressive and very elegant and lightweight. Some, however, are not used to the 3-camera set up on the P20 Pro and many find it less attractive than the beautiful double-camera on the iPhone XS. The iPhone



has an edge-to-edge screen that has no home-button/Touch ID feature which makes it closer to a television-style device, whereas the P20 includes a home button with a secure fingerprint recognition software which makes it have a non-immersive display and smaller screen. However the notch is proving itself very attractive and popular in recent smartphones because it is unique and Huawei use this as well.

Display

In terms of display, the iPhone XS has a super retina display which has a relatively larger and higher quality resolution. On the note of screens, the iPhone also has its reigning 3D Touch pressure sensitivity

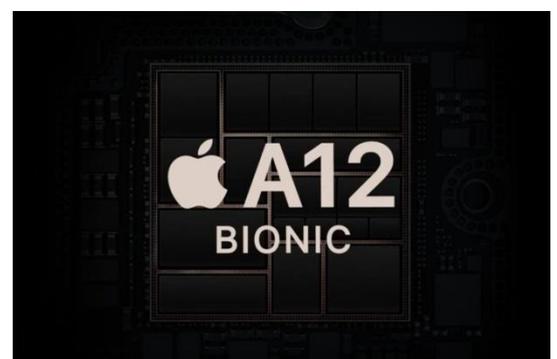
sensor which enables users to make the phone do different



actions when tapping on something, depending on whether the press is soft or rather hard. The Huawei bestseller does not have this function.

Performance and Speed

The iPhone XS compared to the Huawei P20 has a significantly speedier and more efficient system with that new-and-improved chip in which Apple call the “A12 Bionic”. This gives the iPhone an approximately 15% speedier system, 50% less battery usage, 50% faster graphics upgrade and the Neural Engine can process up to 9x the calculation speed than the Huawei.



However, the Huawei's Kirin 970 is capable enough to do many things and is still usable, yet it still is a year old and has not yet met the high standards of smartphone systems that the people now expect in newer smartphones, but Apple has.

Battery and internal details

The iPhone XS, while Apple stating it has 30 more minutes of battery life than the previous iPhone X, that has no match to what the Huawei P20 has to offer. The P20 has a whopping 4000 mAh battery which can continuously provide the user with a day and a half of usage; this is where you may realise that Apple hasn't got it all. On the other hand, this impressive battery on the Huawei does not enable wireless charging, which makes us think, what else can't it do? In terms of storage, the P20 has fallen behind. The new iPhone comes in 3 models of storage: 64 GB, 256 GB and the new 512 GB model. Whereas, the P20 has only one model: 64 GB. Not only this, but the Huawei, unlike most, if not all, Android devices, does not have a micro SD card available to insert for extra storage, Huawei p20 pro is 64GB.



Camera

This specification may be the decider for passionate selfie-takers or wannabe photographers. It is indeed the camera. On the iPhone XS it is surprisingly good and many may find it significantly more accurate in colours and light than the previous X's camera. However,



it is mainly software. Smart HDR introduces a new multi-capture software that enables several invisible photos to be taken within femtoseconds apart. They are all combined with a complex system that makes it into a high quality photo. It has a TrueTone flash and with 2x12MP wide-angle and telephoto lensed cameras. Can Huawei top that?

Unfortunately for Tim Cook, the answer this year must be yes and beyond. The Huawei P20 has three professional camera lenses in which are 40MP, 20MP and 8MP. This also enables a 3x optical zoom and 5x hybrid zoom and even in dim-lit situations. However, colours are washed out and nowhere near as accurate and vibrant as anything Apple has made since its revolutionary iPhone 7.

The Verdict

The fact is, if you own either of these handsets you are very lucky as you are holding technology in your hand that has practically the same abilities as a PC. They both have their good sides and bad. Of course, due to the price, the iPhone XS is more technologically advanced than the Huawei, yet the profit may be too much for Apple.

The price is shocking; £1000 is the price of an advanced laptop/PC (e.g. HP Envy, HP Spectre, MacBook Air, etc.). Whereas, the P20 is only £800, and, this may seem much, but compared



to the iPhone and the slight differences it is quite worth it. If you are set on an iPhone and are prepared to pay £1K+ then go ahead for it.

Sudokus

Complete these puzzles and hand them to Mr Farnan in G16 for a PPC point!

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