

# Miscellaneous

HARROW WAY'S NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS BY THE STUDENTS

## Video Game Reviews: Deltarune Chapter 2

Platforms: Nintendo Switch, PS4, Xbox One, PC  
Price: Free

Even if you aren't a fan of RPGs, this game's unique gameplay and great comedy are bound to draw you towards it. Although it uses some characters from Undertale (another amazing game by the same developer), it takes place in an alternative universe, where they have different roles, adding a unique twist to the storyline.

Top this with an amazing soundtrack, and you have a short, unforgettable experience without a dull moment. If you have a decent PC, or any games console, there is absolutely no reason not to get this free game.

Edward Cripps



## Book Review- GIRL (in real life)



A great book that is getting fantastic reviews in UK schools is GIRL (in real life) by Tamsin Winter. In it, Eva has been famous since before she was born -

her parents overshare her entire life on their super successful internet channel and they are always looking for even more stories to increase subscriber numbers. EVA HAS HAD ENOUGH! Now a teenager, she tries to take back control of her life. This book is a very modern, funny and entertaining read for all year groups! If you've got annoying parents or are into social media, you'll love it! There is a copy in our Library and on the e-book platform if you want to read it on a phone/laptop/ PC. Mrs Birmingham

## Short Stories- Part 3: The Moon

Shuffling through the low doorway, I slung my hefty grey trench coat over the radiator to dry, as it had got soaked in this evening's sudden snowstorm. I walked into the dining room to take my shoes off and the stale punch of cold evenings and Chinese chow-mien hit me. It's quite surprising how a tidy office job makes you realise how dirty your apartment is. A small wave of satisfaction came when I threw my thick fur lined boots off, although tipping them upside down I was somewhat bewildered over the amount of sludgy snow that trickled out.

My bones ached from sitting down in an chair all day, but ached even more as I continued to walk through the flat, eventually settling in the living room. The sofa wheezed as I lay down on it, and I flipped the TV to a news channel- after a couple of minutes of skimming- where an official government alert pinged up, it talked aloud with a static overtone

'Please stay indoors, equip yourself with a firearm or weapon and refrain from contact with any authority at all times.'

The recording stopped as abruptly as it started...

This did spark my interest. Rather than just discard it as some fake news or just forget it and try to have a nice evening (for once), I decided to call my mum to see if she got the alert too, when a notification popped up on my phone from a completely random number.

They probably thought I was someone they knew, so I blocked their number and continued typing in my mum's number. Strangely, I got another text, from an unknown number. Again, I decided to see what they had to say "Go outside and look at the moon, it's beautiful tonight"

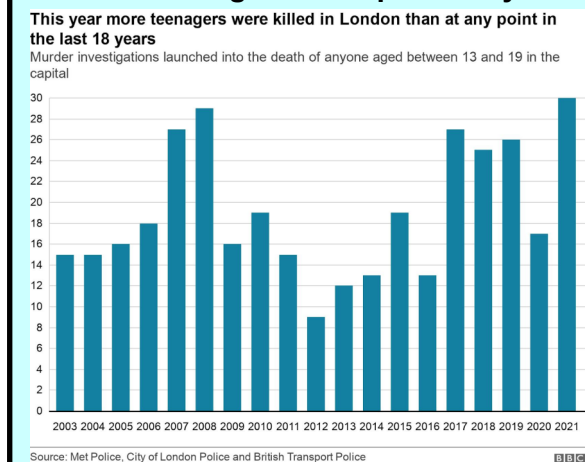
Marly Spry and Charlotte Easton



## World News

### The Link between Teen Drugs and Violence

Over the last twenty years, substance abuse had started to decrease. However, from 2016 onward, the levels of teen and young adult usage rose again. Similarly, knife crime offences have been increasing over the past few years.



A recent incident over Christmas in London brought the total teen homicide figures to the highest recorded, overtaking 2008's twenty-nine deaths. Incidents like that, and many more minor ones happen all around the country and do not seem to be slowing down.

Though it is extremely awful and un-ideal, the statistics are not a surprise. With the coronavirus keeping leisure spaces and other activities shut up - especially just after the lockdown finished - people don't want to stay at home but there are few places to go. Problems like teen violence tend to occur where there is a lack of distraction.

The two problems mentioned already also seem to be concurrent. They are extremely similar in the sense that the violence can be a result of drugs and gangs. In a small number of situations, they are completely random, however, observations and personal accounts show that being involved in drugs or gangs increases the fear of being jumped or hurt.

If anyone is struggling with situations like that,

the school should firstly be a safe refuge: if you need to talk to anyone or even a place where you can be different from how you act in the outside world.

Some other techniques you could use include: talking to someone about it, either a trusted person in your life or childline; cutting all contact and changing contact information; taking up new hobbies or research with one of the many online sites designed to help.

Teen violence is a drastic problem everywhere, but if you can help stop just one act then the world will be better for it.

Bella Hall-cooper

### New Year's Resolutions – Good Idea or Doomed to Fail?

With Christmas past and January nearly gone, how are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? Did you not make any? Were they made and quickly forgotten about? Made and being acted on? Does it matter either way? These questions inspired me to look into the history of making New Year's resolutions. Did you know that historians and other academics generally agree that this began about 4,000 years ago with the Babylonians? No? Me neither! They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honour of the New Year. As the New Year signals a fresh start / a new beginning, it makes it a popular time to reflect on what you want to do, what you want to stop doing and so on. As long as making them and trying to follow them doesn't add to your worries, maybe they are a good idea. They can focus you and the great feeling you get from achieving something is a boost! But, and it's a big BUT, don't stress if they are not working out.

How many people stick to their resolutions? The BBC say that, according to a recent YouGov survey, 35% of people who made resolutions managed to stick to all of their goals, and 50% of people managed to keep some of their resolutions. For the record, the writer did NOT make any but saw this and thought it summed things up nicely.....so, have a happy and healthy 2022 and just be your best! Anonymous Contributor



# School News

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## Drama and Dance Christmas Show!



Bella Hall-Cooper

On the 14th of December, Dance Club and Drama Club collaborated on a private show in the auditorium. Had the Omicron Variant been less prominent, the show would have been performed to parents. Everyone enjoyed showing off their comedy sketches, singing, and dance recitals—even if they were not the most polished!

Tianna Farr commented, "I liked it and it was really fun to be fair! I would do it again because it was so enjoyable." The range of talent that was showcased should leave people confident that Harrow Way is good at entertaining!

The show should be put on Google Classroom in the near future so we will be looking for more updates on that. For now, keep scanning for it and if you see it, be prepared for pure laughs and wonder!

## Teachers' Lounge- Mrs Meek!

**What do you do in your job for those who don't know?**

I am the Assistant Year Leader for years 7 and 8. I check on students in lessons, help those who are struggling with anything, sort friendship issues, run interventions and take a LOT of state-ments.

**Did you want to be anything other than a teacher when you were at school?**

I'm not a teacher :-)  
I have worked with children of all ages: 6 months to 16 years. I wanted to help teenagers, and this is the perfect role.

**What is the most enjoyable thing you have done or are doing at this school?**

The best thing is when students come to tell me they have achieved something they have been working on!



*If there is anything you are worried about at school or at home, please let us know. Our doors are always open and you can come in for a chat.*

Tom Noble

## Recent School Sports: Year 7/8 Girls' Football

Last Week, Harrow Way's Year 7 and 8 girls' football team took on John Hanson. While Harrow Way Played their best, John Hanson narrowly came out on top.

"One of the best moments in the game was in the second half, actually the second half overall because we played much better. We improved as we began to pass instead of dribbling the ball. A team member who played really well was Lola Thorpe, she was always yelling encouragement to our team." - Kara Wilmot (Captain)

"During the second half, we were told to focus on passing over the shooting. We did well with scoring in the first half, though the Harrow way defence was stronger in the second, only letting in 3 goals." Maisy Walton of John Hanson told The Raptor.

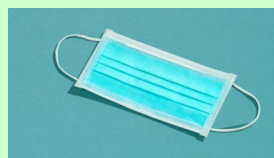
We are extremely proud of how well they all played but can't wait until they are victorious! Tom Noble

## Masks in School

By the time this is published, everyone will have probably stopped wearing masks in school. Do you think that it is a good idea? The debate has been going on for at least two years now and people are still sometimes conflicted. Boris Johnson has told us that they are no longer needed (but apparently, his parties at 10 Downing Street were), so is it perhaps a way to get constituents off his back?

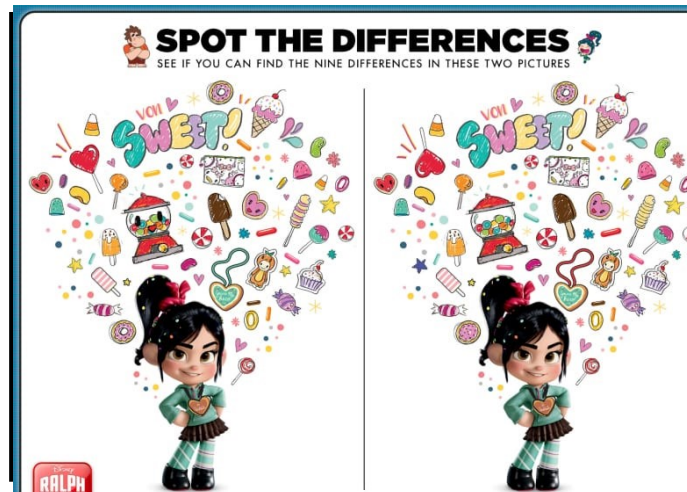
Masks' first benefit is that masks lower the transmission rate of Covid-19 (as well as other various communicable diseases). If you have the virus without knowing and you wear a mask, the particles largely stay trapped within the fabric so people around you are less likely to get it; if you don't have coronavirus, it is a mild inconvenience at most or helps to prevent others giving it to you.

However, in the past few weeks, there have been many major outbreaks within our school and home communities- this happened when masks were still mandatory. Also, effective face coverings can be quite expensive so if many people are still getting covid (despite the restrictions and mask rules), is there any point in wearing them in the first place? Bella Hall-Cooper

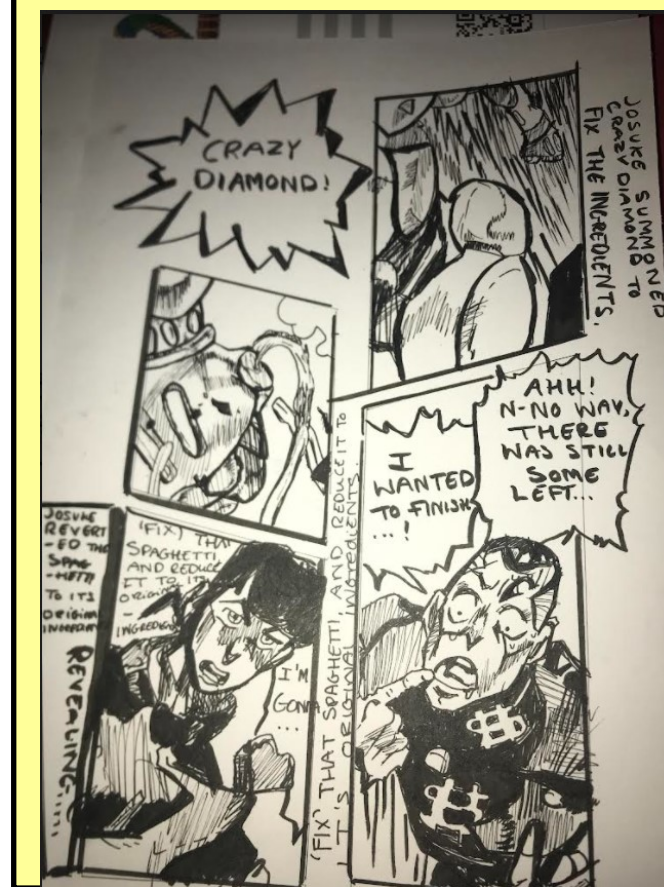


# Games!

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Thank you to everyone who entered designs for the comic competition! The winner is... Leon Beetles of 10HMH!

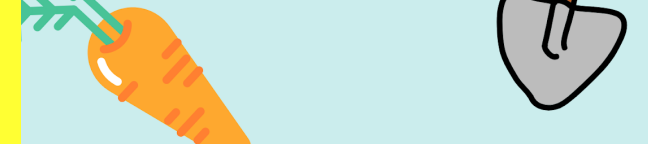


## VEGGIE GARDEN WORD SEARCH

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P U M P K I N L E

Sun Garden Beans Sow Peas Soil Seeds Climb Grow Pumpkin Water Harvest



Georgia Marriner

What is pink and fluffy?

Pink Fluff!

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No eye dear!

What do you call a deer with no eyes or legs?

Still no eye dear!

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 at 3pm. I hope to see lots of you there!

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