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10TH DECEMBER



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

On Monday night at eight o'clock in the evening, my wife lit a candle and placed it in the window. She was responding to, with many others, a request to do so as an act of remembrance of the Holocaust, to convey through the symbol, a hope for a better future with less hate and prejudice. Candles were lit around the world, including by King Charles at a moving ceremony at the former extermination camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau where it is estimated as many as 1.1 million people were murdered by the Nazi regime. In the library at the Auschwitz museum as it is today, there is a book, we have a copy at home, about my wife's great uncle, a Belgian Catholic priest and member of the resistance who died there. As this illustrates, it was not only Jews who were killed there but they were by far the majority.

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I have not visited Auschwitz but I have been to Sachsenhausen, the first concentration camp which was the model for all of the camps that followed. It was not on the scale of Auschwitz but tens of thousands of internees died in Sachsenhausen as a result of hunger, disease, forced labour, medical experiments and mistreatment or were the victims of systematic extermination operations by the SS. In the autumn of 1941, the SS murdered at least 10,000 prisoners of war, among whom many were Jews, in a purpose-built “neck shot unit” and in the testing of gassing vehicles. In the spring of 1942, an extermination unit was built, with a gas chamber added in 1943. When I visited, it was not so busy and it was possible to find yourself alone at times, in a space sanitised by time but resonating with what had happened there. Incredibly moving and disturbing but a long way from the visceral violence, smell, fear and casual inhumanity of the time of the Nazis.

It would be good to say that the world has learned the lesson after such a “Shoah” as Jews call the Holocaust or in English, a “catastrophe” but as Ms Evans’ assembly on Tuesday morning this week highlighted, there have been many genocides since the end of the last world war. It should not be forgotten in our remembrance of the Holocaust that the urge to discriminate, to persecute, to potentially propagate a genocide is not particular to Nazis or Germans, it is an impulse within humanity. What starts as grumbles about or scapegoating of others and belief in superiority over others can become hate of others or indifference to the plight of others. These impulses can then be exploited by the demagogues or so called “strong” men who take their legitimacy from what they have stoked up. Then they further legitimize for their followers the expression of the worst in humanity, frequently dressed up as science or a nation’s right or destiny and then it is not such a large step to genocide and the murder of innocents.

Monday was a reminder that every generation has to be watchful. I leave you this week with Pastor Martin Niemöller’s poem. He was an anti-Semitic supporter of the Nazis initially until they came for him.

First they came for the Communists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me

And there was no one left

To speak out for me



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Chinese New Year 2025 Year of the Snake



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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe 2886 points

2nd – Powderham – 2830 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 2755 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May – 173

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 159

3rd – Jessica Sinclair - 144

4th – Libbet Marshall - 142

5th – Dexter Jeffery – 130

Top Housepoint

Earners

1st – Noah Smith

2nd – George Tucker

3rd – Dexter Jeffery

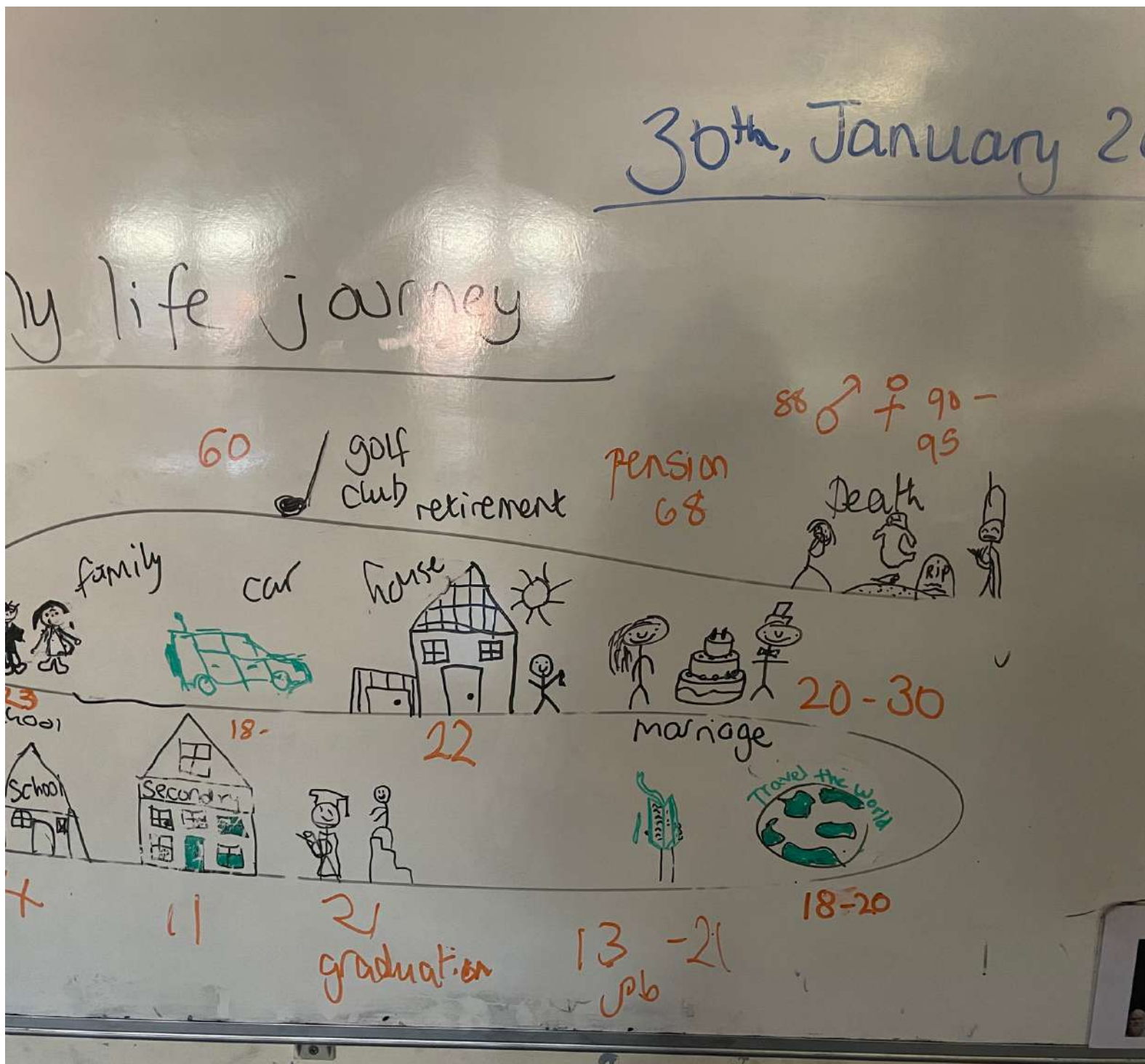
"Determination is the key that unlocks potential, turning challenges into opportunities and dreams into realities."





RS LESSONS

As part of their Rites of Passage topic in Year 8 students enjoyed creating their own life journeys. When will they finish studying? Will they get married? What sort of job will they pursue and how will they spend their free time? Students enjoyed discussing ideas and creating their life journey - here is our class one. Some great artwork too





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THIS WEEKS FIXTURES

U13s Girls & Boys vs St Johns – 8-0, 12-2, 2-1 & 2-1!

U13s Mixed Tournament – WINNERS! An Unbeaten run all the way to the final where a 1-0 win was enough to come away victorious.

Leo Viney

Seb Glue

Kodie Humphries



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Well done to Jayden Kirungi and Elliott Starr for making the ISFA football team for the upcoming tournament in April.



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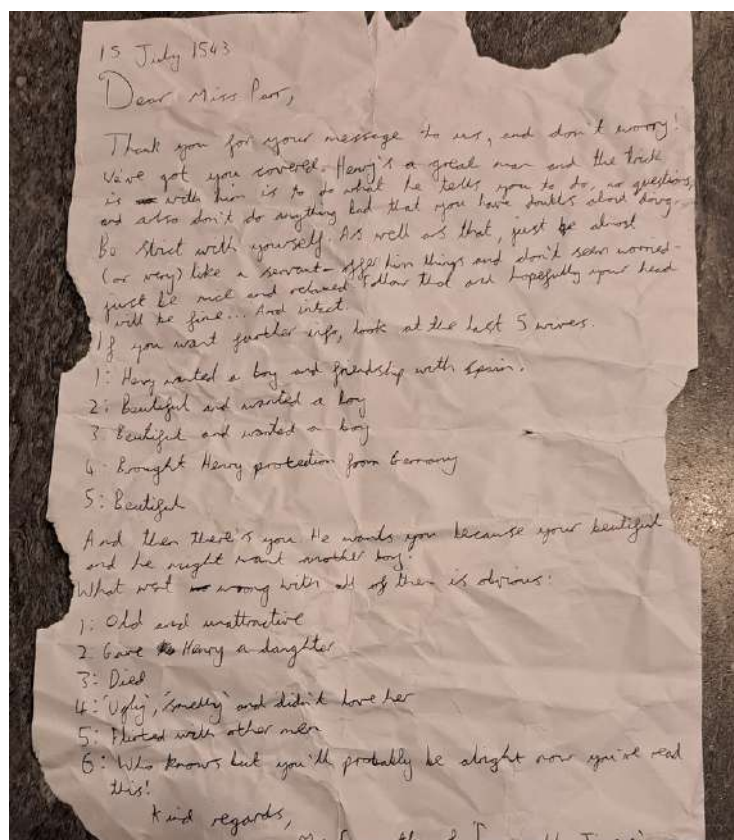
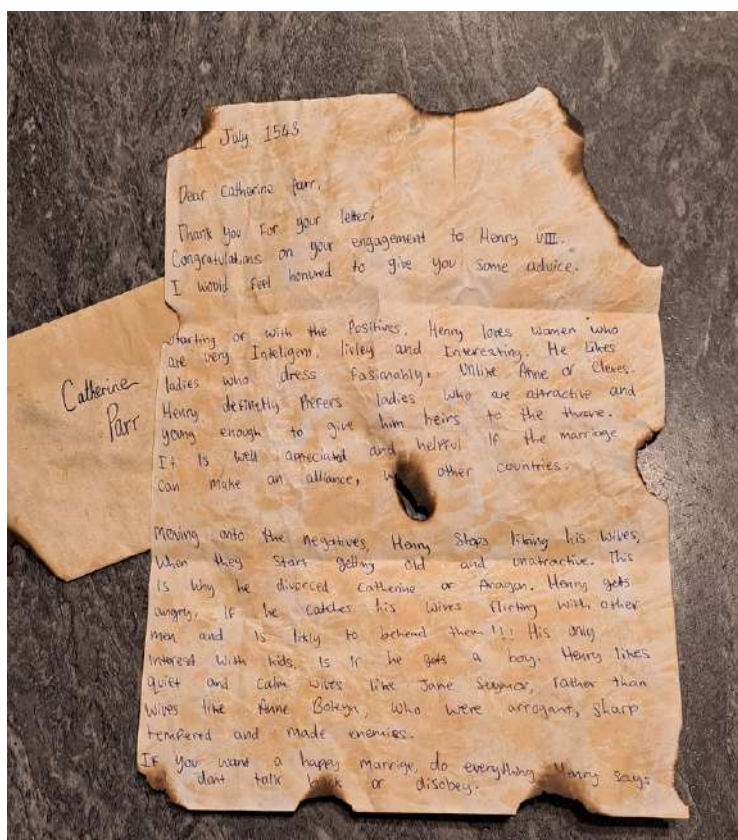
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TALES FROM T2

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Year 8 historians are currently studying Tudor England with a focus on the wives of Henry VIII. In a recent piece of homework they were asked to imagine they were an Agony Aunt at a Tudor magazine offering Catherine Parr advice on her forthcoming wedding to Henry. Those last minute 'wedding jitters' and 'night before nerves' were addressed and advice given for a happy, healthy and, hopefully, long-lasting marriage. The Year 8s comments, thoughts and observations were most enlightening. Firstly: "Don't flirt with other men and love no man but Henry" "Avoid arguments at all costs" "Try to act intelligent, interesting and lively, it's totally normal to feel worried the night before a wedding" "Don't talk back or disobey" "It will be a marriage of convenience, wealth and companionship" "Agree with what he does and make him feel he can trust you" "Keep it fun, make him nice food, don't cheat, dress well and play good music" "Be pretty and smell nice" "Let him know you admire him" Advice then recommended that she might learn from the mistakes of previous wives: "Avoid looking like Anne of Cleves; What a mess! So unfashionable, so beige; not at all what the royal house needed" And finally, "If you find him disgusting and not nice, just in your head think of him as your patient rather than your husband".... So, might this marriage advice be helpful to anyone today...those Trinity staff with impending nuptials perhaps?!!!....





Dear Catherine,

It was so lovely of you to contact me. As one of Henry's wives (to be) I am flattered that you're a reader of my magazine.

Your letter details your concerns over Henry's previous relationships. Here is what I think about the five 'other women':

Catherine of Aragon

She was a nice enough woman, clever and friendly (especially with the Spanish). However, she was no good for the king because of all her miscarriages. The King wanted a son heir, and she was unable to provide this for him. She was too old and not very pretty!!

Anne Boleyn

Now, Anne was a party girl, she was the height of fashion (always dressed to impress). However, she did not give Henry a male heir. I know that Henry was unimpressed by Elizabeth. In the end, she became short tempered and made lots of enemies around the palace. NIGHTMARE!!

Jane Seymour

Jane was a quiet lady, someone that Henry thought he could settle down with. She was a woman of the church. THANK GOD when Henry's son Edward was born. Such a shame when he died not long into his life. She could never give Henry what he really wanted... a son!

Anne of Cleves

What a mess. So unfashionable, so beige, not what the royal house needed at all. She did offer support from German Protestants against his enemies in Europe – as if a Tudor monarch needed that (eye roll). Anyway, she was no oil painting – DIVORCE!!!

Catherine Howard

She was a teenager and lively and fun. She was always out with the other men... trouble from the start. She was no good – off with her head.!

My tips for the new wife (YOU)

Give the king a son

Keep it fun

Make him nice food

Don't cheat

Dress well

Play good music

Best wishes,

Lowenna at Tower Bridge Magazine



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DAFFODIL

First daffodil of the year, by the way. Out front, near WH



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Oliver Williams
Frasier Simmons
Lily Moffat
Laith Owalsky
Matthew Norrish-Jones
Sienna Cullen
Sienna Winsor
Rosie Neale
Lowenna Lewis
Jayden Kirungi
Narjes Mohammed
Charlie Arthur
Dexter Jeffery
Lana Magill



- Bertie Smith
- Alice Perrett
- Ben Clark
- Catherine Flynn
- Oliver Cafaro
- Adam Moore
- Conrad Darko
- Lewis Ward
- Rooney Min



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 10TH DECEMBER

- In 1905 first automobile to exceed 100mph...
- In 1924 first Winter Olympics- in Chamonix, France...
- In 1929 Leon Trotsky expelled from USSR...
- In 1943 German troops surrender at Stalingrad...
- In 1950 US President Truman announces support for the development of hydrogen bomb...
- In 1961 a chimpanzee called "Ham" was the first primate in space to return!...
- In 1983 a UK law required the use of seatbelts...
- In 1990 the first McDonalds opened in USSR...
- In 2020 the UK formally withdrew from The European Union...



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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