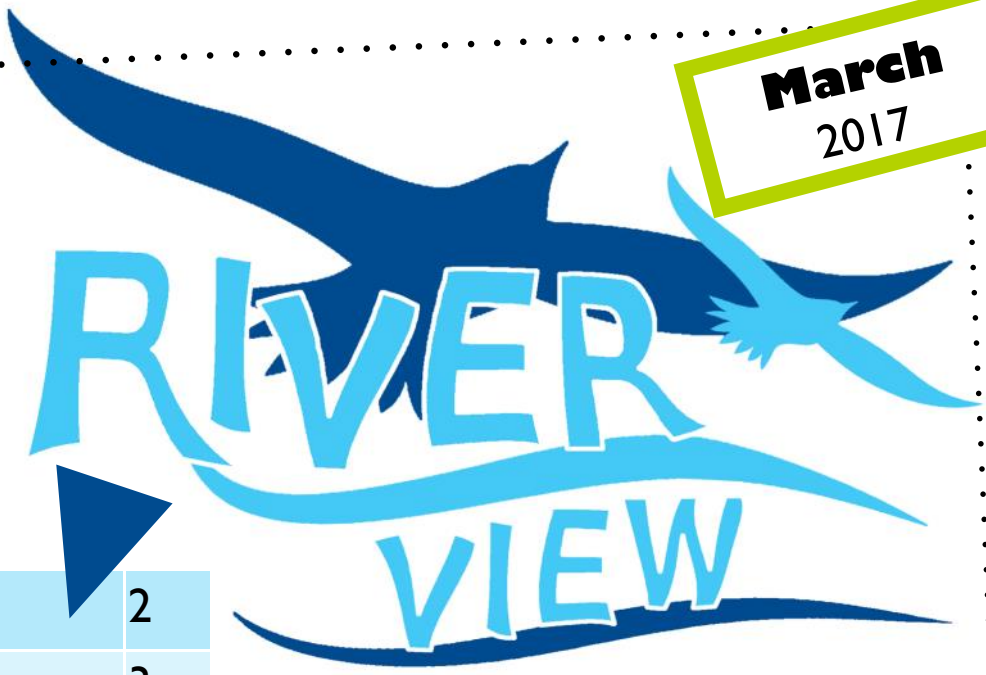




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We are incredibly proud to present this term's bumper issue of Riverview. Our students have been working hard to fill its pages with a range of interesting articles. The team has grown, with new members making some fantastic contributions. This has all been achieved while working diligently towards their deadline for the BBC School Report News Day on 16th March, which was a great success. We hope you enjoy reading.

Miss Lloyd and Miss Price.

**The NEWS,
written by
STUDENTS
for students!**

Pizza in a mug

Recipe by Ebony Down

YOU WILL NEED:

A dash of oil

4 tbsp flour

3 tbsp milk

Toppings: ham, pepperoni etc

Cheese - to taste



1. Get a mug and make sure it's microwave safe.
2. Add your flour, oil and milk, now stir until fully combined.
3. Grate your cheese and sprinkle it on your dough.
4. Put your mug in the microwave for one and a half minutes.
5. If still a little doughy, put in microwave for another 30 seconds.
6. Now get a fork and eat your meal.

Churchill's Essay on Aliens Revealed to the Public

In 1939, Winston Churchill released an article about Extra-Terrestrial Lifeforms. The 11-page article was never published and was found in the 1980s and passed to the US Museum where it sat until its rediscovery. In the essay, he said that: "For alien life to be on other planets they need water (as all life requires it) and a habitable atmosphere of some sort." He is referring to the 'Goldilocks Zone' the ring around the star that is neither too hot or too cold. The essay was written one year after a US radio broadcast dramatized HG Wells' War of the Worlds which caused wide spread panic when people thought that it was actually happening!

1,800 Vulnerable Chicks Found in Lincolnshire

Officers of the animal welfare charity were called after the chicks were found. Inspector Justin Stubbs said that he had seen nothing like it before, it was just "a sea of yellow." Some of the birds died from dehydration and some had to be put down because they were sick. The RSPCA is investigating.

John Glenn, First American to Orbit Earth, Died Aged 95

The Astronaut had been in Hospital in Columbus, Ohio for more than a week and died surrounded by his wife and children. He is expected to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

He was best known for circling the Earth in 1962 on Friendship 7. Glenn was elected in 1974 as a Democrat to the US senate, he served 24 years. In 1998 he became the oldest man to go into space at the age of 77. In 2011 he received the Congressional Gold Medal, the nations highest civilian award.

by Ben Haley - Source: BBC News

Coulrophobia and its roots



Coulrophobia (the intense fear of clowns) is the third most common fear in the UK and has been in the news often recently due to October's 'clown craze'. But why is this so common?

Clowns, by definition, should just be entertainers used to make children laugh. They're found most often in circuses, no different from any other performer there; why is a clown scarier than

an acrobat or magician?

Coulrophobia is not a natural fear – we are not born with a crippling fear of people in white face paint and red noses. This means that we are taught to fear them or that we gain the fear along the way. Severe phobias such as Coulrophobia are more often ingrained into children when they are still young; how does a children's entertainer cause a phobia more common than fear of heights?

One theory is that their appearance can cause discomfort. It is human nature to see something grotesque or different and be repulsed. Evolutionarily, this is to keep us away from possible diseases – if there is something making someone look dramatically different,

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... maybe it's not something we should be near in case of catching. So, on a subconscious level, we are always suspicious. Large smiles painted on can also be considered a form of deceit, as you can't truly tell what the person is feeling. This creates suspicion, which can turn into fear. But in general, these factors are not enough to create fear – they're at best able to make someone feel uneasy.

Another possible reason is from the media. Characters in films and television programmes can also be considered to blame, especially considering that they are often aimed at a younger and more malleable audience. One character which could be thought to aggravate Coulrophobia would be the



- Joker from the *Batman* comics. Although many people would not associate him to clowns, certain aspects could be thought to relate. The Joker's famous painted on or carved smile could be based upon those of clowns, and the idea of games and tricks played would yet again relate to the playful nature of clowns. The overdrawn and almost fake-seeming happiness could also be a factor of both characters.

However, on the flipside of this argument, you could also say that it would be just as logical for the Joker to be a cause of Coulrophobia as he is to be a cause of fear of playing cards.

Arguably the character most to blame is Pennywise the dancing clown from Stephen King's *It*. Pennywise is a monster

who is known for gruesome methods of murder. Although Pennywise can become any creature he wants, he is most often a clown as it is the most attractive form to children. *It*, as a book, is very scarcely read, but the film has made it a staple for modern horror. As most of our parents are around the right age to have seen the film when it came out, chances are that their *It*-induced fear has been passed onto us – the current generation. A new film is also currently in the making; while the majority of us will not be of the age to watch it, a new film will yet again bring the story back into popular culture.



Less money, more problems!

Answering the question:

Schools as normal were doing well, until the biggest shake-up of school funding for decades will see less money for bigger schools in Britain. Many schools may have to compromise and make do with what they have. However, it is not something that WILL happen, but something that could occur if we are not careful.

What do the people in our school think about this subject?

We asked people about this matter and opinions were very mixed. Some of the answers included 'education is very

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important and students should have everything available to them for their whole school life.'

Another point that was made was that teaching could be affected due to the lack of equipment which is caused by less money, and teaching staff will not be available because they can't pay them to work.

Another informant told us that less money causes larger class sizes and more part time teachers due to the school not being able to pay the right amount of money.

Finally we asked an important teacher who told us people work hard for this money to provide us with an easy education and we should think carefully and think about how we spend our money to help in the lead up to exams,

.. especially GCSE's. In fact, quoting her: 'education is the future of the country and therefore it has to be properly funded.' She also informed us: 'the funding for mental health should feed through school: some should come through to help children in school with mental issues.' So from what you can see the thought is that funding being cut would not be good for our school.

Conclusion:

Currently nothing has been affected so far, however we aren't quite sure what the future could hold and what could cause this money downfall. For all we know any day now education could change and we should be careful what we wish for. *But what do you think about this situation?*

By Jenna Smee & Edie Queen-Jones

Met appoints first female Police Commissioner

After almost 200 years in action, the Met police appointed its very first female commissioner.

The Met police force was founded on 29th September 1829 and accepts over 30,000 officers each year (according to their website), around a third of which are female. The police force recently announced its very first female commissioner – Cressida Dick. Ms. Dick is the first woman in charge of the Metropolitan Police Force, succeeding Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe who led the force since 2011. He announced his retirement earlier this year.

Ms Dick, 56, had previously been the national policing lead on counter-terrorism, but left the Met in December 2014 for the Foreign Office. Before that she had been in the force since 1983. Despite her experience, her rise is not without controversy; she was the commander in charge of an operation which led to the shooting and killing of an innocent – Brazilian electrician Jean Charles de Menezes – in response to the 2005 London bombings. The jury ruled that there were several breaks in the Met's health and safety laws, but Cressida Dick was not punished, stating that there was 'no personal culpability'. Many, including de Menezes' family, disagree with this verdict.

Ms Dick won the position over National police chiefs' council chairwoman Sara Thornton, Essex police chief constable Stephen Kavanagh and Scotland Yard's Mark Rowley. This is the first time that there have been as many women competing for the position as men. Home secretary Amber Rudd says Ms Dick is 'an exceptional leader... with a clear vision'. London Mayor Sadiq Khan described Ms Dick as the 'best possible person' for the position, bringing 'extensive experience' with her.

History of women in the police force

Women have been campaigning to get into the force since 1914, when Margaret Damer Dawson (an anti-slavery campaigner) and Nina Boyle (a militant suffragette) founded the Womens Police Service. Although it was originally set up to keep young women out of prostitution, Boyle saw the First World War (much like other suffragettes) as an opportunity to put women into roles usually occupied by men. She hoped that by showing their competence as police officers, they would be recognised and allowed into the force permanently. The commissioner of the time (Sir Edward Henry) allowed them to patrol the streets, but they did not have the right to make arrests and were not an official branch of the Metropolitan police.

Grantham was the first force which asked the WPS to provide them with occasional police women, recognising their skill in handling cases involving women and juveniles. In 1915, they swore in Mrs Edith Smith, making her the first policewoman in Britain with full powers of arrest. She served for two years and was only allowed to help in cases which involved young women.

In November 1918, 25 women were appointed into policing, but without full powers of arrest. The first female metropolitan policewoman was Sofia Stanley in 1919. Stanley designed the first women's police uniform, which was then named after her. Initial duties of female police officers then expanded from just dealing with prostitution to detaining of dangerous female juveniles, helping prevent fortune telling (then illegal), and looking after females who attempted suicide. By the 1950s, women were allowed full policing rights. After this, the police force only became more and more accepting towards women, eventually leading to today where Cressida Dick has been appointed commissioner.

All facts courtesy of www.beta.met.police.uk

The Secret Diary of a Year 7

Here we
are again!

Here we are again, another term and boy has it gone fast!

It feels like yesterday we were starting the first day of secondary school. Some people might not be really happy, but that must just be 1% of the population, and if you're good at subjects you can work at them. To me and lots of other students, it is a great school and I'm proud to be here.

This is a new beginning, somewhere I can start again, where I won't be judged by who I am. That is the good thing about writing this, I can be myself and no one knows who I am.

See you next term, and just remember, never give up.

(Anonymous Year 7)

THE SIMPSONS PREDICTED TRUMPS REIGN!

In a March 2000 episode of the hit show, *The Simpsons*, they predicted that the businessman, Donald Jay Trump, would become the President of the United States. In the episode, "Bart to the Future", Trump has been elected. Some people gave their thoughts on this...

Mr Brewer, the Librarian, stated that it was SPOOKY!

Ms Thurtle said that *The Simpsons* work in mysterious ways and she thinks that it's a random idea! My opinion is that there were SO MANY episodes that a few coincidences are inevitable.

The Simpsons also predicted...

- The Apple watch in the episode "Lisa's Wedding" where Lisa's Boyfriend uses it to communicate.
- The 2013 horse meat scandal in the episode "Sweet Seymour Skinner's Badass Song" where one of the cafeteria ladies is cooking and has a barrel of horse meat parts next to her.
- The Ebola outbreak in "Lisa's Sax" where Marge holds up a book titled, *Curious George and the Ebola Virus*.
- The auto correct on Apples phones was predicted in the episode "Lisa on Ice" where one of the bullies writes 'Beat Up Martian' on his phone, but turns up as 'Eat Up Masha'.

Ben Haley

Film Review

Ballerina

As I was sitting in the cinema, next to my sister who insisted I came along, I hoped this was a good film. This movie has pointless moments, some funny moments, and some bizarre moments. The film also has a predictable plot that we have seen many times before. But the filmmakers made up for it with amazing visuals and beautiful choreography that makes this worthwhile.

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by Ben Haley

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

I was a bit disappointed by this film, I hoped it would be better! It had a nice and magical plot with a couple of twists that I didn't really agree with. The new characters were a great replacement for Harry, Ron and Hermione. And, the special effects for the Beasts were great. Recommended for Harry Potter fans and any zoologists out there.

7/10

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

This is a pretty decent Star Wars film with interesting and funny characters and a nice story, but the problem is that if you have seen the original Star Wars you know what's going to happen. But none the less, with good special effects it climbs the bar as one of the best Star Wars films.

8/10

REMEMBER - THIS IS MY OPINION!

Moana

Disney's new musical animated feature set the anticipation for being unique. It turned out to be one of Disney's greats with beautiful animation, fun characters and a nice story. The songs, however, are mixed. Some songs like 'You're Welcome' and 'Away, Away' are great, but the others seem to be time fillers for that 100 minute run. While not as good as Zootopia/ Zootropolis, it's a fun Disney film that you should check out.

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Is homework a good idea, or not?

The Question:

Most schools think that homework is a great idea and think that homework should continue throughout school. However, scientists have been investigating and have found that actually, head teachers are the ones who decide whether the extra work should be given out to students. Although, head teachers are given guidelines that the government like them to follow.

What do people think?

After our research we went around and asked some of the staff and students about this subject and this is what we found. First we asked an important role model, Ms Costello, and she told us: “we need to develop our independent studies to help our learning, as it is very important.” After that we questioned some teachers and an overall thought was that it is a good idea and helps students learn. One of the teachers we talked to was Mrs Bennett, and her thoughts were: “homework allows a depth of education and if it is used wisely it can help a student’s progression towards a subject and their liking towards a subject.”

Next we went to some students. First we asked a



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year 11 student, who said:

“homework is a good idea but

I think that year 7 should be given more homework as they will have more for other years.”

After that we asked a year 7 student, who told us: “even though it helps our education, it can be stressful and hard work, even if you can ask your teacher

about the work.” She also explained that she thinks older students should be given more work, due to the fact they are closer to their GCSE’s. However, we asked another student and got an opposite response. She informed us that she thinks homework is a good idea and that being at home while working relieves pressure so work can be done at a higher quality.

Final thoughts

After all of this the overall thought is that homework is a good idea to give a deeper understanding of the topic that a student is studying. This tells us that even though students don’t like homework, it does in fact improve learning and their education. This also tells us that there are many, opposite opinions on this matter, and we will never really know whether it is a good idea or not.

By Jenna Smee and Edie Queen-Jones (Year 7 students)



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... Mr Baldock is the longest serving teacher at the school.

By Pixie Smith,
Year 7



Mr Baldock has worked at the school for 15 years now and he teaches maths.

I asked Mr Baldock if, when he was young, this was the job he wanted to do. Mr Baldock said when he was younger he did not want to become a teacher; the job he imagined himself in was a civil engineer. If you did not know, a civil engineer is a creative person who solves problems. They come up with lots of ideas and then turn them into real things for people around the world to use.

Mr Baldock studied at the age of 30 with the Open University for 6 years and still had a job at the same time. When he finished studying he decided to become a teacher. Mr Baldock, before this, was a banker for 8 years.

After 8 years Mr Baldock left his job and moved to

Cornwall. I asked what he did in Cornwall, he replied: "I ran a pub, but after two years I decided to move back to Essex." He now lives in Burnham, just down the road from the school.

When Mr. Baldock started working at the school, it was not called ORA, it was called St Peters, but changed its name and re-branded school uniform over time. When Mr Baldock finished his teacher training he became a maths teacher.

Sir's life at the school has been very exciting.

Mr Baldock told me: "I hope I get along with every year seven student." When I asked him what has made him laugh the most over the years he said: "some of the kids' jokes."

When I asked Sir if there were any students that he remembered the most, he said Jamie Rickers, this is because he has gone on to doing amazing things in his life.

Mr Baldock's funniest memory is when he was asked to go on the school radio, to give his play list of favourite songs.

Mr Baldock's favorite teacher at the school is Ms Harrigan, because he has worked with her on lots of topics.

Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition

News from a Year 9 student.

On Saturday 4th March, a group of Year 8 and 9 students went to Chelmsford Crown Court for the annual Mock Magistrates competition, which is set up by the national justice system to encourage youths into the legal system.

The competition itself is a mixture of drama and English; each team is comprised of many roles normally found in a court, such as defence and prosecution lawyers, a defendant

and reporter, among many others. The competition is a unique opportunity for students to get a look into a working courtroom, allowing them to work in a real job for the day. All teams are given a case to work on – this time the defendant 'Bek Lejohn' was accused of stealing a PlayStation. Teams set up questions to ask both prosecution and defence, which they will be able to ask in the real courtroom on the day. All teams play against other schools such as Shoeburyness and Southend. The court is overseen by a qualified magistrate, who marks the students according to their proficiency at their jobs/their ability to stay in role. At the end of the day, the team with the most points will be put through

to the next stage of the competition.

Our school put in two teams this year, who worked against each other for the title. Each team had three magistrates, two defence lawyers, two prosecution lawyers, an usher, a defendant (Bek Lejohn), two prosecution witnesses (Rowan Brown – the person who was supposedly burgled – and Nik Jenkinson, who witnessed the event from the window of a client’s house), a defence witness (Tye Lejohn, Bek’s parent), a legal adviser, a court reporter and a court artist. We spoke to Isabel Gallagher, team B’s legal adviser.

“It was good,” she said, “but we were against one really

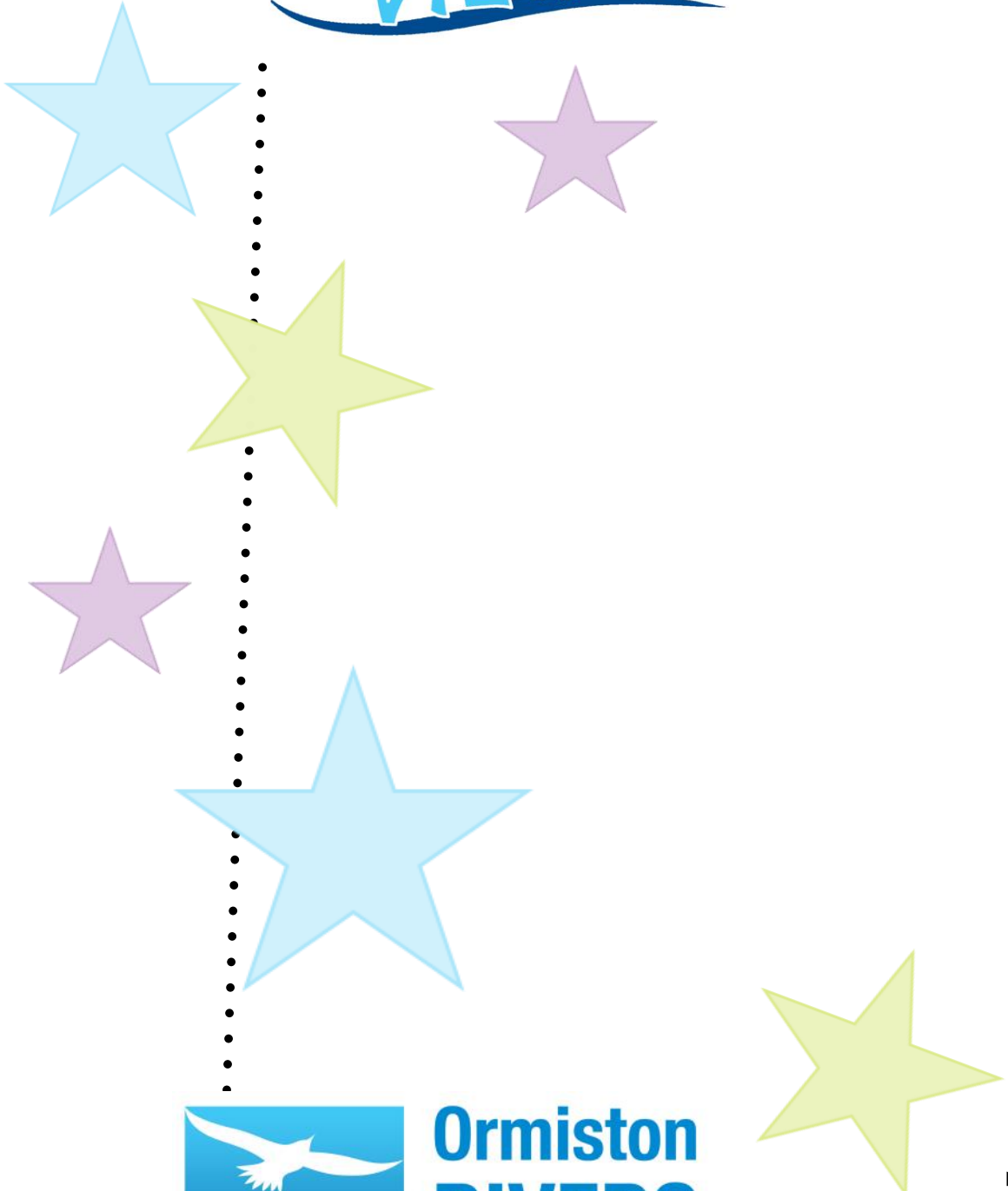
aggressive team. I didn’t like that, but the experience overall was really good.”

We then spoke to Jenna Smee, team A’s ‘Bek Lejohn’.

“It was a really good time; especially as all of our lawyers worked really hard and were really good. Everyone was really friendly; everyone tried their hardest. It was a really good competition as everyone worked really hard.”

The last person we spoke to was Natasha Atwall, team B’s ‘Nik Jenkinson’.

“It was enjoyable, it was fun, but it was also a lot of work.”



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