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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

This week, James Graham's play, Dear England from 2023 re-opened in the National Theatre London. It is a highly popular drama about Gareth Southgate's time as manager of the English men's national team. Southgate, a cultured footballer, manager and man took over at a time when English football at the national level was in crisis, self-absorbed, entitled, resentful, and riddled with anxiety. As Graham portrays it, Southgate's "gentlemanly revolution", was to lead to England's players acquiring a resilience to defeat and an understanding of making connections between themselves and the country. Freed from the fear of making mistakes and letting the country down, the "lions" learned to roar. The play itself is very much about our identity as English and what it is to be so in the toughest of times. The now-knighted Southgate has yet to see the show but as one critic urged, he should because "whatever his shortcomings the evening affirms him as a national treasure".

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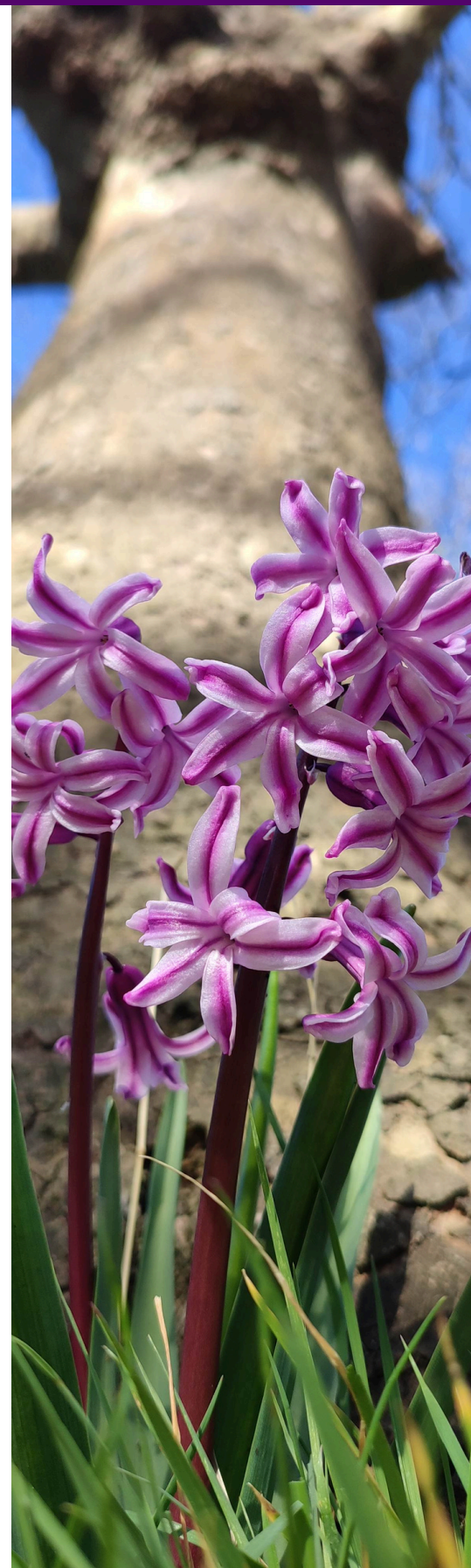
That status led to him being invited to give a wide-ranging talk for the BBC's annual Richard Dimbleby Lecture, also this week. He spoke about his own experience of missing a crucial penalty at Euro 96, saying he didn't let it define him but also referencing his own experiences, he said we needed to do more to encourage young men in particular to make the right choices in life and to not fear failure. He feared that rather than turning to teachers, sports coaches or youth group leaders, many young men were searching for direction online, finding a new kind of role model, one that too often did not have their best interests at heart. He said of such influences; "They willingly trick young men into believing that success is measured by money or dominance, that strength means never showing emotion, and that the world, including women, is against them."

Sir Gareth pointed to a Centre for Social Justice report entitled "Lost Boys" which focused on the "crisis", to use their word, facing boys and young men. It found that across most metrics of importance within society, education, employment, health, and others, young men are falling behind. He also highlighted a recent poll of 16 to 24 year olds from the National Education Union which found that the majority of those polled felt social media had become more toxic and addictive in the past five years, negatively impacting on their mental health, sleep, attention span and ability to work or study. Southgate painted a bleak picture with the above and the CSJ's claim that 2.5 million children in the UK have no father figure at home, as they describe it, "an epidemic of fatherlessness," noting that boys are more likely now to own a smartphone than to live with their dad.

Southgate's solution was to focus on the importance of belief and resilience for young men, and he cited three things needed to build these: identity, connection and culture. Young men need to figure out who they are, how they fit in, to be supportive and supported through making the right connections, having the right role models and buying in to a culture of resilience. As Southgate says; "Too many young men are at risk of fearing failure, precisely because they've had so few opportunities to experience and overcome it. They fail to try, rather than try and fail." Sir Gareth believes that society needs to help young men for their and the nation's benefit. "We all have the power to create that culture. Small actions at an individual level, ladder up to something far bigger at a societal level. That is how we can make changes in our schools, in our workplaces, in our communities. And, yes, in our nation as well".

It was a call to arms from a "national treasure" which seems ever more prescient in a time when positive role models for men seem few and far between, when a man like Andrew Tate can be supported by those leading the most powerful country in the world and a young man can become so enticed by violence and calls to act violently on line that he murders his family and sets out to enact a mass shooting of primary school children. Southgate's observation below is so very true and in our schools and outside of them, our actions and words need to teach young men this truth.

"Not everyone will win trophies. Not everyone will be at the top of their field. But everyone can live a life where they can constantly strive to improve. Where they can look back and say: I gave my best, I stayed true to myself, and I made a difference. That is real success."



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What a gorgeous day for our visit to Buckfast Abbey. GCSE and A level Art students made the most of the grounds and the wonderful architecture to help them with their examination preparation. Year 7 had a range of workshops including a tour of the Abbey, question and answer with a monk, calligraphy workshop and a pilgrimage trail. So lovely to see the sun and some beautiful scenery! I think they enjoyed the shops too!



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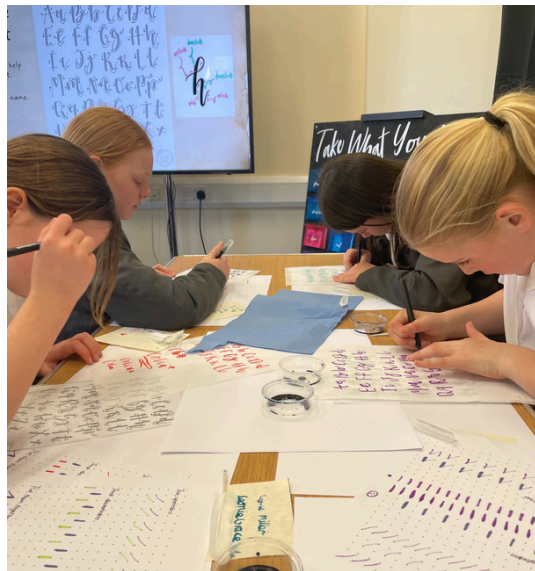
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CITIZENSHIP REVISION

Getting exam ready in Citizenship

Year 11 have been working hard to prepare for their Citizenship GCSE exams. In the lesson today they discussed the United Nations and Commonwealth. Students have been provided with key word lists and lots of extra tasks for revision. They are employing active recall techniques using past papers to improve their answers. The Elevate session next week should also give some valuable advice and parents can sign up to a session in the evening online to support with revision. Exam timetables have been emailed but as a reminder the Citizenship exams are on:

8th May afternoon – Paper 1 - 50 minutes

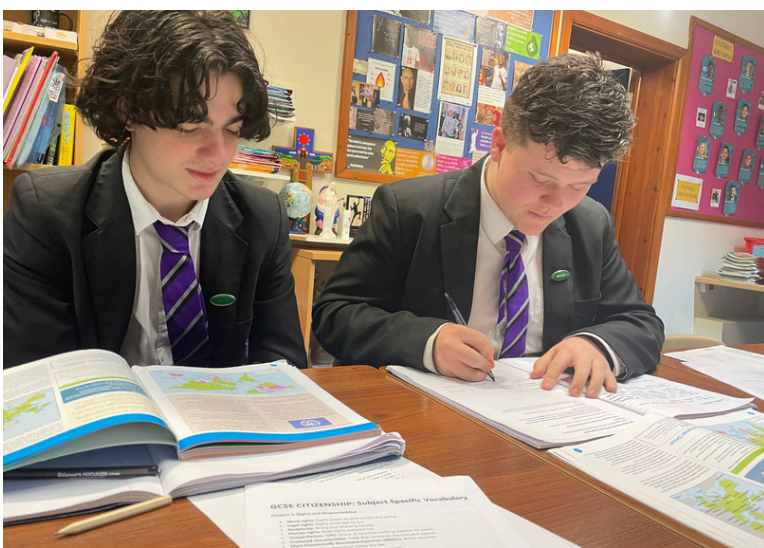
15th May afternoon – Paper 2 - 1 hour 45 minutes

2nd June morning – Paper 3 - 1 hour

To help you to answer essay questions use BUG

B – Put a Box around the instruction word U – Underline key words

G – Glance back after your plan to check you are still answering the question set



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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe – 4207 Points

2nd – Powderham – 4143 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 3935 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May - 238 points

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 197 points

3rd – Alice Lovett - 190 points

4th – Jessica Sinclair - 185 points

4th – Libbet Marshall - 181 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Antonio Cafaro, Darcie Crouch

2nd – Joshua Ball, Blake Hawkins

3rd – Shakira May, Elias Ngowet-Loukouman

"Determination is refusing to give up, even when the path is tough, because the goal is worth the struggle."



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NOTICE FROM THE LIBRARY

With Spring in the air, if your mind should turn towards "Spring Cleaning" the Senior Red Library will happily accept donations of any unwanted books - fiction or non-fiction, DVD's and audio books

Please drop any donations into the White House, they will be very gratefully received and given a new home.



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FIXTURES

YEAR 7&8 GIRLS VS ST PETERS (A) Y7&8 BOYS VS ST PETERS

St Peter A win 6-0

Taunton A win 4-0

Taunton B win 7-0

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH



Elias Ngowet)

George Tucker

Louis Martin

Grace Darby



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- Shakira May
- Frasier Simmons
- Ben Jones
- Hugo Palmer
- Leonie Miller
- Oliver Williams
- Ashton Foxworthy
- Victoria Ward
- Sebastian Glue
- Max Kirton
- Jayden Kirungi
- Alice Lovett
- Win Mahasarakul
- William Mason



- Matthew Norrish Jones
- Rosie Neale
- Jessica Sinclair
- Elliot Starr
- Boe Taylor
- Blake Hawkins
- Laith Owalsky
- Sienna Winsor
- Charlie Starr
- Gabriel Whitney
- Dexter Jeffery
- Finley Simmons



- Elin Partridge
- Joshua Ball
- Shelby Tait
- Jessica Thomas-McKay
- Martha Viney
- Teo Durall
- Ben Clark
- Esmee Glue
- Adam Moore
- Antonio Cafaro
- Eugenie Turkmen
- Joshua Wahome
- Cayden Hawkins
- Logan Jeffery
- Elias Ngowet-Loukouman
- Lily-Mae Pettifer
- Isabel Sunshine
- Yana Evans
- Zack Wahome
- Daniel Wong

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 21ST MARCH

In 1805 Napoleon's Law is adopted in France for clearly written and accessible law...

In 1788 Olaudah Equiano petitions George II to free enslaved Africans...

In 1871 Henry Stanley began his famous African expedition...

In 1933 the Berlin Reichstag reopened after the February fire...

In 1943 an assassination attempt on Hitler failed...

In 1952 20,000 attended the first ever rock and roll concert in Cleveland, USA...

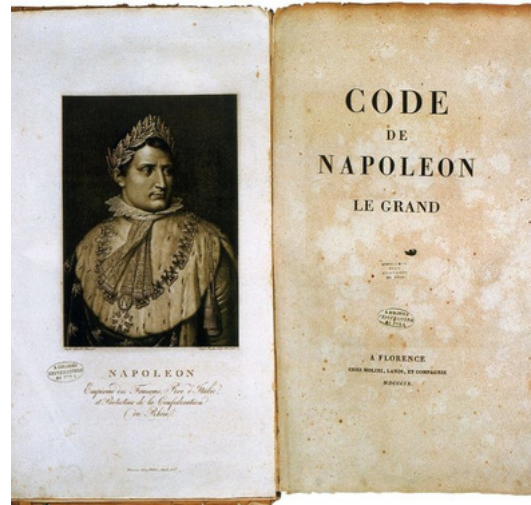
In 1963 Alcatraz prison closed after 29 years of being open...

In 1975 Ethiopia established a monarchy after 3000 years...

In 2006 the 1st ever tweet was sent out by Twitter founder Jack Dorsey...

In 2013 the European Space Agency revealed that data indicated the universe is 13.82 billion years old...

In 2024 a brain chip patient played chess using a brain implant...



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Read to... ...recharge

**Reading is vital for wellbeing – offering entertainment,
escape and a much-needed screen break!**

...succeed

**Research has shown that reading for pleasure
helps to improve life-chances**



...connect

**Readathon is a great way to share experiences and
reach goals, whether in school or at home**

...help others

**Reading and raising money to buy books
for children in hospital feels great!**



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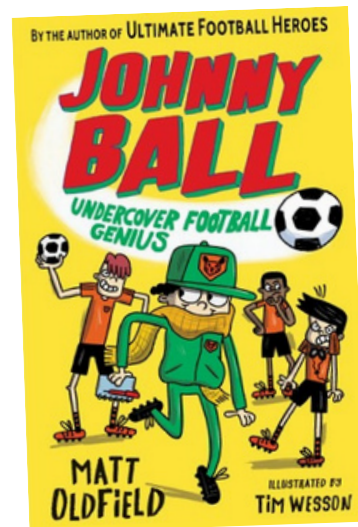
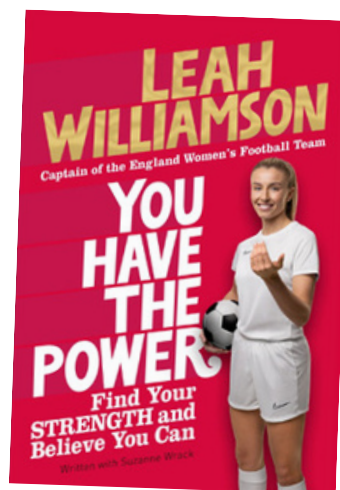
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Football
then try...



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Nicola Collison

PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

Talking and Creative therapy

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



No thought or feeling is ever too small or insignificant to explore

“Young people’s lives are so busy and full of pressures that they are having to deal with daily. The need for a safe space where they can be themselves and learn to understand feelings that arise has become ever more important.”

I have worked with children and young people with a variety of needs. Amongst these are bereavement, anxiety, self-esteem, gender, trichotillomania, addictive tendencies, self-harm, eating difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, children with A.D.H.D. and autism. I work primarily in a person-centred way, but depending on how the person I am working with wants to progress, we can dip into different ways of working together either creative or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). This will very much allow them to lead the session and me to be there to listen- we can explore together.

Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)





**YOU ARE ALL WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND A -
'POP UP' ART EXHIBITION**

**A SELECTION OF YR7 – YR12 ART WORK
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 3:40PM - 5:30PM**

SENIOR ART ROOM

