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House Music

By: Miranda Griffin

LENT Term 2014 ended with a spectacular House Music competition. The house competition has always been a highlight of the year, but this year was one to remember!

There were three rounds in the competition: 'Pop Song', seeing songs such as Happy by Pharrell Williams and Timshel by Mumford and Sons, 'Solo' seeing a variety of instruments such as flute and the harp! And 'Show Song', including High School

Musical and Grease! What a variety!

Brock, below, showed great team spirit with every member of the House getting up on stage for their show song.

Overall first place went to Carey,



winning every round!



Carey singing 'Sandra Dee' from Grease

The Adjudicator's Prize went to Alexandra Chapman for her musical contribution in the rounds, plus her work organising De Sausmarez's entries.

Well done to everyone who took part!

Earth Month

THERE are hundreds of problems and issues plaguing our global environment, so how do we continue to resolve them? **The Earth Month Network** is a non-profitable organisation that provides Awareness, Knowledge, Education, Stewardship and Activism towards global environmental issues.

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- Comprehensive Environmental Education & Programs K-12
- Improving drinking water standards
- Improving waste discharge standards
- Removal of CO₂ in the production of and in oil products
- Environmental Justice, Civil Rights and Liberties, Human Rights
- Organic Farming/Gardening
- Protection of Wildlife and domestic animals

So how can you help?

The team is made up of purely volunteers. There are many student scholarships and awards for students as well as teachers. Additionally a programme is being developed for environmental disaster relief to supply needed water at critical moments.

Goodbye Coursework

Wish to get involved or find out more? Email Katherine@earth-month.org

ACCORDING to Guernsey's Education Department, changing exams boards could allow more time to consider the future of GCSE examinations on the island. There is already due to be a significant refurbishment of the secondary school examination system within England, due to come into effect in 2015. The island mostly follows the current English model and is considering what to do when the system changes.



Public opinion on the matter has been sought by the Deputies who realise the importance of these exams for the children's futures. The changes in England will include a new grading system that will be based on numbers rather than letters. Coursework would also no longer be a form of examination at both GCSE and A Level. The idea is for the system to focus predominantly on exams taken at the end of the courses.

Guernsey's Education Department has presented three options that could be taken; adopting the new

English system, to move to the Scottish examination system, or introducing an interim system based on International GCSEs or qualifications from Northern Ireland or Wales while a more permanent, long-term plan is agreed. Currently, the department favours the third option, which would involve moving exam boards, but retaining a very similar curriculum to what is currently in place.

Education Minister Robert Sillars said: "Time is tight as teaching for some of the new qualifications in England will begin in September 2015 and whichever option we chose will require additional training and support for staff in our secondary schools." Sillars said while this was their preferred option, they wanted the views of the community, following a similar consultation with staff. This should hopefully result in a unanimous decision that parents, teachers and the students would be happy with. The department said whichever system was chosen, there would be no change to the International Baccalaureate, which is currently being offered at the Grammar School.



GRAB A MORE REWARDING CAREER



EHF

By: Miranda Griffin

Think you're too old for Easter?

Well many of the sixth form were still able to celebrate! The Easter Hockey festival is a yearly event where local and non-local teams dress up and play hockey for 3 days over Easter weekend! A team of 18 players gather together and celebrate Easter with sport, drinks, fancy dress and socialising. Can't get much better!

A combined team of Ladies' College and Elizabeth College students gathered together this year to form 'Patois Pirates'. With only five hockey players, the team unfortunately didn't win any games but all said that they'd do it all over again next year! Many teams felt competitive about winning the festival, whilst many enjoyed the sun and socialising!

If you're thinking of taking part, just wait until you're 18 and you can enter a team yourself! I strongly recommend it!



The Ladies' half of the team!

No Make-up? Let Me Take A Selfie!

By: Natalia Tanser

RECENTLY the world has been inundated with 'selfies' or as some prefer to call it, a self-portraiture. With everyone from David Hasslehoff to Barack Obama taking them, it appears the world adores 'selfies'. Surely it then made sense to use this phenomenon for a good cause? The latest craze involves a person taking a 'selfie' completely bare faced, posting it on whichever social network they were 'nominated' on, for all their Facebook friends or Twitter followers to see and nominating two other people. Thus creating a chain of 'selfies' that will ultimately travel around the Globe. But there's an extra clause to this what was once viewed as a shallow concept, no longer rendering it trivial and instead making it pivotal. In addition

to snapping a picture of yourself with no makeup, it is required that you donate to Cancer Research UK, by either texting or donating online. However, it seems that there has been some confusion with donations...

There's no denying the fact that this craze has helped Cancer Research UK, over £8 million pounds has been raised just through this 'selfie' phenomenon (which by the way Cancer Research UK didn't actually start themselves), which is equivalent to 10 new clinical drug trails, one of which could be the cure that the world has been waiting for. Unfortunately, there have been numerous incidents of mis-donation; effectively there are several hurdles one needs to leap over in order to get to the finishing line of donating to the correct charity. Thousands who wished to donate to Cancer Research UK, have texted the keyword 'BEAT' to the wrong number and found they actually hadn't donated to their intended charity at all. As if that wasn't unfortunate enough, thousands have texted the wrong keyword, instead of texting 'BEAT', many citizens have texted the word 'DONATE', which resulted in them donating to UNICEF instead... Others, unexpectedly found themselves adopting a polar bear from the World Wildlife Fund, slightly different to Cancer Research isn't it... That isn't to say that the other charities who have received donations meant for Cancer Research are not important, because undoubtedly all three charities are equally deserving of donations.

the concept of taking a 'selfie' without make up. Facebook has seen statuses from various people stating that this is merely a 'hot or not' contest, a far cry from the intended wholesome nature of the trend. Some have voiced their dismay over the narcissism society has displayed. While others have unnervingly acknowledged that it is tragic that the world considers that posting a picture wearing no-make up is a revelation and that society deems it necessary that women need make-up to be beautiful. Yet overall, the concept of taking a no makeup 'selfie' has resulted in a considerable amount of money being donated to a very deserving charity, long live the 'selfie'!



Lauren Ogier's selfie!



Hollie Le Cras' selfie!

Regrettably, there is a darker side to

Meet Mrs. Clancy!

The College Voice editor, Miranda Griffin met with our new Principal to find out more about her aspirations, hobbies and hopes for the school.

Q: So firstly, can I say on behalf of Ladies' College that we are looking forward to all meeting you! I'm going to start by asking what made you want to come to Ladies' College?

A: Firstly it was the job description, it really suited me! The fact that it was abroad suited me even better. I wanted to move abroad but not so far that I couldn't return to visit my family and friends. The first impression of the school was important to me, the people and the Ferguson tartan skirts definitely made me want to work here.

Q: Now I'm sure the students would like to know more about you! Do you have any hobbies?

A: I love netball and tennis! I also recently started snorkelling, which i'm looking forward to doing over here. I have a passion for gardening, theatre and cooking. Running and cycling is another one of my

favourites, just because you feel great after!

Q: What do you think are the key components to maintaining a positive school environment?

A: A clear sense of purpose for teachers and students. Secondly, to be happy and content so you can push the boundaries with work and activities, whilst enjoying them. Lastly a variety of opportunity, including ownership, responsibility and freedom.

Q: Now for those who will soon be taking exams, may I ask how important achieving good results are to you?

A: Achieving good results is very important but are only one measure of a successful school. We must assess what 'good results' are according to the ability of the student. I believe the journey is more important than the results, as the journey will set you to the results you want.

Q: If a student had a question or problem they wished to discuss, how would they go about this?

A: My door is always open. Young people are the focus of what you do, therefore I like to get to know my students and for them to be comfortable with me. It's important to find someone you trust so that they can listen.

Q: And lastly, what are you most looking forward to about working here?

A: Getting to know everyone (she says with a smile on her face). I can't wait to feel like I belong.

Thank you Mrs. Clancy for speaking to us and we hope that the girls now know a little more about you! We look forward to having you at our school.



Mrs. Clancy was Principal at Berkhamsted School for eight years



SHOULDVE GONE TO SPECSAVERS

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This Month's TV and Book Reviews!

Tv: Life and Death Row By: Chrissy Hodgson

BBC 3's latest documentary series, "Life and Death Row", has provided substantial response from audiences, sparking questions about capital punishment within America. Each episode focuses on different cases, all at different stages within the process, whilst presenting the audience with copious details of each crime. Episode 1 deals with the prisoners who are about to face the death penalty. Focusing on two of the youngest men on death row in Texas, Richard Cobb and Anthony Haynes. However, Episode 2 focuses on the court case prior to the sentence and how the jury and court systems function.

"Life and Death Row" explores the true reality of the capital punishment through the eyes of the people affected. However, the documentary doesn't solely show the views of the prisoner but also that of family members, the victims, the police force and witnesses, ultimately showing how the death penalty not only affects the prisoners, but also those around them.

Perhaps what is so interesting about this documentary is how impartial it is. Rather than implying what is correct, or giving a bias view, the documentary equally focuses on both the pro and cons. The thought provoking "Life and Death Row", allows the audience to create their own decision on the sentence of death row and whether or not it is a just penal-

ty. This has turned into a national debate, with everyone forming his or her own view.

Ultimately the documentary leaves the audience with two ultimatums: 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' or a system where murder is seen as 'morally wrong.'

Book: Mortal Instruments Series Reviewed by: Elise Dorey

The series is based in New York in the real world and also in a fantasy world hidden from mundanes (humans). It is about a girl who thought she was normal until she started seeing impossible creatures. After being caught up in a fight between Shadow Hunters and Demons, she is dragged into the dark side of New York.

I would recommend this series to year 9s and upwards. It has all the fantasy creatures: faeries, warlocks, vampires, angels and werewolves. It is an all round enjoyable series to read.

Don't watch the movie – it's terrible. Read the books!



Book: Black Magician Trilogy Reviewed by: Elanor Buchanan.

This trilogy is about a girl from the slums in a fantasyland called Kyralia, who naturally develops magic in a world where magic has to be unlocked by another magician. Now she has to hide from the Guild who are the only magicians allowed to practise magic and all of who are from noble families.

This trilogy is full of suspense with plot twists around every corner that have you guessing until the end. Unlike Harry Potter's magic this magic has the capacity to destroy its wielder should they lose control.

I would recommend this book for everyone from Removes to Sixth form and beyond.

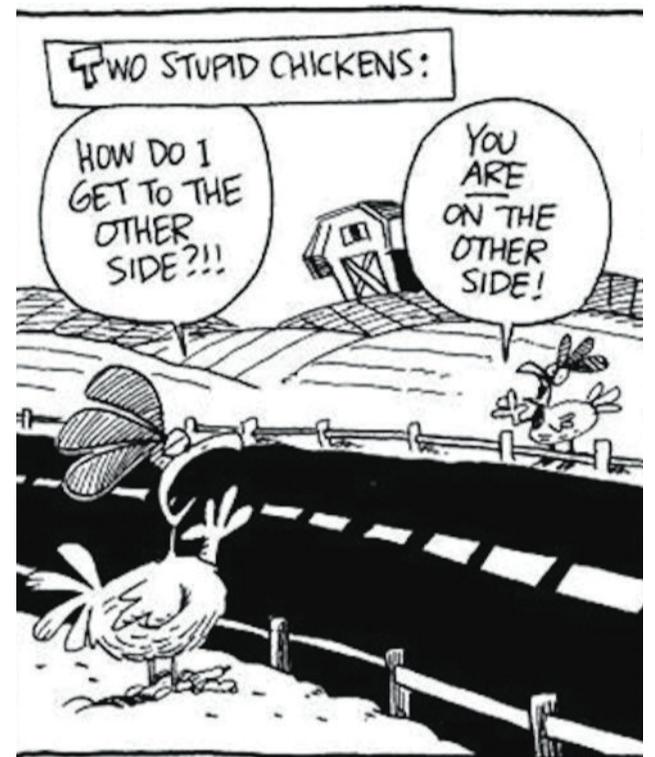
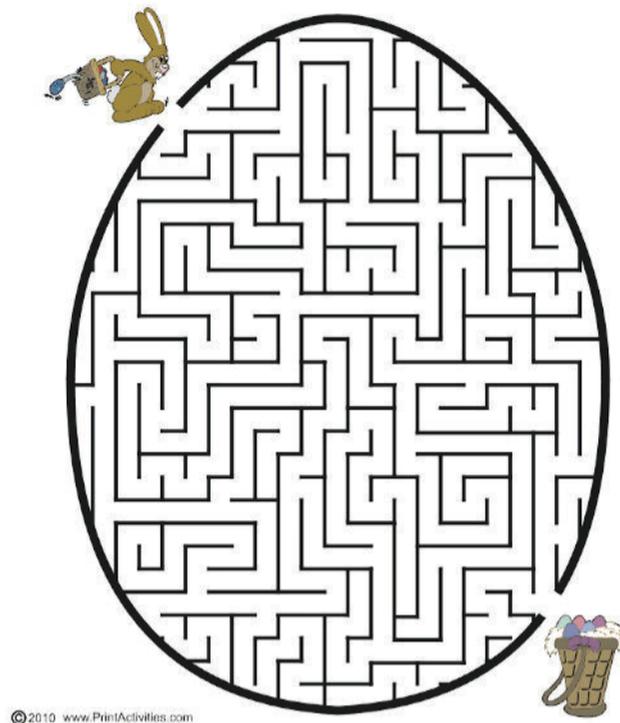


Now head to the library and get a copy!

April Fun!

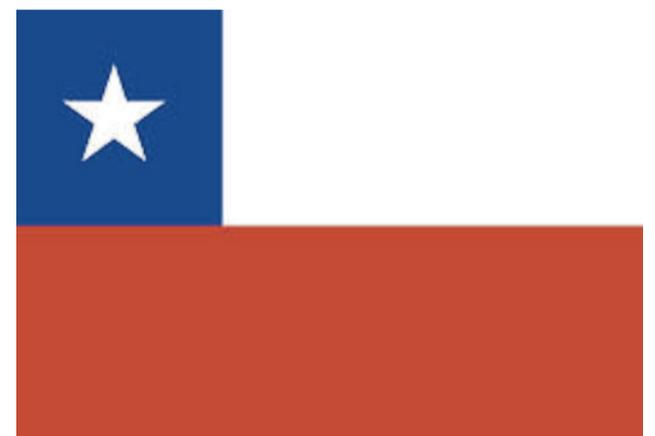
Are you still making your way through those easter eggs? Here's the top easter eggs this year according to Metro News!

1. Creme Egg
2. Malteaser
3. Mini Eggs
4. Lindt Bunny
5. Milkybar Buttons
6. Caramel Egg
7. Galaxy Caramel Egg
8. Dairy Milk Buttons Chick
9. Milkybar Bunny
10. Dairy Milk Egg and Spoon



Can you name which country these flags belong to?

Send your answers to griffinm@ladiescollege.ac.gg and there will be chocolate for the winner!



A League Of Our Own

Sport Of The Month: Fencing

By: Mrs Dyer

Public Schools' Fencing Championships

The 2014 Public Schools' Fencing Championships were held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre from 18th – 20th March. All three weapons are fought in each of the three age groups (Senior, Junior and Mount-Haes for the youngest girls). The Ladies' College team gained 25 points more than last year and consequently placed third in the "Most Improved From Previous Championship" category. Well done to all the girls for the hard training they put in before the event; this is an excellent result to have achieved.

This year's fencers were Helen Higgs in the Senior age group, George Reynolds and Sophie Nicol-Gent in the Junior age group and Raffi Bruschini, Corrisa Rowe and Ella Huxtable in the Mount-Haes Event.

This was Helen's final year in the competition before heading to University in September. She has been a credit to the College during her last six years of competition and has been a dedicated, helpful and hard-working member of the team. This year in the Senior Foil Helen gained a commendable 10th place, while in the Sabre she produced some excellent fencing to finish in 7th place. This was George's 3rd year at this competition. Her best result came in the Junior Foil, fencing well to gain 29th place and in the Junior Épée

36th. She is making consistent progress and needs to continue this for next year. It was Ella's, Sophie's and Corissa's first year at the competition. Sophie produced a promising performance in the Junior competition and placed 21st in the foil and 25th in Épée. In the Mount-Haes competition, Ella demonstrated considerable improvement and placed 21st in Foil and 37th in Épée. Corissa placed 33rd in Épée but was unfortunately hampered by injury. All the girls will have gained some valuable experience on their debut and show much potential for the future. This was Raffi's second year in this fencing competition and her last year in Mount-Haes age group. Overall she placed 40th in the Épée and finished 33rd place in the Foil.

Hopefully all of the girls enjoyed the trip, and gained some valuable experience fighting against new opponents at a big event. They have come away with new targets for next year, which they will meet with continued training and hard work.

Netball

The Upper Sixth played a girls vs boys netball match for Brock's Charity Week. It was a win for the girls! 8:3



Hockey

The Island Year 7 Hockey Tournament was won by Ladies' College! They played excellent hockey and beat the Grammar School in the final 5-0! What a win! Alex Oliver was an excellent goal keeper and didn't concede a single goal throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved!



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