



## World News

### Vaccinations; The shield to Coronavirus.

**As of the 10th of May, the FDA has approved the Pfizer vaccination for adolescents aged 12-15 years. It is currently being rolled out to all students in Hampshire (unless, of course, you don't want it); have you had your jab already?**

Everyone knows that vaccinations are used to help people react better to an illness or disease; whether it prevents it completely or helps build up antibodies. But how exactly does a vaccine work?

A vaccine is simply a "dead or altered" form of the problem (pathogen) that causes the disease. These pathogens are injected into the body where white blood cells make antigens to target and fight them. This strengthens the immune system, allowing the antigens to be stronger, if fighting the real virus. For example, with the coronavirus vaccine, it does not stop you contracting it but makes you less ill.

Though we are very lucky in this country to have access to a variety of injections, it is up to personal choice. There could be a medical reason why, as some people react badly to it and can become more ill and you could be allergic to an ingredient that makes up the jab. Yet, the chances of any of those things happening is extremely slim.

On the other hand, it is some people's personal choice not to get the vaccine for another reason. That is their choice and no one should try to remove that from them or be not understanding about it.

However, one thing that some people are worried about is the side-effects that you feel when receiving the vaccination. Speaking from experience, the actual injection felt less painful than an ear-piercing and though it differs from

person to person, some reports say you "don't feel it going in at all." The side effects after that are very minimal and I felt none, apart from my arm feeling like I'm constantly doing press ups.

If you have had the vaccine, then good for you. And if you haven't, then I hope this has convinced you it is a good idea!

#### Some Myths to bust! NHS Website

#### Covid is caused by the 5G Networks.

Myth! There is coronavirus in countries without 5G!

#### Vaccine ingredients go against religions.

Pfizer has no animal products in it at all!

#### Covid Vaccines have microchips to track us.

Myth, Myth, Myth! Independent authorities across the world have disproved that theory many times.

#### The vaccine is not ready.

There are many vaccine variations and each one has been improved but all are successful and safe and were ready and necessary to release when they were!

Bella Hall-Cooper



## Other

### Song Reviews

#### Song one

'Where Is My Mind?' by Pixies:

Personally, I like the song. It has a nice slow beat and respectful lyrics, as well as calming instruments.

3.5 stars

#### Song two

'American Idiot' by Green Day:

It's a quick-paced song with a hint of punk.

I would listen to it at a gym workout.

4.3 stars

#### Song three

'Welcome To The Black Parade' by Chemical Romance:

It has a very dark aura and it's very "presto". It gives off a lot of goth steampunk vibes

4.5 stars

#### Song four

'The New Legends' by Gold Coin:

It made me laugh when I first turned it on, I laughed so hard it was hilarious. It is punk rock and decent

2.4 stars

#### Song five

'Wellerman' by Longest Johns:

It is very edited but it is still great, in my opinion, best till last. It is a pop sea shanty, which is amazing!

5 stars

By Alfie Nock 8KLW



### Book Review

#### The Hit– Allen Zadoff

This is a psychologically twisted book about assassins and murder; the explosive new thriller for fans of Jason Bourne, Robert Muchamore and Michael Grant. A perennial new kid in school, the one few notice and nobody thinks much about, shows up in a new town, under a new name, makes few friends and doesn't stay long. Just long enough for someone in his new friend's family to die - of "natural causes." Mission accomplished, Boy Nobody disappears, and moves on to the next target. When Boy Nobody was eleven, he discovered his own parents had been killed. He soon found himself under control of The Program, a shadowy government organization that uses brainwashed kids as counter-espionage operatives.

But somewhere, deep inside Boy Nobody, is somebody: the boy he once was, the boy who wants normal things, a boy who wants out. And he just might want those things badly enough, to sabotage The Program's next mission.

Georgia Marriner



### The Visitor– Short Stories: Part 1

It was in the dead of night that I heard the subtle knock on the door. My ears were accustomed to picking up any trace of movement or the tiniest whisper. My eyes instinctively flew open. I lazily sat up in my bed to get a hold of my bearings, then dragged my legs out of the comforting warmth of the duvet and stood up.

I went over to the window and pulled open the blinds, revealing the inky black sky that was illuminated by the pristine moonlight and orange glow of the street lights. Only a few cars were driving past and the last few people trickled out of the local pub, only a few of the many that watched the F1 race earlier in the evening. My eyes trailed down to the porch, where an obscure figure was standing, face blurred, tapping their fingers lightly against the side of their thigh. I moved away from the window, perplexed at who would be standing at the front door at such an hour. I made my way across the landing, being careful to not make any sudden noises to break the eerie stillness, and then down the stairs, heart beating more quickly and palms getting more clammy every step.

I reached the door, trembling in fear, wondering who or what was standing on the other side of the door. My shaking hand reached for the brass doorknob whilst subconsciously wondering what I was doing. My hand slowly turned the doorknob as I braced myself for an array of different things: someone ready to pounce on me; or tell me something like my aunt's died (although I wouldn't be surprised, she is quite the daredevil at fifty-three). The mahogany door opened to reveal someone I hadn't seen in a long time and quite frankly believed to be dead. He smiled and waved at me, and the last thing I saw was him rushing towards me, arms outstretched, as my vision became a pitch black void. By **Charlotte Easton**

# School News

HARROW WAY'S NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS BY THE STUDENTS

## Harrow Way Uniform Crackdown

Recently, Harrow Way have narrowed their horizons when it comes to lenience over school uniforms. While rules about dress code already existed, they have become more pronounced in recent times and some new ones have even come into play.

New rules include the **requirement** to have shirts tucked in all the time, and black socks being made **compulsory**. Having hair shorter than "grade 2" is **not allowed** and using non-natural makeup (including eyeliner) or nail varnish also **isn't permitted**.



Violating these rules could result in being put on the newly instated **uniform reports**. These white slips of paper have boxes to be ticked or crossed, depending on whether the uniform is correct or not. Some say that this is an **injustice** while others argue that a uniform should **look the same**. But should we be left to wonder: is the uniform stripping us of our individuality?

Edward Cripps

## Miss Priestman

**Why did you want to teach Religious education?** I did a philosophy degree and personally I like questions that cannot be answered and the discussion is what makes everything fantastic!

**Did you want to be anything other than a teacher when you were at school?** Yes, one is still ongoing, and that is to be a dictator for a small country. Also, I wanted to be a spy and I dabbled with the idea of being a performer.

**What is a Perfumer?** Sniffing perfumes, creating your own perfumes, I'm kind of obsessed with perfumes.

**Do you do anything to do with your Religious education when out of school?** Only guide the fallen souls...

**What is the most enjoyable thing you have done or are doing at this school?** Good discussions, that can be in any year, as long as they get a good discussion going about a good topic, that's what I really enjoy. I also, weirdly, enjoy doing revision with Year 11.

**What house are you in?** Kestrels.

**How long have you been teaching at Harrow Way?** 6 years.

Thomas Noble

## LGBTQIA+ Forum!

On the 14th of October 2021, the school had its first LGBTQIA+ meeting. We talked about the LGBTQIA+ history. Did you know that the earliest known gay relationship was in Ancient Greece? We talked about introducing pronouns to the school. Many people do not know the full meaning of pronouns so we are trying to educate everyone on how they work. Simply, pronouns are just a way of addressing someone without using their actual name and whatever one they choose to use matches their identity: she/her, he/him, they/them, xe/xem are some of the more common ones. While we were discussing that, someone thought that we should make pronoun badges (for those who want them). And if anyone wants to come to future meetings, they are very welcome!

Georgia Marriner

## Year 10 Netball Game

**How well do you think you played?**

I think I played quite well considering I was put out of my position. I usually play wing attack but due to some changes within the team, I was put as centre. Even though this isn't my strongest position, I believe that I worked very hard and that work paid off with our 7-4 win!

**Who played well?**

The whole team played very well but I think Hannah Canale, who played wing defence, played amazingly! This is because she was able to make many interceptions and she took didn't rush any of her decisions.

**What could you improve on?**

What I thought I could have done to improve was to take my time with certain passes and not panic. Sometimes, I just threw the ball to the opposition because I was probably struggling with my balance. This gave them possession and our team had to work harder again to take it back.

**What would one of your strengths be?**

However, one of my strengths was having quick reactions when the opposition dropped the ball. If this was the case, I was usually the quickest to get the ball and gain possession which hopefully lead to another point on the score sheet.

*Luana Reidy (Team captain)*

Data gathered by **Georgia Marriner**, Report compiled by **Tom Noble**

# Games and Stuff

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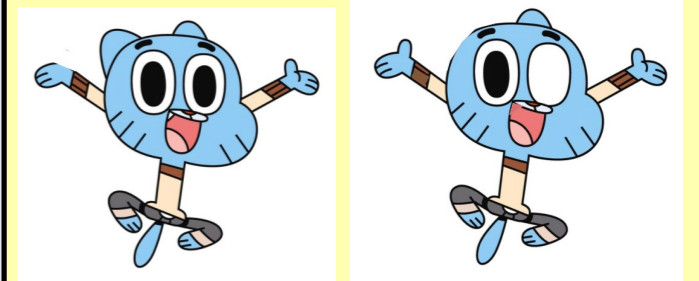
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**Words:**

1. Bat
2. Spooky
3. Ghost
4. Pumpkins
5. Sweets
6. Trick
7. Boo
8. Grave



Spot 4 Differences



A piano, A deck of playing cards, A needle,

## Riddles

What has 88 keys but can't open a single door?

What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?

What has an eye but cannot see?




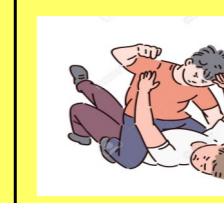

Georgia Marriner and Bella Hall-Cooper

## Jokes

What is Ghost Face's favourite dessert? I-scream!

What is a mummy's favourite music genre? Wrap music!

Why do skeletons have low self esteem? They have nobody to love!

				
Have you ever had your tie pulled by a mate after you told them it was annoying?	Or been tripped up loads of times by that one person you are supposed to trust?	How about: they push you over all the time and at fist it was funny but now they are the only one laughing?	Maybe you play rough but who always gets hurt and loses?	Remember, bullying doesn't have to be by a stranger, or a popular person. Sometimes a friend could be yours.

If you ever need help, contact your tutor, a trusted teacher, friend, the IER or go to the website and use the support button anonymously or with your name. Stay safe, have fun!

Thank you for reading this edition of the Harrow Way Raptor! If you want to be involved in the next copy, email your article or turn up in E12 every week A Monday. I hope to see lots of you there!

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