

# The College Voice



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## All I Want For Christmas Is...

By: Miranda Griffin

The College Voice found out what students of the Ladies' College would like this Christmas!



Abigail Tardivel - Remove - "New Look vouchers"



Nia Cuddihee - Lower Sixth - "a car"



Ellie Purvis - Remove - "Dairy Milk chocolate"



Jessica Rigby - Upper Sixth - "Eminem"



Annabel Harnes and Elli O'neal - Lower Four - "Mr Druckes' hair back"



Hannah Langlois - Remove - "iPhone 5s"



Marine Haynes, Amelia Lees and Harriet Bruges - Remove - "a tiger"



Libby - "a puppy", Izzy Davidson - "Greyhound", Suzannah Toestevin - "lots of chocolate", Jennifer Thomas - "a keyboard"

# Typhoon Haiyan: Help For The Philippines

By: Katherine Jensen

TYPHOON Haiyan is the second-deadliest Philippine typhoon on record. At least 3,982 people have been killed thus far. The thirtieth named storm of the 2013 Pacific typhoon season, Haiyan originated from an area of low pressure several hundred kilometers southeast of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia on November 2nd.



Typhoon Haiyan photographed by Astronaut Karen L Nyberg aboard the International Space Station

Coastal towns across the central Philippines have been left devastated

by the typhoon, which brought gusts of wind of up to 275 km/h and waves as high as 15m. The extent of the damage can be seen particularly in the country's low-lying areas, such as Tacloban on Leyte Island and Guiuan, in Eastern Samar province.

The city's airport has been severely damaged, meaning the arrival of planes carrying aid had been delayed. The city's airport buildings were smashed, trees uprooted and vehicles overturned by vicious winds. However, a limited number of planes are now landing, bringing vital and much needed supplies.

Other countries have helped by providing much needed aid. The US, for example, has provided \$20 million in humanitarian aid, 90 marines, aircraft carrier plus logistics support, and the UK a £10m package including emergency shelter, water and household items. However, much more aid is needed to help the sufferers. At the Ladies' College, we

have aimed to contribute to the relief effort via a collection box and a cake sale. Head Girl, Frances Heaume, said that 'the cake sale alone raised over £100'. Profit made by The College Voice is also being put towards this collection. Any money raised will do something towards helping those affected by this tragic event and we encourage everyone to make donations to our collection box if possible.



The Ladies' College donation box



# Plight For Parking

By: Lauren Ogier

The Ladies' College offer parking in three areas; predominantly at the front of Melrose, around the main school and by the leaf centre. However, these spaces are not available for sixth formers, so where do they park? Generally those that have passed their driving test park on Brock Road, Dalgairns Road and Rosaire Avenue.



Brock Road



Dalgairns Road



Rosaire Avenue

It seems the sixth formers have the challenging task of avoiding any major morning traffic, whilst trying to find a space in a residential area - proving very hard! If the students leave early to beat any traffic there are less parking spaces available, as those living in the residential area have not yet left for work, and if students leave later they face the dreaded morning town traffic and being late for their lessons. A major problem as this is viewed as the most important year for all students, and will be a problem for all who drive to school in the future.

Upper sixth student, Holly Cutter feels that "students have to risk any damage to their cars as there is a lack of spaces, and those accessible do not provide any safety whereas private property would". Katherine Jensen adds, "The added stress given by trying to find a parking space is unnecessary and can affect our mood for the rest of the day."

So could there be anything to improve this problem? Perhaps designating a certain area to those who have lessons at 8:30am? These areas could possibly be behind the sixth form centre, or even in the shared Ladies' College and Melrose car park. However the school would have to regularly monitor the use of these areas, and the parents of students at Melrose would lose a fair number of spaces. There is the environmental argument that perhaps students shouldn't drive to school, but for some they have no other means of transport, or have other commitments where they have to travel to after school.

When speaking with Ms Riches she acknowledged that "parking is an issue. The school was built before the popular use of cars and there is a birds-eye view from the 1960s of the school with only three cars on site. The increase in the number of students, visitors, music staff, Melrose pre-school, and the amount of drivers has made it extremely difficult to accommodate everyone. More spaces have been added to the site, including near Perchards lane and on the front lawn, allowing the staff to have allocated spaces.. There are two options currently available, losing the whole of the front lawn and turning it into a car park. However, this would be unsightly and a loss to the Melrose children and those that eat outside in summer. The other option is to wait until phase three of the school is complete. This phase plans to improve the parking, access and appearance of the area- in which the temporary huts would be transformed into onsite parking spaces."

"It seems the only option is to wait until phase three is complete, until then we must be patient and understand that the younger Melrose students have priority, as for their own safety they must be walked into school, and not just dropped at the gates."

**What do you think of the parking? Have you got any ideas on how it could be improved? Email [griffinm@ladiescollege.ac.gg](mailto:griffinm@ladiescollege.ac.gg)**

# This Month's Top Christmas Films!

## Film: A Christmas Carol

Director: Robert Zemeckis

Starring: Jim Carey, Colin Firth, Steve Valentine

Rating: PG

By: Miranda Griffin

Charles Dickens's classic novel 'A Christmas Carol' was turned into a film in 2009 and directed by Robert Zemeckis. Victorian-era miser, played by Jim Carrey is taken on a journey of several mysterious Christmas apparitions.

The film travels through the life of Ebenezer Scrooge from young to old giving us an insight into his bitter view on Christmas. He doesn't enjoy the company of others and therefore prefers to keep himself to himself. When in the company of others celebrating Christmas, he becomes extremely dislikable and onlookers become silent and frightened as he walks past them.

Despite his lack of Christmas spirit, other characters such as Scrooge's nephew attempt to invite him into the joy of Christmas by asking him to join them for dinner at his house, but Scrooge does not comply and tells him to leave.

The ghost of his business partner, Jacob Marley, also warns Scrooge that if he does not repent then he will suffer an even worse fate. The Ghost of Christmas Past also attempts to remind him of how greedy and selfish he is by showing him visions of his own past, but Scrooge is reluctant to listen, as he himself is horrified by his past and extinguishes the spirit.

Ebenezer Scrooge is then confronted with the Ghost of Christmas Present to show him the happiness of his fellow men on Christmas day in attempt to lead him to appreciating Christmas.

The third spirit is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. This spirit explains the final consequences of his bitter greed, as family and friends are left mourning or dead. Scrooge begs to be given a second chance to experience Christmas again. Will the spirit let him? Has he lost all his chances and must now stay in hell? Which would you choose?

## Film: Elf

Director: Jon Favreau

Starring: Will Ferrel and Zooey Deschanel

Rating: PG

By: Louise Enevoldsen

'Elf' is a 2003 American Christmas comedy; a 'feel good' Christmas movie sure to please. It stars comical genius, Will Ferrel who plays Buddy the Elf. Buddy was brought up as an Elf but he climbs into Santa's sack in the orphanage and ends up living in Santa's grotto. He doesn't fit into the elf lifestyle, as he can't fix bad toys, he can't fit into the clothes the elves wear and is generally a lot bigger than everyone else. Buddy soon questions his background and is thus told that he is a human and his father is still out there in a "magical place" called New York City. This leads Buddy on a whirlwind adventure, seeing the realities of the real

world where gum stuck to the pavement shocks him and not everybody believes in Santa. He finally gets to meet his real father, Walter Hobbs the workaholic and every elf's nightmare, but can Buddy convince Santa to accept him? Can he get his name off the 'naughty list'? He also finds his first love Joey, played by Zooey Deschanel and teaches her to love everything Christmas, just like he does. Buddy touches every character throughout the film; with many gags and jokes you'll find yourself in stitches at his every word. Filled with Christmas spirit, songs, themes and the magical atmosphere of the North Pole and New York this film is sure to fill you with all the joys of Christmas while laughing all the way through. Being rated a PG it is suited to all ages and perfect to watch as a family to get into the Christmas spirit!



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# Pet Of The Month



Lauren Ogier's santa pup, Sam!



Barty, Poppy Barker's rudolph look-a-like horse!



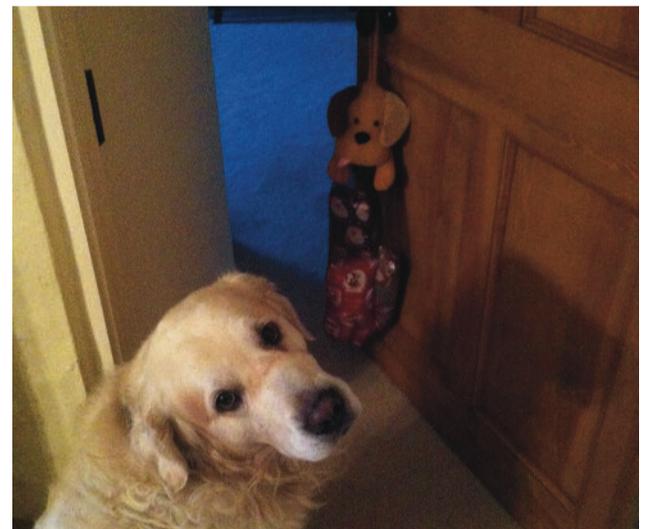
Louise Enevoldsen's dog, Rosie by the Christmas fire



Roxy, Megan's cat peeking on the presents



Veronika Fletcher's Guinea Pigs, Hugo and Chesnut getting into the Christmas Spirit!

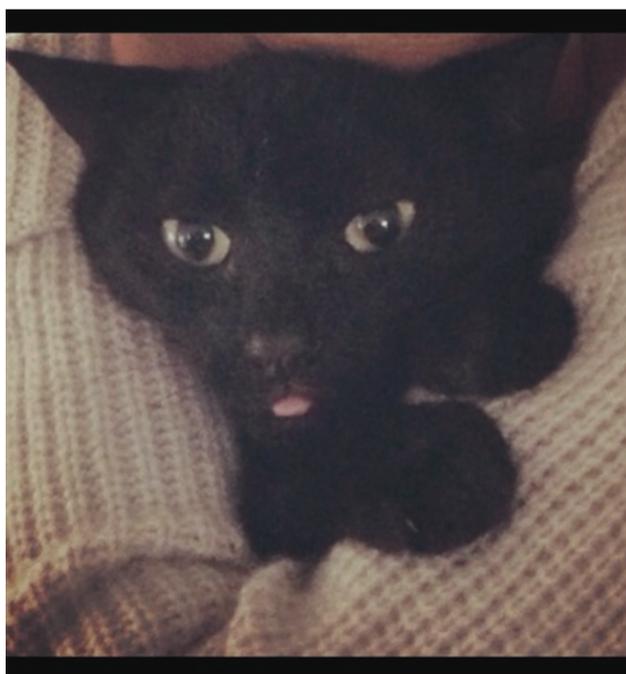


Alice Dewsnip's dog, Ringo waiting for his stocking!

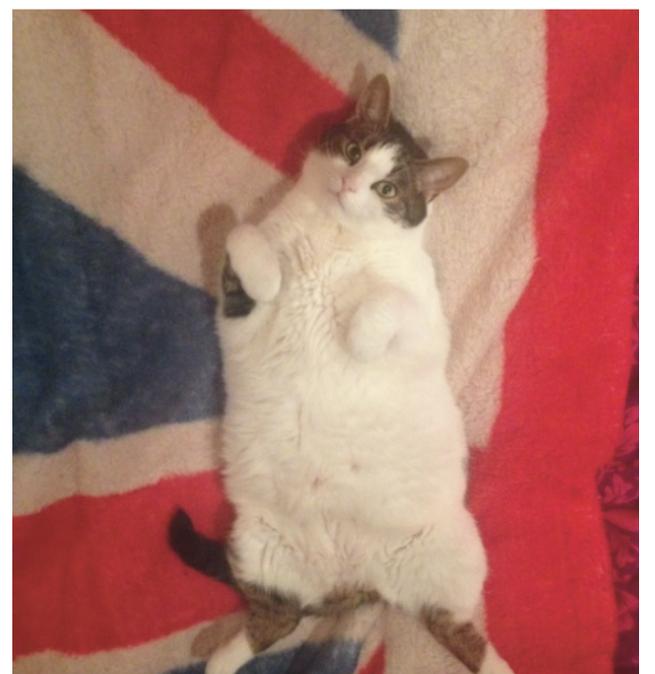
**Well done to this month's winner, Sophie Burbridge with her patriotic cat, Lotte!**



Katherine Jensen's dog Bonnie is ready for the cold christmas ahead!



Issy Morgan's cat, Sooty is excited to see her Christmas presents!



Sophie Burbridge's Cat is relaxing at the idea of Christmas holidays

# Christmas Fun!!!

## Our Top 10 Christmas Songs

1. I Wish it Could be Christmas
2. Fairytale of New York
3. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
4. Jingle Bell Rock
5. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
6. Do They Know it's Christmas
7. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
8. All I Want for Christmas is You
9. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
10. Away in a Manger

## Must Have Presents This Christmas:

1. iPhone 5s
2. iPad Air
3. Slippers
4. Terry's Chocolate Orange
5. NOW 86 cd

## The Christmas lights in town!



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## Did You Know...

In Victorian times, mince pies were made with beef and spices

The tradition of putting tangerines in stockings comes from 12th-century French nuns who left socks full of fruit, nuts and tangerines at the houses of the poor

Despite the tale of three wise men paying homage to baby Jesus, the Bible never gives a number. Matthew's Gospel refers to merely "wise men"

The abbreviation Xmas isn't irrereligious. The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ

## Christmas Jokes!

Q: Why was Cinderella so bad at football?

A; Because she kept running away from the ball!

Q: What's a child's favourite King at Christmas?

A: A stockING!

Q: What never eats at Christmas?

A: The turkey... It's usually STUFFED!

Q: What's the difference between a Christmas alphabet and a normal alphabet?

A: The Christmas alphabet has Noel!

# A League Of Our Own

## Netball

### House Netball Results:

#### Remove:

- 1st- Carey
- 2nd- Brock
- 3rd- de Sausmarez
- 4th- Durand

#### Lower Four:

- 1st- Durand
- 2nd- Carey
- 3rd- de Sausmarez
- 4th- Brock

#### Upper Four:

- 1st- de Sausmarez
- 2nd- Brock
- 3rd- Carey
- 4th- Durand

The Lower Four and Upper Four trophy winners are... de Sausmarez!



Lower 4's Carey vs. Brock in action

#### Lower Five:

- 1st - Brock
- 2nd - Carey
- 3rd - de Sausmarez
- 4th - Durand

#### Senior:

- 1st - Carey
- 2nd - Durand
- 3rd - Brock
- 4th - de Sausmarez

The Lower Five and Senior combined trophy winners are... Carey!

The Ladies' College is continuing to succeed in netball against other school too as, Lower Four were the winners of the Island Netball Tournament and Upper Four won in their Year Nine Island Netball League.

## Cross Country

- 1st - Brock
- 2nd - de Sausmarez
- 3rd - Durand
- 4th - Carey

Well done to Katie Rowe, Renee Hubert and Jasmine Norman for coming 1st 2nd and 3rd!

## Hockey

The U18 and U14 Hockey teams played in the West of England Schools Hockey Finals at Millfield School. Both teams played very well and the U14 even drew 0-0 with Hereford Cathedral School, which is a great result!

16 girls from Remove to Upper Four took part in the annual junior hockey fixture against St. Michaels, Jersey. The B-team won 7-0, a very impressive result, especially as goalkeeper, Jade Queripel kept a clean sheet on her competitive debut.

The A-team won a closely fought match, coming behind on several occasions to win 4-3. Well done to all the girls who took part!

## Skiing

The next ski trip has been announced for 28th March 2015 and with winter on our doorstep we imagine many students will be skiing this Christmas! So The College Voice has devised some tips to improve your fitness ready to get the best out of your week!

Improve your stamina with a 20 minute run twice a week. Running is great for a healthy heart and also mental health!

Leg strength is important for skiing so why not try squatting? Stand with your back straight, hands on hips, feet shoulder-width apart. Then, bend your knees, keeping your back straight and pushing your bum backwards making sure you can always see your feet.

Stretching will also improve your performance and reduce the chances of injury. Try some lunges and groin stretching to loosen up your legs!

Are you going skiing this Christmas? Why not write in about your trip!



Italy 2013 Poppy Barker, Nia Cuddihee, Fran Heaume, Miranda Griffin



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