

Pupil's Press

For the Pupils, By the Pupils
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Welcome to the Pupil's Press!

By Mae Buxey



Hello and welcome.

My name is Mae and I am the chief editor of the Pupil's Press this year. This is our first ever issue, so here is what we are about: our paper is made for the pupils, by pupils. Students of Wyvern write our articles, take our photos, conduct our interviews and design our layouts.

Our plan is to release our papers termly (though this is subject to change) and in our pages you can read about many topics that interest us, including exclusive interviews, music and film reviews, and also about our personal experiences here at Wyvern.

I am immensely proud of everyone in the press club who have worked so hard in and outside of our meetings to bring you our first edition. Most of all thank you for taking the time to read something we've worked on!



Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning

By Zak Mason and Macie Blake



Recently we saw the latest Mission Impossible film and these are our shared thoughts about it!

We loved the stunts and the acting! Tom Cruise performed many breathtaking stunts, but quite normal for one of his films. The acting was flawless; great, engaging, and believable. The characters were well developed and likable. The cast matched their characters well and were overall amazing.

The cinematography was great. It constantly immersed the viewer in all of the scenes of the plot, speaking of which, was spectacular! We liked all aspects, however it could be shorter and move a bit slower at the start of the film. Overall, we really enjoyed this film! However, it is a bit difficult to concentrate on due to its length (2 hrs 43 minutes), It is rated: **12A**



Here is a throwback to the 'Wyvernian', it's from the 1970s!

How cool is this?



Is a Hot Dog a Taco or a Sandwich?



Take our questionnaire to answer the question once and for all: Cereal before or after milk?

Find out the results in our next issue!

Welcome to Duloc



By Florence Segal

Ladies and Gentlemen, students and staff, ogres and donkeys... Welcome!

You may have seen the posters up around school. You may have heard the excitement in the corridors (or the bulletin notices). However you've found out, you must know about the school show by now! If you need a reminder... a certain swamp is coming to Fair Oak. That's right, in February Wyvern College will be bringing Shrek the Musical to life! An amazing cast will be back on stage, with both familiar faces and new joining the drama family. Rehearsals are well under way, with everything from a singing ogre to a talking puppet (although, apparently, he's a "real boy").

Along with an ensemble that's over a hundred strong, we also have some fabulous leads keeping you laughing throughout. Slightly Scottish Alastor as Shrek, air guitar expert Charlie as Donkey, not-so-short Una as Lord Farquaad, and last year's leading lady Esme back as Fiona. In fact, our favourite ogre has been heard saying its going "amazingly"-which we take as high praise indeed. Other cast members have described the show as "chaotic", "brilliant fun" and "a welcome break from revision".

We can't talk about a school production without mentioning the people keeping it running smoothly... the fantastic teachers! Mr Harrison, Miss Chatterley and Ms Wood are once again putting together a fabulous show-and somehow staying sane (for now). And a special shout-out to our amazing choreographers Alice, Tallulah, and Poppy, who are giving us awesome routines for every one of the many songs. Alongside the performers onstage, we also have a student band accompanying us, led by Mr Ness, Mrs Anderson with amazing costumes and a whole crowd of teachers, staff and volunteers getting the performance to where it needs to be.

To prepare for the ever-looming show, cast and crew have been very busy with rehearsals, whilst also anticipating the Shrek trip! In early November, part of the cast got to travel to Woking to watch a (slightly more professional) performance of Shrek-which was thoroughly enjoyable, and hopefully rather inspiring.

Now they're all back, and looking forward to their own version. So, we invite you along, in the first week of February, to join us Far Far Away, for an evening you won't forget!

An Interview with the Headmaster

By Mae Buxey



As all of you know, we at Wyvern are presided over by our headmaster Mr. Rule. Mr. Rule works with our teachers and our students to make sure our school is a safe and efficient place to learn everyday. I've had the unique opportunity to interview him and his ideas of the school for our paper.

What is the best part of working at Wyvern?

"The best part about working at Wyvern is working with students who are interested and want to do well, and also talking to students about problems and needs."

What are three words you'd use to describe our school?

"Caring, enthusiastic, innovative."

Who is one historical figure you think everyone should know about?

"Martin Luther King Jr. He reminds us to campaign peacefully and that education isn't just about exam results, it is to awaken a conscience."

What would you say to students who are nervous about being at Wyvern?

"Fitting in doesn't just happen, you have to work at it. Students can join clubs to discover real friends with similar interests that can create a safe place for you."

Where can students go if they need help at school?

"They can go to any trusted adult, tutor, pastoral leader, to LS, or anywhere or to anyone they feel comfortable with."

What is the most difficult part of running this school?

"Having to make hard decisions about people that are struggling and getting the right balance between sanction and support."

If you could change one things in history, what would it be?

"I'd make it so COVID never happened. It had a profound effect on our school, problems such as bereavement, trauma, and lack of educational opportunities opened up during that time."



Favorite colour:

Blue

Least favourite subject:

In year 7 it was PE, but it soon became a favorite. After that it was Design Technology because of a 108 year old teacher who hated children!

Favourite animal:

Dogs. They have so much love to give.

Interesting fact about Mr Rule:

All of Mr. Rule's ties have animals on them and he picks one every morning based on his mood. If he's wearing a dog tie you'll know he's in an especially good mood that day, but if he's wearing a cat tie...you'd best be careful!



ADHD - What is it like?

Many people have heard of ADHD- knowing it to be a neurological condition, but just how may it affect those in our school? There are three types of ADHD, and even then that can't group everyone's struggle, only ever addressing the surface of what is a complex neurological condition. These three types being:

- Hyperactive
- Inattentive
- Combined also known as the 'middle ground'

You may even see some of this traits in yourself, but these are not limited to ADHD necessarily, they may simply be personality traits (disclaimer; if you think you do have ADHD, it'd be best to talk to a professional).

People with ADHD could be affected by it differently- some people may suffer from being unable to focus on anything yet commit to routines that may seem normal to others. Others may even struggle with the complete opposite; struggling to even sit still for one example or it could vary- long story short, everyone may have different struggles of it.

In conclusion, it is considered to be a protected characteristic and so it is best not to tar people who have ADHD with the same brush. To find more about ADHD - please seek one of these services:

Youngminds

ADHD UK

Mind



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

The Ultimate Brawl!

By Tristan Hart



You've all probably heard of it, you all probably played it: Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate! This game is critically acclaimed, and as expected, I personally really like this game. First off, it has stunning graphics (for the time it was released, 2018) and still manages to keep in style to its previous games. These games were "Super Smash Brothers", "Super Smash Brothers Melee" and "Super Smash Brothers for the 3DS/Wii". It also has a constant flow of content, before the game was announced as discontinued in 2021-2022. However, now that the game has had its final update, including more downloadable content (DLC), it can now be definitively reviewed.

Gameplay

Firstly, the gameplay for this carries the formula for every game that predeceases it, having a (somewhat) simple, 4 buttons combat system. A is normal attacks, B for specials, and then there's the grab/shield buttons. As simple as this is, it leaves a lot of options for creativity, as every character has different statistics, and sometimes have gimmicks. (IE: "Mii Fighters" can change their moveset freely, between 4 set options.) The effortlessness, combined with the game mechanics like damage percentage, left a lot of combo potential as well.

Graphics and Quality

This is the massive step up from the previous games in the series, as the amount of polish in this game is astounding!

The particles, cutscenes, and everything else is marvellously polished. For the first time, the DLC fighters make it even better, having a level of quality above the last, constantly 'one-upping' itself.

Overall, this game is very impressive for when it released, and I highly recommend it.



4/5 Trissy Tokens, must play.

Last month's charts were great! Here are my thoughts on the top 10.

The Charts

with Zak Mason



Adore U - Fred Again & oblongjayar

6/10

It's quite unique, I love the sound! However, It would get annoying quickly

Asking - Sonny Fodera & MK

3/10

Disappointing. It has potential, but it just isn't good.

Cruel Summer - Taylor Swift

10/10

This is some of Taylor's best work, it really shines, and is so great.

Padam Padam - Kylie Minogue

9/10

This is a real Kylie comeback, it really was the song of the summer.

Desire - Calvin Harris & Sam Smith

8/10

OMG! This song is so fun. A real head bopper for sure!

It Goes Like (Nanana) - Peggy Gou

9/10

It's energetic, upbeat, and delightful. I love the retro feel.

Dancing is healing - Rudimental

5/10

It's energetic, it's catchy, but definitely too repetitive

What Was I Made For? - Billie Eilish

7/10

It's a very big contrast to the other songs, I like it! Very pleasant.

Dance The Night - Dua Lipa

10/10

I absolutely LOVE this song! It fits the Barbie theme perfectly!

Good love - Hannah Liang & RoRo

1/10

It really doesn't stand out to me, it is definitely a hard pass!

The top rated...



So those were my thoughts! Last month's charts saw a lot of great hits! I cannot wait for this month's!

Dazzling Debate

By Zak Mason and Macie Blake



Students! What do you like about debate?

A student said: It's fascinating and you get to see other people's point of view, you get to find your own opinion, what's true for you!

Students! Why did you join the debate club?

A student said: I like arguing with others, you get to try and persuade people on different subjects.

Miss Hatcher, why did you start debate club?

I started something similar in my PGCE training year and found it useful. It helps with interviews when older and helped towards GCSEs.

What is your favorite thing to debate about?

Politics. Not just British politics- American politics too.

What is one thing you would like to communicate with others?

If you want to improve with being shy or anxious this is a good place to go, it really helps you find your voice.

What kind of students attend?

Y7-10. Academic students. We do some mainstream debates but some more 'niche', and of course everyone is welcome!

Debate club is run by Miss Hatcher, an English teacher here at Wyvern, the club runs on Thursdays at Break 1 in E2, it has a prominent amount of members, and is always hungry for more! The Pupil's Press had the amazing opportunity to interview Miss Hatcher and a couple of members of debate, and here is that said interview! Enjoy reading!

-Zak Mason

Let's mix it up a bit! Cats or dogs?

2 people prefers Dogs

3 People prefer Cats

Is pineapple on pizza legal?

4 People said Illegal

1 Person said legal

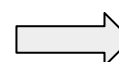
What is your favorite fizzy drink Miss Hatcher?

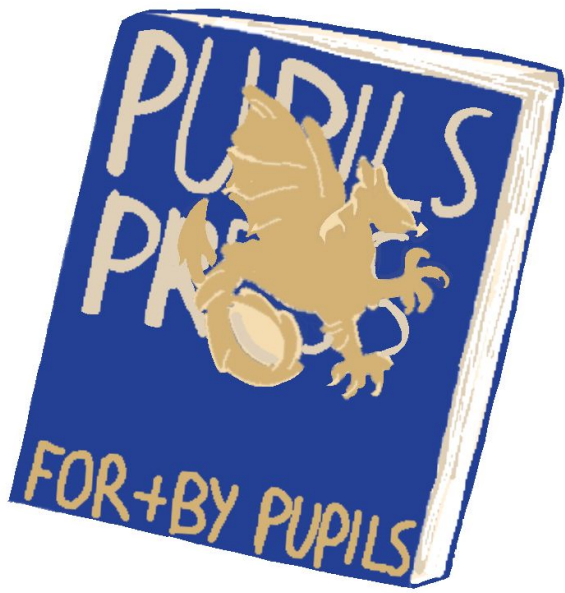
I don't really like fizzy drinks, except Sparkling water, due to sensitive teeth and sugar!!!

Miss Hatcher, do you think that the multilocular O is a cool letter?

I didn't know it existed but yes, it's quite interesting.

The multiocular O





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Crammin' with Cornell

By Mae Buxey



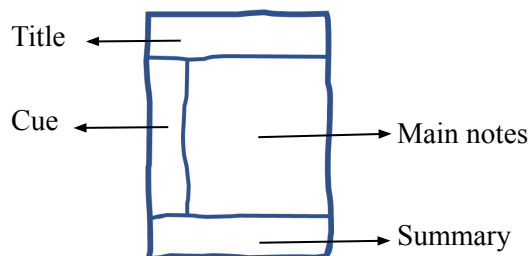
For many pupils, finding an effective study method is challenging. With flashcards, reading, mind maps, and so many other alternatives, how do you find an effective technique for you? One of the most popular ways to revise is note-taking and by far the most effective method of note-taking is Cornell notes.

Cornell notes were originally developed by Professor Walter Pauk at Cornell University in the 1950s and they work so well they are still in use today. So what are Cornell notes? Well, there are many format types to choose from but they all contain 3 main sections: notes, cue, and summary. Here is how to write your Cornell notes.

First, make a start on your notes. These are just the initial ideas you have gathered from your resource; the key ideas you think you will need. You can take your information from videos, revision guides, your lessons, and just about anywhere else. The average student's writing speed (0.3 words/sec) is significantly slower than an average teacher's talking speed (3 words/sec), so quick abbreviations and diagrams are essential for these quick notations. You only need to write what your teacher writes down or emphasises. If they take the time to dictate it for you, it must be important. Only write what you think you will need.

Secondly is the cue. This space is usually utilized after the notes are finished. Use this section to write questions for yourself later (think flashcards) or questions to ask your teacher. You can also use this section to define keywords. Asking questions and defining terms keep your brain actively recalling what you have learned and cues your brain to respond.

Lastly, the summary. You may want to complete this section straight after the lesson or at the end of the day, it is up to you. The summary is simply 1-3 sentences about what you learned that day. When it comes to revising these summaries make it easier to engage with a topic as well.



Now that you know how to write your Cornell notes you can use them to condense and revise any content. Note-taking is proven to solidify memory and thought processes. They allow you to preserve your thoughts on a page as you have them, and reinforce with a structure that subjects your brain to go back and review them after they are written; Highlighting always helps. Give Cornell notes a go and engage your brain!

The D&D movie... Controversy?

By Harry Light



Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is a very famous tabletop role-playing game that has been around since the 70s.

While it's quite popular, it is not without its multiple controversies. Recently this year, a movie about D&D released, titled 'Dungeons and Dragons: Honour Among Thieves'. This was a real game changer, literally and figuratively.

In the film, there is a character named Doric who is a Tiefling Druid. In D&D, there is ability called polymorph, which allows the player to magically transform into a creature they have seen. This can be done once per long rest.

In the film, however, the druid character uses polymorph multiple times in the same scene. This has caused much commotion, due to the fact that this breaks the rules of D&D. A bigger cause of this commotion was that upon release of the film, the rules around the Druid were changed to fit the film, taking away the purity of the rules and causing the more hardcore gamers to hate on it..



Join D&D Club!



Tuesdays after school in E5

Careers in the Railway

By Oli Kerr



Eastleigh is famous for its railways so it's no surprise that there is a plethora of job opportunities working as engineers, drivers, guards, signallers and more!

What are these jobs and what do they do?

Engineers are the backbone of the industry, they build and maintain the trains, track and infrastructure which reduces the chance of failures and keep the railways as safe as possible.

Drivers are responsible for driving the train safely, stopping at stations on time and making sure everyone and everything is safe on the train during the journey.

Guards oversee and help everyone board and leave the train safely, closing the doors and telling the driver that the train is safe to depart and checking tickets once the train is moving.

Signallers are like the air traffic control of the railways; they control where every train on the network is and make sure that everything is running smoothly and efficiently.

How can I increase my chances of getting into the railway industry?

One of the best ways to gain skills and experience which is crucial for careers in the railways is joining a model engineering club where they have stunningly accurate scaled down steam and electric trains which are operated like real trains, most clubs have open days where they give people train rides to interest potential members. There are many of these model engineering clubs across the country and they are brilliant ways for you to learn useful skills and make new friends which can help you massively when you are applying for colleges and jobs in the future.

Another way to gain useful skills is by volunteering at park railways such as Moors Valley Railway and Eastleigh Lakeside Railway where you'll work with diesel and steam trains which are slightly larger than the ones at model engineering societies and are very similar to full sized locomotives in terms of how they are operated.



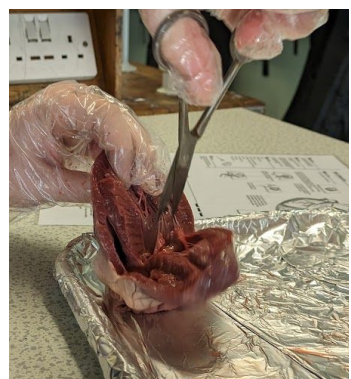
You could also volunteer at a heritage railway which is an old, once disused railway line which has been restored to its former glory as a preservation to celebrate the history of the railways. Railways such as the Watercress Line and Swanage Railway are amazing places to volunteer to learn about the operation of a full-sized railway as they run trains which used to run on the mainline railways.

Of course, these aren't all the ways to gain experience however these 3 main options are normally the best ways to gain experience, make friends and most importantly have fun!



Super Science

Students in year 10 have to perform a pig heart dissection, here are this year's pictures!





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