

# THE COLUMNS

by pupils; for pupils

HSD's Newsletter: Issue 100

## EDITORS' NOTE

We made it! After almost four years, three teams of editors and the invaluable support of Mrs Tevendale, we at The Columns have finally reached the glorious Edition 100. We think, at least. Our maths skills may not be up to par. Nevertheless, throughout this week, we've worked tirelessly to bring you (roughly) 100-word journalism from across the school. From editing to formatting, producing this memorable edition has been both a challenge and a joy for the entire Columns Team. Additionally, this required the participation of the school community, from the Rector on Education to Form Ones on Classics; each and every article in invaluable. We hope you enjoy Edition 100.



Editors, Izzy Clark and Ruby  
McIntee

## 100 ARTICLES!

### 1. Mrs Hudson

Learning should be an exciting adventure! It's about discovering new things, making mistakes and using this experience to never give up. Success in learning means really understanding, not just memorising for tests. It's about creativity, curiosity, engagement, having fun with what you learn and understanding its relevance to the real world. Being kind, helping others, and exploring your interests the bedrock of real success. Exams are like checkpoints, but they don't define your brilliance. The real magic happens when you love learning, ask questions, and enjoy the journey. So, embrace the joy of real learning, be you and be kind

### 2. Mrs Tevendale

Sitting on my laptop, in a freezing cold conservatory, watching a cat go by with a mouse in its mouth was pretty much the most exciting thing to happen to me in the first few days of the Covid lockdown in 2020. I had just arrived at the school and, six months later, I was talking to pupils through a screen and watching murderous felines for fun. That is, until Malavikha and I got chatting. A part of my Higher class, she is one of those pupils who brings the sunshine and, on that occasion, she very much did. As a part of a conversation about isolation, we came up with the idea of connecting people through a weekly newsletter. She says it was my idea; I maintain it was hers. And it really, really helped. Within a couple of hours she had a team (go Longforgan!) and within a few days we had our first edition. And look what she started. I have never been more proud of pupils than I am today as we publish our 100th edition. Our wonderful editors continue to bring the sunshine to the whole community and, most of all, to me.

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### 3. Maja Szwejkowska

In 1924 Paris held the Olympic Games. Eric Liddell, a Scottish runner, was going to run in the heats for the 100m sprint, but they were on a Sunday. He was a Christian and would be in church on Sunday, so he ran the 400m sprint instead. Harold Abrahams, from England, raced against Liddell in the 200m sprint final and Liddell ended up coming third and Abrahams sixth. Liddell went on to win the gold medal in the 400m final in a World Record 47.6 seconds. A year later he returned to China to do missionary work with his father.

### 4. Siena Majumdar & Joanna Gui

Mahatma Gandhi was sentenced to six years in prison for his involvement in protesting against the British Colonial Government but he only stayed in prison for two years. Gandhi was released from the Yerwada Prison in Pune on February 5th, 1924, at the age of 22, due to health concerns. This is because he had just been through an operation for appendicitis at Sassoon Hospital. Gandhi was famous and well known for his protests to help gain the independence of India. He succeeded on the 15th August 1947 and was assassinated shortly after.



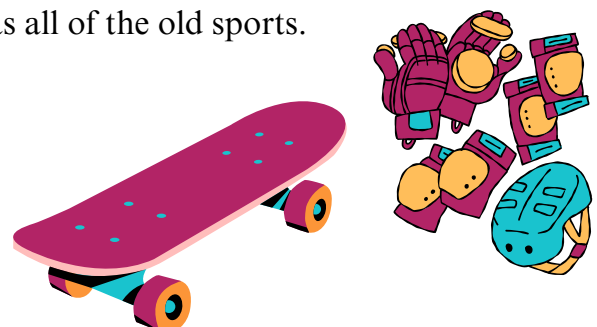
### 5. Katherine Stevenson & Katie Caddick

What was school like 100 years ago? The High School of Dundee was based in Euclid Crescent as it is today and the Main Building of course had its very attractive Pillars. Having six-hour long days and no lunch hall, the pupils had to bring their own packed lunch like some students do now. At the High School of Dundee in 1924, Swimming Galas and Sports Days were held. Continuing the sport theme, HSD was building a new pavilion and the rugby and hockey teams were very successful. In 1924 boys were punished more harshly than girls. Girls often had to write lines while boys had more physical punishment.



### 6. Henry Stewart

Four new sports are in the 2024 Olympics. There is Breaking. You don't just break stuff, this is competitive break dancing. Sport Climbing where you just try to climb as fast as you can without falling off. Skateboarding is also new and I think it will be good, but I wish I could say I was good at it! Surfing is also new, and it will be cool to watch as people ride the wave in. I am looking forward to seeing all of the new sports in the Olympics this summer as well as all of the old sports.



## 7. Archie Bickerton & Harry Cant

Q: What number has 100 zeros? Answer: A Google

Q: What is the period of 100 years called? Answer: A Century

Q: Who sang the song called “Im Gonna Be ((100x5) Miles)”? Answer: The Proclaimers Q: If you times a number by 100 how many decimal places do you move up? Answer: 2 Q: Who is on the hundred dollar bill? Answer: Benjamin Franklin

Q: In 100 years what year will it be? Answer: 2124

Q: What is the square root of 100? Answer: 10 Q: What is 100 squared? Answer: 10,000

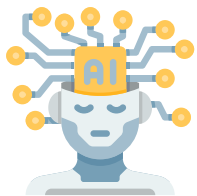
## 8. Izzy Clark

Why do we need to keep track of things? There's something that feels human about keeping records: birth certificates, libraries, newspapers like our own, even youtube allows us to immortalise the human experience. If we keep records, we allow our memories to transcend our own lifetime and live on into the future. Archives of any form keep humanity alive, from the earliest collections of prehistoric jewellery to modern digital databases that keep track of thousands of variables. If we lose these, we lose thousands of lives. So support archives: support museums, support databases, support journalism, and keep history alive forever.



## 9. ChatGPT

Celebrating a century! The number 100 holds profound significance in our lives, marking milestones, achievements, and longevity. From a century-old tree's majestic resilience to reaching a centennial birthday, it symbolizes endurance and resilience. In mathematics, it's a perfect score – a testament to excellence. The first 100 days of endeavors shape paths to success. The numeral 100 resonates with perfection, symbolizing the pinnacle of success and the countless stories etched into history. As we encounter 100, we salute achievements, cherish memories, and anticipate the infinite possibilities ahead, guided by the wisdom of a number that encapsulates a century of life's journey.



## 10. Mrs Watson

Although my jokes are no longer a feature of The Columns under Sahar's editorship I used to have a lot of fun each week finding the cheesiest, corniest, often far from funny jokes! For this special '100th' edition, you can rest easy – I am definitely not going to list my “Top 100” jokes, but I am going to leave you with my “Top Three” – my own personal favourites.

Breaking into the Top Three:

Why was the teacher cross-eyed on the last day of school?

She lost control of her pupils.

Coming in at Number Two:

What do you call a temper tantrum thrown by a snowman?

A meltdown!

And the very best at Number One:

What do you call a donkey with three legs?

A wonky!...



## 11. Ruby McIntee

The inter connectivity of Social Media and Ideology is a recent, and concerning trend. As algorithms become more and more predictive, echo-chambers form and extremism rises. Consuming Tik-Tok videos, facebook posts, instagram reels all influence a persons mind indeirectly. Noticed or unnoticed, it contributes to bias and perceptions. Over time, the influence of social media grows as media literacy and capability falls. This is equally true for traditional media, while the 'sun' and 'daily mail' increase articles on price harry and immigration schemes; the Overton window shifts. The thread of perception is fundemtnally altered, and votes are cast in elections.

## 12. Aoife Stewart

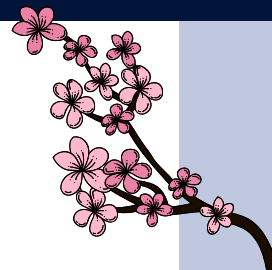
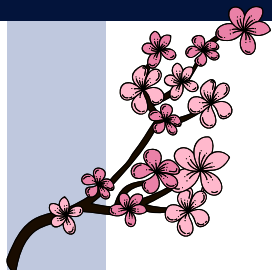
Herodotus, in my opinion, is one of the best ancient writers to read. An Ancient Greek, living in a Persian-ruled province called Halicarnassus, he is one of the closest writers we have to modern anthropology. In his works, he explores the history of Greco-Persian relations through a multitude of social and cultural means, such as clothing, tradition, the expression of power, and relationship with the natural world. Herodotus has almost indescribably widened my perspective on issues of borders and ownership in empires, seeing how borders have always been as they still are today, constantly changing, the only aspects keeping people united being a sense of shared culture and tradition. Additionally, his writing has inspired thought of violence and slavery, seeing the same in modern history, only both understood and expressed in different ways. Go read some Herodotus.

## 13. Clara Fraser

I must inform you that the Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*) is actually not native to Scotland and dissection of the Latin name *Onopordum* actually translates to donkey fart. However, one truly native plant which endured the last ice age in Scotland is the Sundew. True to its Greek derivative *Droseros* (meaning covered in dew), this plant appears to be adorned by sparkling droplets of pure water, each like a diamond balanced upon its scarlet tentacle. When the sun steals away the tears of the night, the Sundew holds onto its shining orbs. Contained within each droplet is not a harmless drink but a potion of death. A concoction of nectar to seduce, adhesive to ensnare and enzymes to digest, it brings unwitting insects to a sticky end, their carcasses slowly liquifying. This plant won't feature in your buttonhole but is worthy of your respect.

## 14. India Simpson

100 of my favourite sounding words: Enigma, amorphous, invigorate, anthropomorphise, ecclesiastical, revolutionary, ministerial, utopia, inexplicable, primaeval/ primeval, catastrophize, deviation, paralysis, omnipotent, naïve, tangible, revere, transience, cataclysmic, desolation, incarnate, incarnadine, apotheosis, ameliorate, byzantine, morass, mayhem, leviathan, malleable, flummox, galumph, guffaw, bravado, celestial, cascade, cerulean, duplicity, inferno, corroborate, countenance, multifarious, oblique, misconstrue, serendipity, seismic, ambrosia, anomaly, caboodle, accost, allusion, postmodern, amalgam, conundrum, corpus, ensconce, exposition, enunciate, dyspepsia, fabrication, irrevocable, facetious, hitherto, integrate, irrefutable, flibbertigibbet, luxuriate, machination, mantra, mediocre, amateur, tyrant, smoke, psychology, skedaddle, squalor, wombat, whimsical, preposterous, feasible, unkempt, scuttle, florid, glean, embezzle, doppelgänger, blasphemy, compelling, nadir, shamrock, chrysanthemum, ephemeral, vibrancy, wheesht, drookit, resurrection, ink, epistolary, synopsis, alkaline, zenith.



### 15. Sophia Kapelyukh

The most important thing for a business globalising is to research cultural differences.

My personal favourite cultural difference is the normalisation of falling asleep in a meeting in Japan. While in Britain falling asleep implies you're a lazy, sure as fired worker, in Japan you would be seen as the most hard working of them all. People think you're sleeping because you have been working so late and so hard – an attitude I wish my teachers had. But imagine being a British boss and first finding out about this after half your employees have fallen asleep while you were talking.

### 16. Sophia Kapelyukh

The history of Tetris is absolutely fascinating. The game was invented by Alexey Pajitnov from the Soviet Union. In the 1980's there was a fantastic race for the rights for the Tetris game to sell worldwide. Henk Rogers, who eventually secured the rights, raced with a British company, who had powerful connections with Mikhail Gorbachev, to the Soviet Union to sales pitch their way through the KGB and communist beliefs to secure the ultimate treasured contract for their companies. I thoroughly recommend anyone to research more into the game's past because 100 words is not enough to do it justice.

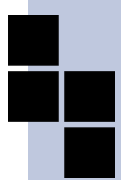
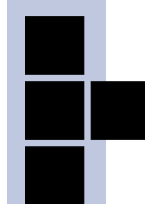
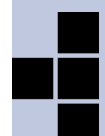
### 17. Ayanah Adam

'Free Palestine' is not something that we should only say when it's a trend or it is widely covered on the news. 'Free Palestine' is something that I will say until there is a Palestine, even if that means I scream and shout until my last breath. Over 24, 000 Palestinians have been killed, with around 2/3 women and children. These aren't just numbers, these are innocent humans who deserved to be given basic rights, live out their dreams and feel security. Unfortunately, however, in the twisted world we live in, dogs are protected more by animal rights than a Palestinian is by human rights. So, protest for a free Palestine and use your voice to shout, 'FREE PALESTINE!'.



### 18. Sahar Jafferbhoy

Under the Tuscan sun, last summer's holiday unfolded in Florence – a living canvas steeped in the art and history of the Renaissance. The city extended a warm embrace with open streets and the alluring aroma of freshly brewed espresso. The Uffizi Gallery unveiled its treasures of timeless masterpieces, complemented by the captivating intricacies of the Duomo beneath the radiant sky. Cobblestone alleys whispered tales of Medici grandeur, while gelato stalls beckoned. As twilight draped the Arno River, Florence metamorphosed into a golden dreamscape – an ode to a love affair with the birthplace of art and culture, echoing in each step amidst masterpieces...







### 19. Sophia Kapelyukh

To anyone who has not yet discovered the absolute joy that is studying in the library, I would like to take up this space in the columns to convince you to do it. Libraries have literally everything you need for a good study session: huge tables, ultimate silence, the best air conditioning and the lights are always on full brightness so you lose all sense of time when you're working. The huge abundance of books creates that academia aesthetic you need and the smell of the coffee, evaporating from the sleep-deprived students, plants the university motivations into your mind.



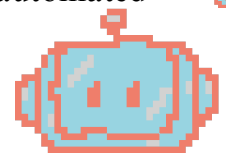
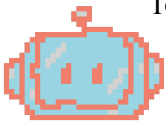
### 20. Eve Grewar

The Anglo-Scottish ski championships were held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January in Les Crosets, Switzerland. This was organised by the British Ski Academy (BSA) and many different teams competed. I was part of CDC and there were three training days before the race where we trained in the surrounding area of Les Crosets. During those 3 days we trained on slalom and GS courses, and did drills. My favourite discipline is GS as it is faster than slalom, whereas slalom is more technical. On the first day of racing it was a slalom race where I competed in the female under 14 category as my year of birth is 2010. There were 19 competitors in that category but as few as 6 in others such as the male's under 10 race where my brother claimed 2 podium places for slalom. It was my first alpine ski race abroad but my brother's third. I was quite disappointed when the third day of racing was cancelled as there was too much snow for a GS race and poor visibility. Overall it was very windy and a fun experience with friends.



### 21. Mr Smith & ChatGPT

While ChatGPT is a powerful tool, caution is warranted. Its responses are based on patterns in data, potentially propagating biases and misinformation. The lack of real-time fact checking may lead to inaccuracies. Privacy concerns also arise, as interactions are stored for training purposes. Dependency on generative artificial intelligence tools for critical decisions can hinder human critical thinking and creativity. It's essential to use ChatGPT responsibly, acknowledging its limitations and always cross-verifying information. In educational or professional settings, a balance between AI assistance and human guidance is crucial to foster a comprehensive learning experience while avoiding over-reliance on automated solutions.



### 22. Sophie Barrie

Freedom is easily broken by indifference or lost rights. It depends on balancing societal duty and personal freedoms, like taking care of a fragile ecosystem. History shows freedom can be at risk from apathy or too much power. To protect it, society must be aware that complacency can harm it silently. Vigilance is crucial to keep freedom strong. When people are informed and active, they can nurture true freedom by valuing it and preserving the delicate balance of rights and responsibilities. Freedom is essential for the world to work cohesively.

### 23. Mr Bell

For a person standing at 5ft 9ins and walking three miles an hour, 100 steps is 0.05 miles.

That gets you from The Pillars to Brodies.

Now, let's try 1,000 steps. That would be 0.45 miles – the distance from The Pillars to the edge of the Tay at V&A.

As for 100,000 steps? That would see you walking 45.23 miles – from The Pillars to the southern side of Penicuik.

And what about 1,000,000 steps? That's 452.26 miles, which would get you to the seaside village of Tjæreborg in Denmark – presuming you can walk on water.

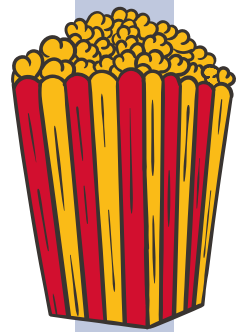
### 24. Iain Anderson

Horror films and games have been a key component of the movie and horror industry. They contain stories consisting of scary concepts such as being alone in a dark asylum (Outlast) or being shackled in an old bathroom (saw) or even being in a different dimension consisting of evil spirits (MADiSON). The Villains or enemies come in all shapes and sizes, such as auto phage zombies (Dead Island 2), a evil shadow spider (Stranger Things), a ancient demon who possesses kids (The Exorcist) to a terminally ill engineer who makes elaborate traps (Saw). This all makes up a majority of the horror genre. To some people the horror genre can be exciting and thrilling. The horror movies and video games are mainly made for entertainment purposes. Personally, I'm more thrilled by horror games due to certain games like Until Dawn and The Devil In Me being interactive horror games. Picture this, a character is running from a Wendigo, you can choose to have the character continue running or hide nearby to evade the Wendigo. For me, it makes the game more exciting and it tests people's decisions making and morals which to me is exceedingly thrilling. Overall, the horror genre is fascinating and thrilling and it's meant to be entertaining and enjoyable, although do keep in mind that it can get scary at times.

### 25. Emily Sharples

I love playing football, it's always been a part of my life. My family is passionate about football, my grandad played for Scotland and my cousin played for Stoke and Everton. I am a Bolton Wanderers fan and support them through the good times and the bad. At 4 I played in the garden with my dad and at 6 played at a club run by English FA to get more girls involved. I moved on to play for my first grassroots club as a CM then Chester FC ETC girls and Chester Nomads Boys.

When we moved I joined DUFC U16's. This was my first season; we won the league with no defeats. Although this may only be it for now, I hope my journey carries on....



.26. Jack Mitchell - Party: Scottish National Party

Leader: Humza Yousaf

Founded: 1934

Largest Demographic (2019 election): 18-24 Number of MSPs (current): 63 (out of 129)

Members: 75,000

Manifesto: The SNP released a manifesto quite recently, so most of the policies are still relevant and continued. These include the boosting of welfare spending, providing more housing, and improving education. As well as these policies, the party has a longstanding policy goal: Scottish Independence. While their hopes have been somewhat dampened by former leader Nicola Sturgeon's resignation and intervention from the UK Government, the SNP are still looking for ways to push through their signature policy.



27. Jack Mitchell - Party: Liberal Democrats

Leader: Sir Ed Davey

Founded: 1988 (the merger of the SDP and the Liberal Party, the latter of which was founded in 1859)

Largest Demographic (2019 election) : 30-39

Number of MPs (Current): 15

Members: 90,000

Manifesto: the Liberal Democrats will likely see climate change as their main issue, so would introduce many new policies, such as investing in renewable power and home insulation. They will also pledge to spend more on the NHS. The party has said it would like to be closer to Europe, after opposing Brexit. Perhaps the most radical policy is changing the voting system to Proportional Representation, which helps smaller parties grow.



28. Jack Mitchell - Party: Labour

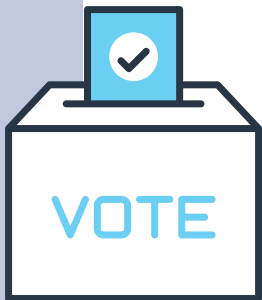
Leader: Sir Keir Starmer

Founded: 1900

Largest Demographic (2019 election): 18-24 Number of MPs (Current): 197

Members: 400,000

Manifesto: Predicting the Labour Party's manifesto is quite difficult, due to the departure of former leader Jeremy Corbyn. Since 2019, the party has seen a move nearer the centre. It has so far promised to increase spending on the police and NHS, and will see Net Zero as a major policy. Labour has also pledged to create a new state-owned energy company that would likely help with their climate commitments. They will also build thousands of new affordable homes



29. Jack Mitchell - Party: Conservative and Unionist

Leader: Rishi Sunak

Founded: 1834

Largest Demographic (2019 election): 70+

Number of MPs (Current): 349

Members: 170,000

Manifesto: The Conservatives will likely stick with a lot of policy promises from their 2019 manifesto, and from Rishi Sunak's five pledges that were made when he became Prime Minister. This will include toughening immigration controls, providing extra funding for the NHS and police, and pledging to cut taxes and grow the economy. The cutting of inheritance tax could also appear. The party will also likely commit to reaching Net Zero, though probably in a less direct way to their political competitors..



### 30. Ayanah Adam

Volunteering and helping those in need is one of the single most important things that a person can do, in my opinion. Personally, I volunteer as a teacher at my Islamic school, teaching the children Quran and Arabic. Additionally, I had the opportunity to go to Lebanon to visit and help the refugees who were forced to cross the border from Syria due to war. I handed out food, clothes and sanitary products using the £20 000 my family raised. It showed me the luxury that we live in, and how we should all try and do something to volunteer and help those who are less fortunate: whether it's giving a loaf of bread to a food bank or venturing out to volunteer in orphanages.

### 31. Nellie Luxford

On Monday nights, I'm home alone because my mum goes to orchestra and my brother goes to martial arts. Last Monday, I decided to clear all the chairs and table to one side and blast a song by Taylor Swift. There's a big window on the door where I can see my reflection, and I started pretending I was in a dance class. At moments, I started laughing halfway through the song. This was weird because the song wasn't funny. I guess I just adore the feeling of independence that I get when having that space all to myself. It gives me a sense of ambition and makes me excited for what's to come. I can't quite explain it, but I felt so satisfied with my own company

### 32. Lily Malley

Freedom throughout the world today is considered to be a basic human right, something any and every person is entitled to. The world, as a society strive for the feeling of freedom. Throughout the world today, many living in western democracies take their freedoms for granted, with no regard for how lucky they may truly be. The current situation in parts of the world such as Sudan and Bangladesh leaves many innocent people stripped of their basic rights and with no option but to fade in the controlling nature surrounding them. These circumstances can lead as an example to show to people just how valuable the feeling of freedom really is.

### 33. Freya Galvin

As I was trying to cover up my hunger when sitting at the kitchen table watching my dinner being constructed on the other side of the room I decided to start up a conversation with my dad about the best food you can get at Gregg's. It wasn't a very helpful conversation to distract me from my growling stomach as all I could think of was steak bakes but it was entertaining. While discussing how I'd never had the pizza slices my dad sprang up, rooted through his bag and pulled out a Gregg's gift voucher he forgot to give me for my birthday....



### 34. Ruby McNair

I wake up, slowly, alarm blaring through the darkened room, the occasional raindrop splashing against the glass, wind howling through the trees.



Sigh.

Roll over.

Snooze.

A scratching against my door-

A muffled meow-

A paw peeks through the gap.



The duvet scrunches as she hops up onto the bed, a rumbling purr rolls in like thunder from the depths of her little body, drowning out the wind and rain.

She curls up against my chest, warm and safe.

The cold and damp subsides. A smile lifts onto my face.

My eyes slip closed, the purrs continue.

Five more minutes...

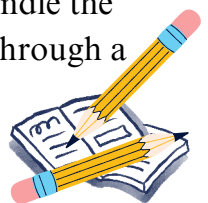


### 35. Lucy Smith

I dragged myself towards the classroom, depressed with the knowledge that Edwin Morgan would reappear in our lives once more. We all dreaded his droning depressing “poetry”, filled with death and sadness. Entering the classroom, there was an unusual buzz, one of excitement and...relief? Which was unusual, we were not excited for Edwin Morgan surely. It was not until a few moments later we were told, the internet was down, we were not able to access the Morgan poem. I cannot describe the feeling of elation we all experienced, knowing we were free from the torture of Glaswegian depressive sonnets for another few days.

### 36. Catherine Lachlan

I am in the quiet classroom going through revision notes, doing as much as I possibly can, trying to envision the notes in my troubled mind. The words can't stick, can't stay long enough for me to remember them. Now it's time to start the tortuous game: a test. My mind has too many thoughts of other tests leaving me anxious, not able to control the shaking of my arms and legs. It's as if my pencil will fall out of my hand, I'm weak. I rush through the questions not wanting to waste time, not wanting it to go down the drain like dirty, filthy water. I'm on the clock running through my head. I'm stuck on a question, still with questions left. My head can't take the awful pressure to do well, to do the best of my potential. The time has caught up to me, 1 minute. I just answer the question that had been hurting my mind. My brain can't handle the overwhelming pressure so I don't try hard, just rushing through it as though I'm going through a dull book. There it goes down the drain: time.



### 37. Tom Stevenson

Children spend too much time in the classroom. Too many young people are coming home feeling depressed, scared or worthless, a feeling no one should have no matter the circumstances. A reason for this could be how school is connected to a prison. Similarities include dictating their schedule and activities like when to wake up and eat. You can't just leave certain rooms whenever you like and it is lacking some overall freedom. I can't believe any one thinks the educating system has kept up with modern day life. And there is no way anyone in the right mind thinks children should be in school at all.

### 38. Sufyan Salman

I was wandering to Biology in my first week of form 1. I took a turn and there I was, lost in the labyrinth of the main building. I was waiting for help and then I saw a teacher. I told her the situation I was in and she brought me to Biology class, winding through the corridors like an ant in its nest.

The next week I was heading towards History and there I was, same situation but different location. And then I heard the second bell. I was now late to History in a place that might not even be school grounds. Then there in front of me another student was heading to their class. I asked them for help and then they told me where to go. Now I have learned my lesson. Schools are mazes.

### 39. Rory Martin

Being a school pupil has its ups and downs. For example, Home Economics, Chemistry, P.E. are good and Maths, English, Physics are dreadful and boring. There are also good breaks and really boring breaks.

Some teachers are good and some are not. Finally some bad days (Thursdays) and good days (Mondays). Also we always by a ball for break and we try and hide it but a bunch of the seniors steal them and take them home. For example, my brother when he was in F2 stole the F1s balls all the time and took them home.

### 40. Catriona Oswald

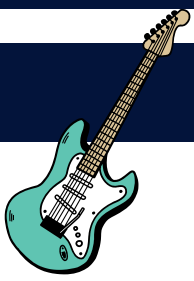
There are a few different types of pipe band drums, including the bass, tenor and snare. I play the snare and I have been since L6, but I have been technically doing it since L5. But most of my lessons were cancelled due to my teacher being off. It is fun being part of the pipe band as you go to these massive competitions. I even went to the world pipe band championships.

We didn't place or anything but I did have fun even though we were standing for 17 hrs because the ground was too wet for kilts, and we forgot chairs.

### 41. Freddie Milne

Every day was beginning to blur into each other. Sometimes it felt new or different but mostly the same equations in Maths, the same words in Spanish and the same story in history. PE class was just a handstand in gymnastics, and a run-in cross country. My classmates were telling the same jokes every day, almost like a loop. The homework is getting progressively more difficult yet somehow the exact same. When the weekend comes it seems that all your free time is taken up by homework and when your back in school on Monday the temperature seems to drop, almost like it wants to annoy me even more.





#### 42. Daisy Fisken

There are a lot of different types of guitar including bass, electric and acoustic. I do all of these and have learnt them at school. Playing guitar is one of my favourite things to do. It helps relaxation and makes me happy. I joined the junior guitar ensemble in L4 and have just moved to the senior ensemble. I am on Grade 3 electric guitar ( its my favourite one to play). I practice guitar about four times a week. I really enjoy it and I like showing my family what I can do. I think the guitar is the best instrument ever made.

#### 43. Mr Finlay

With each passing day, the once vibrant canvas of my classroom has dulled into a monotonous palette of disinterest. The spark of curiosity in my pupils' eyes has been replaced by glazed expressions, their minds wandering far beyond the realms of literature. Endless hours spent marking essays and that echo the same lackluster effort have drained the joy I once found in teaching. The thrill of unraveling the beauty of language has become a tiresome routine. I yearn for a revival of enthusiasm, a resurgence of the literary spirit that seems to have waned in the sea of indifference before me.

#### 44. Mr Finlay

Amidst the hum of eager minds, my classroom transforms into a sanctuary of inspiration. Each day, I witness the blossoming of literary passion and untapped talent. The commitment radiating from my students invigorates my own love for teaching. Their articulate expressions and profound insights weave a tapestry of brilliance, rekindling the flames of enthusiasm within me. As I guide them through the intricacies of language, I marvel at their innate abilities, each unique voice resonating with the promise of literary excellence. In their potential, I find renewed purpose, and the joy of nurturing these bright minds eclipses any fatigue that may linger.

#### 45. Zara Mason

The homeless man. The raw guilt I feel when I walk past and don't give anything. The churning feeling in my stomach. The thought of the daily hardships he must face. I check my pocket to see if I have any spare change, the two of us feeling disappointed as I appear empty handed. I hurriedly walk by and then I hear the noise of coins jingling in my back pocket. I turn on my heel, a huge smile appearing on the man's face. The smile reflects straight back on mine.





#### 46. Emma Frullani

The homework is piling up, and the dishes still need done. Mum is in a mood, and dad is on the phone. The clock ticks on, a never-ending reminder that there is no time, you will not finish it all. Your bag still needs packed, that essay is due, and the headache is already forming. But she appears beside me, padding across the living room, her hair a glossy black and her eyes shining. Her tongue sticks out, her smile spreads wide, and when I pat her head her tail swishes across the floor.

And that is all I need.

#### 47. Eilidh Hearn

We were sat in a bustling café, somewhere in Amsterdam. It was a random spot, quite jolly, very big and very busy. I was staring into the crowd of people when I spotted a familiar face. I then spotted three more. I shouted over. Our friends who we had not managed to see in years were there, quite randomly in Amsterdam. They heard me call, they turned and a smile grew on all of our faces, it was an unexpected reunion at last. Those moments of happiness, turned into hours. Hours of joy, laughter, and happiness.

#### 48. Finlay Thomas

An unexpected moment of happiness happened, as Dr Morris stopped talking, and stopped moving the slides, and everyone stopped writing. I was overjoyed. The poem had been so confusing and boring, and even these few seconds were a great break from the pages upon pages of analysis. Dr Morris instructed us to write about an unexpected moment of happiness, and having just spent an hour in English, happiness was the last thing on my mind. Then it dawned on me. What if I write about that exact moment that I didn't have to keep working on the endless boring poems. What if I wrote about writing exactly what I'm writing now! What if I reference the fact that I am writing about how I decided to write this, then proceeded to reference that I referenced that I am writing about how I decided to write this, then proceeded to reference that I referenced that I referenced that I am writing about how I decided to write this. And there it is! 100 words.

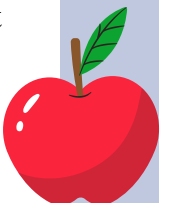
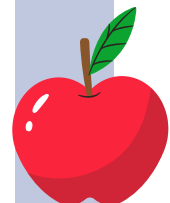
And now I can actually relax.

#### 49. Miss Stewart

Look-up, out and all-around. Stand and stare and show you care. Be bold and brave and adventurous, stepping through the liminal space between comfortable and uncomfortable. Open your heart to the people you meet and always say Hello, Bom Dia, Shalom, Buenos Dia, Cia, Ni Hao, Mrhban; you never know where it could lead. Watch, listen deeply and respect the people and the places you encounter. Ask questions, make eye contact and never fail to smile. Time is precious; use it, share it and enjoy it, but don't forget to live it as fully as possible.

#### 50. Nina Van Der Kuyl

Tick tick tick. The clock is the only sound in my head, my thoughts swirling, unable to process what is going on. Then suddenly I realise the solution. I drop the 26th apple in exactly the correct spot and they start a domino affect, apples rolling into melons, melons rolling into bananas, bananas turning into tomatoes, and eventually, after watching my masterpiece come to fruition, the new watermelon touches, only faintly, it's matching pair, and they burst in some magical moment, and my high score is achieved.





### 51. Lindsay McDowell

I was sitting in my room, taking a not very proportional study break, when suddenly I heard my door being opened. Being the true crime fan I am, I jumped because everyone in my family knocks before they come in. But instead of a cold blooded murderer's face appearing in the door frame, it was my brother's smiling one. He'd burst into my room to tell me that he had just gotten an offer to his dream uni for the course he'd been wanting. As we had celebratory drink with my parents, I saw the smiles on my parents faces and the pride in their eyes, and I realised that happiness is a very infectious thing.



### 52. Maisey Lafollete

\*The record for 100m (male) is 9.58 seconds By Usain Bolt

\*C is the Roman numeral for a hundred

\*There are 100 Scrabble letter tiles

\*A person who lives to a hundred is called a centenarian

\*The hundredth most populated country is Bulgaria

\*The Hundred Years' War between England and France actually lasted for 116 years, 1337-1453 \*A hundred is the sum of the first 10 odd numbers

\*An estimated 75% of Canadians live within 100 miles of the U.S border

\*There are 100 senators in US state senate

\*In Belgium 100 is the firefighter and ambulance telephone number

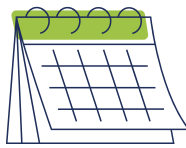
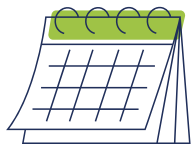
\*100 degrees Celsius is boiling

\*There is 100 yards in an American football field



### 53. Sophia Kapelyukh

Every Monday, a group of lovely people gather inside Mrs Tevendale's classroom. Our conversations start out quite tame; recent news, shows and books, but the arrival of Ethan, or more specifically, Ethan's controversial food combination will spark many debates that soon unfold into very uncanny discussions. The most memorable have been awesome candidate fails trying to get into the secret services, Roman contraceptives, the Perth fireworks display, and lost shoe puns. The columns meetings are always a highlight of the week, you leave laughing while wondering what kind of article you can produce having discussed so many wonderfully strange topics



### 54. Maisey Lafollete

1924: January 25th- The first Winter Olympic Games open in Chamonix, France.

February 3rd- The 28th President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson dies in his home in Washington at the age of 67. March 25th- Raymond Poincaré forms a new government in France. April 1st- Adolf Hitler is sentenced to five years of labour for Beer Hall Putsch. May 10th- Jay Edgar Hoover is appointed head of the FBI. June 15th- Ford Motor Company manufactures its ten millionth automobile. July 29th- Paul Runyan wins the PGA golf championship.

August 23rd- Mars' closest approach to Earth since the tenth century occurred. September 30th- Monitoring of the German Navy by the Allies stops. October 15th- US President Calvin Coolidge declares the Statue of Liberty a National Monument. November 2nd- The Sunday Express publishes its first British crossword puzzle. December 19th- The last Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost is sold in London.

School Sports 100 Years Ago  
 Presented by Maisey Lafollette  
 High School of Dundee Rugby, Hockey and Cadets of 1924. Can you imagine our  
 coaches in tops and tails for tea....



Dundee and District Schools' League Hockey Cup, won by High School Hockey Team.

Top Row—Miss O. H. Smith (*Hon. Pres.*), F. McGregor, Muriel Geddes, F. Tough, Ida Bell, Ina Davi  
 Middle Row—B. Peat (*Sec.*) Molly Braid (*Capt.*), May Wallace.  
 Front—Nan Linton, Lyla McPherson, Jean Robertson.

GIRLS' HOCKEY XI.,  
 1923-24



Back Row—R. Davidson, G. Baxter, W. Pritchard, P. Jack, W. Leslie, T. Pearson, D. Hill.  
 Middle Row—N. Scott, G. Wilkie, J. R. Myles (*Capt.*) Mr D. Mann (*Pres.*) P. D. Ritchie, A. B. Barrie,  
 D. L. Prophet.  
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RUGBY 1st XV., 1923-24

Dundee High School  
 Magazine

D.H.S. Rugby Team. 1924-25.

SOME OF THE CONSPICUOUS PLAYERS. ETC



This is the Life.



The Columns Equivalent 100 Years Ago.

Presented by Maisey Lafollette

During my research I found the style of writing (and what they were allowed to get away with) amusing. They issued three magazines a year and there was a lot of local advertising, and you had to pay for an edition. I hope you enjoy a few of the more appropriate snippets I could find. Here's to the next hundred years.

**A Youth's Farewell to Dundee High School.**

Farewell, oh ancient pile, youth haunted spot,  
Where oftimes I have "caught it hot,"  
Where, too, when hastening in at morn,  
Having o'er slept the dewy dawn,  
Round corners I have seen me whisk  
In manner quite distinctly brisk.

Farewell, oh chilly classroom, dark and drear,  
Ruled by our M—ke, so grim, austere,  
Where I have sat with tight-clasped head,  
With mathematics fearfully "fed,"  
Visioning some future Rugger match,  
Or wishing my handicap were "scratch."

Farewell, oh desk so old and battered;  
Round you are many memories scattered.  
'Twas here I sat while M—s took the floor,  
And breathed relief when he banged out the door.

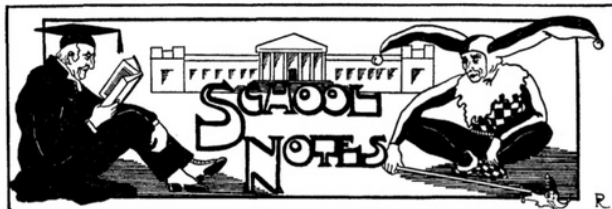
Yes, often here for C—s—y have I sat,  
Wondering much what he was getting at.

Farewell, my masters, one and all;  
No more I'll answer to your call.  
For you, B—ll L—i—d, my heart is kind;  
Often your jokes I could unwind;

But William P., although your look is gentle,  
I fear that that was accidental.

Farewell, oh home of past and future stars,  
Although my name no prize-list mars,  
Oft this fact I have much deplored,  
Yet in exams. was ever "floored."  
Farewell, with sorry heart I leave these rooms  
so fusty,  
For, after all, school has not been too dusty.

ANON.



**Advertisements.**

LOST, between September 1923 and March 1924, a Rugby match. Reward. Apply Secretary, 1st XV., D.H.S.

WANTED.—Bottle of really reliable hair oil (or would take good file instead). Apply M. D. K—n, c/o the Editor.

LOST, a small piece of Tayside Pudding. Answers to name of "Algernon." If found, handle with discrimination, and return at once to School Luncheon Rooms.

WANTED, one or two extra marks at the next quarterly exams. Reward (if sufficient inducement). Apply Box (A.O.T.), c/o the Editor.

WANTED, a copy of "Felix Kept on Walking." Apply Messrs W—b and M —n, c/o the Editor.

WANTED, a pair of sock suspenders which will not disgrace the 1st XV. Apply N. Sc—t, c/o the Editor.

**Recent Addresses.**

"Any light?"  
"That's a verrra rrrremarrkkable exprrresion!"  
"Who is Felix?" (We believe that Sulla, 1st century B.C., was nicknamed "Felix."—Ed.)

"Ith a colothol amount of work!"  
"Now, Sc—t, begin translating and stop talking."

"Mind you, it's tough stuff—but, oh, it's GREAT STUFF!"  
(Heard in a well-known classical room).—  
"Spee—kup, B—x—r, spee—kup! You speak as if you had a hot potato in your mouth!"

After "meet," I heard nothing but spluttahs.  
Don't say a thing in such a way that if it is wrong you won't have said it.

C—l, you sit there like a mushroom waiting to be plucked and eaten.

Miss S—r, you're like a chased rabbit running from corner to corner.

P-p-p = pip—pip—pianissimo.  
You're utterly hopeless, A— T—.  
When you're asked what class you are in, you should say  $\frac{2}{7}$ .

**Things We Want to Know.**

Why does not Mr M—n kill our Editor outright and get it over?  
Is it true that J. W. S. fainted in a certain Maths. room?



**Editorial.**

IN sitting down to pen this Editorial, we are fulfilling a duty thrust upon our unwilling shoulders by the School at large. We have been pressed to air a very general grievance, and for a long time were unable to decide to do so. Deep in the gloom of the editorial sanctum we wrestled with the problem, even tossing up our last shilling to decide the matter—and it took four spins to come right way up.

Here goes for the grievance. When, ah! when, are we to be the recipients of a new Spots Pavilion? Our present edifice is suffering from chronic senile decay. It is a rambling old fungus-covered mansion, with a damp, cheesy odour, a leaky roof, a worm-eaten floor with a thick carpet of rich, ripe blue mould, broken locks on the majority of the doors, no locks on the minority, and a small adamantite fragment of soap-substitute which has nobly withstood the ravages of time and ice-cold water for well-nigh four seasons. What a palatial building the 1st XV. possesses in which to receive visiting teams! [By the way, why are so few masters to be seen supporting the 1st XV. on the touchline on Saturday mornings?]

Well, well! That grievance off our chest, we will proceed to a note of goodwill towards men. We do not mind admitting that the contributions received this quarter are a considerable improvement upon the last batch, both as regards quality and quantity. They are not at all dusty, so to speak. In fact, we shall not be at all surprised if a few of our contributors pass Higher English this year. There, now! Never say that your Editor is a hard man. In fact, he has, upon occasion, been called the other thing.

Beyond this page you will find fare designed to gratify your literary palate. It may, perchance, taste of printer's ink and midnight oil. [You don't see the connection? Ah, but the contributors will.] However, we can but pray you to deal kindly with our efforts.

We are glad to hear that Mr Legge is well on the road to recovery after his serious illness, and offer him our sincere wishes for a speedy return to health and strength.

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### 57. Maisey Lafollette

Hercules is a Roman name and Heracles is Greek. Heracles is a demigod child of Zeus, while Disney Hercules Zeus and Hera's son. Their stories are complete opposites. The movie had Hercules become a hero to regain immortality. He fights monsters and even his uncle Hades. Hercules falls in love with Meg, saves her life, gives up immortality and becomes a true hero. Heracles, however, had a tragic life. After murdering his family Hera punished him, by forcing him to complete 12 labours. Heracles fought many monsters and helped kingdoms. Even after he finished the labour's his struggles didn't end. Heracles was killed by Hydra blood given to him by his wife.



### 58. Prithvi Sudarshan

Jurgen Klopp has announced to fans that his time as the current Liverpool manager will be coming to an end at the end of this season. Klopp, who took over the reigns of the club during the 2015/16 season, was faced with a difficult challenge to begin with, sitting in 10th place. In his first press conference he pleaded with fans to alter their mindset from "Doubters to believers". During his 8-year span at the Reds he has transformed the team into year-on-year title contenders, winning 6 trophies in his time including both the Premier League and Champions League titles.



### 59. Ethan Arnot

Jason was born into a royal family in the city of Thessaly. His father, Aeson, was the king. Jason's uncle Pelias murdered the king and sent Jason away on a quest to find the Golden Fleece. Jason begins his journey to take the Golden Fleece. His Argonauts were 50 men that went with Jason to claim the Golden Fleece as their own. When Jason returned, however, he gave the fleece back to Pelias and married Medea. There are several accounts of what happened next. One of them is that Medea tricked Pelias' daughters into killing him.



### 60. Grace Hewitt

In old stories, picture Icarus soaring too high, his wax wings melting in the sun. It's a warning not to be overly ambitious. The Roman Empire, a huge story about power and change, often crosses our minds. Learning Latin is cool; it connects ancient smarts with today's knowledge. Icarus, a guy who learned the hard way, shows us not to overreach. His melting wings teach a simple lesson about being smart with our ambitions. This timeless story echoes from way back, reminding us to avoid going too far. It's like an ancient guide still relevant in today's world



### 61. Isla Jones

Latin is the best because it's lots of fun. Mr Faulkes makes all the lesson very enjoyable. We are always giggling especially when he starts to dance. Latin is really hard, but Mr Faulkes always comes to help me when I get stuck. I do get in trouble for talking with Maisie but it's ok because I do the work as well. Maisie does always copy me but it's alright because she is very funny. I also love Latin because there are lots of very fun trips. We are going to Greece and I'm very excited.



62. Fareha Latif

Latin is a good language to learn because it can improve your English vocabulary and the language Latin is used in many other languages such as French, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian and Chinese. Latin is also the usual language for any scholarly, legal, or scientific activity. Latin is a very unique and interesting language to learn because it was used in the ancient time, and I think that because I have been learning for nearly 2 years with one of my favourite teacher called Mr Faulkes. If you ever go to visit Vatican City, you will need to know how to speak Latin as its their official language.



63. Cathleen Lin

Arachne, a mortal weaver in Greek mythology, decided to challenge the goddess Athena in a contest of skill. Boasting of her talent, Arachne wove a tapestry that portrayed the gods' flaws. Enraged by this audacity and that Arachne challenged Athena, Athena transformed Arachne into a spider after Arachne lost the contest, condemning her to weave intricate webs for eternity. This myth teaches hubris and the consequences of challenging divine authority. Arachne's fate serves as a cautionary tale about the balance between creativity and respect for higher powers, illustrating the ancient Greeks' belief in the importance of humility in the face of the gods.



64. Anonymous

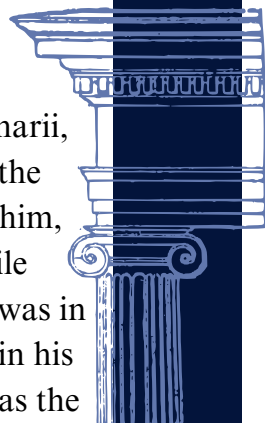
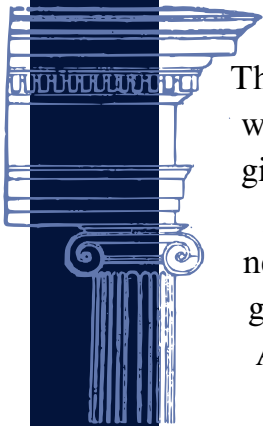
In my opinion Marcus Licinius Crassus is the best Roman citizen of all time because he was the richest Roman of all time. He was also the general who led his army to defeat the famous slave revolt led by the gladiator Spartacus. Crassus' head is said to have ended up on a silver platter, not very fitting for the man that helped change Rome from a republic to one of the largest empires the world has ever seen. Crassus also set up the world's first ever fire department.

65. Rosie O'Ready

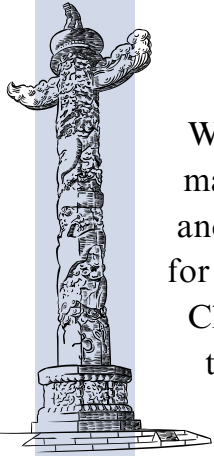
The origin of the name of Athens is very interesting. Athena and Posiedon both wanted to be the patron of Athens (then named Cec) and they decided to each give the people of Athens a gift. Whoever the Athenians thought gave the best gift would be the patron! Poseidon thought and realised that the Athenians needed water, so gave them a spring, but it turned out to be saltwater! Athena gave them an olive tree, where the Athenians could get several resources. The Athenians believed that Athena's gift was better and made her the patron of Athens, hence the name 'Athens'.

66. Aswin Poudel

Why was Caecilius in the garden? The answer is simple. One may be rich in denarii, but such wealth does not translate to true value. Caecilius may not had been the wealthiest man in Pompeii, but the ability to greatly appreciate nature around him, had allowed him to experience what true value was. One could even say, while Caecilius wasn't the wealthiest man, he most certainly was the richest. Caecilius was in the garden to reflect and appreciate the life he was living. The idea of Caecilius in his garden was enough to inspire everyone reading the red Latin textbook, for he was the true embodiment of a man of value.

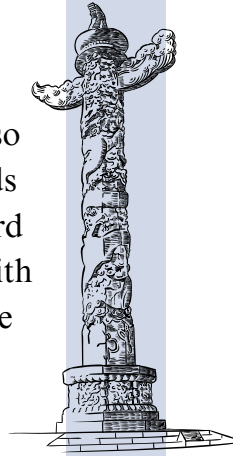






### 67. Oliver Walker

Why is Latin the best language to learn in school? To start, it's not 'boring' like so many people think. If you choose Latin, it will give you access to a range of words and phrases that influenced so many other languages. For example, the Latin word for Columns is 'colonnae' which is very similar to the French word, 'colonnes'. With Classics, you'll also be able to go on interesting and exciting school trips, with the two teachers, Dr Lazani and Mr Faulkes. So, choose Latin as your language to learn, as it could help you a lot in your life.



### 68. Jingxi Yao

Sisyphus, a character from Greek mythology, symbolises the eternal struggle against futility. Cursed by the gods, he endlessly pushes a boulder uphill, only to see it roll back down, repeating the cycle. This myth is often seen as a philosophical reflection of the human experience, persisting despite inevitable setbacks. Albert Camus, a philosopher, explored Sisyphus in "The Myth of Sisyphus," praising the resistance against absurdity. Sisyphus becomes a metaphor for life's challenges, encouraging us to find meaning in seemingly pointless tasks. In the repetitive journey of the boulder, we find a reminder of the resilience rooted in the human spirit.



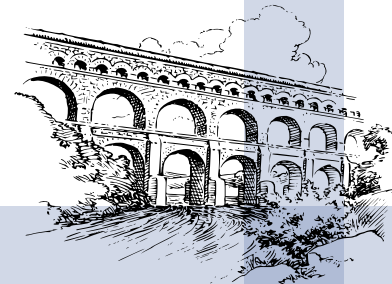
### 69. Maisie McKenzie

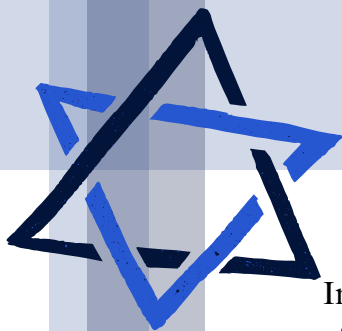
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### 70. Kirsty Caddick

"The Roman Empire" is a TikTok trend which involved women asking men how often they think about the Roman Empire. Often, men think about it a lot, leaving women wondering what they think about a lot. My Roman Empire is Flappy Golf 2. It is a game that lots of people in my year used to play. It is a big memory of primary school. We all used to play together and help each other complete levels.

My question for you is what is your Roman Empire?





#### 71. Miraal Khan

In times of genocides, freedom feels like it's made of glass, so fragile it could shatter any moment. It's like a scary movie where people's rights disappear, and everyone's hushed into silence. You see, when bad leaders decide to erase certain groups, they also erase freedom like it's just a game. It's like having your voice taken away, and you can't do anything about it. We should know that freedom isn't always a guarantee, and we need to stand up to make sure everyone gets a fair chance. It's like protecting a delicate butterfly in a storm – so easy to lose.

#### 72. Jayna Kooner

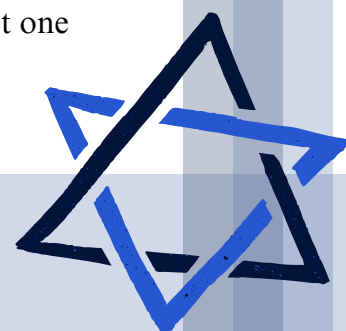
The Holocaust, a harrowing chapter in history, reveals the struggle for freedom in the face of unspeakable atrocities.

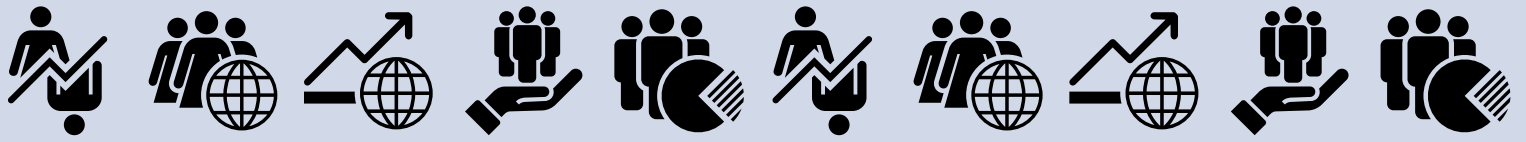
Amidst the horrors, freedom took on a multifaceted significance. Beyond physical constraints, it embodied the resilience to preserve individual dignity and identity. For many, maintaining a semblance of personal autonomy became an act of defiance against dehumanization. Freedom, in this context, transcended mere physical liberty; it manifested in the tenacity to retain one's beliefs and humanity amidst unimaginable adversity.

The Holocaust serves as a stark reminder of the enduring human spirit's quest for freedom, even in the darkest corners of history.

#### 73. Roseanna Leburn

Freedom is something that is very important in a democracy. Freedom to me is playing a sport, going out with my friends on the weekend or wearing whatever I want, but the Jews thought of freedom as being allowed to live their life freely with no one stopping them or hurting them in the process. The Jews were treated so horrifically that freedom to them was simply going to the same shops as everyone else but nowadays we would think of that as being an everyday choir. Freedom is just one word but it can be used in so many different.





#### 74. Freddie Melville

Freedom to me means that there is no-one against you and you can do what you want when you want. Freedom to me is like having an open sky for my thoughts to soar. It's the ability to choose my own playlist, stay up late, and make mistakes that become my lessons. It's not just about rules; it's about having space to figure out who I am. Freedom means expressing my weird ideas without judgment and exploring the world beyond textbooks. It's those moments when I feel understood and valued for being me. Sure, it's the thrill of independence, but it's also the safety of being accepted. Freedom at 14 is like unlocking a new level of discovering myself and my place in the world.

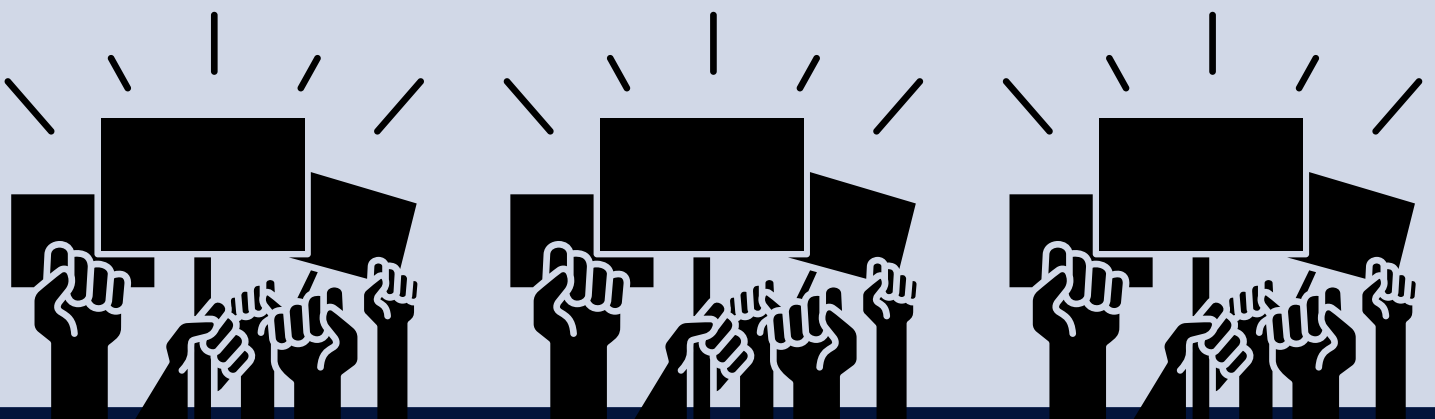
#### 75. Aswin Poudel

Blamed for wrongdoings they never committed. Freedom taken away, bit by bit, day by day. Family, Friends, and innocent children, taken away to be unfairly punished and tortured. This is what happened to the Jews, because of Hitler inhumanity. Because of Adolf Hitler's prejudiced opinions, millions of Jews across Germany slowly, but surely, had their rights and humanity taken from them. Their freedom. Their dignity. All taken away. To me, Freedom is the right to act, speak, and change as one wants without unfair treatment. Freedom is something ANY human deserves, no matter their race, religion, or sexuality, And NO ONE should be allowed to unfairly take one's freedom from them.

#### 76. Aarav Balakrishnan

The citizens in Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar, and other war zones around the world, what do they all have in common? The lack of one word: freedom.

Freedom is a word we all take for granted, a word that brings serious controversy and debate from countries all over the world. History has taught us many lessons; freedom is an important one. Freedom has sparked revolutions, wars and mass conflict all over the globe. People will go to any extent for this word. I ask you, is it wrong to have the basic human right to be free?



### 77. Charlie Grewer

The trailer for the third/final season of the Star Wars animated series “The Bad Batch” has been released. The show follows a group of rogue clone troopers on the run from the empire and is set during and after ‘Revenge Of The Sith’. The show is a follow up to the popular 2008 ‘The Clone Wars’ series and features many characters from the show including captain Rex, Cad Bane, and Grand Moff Tarkin. The new trailer revealed the return of two other characters to the series: Commander Wolffe and Asajj Ventress. The series premieres on the 21st of February.

### 78. Teigan McNeill-Gibson

My favourite book and film series of all time is The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins. It is about a young girl, named Katniss Everdeen, who sacrifices herself for her sister in the reaping, meaning that she would fight in the Hunger Games. The trilogy depicts her story, fighting in the first Hunger Games, winning, and then being forced to fight in the 75th Hunger Games a year later. Then it talks about how she and her allies escape the arena, and the consequences of their actions, as well as Katniss becoming the symbol of rebellion in Panem. It is set 300 years in the future. The character who I love the most is Rue, Katniss’ district 11 ally in the arena, who died in her arms. As Rue resembled Katniss’ sister, Prim, she felt particularly attached to the girl, which is why Rue’s death was so devastating. The way Katniss sang to Rue as she died broke me, and I still cry every time I watch or read the trilogy. In 2020, the prequel to the Hunger Games, ‘The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes,’ was published. The story is told by President Coriolanus Snow, who was public enemy number 1 in the Hunger Games series. He talks about how he mentored in the 10th Hunger Games, with his tribute being none other than the District 12 girl, Lucy Gray Baird. He falls in love with her, but their relationship soon turns sour. We see why President Snow is the way he is and the fandom collectively hates him for what he did. Last year, the ‘Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes’ film came out. It received fairly poor ratings (3.4/5 stars, according to Google). In my opinion, it was an incredible film, a wonderful depiction of the story, and the film was absolutely beautiful. If you haven’t seen it, I recommend it, as it changed me.

### 79. Izzy Clark

“Candela Obscura” is a horror tabletop game published by Darrington Press, and the first game released in the Illuminated Worlds system. Inspired by books like Frankenstein, Neverwhere and The Night Circus, Candela Obscura mixes Victorian aesthetics with Lovecraftian horror within a story-first game system designed to develop compelling and tragic characters. The game’s emphasis on creating terrifying stories is well-balanced by the creator’s acknowledgement of the legacy of harmful stereotypes in the horror genre, and strives to overcome those to create diverse and culturally sensitive stories. Overall, whilst some of the mechanics seem a little clunky at times, it’s an excellent first game in a well-developed new game system and the start of what will hopefully be a new age of tabletop gaming.



### 80. Malavikha Sudarshan

It has been two-and-a-half years now since I moved to Berkeley for university, and it has certainly been eye-opening. Being so close to San Francisco, it is commonplace to see self-driving cars on the roads, or huge tech billboards lining the motorway.

The wealth disparity is nothing like I've ever seen before.

But, the ambition and pace of life is unmatched. Everyone is doing something, all the time - be that launching their own startup, consulting for Adobe, publishing research papers...

I have been pushed beyond what I could imagine I was ever capable of. And I couldn't be more grateful.

### 81. Sahar Jafferbhoy

In the heart of Edinburgh, amidst its bustling streets and academic fervour, a quiet ache resonates—a homesickness that whispers of the serene tranquillity behind in a quaint rural village. The city's majestic architecture stands in stark contrast to the simplicity of home, where sprawling fields stretch endlessly, and the comfort of familiar faces adorn every corner. While forging new connections and embracing academic challenges, the yearning for rustic charm and the warmth of familiar faces reveals the paradoxical beauty of growth – a poignant blend of excitement for the present and a wistful nostalgia for the past.

### 82. Aystree House Captains

Being a House Captain has been the highlight of the Form 6 experience so far! There's a lot of work involved, and sometimes things don't go to plan, but we've all had a blast being a part of the house events, and we're look forward to our upcoming events! We keep @houseofaystree updated with any upcoming events, and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved within the house. There's still loads more house points up for grabs! We're looking forward to seeing you at the next events! - The Aystree Captains

### 83. Lindores House Captains

We believe being House Captains of Lindores has increased our confidence, communication, creativity and even leadership skills. We feel our strongest attribute within the house is our collaboration with other years, ensuring a creative and inclusive approach to all our events. Where we hope the younger pupils enjoy spending time with their friends, getting into the house spirit and having the chance to be endlessly enthusiastic and competitive. The role of house captain does come with the additional challenge of balancing responsibilities along with stepping outside our own comfort zones but we have found this role so far to be incredibly rewarding and are excited to be leading the pack into another fun filled year ahead!

### 84. Ethan Campbell

New sports don't seem to come about very often, but all sports must have been invented at some point. The easiest way to invent a new sport is to take an existing sport and modify it in some way.

I have prepared an example:

Boxing on ice. Two fighters, equipped with gloves and ice-skates, in a rink a little larger than a boxing ring, punching each other. This modification might not improve the sport, but it would be very entertaining to see boxers chase each other around the ring.

Many such modifications can be made to varying degrees of success.





### 85. Meagan Dailly

In The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy manages to kill the Witch by pouring pure water on her. This works because it's fiction but there's actually science to prove it.

The Wicked Witch of the West's is known for her green skin, which could be more sensitive than normal. Biology teaches us that human cells don't have cell walls, so when they are put in pure water, they will burst because of a process called osmosis (water moving in and out of cells). So, when Dorothy poured water on the witch, her cells exploded causing her to melt before our eyes.

### 86. Meagan Dailly

Dingbro LTD, a car part distributor or secret government agency? These red vans with their unusual white tops can be seen on every road, dutifully bumbling across Scotland, though they are not all they seem. These vans skulk from one garage to another delivering much needed car parts to local garages all over Scotland and even to Shetland and the Faroe Islands. Or so they would have you think. In reality this innocent car part distributor is a government spying agency with unpaid debts and hastily hidden mistakes sanctioned and protected by the government as they spy on unknowing schoolchildren. (Note: this is satire)



### 87. Meagan Dailly

2024 is shaping up to be one of the most important years in political, social and economic history. After a time of centrist ideologies, young and old alike have begun to gravitate farther to each end of the political spectrum. Although many find reassurance in their unwavering ideals, the effects of the long-term consequences of policies from both the left and right are unforeseen and potentially devastating for life as we know it. This year across the globe there are elections in Mexico, the UK, the US, Pakistan and 60 others. This will forever change the world we live in.



### 88. Meagan Dailly

#### Top 100 Taylor Swift Songs

1) the 1, 2) the lakes, 3) Don't Blame Me, 4) You're On Your Own, Kid, 5) Could've Would've Should've, 6) Timeless, 7) seven, 8) august, 9) Nothing New, 10) All Too Well (10 Minute Version), 11) I Bet You Think About Me, 12) Love Story, 13) Last Kiss, 14) The Way I Loved You, 15) Fifteen, 16) I Think He Knows, 17) Betty, 18) Everything Has Changed, 19) Now That We Don't Talk, 20) Out Of The Woods, 21) Fearless, 22) 22, 23) champagne problem, 24) 'tis the damn season, 25) Dancing With Our Hands Tied, 26) Dear John, 27) I Can See You, 28) Change, 29) Cruel Summer, 30) gold rush, 31) Vigilante \*\*\*\*, 32) Innocent, 33) Mastermind, 34) Mr. Perfectly Fine, 35) Paris, 36) Miss Americana And The Heartbreak Prince, 37) Paper Rings, 38) You're Not Sorry, 39) Tell Me Why, 40) no body, no crime, 41) tolerate it, 42) Look What You Made Me Do, 43) Say Don't Go, 44) New Romantics, 45) Starlight, 46) dorothea, 47) Jump Then Fall, 48) ...Ready For It?, 49) Shake It Off, 50) Hey Stephen, 51) Suburban Legends, 52) This Love, 53) Untouchable, 54) Bejewelled, 55) Only The Young, 56) Karma, 57) Welcome To New York, 58) Lavender Haze, 59) The Great War, 60) The Lucky One, 61) Sweet Nothing, 62) Hits Different, 63) Style, 64) All You Had To Do Was Stay, 65) Getaway Car, 66) Our Song, 67) Soon You'll Get Better, 68) Delicate, 69) Dress, 70) It's Nice To Have Friend, 71) This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things 72) Tim McGraw, 73) Wildest Dreams, 74) Sparks Fly, 75) Babe, 76) I Know Places, 77) You Are In Love, 78) Better Man, 79) Mine, 80) I Wish You Would, 81) illicit affairs, 82) Sl\*t!, 83) cowboy like me, 84) How You Get The Girl, 85) Maroon, 86) the last great american dynasty, 87) Mary's Song (Oh My My My), 88) Mean, 89) Blank Space, 90) Willow, 91) cardigan, 92) I Heart?, 93) I'm Only Me When I'm With You, 94) Midnight Rain, 95) Clean, 96) Bad Blood, 97) Anti-Hero, 98) Eyes Open, 99) If This Was A Movie, 100)

The Other Side Of The Door



## BREAKING NEWS



### 89. Meagan Dailly

With the presidential election this year it's important that we raise awareness of Trump's utter stupidity.

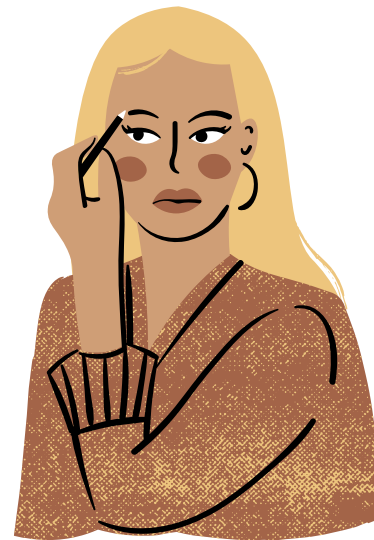
This man shouldn't be let anywhere near the nuclear button. The Trump administration and his behaviour throughout it is excellent example of how not to be president. His idiocy is unmatched. This is the man who encouraged his supporters to commit treason because he was a sore loser. He just paid \$65 million in settlement to a woman he assaulted and to prevent the spread of covid during lockdown he encouraged everyone to drink Clorox bleach. He should not be allowed on the ballot.

### 90. Airlie House Captains

So far, the most significant thing we've taken away from being House Captains would be that there is more to the job than winning the house shield. Clearly understanding that your whole school experience doesn't revolve around academics has to be one of the biggest positives. Gathering people to sing in house choir or swim for a swimming gala is a nice break from homework and exam pressure. Being a captain also allows for us to meet and talk to new people, all across the school and cheering someone up through a house event is so important to us. Ultimately, winning the shield at the end of the year would be amazing, but it is crucial to remember the skills we've learnt from the job and the fun we're having along the way. Our advice would be to apply for a prefect position if you get a chance, you won't regret it!

### 91. Sarah Campbell

On the 27th and 28th of February a group of F5 and F6 students are performing a 1hr long version of the beloved Oscar Wilde play The Importance of Being Earnest. We also have a sneak preview for F2 on the morning of the 27th . We creating an upper class 1800's atmosphere in Trinity with drinks and snacks on offer. We have a lovely team of crew and actors independently working to develop creative skills, designing set, props and costumes. The play is a parody of the Upper Class and mannerisms, it is a twisting tale of marriage, confusion and love. Can't wait to see you all there! Watch out for tickets, on sale soon!



## 92. Bea Bate

It's clear how much of a success Nolan's 'Oppenheimer' was in both the world of awards and in the box office. Not only has the film been nominated for 13 Oscars, it also managed to snag five Golden Globe awards too. The nominations alone made it obvious that 'Oppenheimer' will win for best director, editing, cinematography and at least two others for the pure skill that went into the acting. Personally, I believe that either Alexander Payne's 'The Holdovers' or Celine Song's 'past lives' should win, but that's due to my sheer enjoyment of the films in comparison to 'Oppenheimer'. People have found it ironic that

Margot Robbie was robbed of the possibility of being 2024's best actress, yet Ryan Gosling was nominated for best supporting actor. Isn't that the whole plot of the film? Neither Robbie for her acting or Gerwig for her directing were nominated, despite the success of 'Barbie'. As people heard this news, they ran to twitter, even Hillary Clinton! The irritating thing of this situation is that due to the drama, people are overlooking Lily Gladstone making Oscar history as the first Native American to ever be put into the best actress category. So, which film should win? It's plain to see there are four main nominees, those being 'Poor Things', 'Oppenheimer', 'Killers Of The Flower Moon' and 'Barbie'. As nice as it would be to have a movie as peculiar as 'Poor Things', or as haunting as 'Killers Of The Flower Moon' or even a film as emotional as 'Barbie' win as best picture, I believe the 'Oppenheimer' winning streak will only continue though out the night of the Oscars. As much as I loved almost all of the nominations, it's unfortunately clear which one is the most popular in audience's hearts.

## 93. Charlotte Dorman

### The Apocryphal reign of the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Widely regarded as the best dinosaur, the late Jurassic king, the T. Rex in actuality fails to live up to this inflated image. The Tyrannosaurus was not the biggest dinosaur, nor the fastest, nor does it bear the longevity of ctenophore, a spineless jelly of the Cambrian. It must also be noted that physically, the T. Rex would be overpowered by the humble Triceratops 60% of the time. So, if not as prevailing as a blob and not as strong as a fat vegan, where does this obsolete chicken get off claiming kingship?

## 94. Sarah Campbell

Anyone But You – I went to see this film as a time-waster on an exhausting two-show day of Twelfth Night, the loose muse of the story, and I left feeling more invigorated than ever, bubbling with hope and happiness. Most films nowadays are insightful or devastating but not this film: it was basic and predictable. I was transported into the world of 2000's rom-coms with the beautifully optimistic 'Unwritten' by Natasha

Bedingfield as the leading song, once again taking the world by storm. I'm reminded me of the controversial Barbenheimer, personally I adored barbie and thought Oppenheimer kind-of bombed, purely because I felt good after Barbie. I'd say there is a place for critically-acclaimed films, however, I believe the innocence of the rom-com, the hope of a slow-mo run are the simple things that spur you on. I think that I performed my best that night with the lingering taste of popcorn and a smile on my face.

## 95. Aoife Stewart

Being the youth in Scotland, we are extremely lucky to have a great tool made freely available to us: bus passes. We have the opportunity to travel absolutely anywhere in Scotland free of charge. In a country filled with hills, rivers, lochs, castles, beaches, and cities, this is a gift. I have challenged myself on multiple occasions, to meet with a friend a simply get onto the first bus that passes us and get off somewhere we've never been before. Because of this I've explored castles in the woods, gone swimming in rivers, and climbed hills I'd only before seen in the distance. I would strongly advise everyone to try this at least once, and to use this pass that we are so lucky to have.

### 96. Megan Beckham

In is undeniable that there are many women throughout history whose contributions to society have almost been forgotten. One such is Hedy Lamarr. An Austrian actress and inventor, she developed a communication method used extensively during the Second World War to prevent enemies from decoding information in radio messages known as frequency hopping. After escaping Nazi occupied Austria in 1937, she worked in the USA and created her system that specially was designed to switch radio frequencies, and when on to be an undeniably important base to the technology like cell phones, Bluetooth and even WiFi that we use today

### 97. Sophia Kapelyukh

I think the ability to get across a feeling or an image in just three lines is amazing. Haikus are three-line poems that follow a 5-7-5 syllable structure and I think they are sublime. Firstly, just reading a Haiku sounds so elegant, the syllable structure adds a beautifully rhythmic beat to the poem. But the simplicity is what amazes me the most. Usually, Haikus will have a contrasting image in them that will highlight the poems's intensity and movement within a scene. With only 3 exact lines, Haikus are written so carefully, so every single word counts.

### 98. Wallace House Captains

Serving as the leaders of Wallace has proven to be a remarkable experience for us. We've gained valuable insights into the significance of effective leadership and collaborative teamwork. Our collective commitment this year has been directed towards securing the house shield for the second consecutive year. Despite an initial setback with a 4th place finish in the house choir competition, this experience served as a catalyst for our achievements in other contests, where we significantly improved our scores. We find ourselves in a favourable position this year and are dedicated to achieving the utmost success for our entire house. It has been an incredible pleasure being your captains this year and let's push hard for the final half of the year and #winitforwallace

### 99. Eilidh Acford

For as long as I can remember, I have struggled with commitment. Over the years I have picked up and dropped many a hobby. From tennis to piano to drawing to knitting, my room is littered with unfinished projects and tarnished dreams of what could have been. Yet in the corner sits a battered, brass instrument: my saxophone, the one thing I have managed to commit to. It sits in the corner, the curved crook taunting me, the splintered, wooden reed a torturing reminder that I need to practise. I can't bear to play it, yet I can't bear to get rid of it.



# Editors' Note

Journalism is a powerful tool. Not only does it allow us to understand perspectives from all over the world, it helps to bring people together. From editions on Black Lives Matter and Remembrance to editions focused on Valentine's and Christmas; the Columns team always aims to inform or entertain our readership. Over the years, The Columns has done that excellently, fostering a community from all over the school. We encourage you to be part of this tradition, simply send in articles and we will publish them. With that, we would like to thank all who make the Columns possible, from Reprographics to Teaching Staff and student contributors. Here's to 100 editions, and to 100 more!

Editors, Izzy and Ruby

*Have a fab weekend!*

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