

TERM

APRIL 2020

2010 - 2020

Turning back the years...

Reconsiderations

Reflections

Reviews



HIT REWIND

TARPORLEY 6TH FORM COLLEGE

Editor's Note

"Nostalgia and brighter days to come..."



"When I think back to our first ever 2020 TERM meeting, there were so many amazing ideas brought forward on how to make the 12th addition one to remember. As a team, we felt we needed to choose the idea that had impacted the most people but at the same time, giving us a broad concept to work with.

This is when 'Hit Rewind' came together.

I don't think that 2020 could have attempted to steal the spotlight from our theme anymore than it has done. However, I think that our choice to look back at the 2010s as one of the most unforgettable and memorable decades yet, maybe regarded as perfect timing!

So, when reading this year's addition, I hope it brings you some nostalgia of happier days and that it reminds us all that even with everything going on around the world right now, the next decade will bring brighter days, as well as ten more years of memories to look back on..."

Millie Evans — Editor 2020

CONTENTS

4	2010-20 THE KEY MOMENTS
6	Would 7 Year Old Me Be Proud?
8	Dear Humans...
10	<i>Ever Evolving Boy Bands</i>
12	<i>Met Gala Through The Years</i>
14	#MeTooMovement
16	Our Week Of Vegan-AKA HELL
18	SONGS THAT SHAPED THE DECADE
20	Retro Revival
24	An LGBTQ+ Decade
26	The Sporting Events Of The Decade
28	‘Real’ity T.V
32	YOUTUBE REWIND
34	Deceased Icons
35	‘FOCUSES ON MONEY FIRST, PEOPLE SECOND’
36	Why. Can’t. We. Stop. Scrolling. Through. The. Illusion?
40	Tarporley Dynamite
44	Spring Fever

HIT REWIND

January 12th 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Natural Disaster

3,500,000 people affected

250,000 deaths



Model: Abi Woosey

Artwork by: Isobel Brookfield

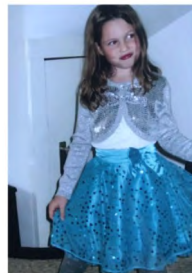
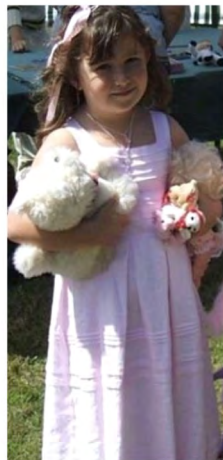
Photography: Holly Steward

HIT REWIND ...

KEY MOMENTS: 2010—2020

2010 <u>Pray for Haiti.</u> The year started off with a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastating the Caribbean nation of Haiti, creating \$8 billion dollars' worth of damage and claiming the lives of an estimated 250,000.	2011 <u>Royal Wedding.</u> Early in the year, Prince William and Kate Middleton got married at Westminster Abbey in London. This was one of the most watched events in television history.	2012 <u>London Olympics.</u> During the summer of 2012 204 countries competed in over 300 events in our capital city. The United States won 104 medals in total; China won 91 and team GB won 65 medals. After the Olympics, the Olympic Park became a residential area.	2013 <u>Nelson Mandela Dies.</u> Nelson Mandela was a social rights activist who became the 1st black president of South Africa. His government focused on dismantling apartheid.
2014 <u>Flight 370 goes missing.</u> The Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 disappeared on 8th March 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur International Airport to its destination, Beijing Capital Airport. Its fate still remains a mystery.	2015 <u>Paris Attacks.</u> In November of 2015, several gunmen and suicide bombers devastated the city of Paris, taking the lives of 130 citizens before taking their own lives. Many countries rushed to show solidarity with Paris, lighting up landmark buildings with the colours of the French flag.	2016 <u>Brexit.</u> Flags flew on flagpoles and the country were either Remainers or Brexiters. This year, the citizens of the UK held a referendum on whether to leave the European Union or remain. The result ended up with a 51% majority in favour of leaving the EU. It would take many years to reach a resolution!	2017 <u>Manchester Terror Attacks.</u> In May, 2017, as people were leaving the Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena, a suicide bomber took the lives of 22 concertgoers and injured over 800. The 'One Love Manchester' charity concert later took place to pay respects to those who lost their lives and to celebrate the unbroken spirit of the people of Manchester.
2018 <u>World Cup.</u> This momentous sporting global event was held in Russia. It became the Summer of – IT'S COMING HOME Well the players did, but the title and trophy went to France.	2019 <u>There's No Planet B.</u> An environmental activist known as Greta Thunberg, gained international recognition for promoting the view that humanity is facing an existential crisis arising from Climate Change.	2020 <u>The Coronavirus Pandemic.</u> A new deadly virus, originally found in Wuhan, China, swept the world and took the lives of millions of people with it. The globe went into lockdown and the human, social, economic consequences will be felt for many years to come.	

WOULD 7 YEAR OLD ME BE PROUD?



I wake up 6AM on a regular morning in 2010. My name is Phoebe, I'm 7 years old, I like drawing, playing with my friends and I want to be an astronaut when I grow up (7-year-old me would have swiftly changed her mind if she had seen the scientific skills she would have needed, trust me she's only just passing biology now). I have no idea why or how I woke up so early every day, but now I actually find it quite impressive. Jumping out of bed, I start to get ready, putting on my NOW 33 CD singing to Tik Tok by Kesha (which still is an absolute anthem to this day by the way), then downstairs for Cheerios at the table, or in front of the telly if my constant nattering and a few glasses of wine the night before was making my parents' heads hurt. Off to brush my teeth, checking if any were wobbly because who doesn't like waking up to money under their pillow – it would be a dream nowadays. Now this is where things get more regrettable, two words for you: side fringe. It wasn't a full early 2010s emo fringe, but it did make me look like I had the hair of a 40-year-old woman trying to spice-up her life with a new look, and I will definitely not be putting a picture of it in here. Now, uniform on and ready for school. I remember desperately wanting school shoes that had a dolly in the bottom of them, these were top of the range, seconded only by bejewelled Lelli Kelly's, the Jimmy Choo's of Clarks' school shoes. Shockingly enough, I was bought "practical shoes" that would "last me the year", so my dreams of dolly shoes were crushed.

Arriving at school brought a bombardment of excitement, playing in the field before the bell went, and I even remember enjoying my lessons! You see this is when maths still involved counting the number of sweets Bill has after he's given half of them away, not quadratic formulas and graphs (forgive me, it took a minute to think of examples, all my maths knowledge vacated my memory as soon as I shut my last exam paper). There was always the controversial choice between packed lunch and school dinners, 7-year-old me was a packed lunch kind of girl and I won't lie, I had some very sassy lunchboxes, filled with sandwiches, some fruit or veg and a snack. Now, my enjoyment of this snack would very much depend on if mum was putting the whole family on a 'health kick' and my chocolate mini roll was replaced with some all-natural fruit bar.

As school ended, Mum would pick me up and if she was in a particularly good mood, she might have brought my scooter for me to ride home. I loved this scooter, bright pink with lights on the wheels, even if the lights eventually stopped working and the scooter swinging and hitting my ankle made me shout expletives like 'heck', words that 7-year-old me thought were the worst things you could say. But it made me feel like I was flying, zooming down my street with the other kids on the road: absolute bliss. Don't even get me started on Heelys and those fancy scooters that had two separate boards for your feet.

Honestly, getting one of those bad boys would be the adult equivalent of getting a Porsche for Christmas. Then mid race down our street, I would hear the distant echo of Mum calling me in for tea. I'd trudge in and wave my goodbyes and I would be silently praying we weren't having casserole for tea – I still do to this day. I would watch a programme before heading up to my room for bed. You see, as a child I was never graced with Sky channels but CBBC was criminally underrated, putting out such gems onto our screens as; Arthur, Young Dracula and Horrible Histories, and I won't lie, half my knowledge from GCSE and A-Level history has been accumulated from the Horrible History songs—they were very catchy okay. Now, off to a bed crammed full of teddies because my logic was that it was unfair on the other nine, if I only had one in the bed with me.

Things appear to have flown by, before I knew it, I was starting high school with my first mobile phone, a bright yellow Nokia, and my first social media accounts (thankfully deleted, except my account names I can't change, cheers for that one Snapchat). Makeup came into play next, and we will refrain from discussing the state of my eyebrows in year nine. Soon enough, girls had discovered the wide selection of £5 PrettyLittleThing bodycon dresses and juice in front of the telly turned into cider or blue WKD in a field. It all felt very exciting, but I'd probably opt for the juice in front of the telly if you were to ask me now. Then getting a weekend job and suddenly wondering how I could have possibly survived on just pocket money. All of a sudden GCSE's were upon us and then they were over. We all spent too much money on prom, then new beginnings for everyone, and here we are in a new decade.

Hasn't life changed? I would be lying to you if I said that a part of me wouldn't like to go back to 2010, where my biggest worry in life was the possibility of having soggy casserole for my tea. There are a few things I would leave behind, such as my regrettable hair decision, in this case the side fringe and maybe my dreams of Lelli Kelly's, even though I have just googled them and found out they go up to a size 6, so I may have to invest in a pair.

I wonder what my 7-year-old self would think of me? Would she be disappointed I wasn't going to be the world's youngest astronaut? Would she be surprised I've kept making questionable decisions when it comes to my hair? Definitely not, to answer that question. Or would she be proud of the things I've done? Of the friends I've made? The places I've been? We will just have to wait until time travel is invented and I can find out, and maybe bring my past self a pair of dolly shoes to fulfil my dream.

HIT REWIND

Royal Wedding
William and Kate
5000 street parties
36.7 million viewers
Harry still lived in the UK



Model: Georgia Fellows
Artwork by: Georgia Fellows
Photography: Holly Steward

DEAR HUMANS,

I liked you...a lot. You'd give me delicious leaves to eat, and you'd be gentle whenever you saw me, and one of you even moved me off a long stretch of hard land, which had dangerously fast-moving beasts racing down it. One of my brothers was badly hurt by a vicious dingo – they're always hunting us if we make our way too close to the ground. You helped and aided him, you took him away, which scared us at first, but it didn't take long for you to bring him back, all healed up.

I liked you. You helped my brother, but... why won't you help us now?

Our home is burning. We're burning. We see some of you trying to help, we owe you our lives, but this all could've been prevented if you cared for us, for the world. Can you not see the black smoke escaping from your vehicles? Can you not see the deadly plastic wrappers littering the land and the ocean? Can you not see the decaying coral, and the burning forests, and the blackened sky? Can you not see it? You are so blind to the Earth's demise, that you don't even notice it right in front of your own eyes. Where do

you plan on fleeing to once this world is encapsulated in the same flames as my home?

I liked you. Some of you don't travel in those destructive vehicles. Some of you put your rubbish in those containers, not on our land. Some of you are trying to help us, to help yourselves and the world around you, and it's mostly the young ones. We watch them march, standing side by side with signs reading "There's no Planet B!" and "Climate strike to save our lives!". They understand that everybody needs to help, to change, to grow and protect the planet we all share. I liked you but... It's getting hotter now, the flames are eating away at the grass and licking up the trees, the dens and us. I don't know who in my family is left, I don't know if any of them are alive, if they are safe. I heard about the fires weeks ago, when new unknown animals would crawl and run to our home, howling about the destruction of their home, how hell has fallen upon us. I was haunted by their visions, but we thought we were safe now, in our home. We didn't mind sharing, they'd lost everything: family, friends, shelter, food... everything.

I can't run fast enough, there's nowhere for me to hide. All I can see is the red wind, and black smoke, and the trees collapsing from their peaks. It's chasing me, the hot flames, they're flooding the ground and climbing my home. There goes the tree with the new family and there they go with it. The mother clasping onto her little baby tightly before their burning end. My paws are blistering with the devilish heat below me, my skin bubbling and bursting. It wasn't long until the hungry flame bit down to my bones. There is nowhere for me to go. The entire forest burnt in a sea of red, orange and yellow, the cries of the animals echoed into the night. You ignored me.

You left me to burn and die.

Did you ever care?

Australian Forest Fires
25,000 Koalas died

Your voiceless neighbour,
The Last Koala.

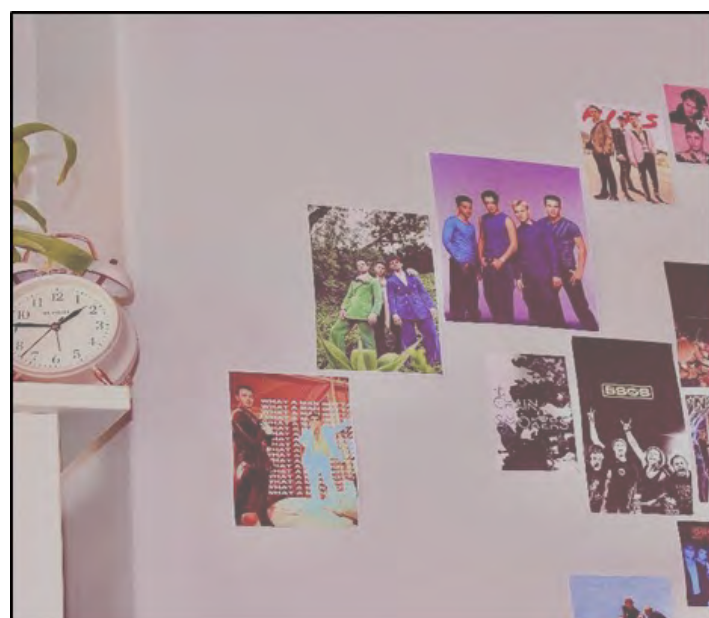
Boy bands, love 'em, hate 'em, you can't escape 'em. They have been dominating pop music since the 1960s. While there's plenty of thought-provoking and interesting discourse surrounding the authenticity of musicianship, female fan basis and the sexist qualities of boy bands, the mania Boy Bands inspire is most significant. Interestingly, the term boy band was not established until the late 1980s as before that they were called male vocal groups or "hep harmony singing groups", although generally described as a rock band, the highest-selling band in history, The Beatles, are considered by a number of journalists "the first" or "the original" boyband.

The Beatles were at the height of their heartthrob status, they were the picture of clean cut, with slim-fit suits and skinny ties. These are the boys who sang, ever-so-chastely,

"I want to hold your hand." Here, I will explore the evolution of boy bands and the potential reunion after they have been disbanded.

Let's start with the Beatles in the 1960s who were, especially in their early years, the quintessential boy band with catchy choruses and legions of screaming (generally female) friends.

Then appeared The Four Tops, who were a hit Motown sensation in a nation heavily divided by race during the turbulent 1960s and 1970s. Boyz II Men completely changed the game; they were both Soul and Pop, both R&B and Swing, and generally, they were Acapella. They could go and drop an upbeat tune or break your heart with one soul-searching melody, all in matching outfits and precise steps; now they are just showing off. The late 1990s and early 2000s, was absolutely sensational and became the age of the boy band.



EVER- EVOLVING BOY BANDS



Dream Street, LMNT, 98 Degrees and O-Town represented this spectacular era, but the biggest were obviously the Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC. However, when *NSYNC broke up in 2002, there was a brief boy band drought, the dominance of traditional boy bands on pop charts began to fade in the western hemisphere, until the Jonas Brothers arrived on the scene in 2007/2008. They were one of the first "boy bands" to play their own instruments and write their own songs since the Beatles. In North America, the Jonas Brothers rose to fame from promotion on the Disney Channel in 2008. British boy band, The Wanted, formed in 2009 after a huge audition to search for talent. Although they were hot in the UK for a few years, they didn't make their way over to the US until 2012 with their single "Glad You Came." In the years since, they had their own reality show called The Wanted Life, unfortunately, The Wanted went on hiatus two years ago, but fortunately they've promised that they would work together again one day. We're still waiting....

Other boy bands like JLS and Mindless Behavior also emerged and experienced remarkable success around this time. Bands such as 5SOS and many other popstars, the Vamps climbed the fame ladder from their beginnings on YouTube. Last but not least, One Direction took the world by storm and somehow managed to become the new "Beatlemania" - crazy!

Notably throughout the last decade, girls across the UK have experienced an overwhelming lust for a group of alluring 'boys' who sing and express their love of women.

A group of men together singing, makes them exponentially more attractive and charming than an ordinary man.

In today's society, with an excessive accessibility to internet and online blogs, it makes stalking your favourite celebrity so effortless to the point where you gain a personal connection, and feel as if you really know them. Let's rewind back to outside the London Palladium on October 13th 1963, The Beatles could barely get to their own concert through the mob of violently excited fans. Women screamed and wailed, pushed through security and tried to mount their car. As soon as doctors started using clinical research rather than antiquated sexism to write about biology, they quickly dismissed 'hysteria' as a medical condition altogether, but the word still has a sexy and seductive connotation. Over the last decade, the advance in technology and the dramatic development of the media has heightened

'boy band hysteria' and girls are becoming significantly more emotionally attached to members of Boybands.

Some of these Boyband phenomena from the last decade are reappearing, and us fan girls cannot contain our excitement. Unfortunately, not every boy band can be like the Backstreet Boys or Boyz II Men, who are both still touring and releasing new music, or like 98 Degrees or New Edition, who have both announced reunions. If you're still salty about *NSYNC never coming back from their "temporary hiatus", this is the article for you.

JLS have finally announced their reunion, seven years after splitting up and the response has been spectacular as fans cannot wait to see JLS back on stage where they belong. JB shared an update on his bandmate Oritse, who was cleared of rape during a week-long trial last year, and said the star is looking forward to putting the past behind him and finally 'moving forward' after a difficult few years. The band members are clearly eager to get back to business and continue pursuing their passion. Girls across the UK are experiencing a sense of nostalgia as their childhood affair is reinvented and our favorite boybands are back on the scene. However much to our despair, we are still desperately awaiting a One Direction reunion after their disbandment in 2015. As 2020 marks the 10-year anniversary of the boys being pieced together on The X Factor, fans are hopeful now more than ever, that this year will see their big return.

Reunions...

So hopeful that a One Direction fan has created a fake 2020 Reunion Festival called '1D Week' with songs, ticket information and support acts. There's hope for a reunion with plenty of the 1D boys up for one, but as for a date, it remains very much illusive. *NSYNC is still technically on "temporary hiatus" — but it's been 16 years, so don't hold your breath for new music. Timberlake went on to have a hugely successful music and acting career, while the other four mostly disappeared from the public eye. The band did reunite briefly during Timberlake's performance at the 2013 MTV VMAs to celebrate Timberlake's win of the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award, and came together in 2018 to celebrate their star on the Walk of Fame. Which is the only glimmer of hope they have provided us with regarding a reunion. Take That never made it big in the US, which is a tragedy as they were arguably Britain's biggest boy band. On a lighter note, they're currently on tour as a trio, but without two key members of the group. The three remaining members, Barlow, Howard Donald, and Mark Owen continue to perform, but we're crossing our fingers that the full group will reunite for their 30th anniversary.

After all, boys will be boys...

Article written by: Freya Barge

Photography: Freya Barge

Edited by: Freya Barge

Met Gala... through the years.

A look back at the glitz and glam of many first Mondays in May...

The Met Gala is the Super Bowl of fashion. Every year, this high-profile intersection of entertainment and fashion falls on the first Monday in May. Every attendee must be personally approved by Vogue editor Anna Wintour, and even the photographers must wear a black tie. Every year, the red carpet is shadowed in unpredictability and controversy, it is the party of the year in the fashion world, that all started in 1948 by publicist Eleanor Lambert, as a fundraiser for the **Metropolitan Museum of Art's newly opened** costume institute. The very first Met Gala only involved a midnight dinner with tickets selling at as little as \$50 each, whereas decades on, it is one of the most photographed events of the year with tickets starting at \$30,000 each.

Princess Diana proved that the Met Gala is truly a night for **fashion royalty**. In 1996, the 35-year-old stunned everyone by wearing a floor-length slip dress by John Galiano. She went on to sport the infamous 'slip dress' which has recently made a comeback, showing she was always ahead of time in the fashion world. 1998 then saw Donald Trump's first and last ever Met Gala appearance, as Anna Wintour revealed she had banned him from future guest lists.

The start of the new decade in **2010** saw the theme of 'The American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity' which allowed the guests to define it from their own interpretations. While Jennifer Lopez may have been the Belle of the ball, Anne Hathaway stole the show, dressed in a European brand and stylised a tulle Valentino gown as if it were her Princess Diary Days.

2011 paid tribute to Alexander McQueen, the iconic designer who died the year earlier, whilst correlating perfectly with the McQueen-themed wedding of Prince William and Duchess Kate Middleton. The most on-theme stars were those who wore the late designers pieces, such as Gisele Bundchen and Daphne Guinness. Whereas, Actress Ginnifer Goodwin opted for an emerald V-neck gown from Topshop.



MET GALA

Full of Fashion's finest

Hosted in New York since 1948

Cost of attending: 36,000 dollars per person



'Schiaparelli and Prada: Impossible Conversations' was the theme of [2012](#). Miucca Prada's outfit somewhat resembled her pyjamas, and although Beyoncé's dress may have been a hit and miss, but Cate Blanchett mesmerised in Alexander McQueen—black ostrich feathers.

'Kimye' made their awaited debut at the fashion world's equivalent to the Oscars in [2013](#). Miley Cyrus embraced the punk theme from head to toe in a sheer fishnet Marc Jacobs gown with spiked hair. Anne Hathaway debuted her blonde hair, while Gwyneth Paltrow opted for the most off-theme outfit wearing a pink Valentino dress.

[2014](#) was the year of 'Charles James: Beyond Fashion'. This showcased James' life and work, and the rough-edged punk theme guest list included Bradley Cooper who wore a Tom Ford tux. Bradley showed off his new buff body and beard, looking perfect for this year's theme. Though his girlfriend, Suki Waterhouse, was there, they did not walk the carpet together.

'China: through the looking glass' took to the stage in [2015](#), with Rihanna wearing quite possibly the most on theme, extravagant outfit of all time. The marigold, fur trimmed gown weighed 25kg and took two years to make. **Go big, or go home...** I suppose. Not even making it halfway down the catwalk before an outfit change, the star icon even admitted she couldn't walk in it without assistance. With embroidered scrolls and a headdress, it was most certainly a red carpet-winner.

[2016](#) went back to the future with the theme of 'Fashion in an age of technology'. Emma Watson flaunted a five-piece Calvin Klein collection set, which was made out of plastic bottles, bringing eco-friendly fashion to the heart of the exhibition.

Beyoncé was the queen of the Gala, in a latex Givenchy embellished dress. The beaded detailing was intended to resemble the inside of a computer chip, but the main **controversy** of her appearance was the absence of her husband Jay Z after she sparked divorce rumours.

In [2017](#), Reese Witherspoon spared no expense wearing a \$796,620 diamond ring, after all, **diamonds are a girl's best friend**. However, at the [2018](#) Met Gala, several celebrities opted for high street brands such as Lili Reinhart, who wore H&M earrings. Balmain's Oliver Rousteing auctioned off his Met Gala 2018 looks, with the donations going to RED to fight against AIDS. 2018 also saw artefacts from the Vatican City being displayed, coinciding with the theme 'Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination', where Rihanna dressed as the Pope and Ariana Grande was draped in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel painting.

[2019's](#) 'Camp: Notes on Fashion' theme saw Lady Gaga go to new heights as she showed up in luminous pink, she was clearly in her element as she had four looks in one, with each outfit layered under the other. Katy Perry came as a human chandelier and Cara Delevingne as a candy cane, but Zendaya certainly stole the show in a light-up Cinderella gown and even 'lost' a glass slipper on the carpet.

[2020's](#) Met Gala's theme is titled 'About Time: Fashion and Duration', which will consider the ephemeral nature of fashion, employing various flashbacks and fast-forwards. Some time this year, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City will host fashion's biggest night out, who knows what celebrity will be the star of the catwalk this year, and in decades to come...

M



"POWER DRESSER"

"MUTTON DRESSED AS LAMB"

"ASKING FOR IT"

"CLOTHES HORSE"

"COUGAR"

"SLAGGY"

"DRESSED LIKE A TART"

"PRICK TEASE"

"SLUTTISH"

"DRESSED TO KILL"

"SLAPPER"

"FASHION VICTIM"



E



"Women should avoid dressing like sluts in order to not be victimised"
- Police Officer 2011



From sexy to reserved, us girls have derogatory terms thrown at us from all angles. What a girl wears does not determine what she wants...any 18-year-old can hit the clubs of their local town with their favourite gal pals in the shortest miniskirts they can find, but this does not insinuate that they want to invite the horrors of sexual assault into their lives. The #MeTooMovement was founded in 2006 by Tarana Burke to raise awareness and has created a safe place for people of all genders to talk about their experiences with sexual assault. Stereotypically, it's been women who have been the centre of attention for sexual assault, however, it's important to remember that everyone can be a victim. One in four victims of sexual assault under the age of twelve is a boy...therefore showing how anyone can be a victim. American film producer, Harvey Weinstein, has recently been sentenced to 23 years imprisonment for sexual assault due to the allegations against him in 2017. This helped the development of the #MeTooMovement and became a huge win for all Burke's efforts into the fight against sexual assault.

#METOO = FEMALES FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

Article written by: Holly Steward Photography: Holly Steward

Model: Olivia Newns

Edited by: Millie Evans

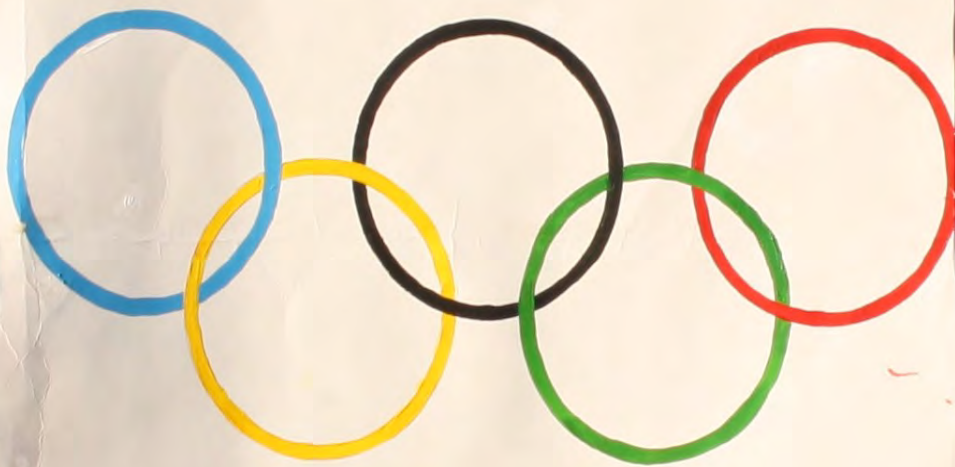
HIT REWIND

London 2012 Olympics

8,800,000 tickets sold (in the days before social distancing!)

204 participating nations

Great Britain won 65 medals, coming third in the medal table ranking



Model: Andy Prigg

Artwork by: Laura Critchley

Photography: Holly Steward



DAY ONE OF VEGANISM...

Tired, expensive, draining... just the best way to describe our week.

Last week we tried to explore the life of a Vegan. For 5 days, 120 hours and 7200 minutes we were in the world of Veganism. All we can say is, our open-minded positive attitude slowly deteriorated towards the end of the week. From falafel to couscous filled lunches, the perks of Veganism in our eyes are very limited. Who enjoys the constant worry of making sure meat and milk aren't in every meal you have? We can tell you from our experience, you do not know hunger until you have tried this. You go to bed hungry, dreaming of food and slaughtering animals just for the taste of meat on your buds again. Don't even get us started on the morning hunger, whoever thinks dry toast and jam is a sufficient meal – you might as well stop reading now. Arriving at school in a negative mood, we feel that our friends got the full wrath of Veganism. We were surprised we still had friends at the end of the week – apologies to whoever went home and cried that night due to our aggressive behaviour – we don't actually think you're fat. Speaking of being overweight, we don't think we've eaten as much bread and tortilla chips in our lives. Probably the worst part is how our minds felt completely drained and utterly useless that the thought of picking up a pen brought on a painful headache that would not shift. We guess we'll blame our U's in English on Veganism then – sorry to whoever had to mark them.

Usually, going home after a long day's work was the highlight of the day. However, Vegan week took the best thing in our lives away from us – food – which was the cherry on the cake, but we couldn't eat that, so I guess we settled for Vegan yoghurt. Would not recommend. Dinner time quickly came around and we found ourselves eating the strangest combination of foods: chicken nuggets (vegan of course), broccoli, naan, bread and rice.



A dollop of ketchup just to add a slight flavour and to finish it off, a portion of Heinz trusted beans. Weird!! Come back to us if you find anything else that will make you want to vomit as much as this does. Seriously Veganism, you're really not helping us write many positive points here.

Okay okay, I guess you can argue that we're being slightly dramatic and that maybe this opinion is a tad biased as it's coming from two meat lovers for the past 17 years. Even we can admit that the Rocky Road was a sugary sensation that we won't forget and will be having again, and the sausage rolls did have a good go at filling the meat shaped hole in our hearts. However, we still stand by the fact that denying your body of main nutrients is not the way forward and that veganism is a choice that children should be able to make when all the facts are laid in front of them. So, you parents who inflict this lifestyle on your kids from birth, better know the consequences of unhealthy development.

Now, if you're a Vegan reading this we know what you're going to say... "THE ENVIRONMENT, THE RAINFOREST, THE ICE-CAPS..." Please stop and don't give us the headache! We understand that the planet kind of needs some work, and we agree that people should eat less red meat because too much isn't good for our health, but neither is too little. Therefore, instead of cutting it out completely everyone should consider their red meat intake and maybe reduce it a little.

Our Vegan week was an interesting experience that we are glad we tried, but no this won't be our lifestyle. We'd like to thank our parents for loving meat just as much as we do because without them, we could be chewing on some quinoa and no one wants that. I guess a few more icecaps might have to melt before we choose Veganism, sorry polar bears.

DAY SEVEN OF VEGANISM...



Our Vegan Week AKA HELL

Article written by: Holly Steward and Millie Evans

Artwork by: Isobel Brookfield

Models: Holly Steward and Millie Evans

Photography: Phoebe Nation 16

SONGS THAT SHAPED THE DECADE

2010

TIK TOK – KE\$HA

This song was revolutionary, any teenage girl will know every single lyric to it, and I'll be surprised if they haven't made a dance to it too. I definitely did. We sang the lyrics without even knowing what they meant, "brush my teeth with a bottle of Jack." At the time, I didn't know who or what Jack was, but I'd sing it anyways.

2013

THRIFT SHOP – MACKLEMORE

Now, this peculiar song had everyone of us stating some... questionable things as we sang along. It's a strange song, but for some reason, everyone loved it, and it has the power to make me feel just as young as I was when it was first released.

2011

PARTY ROCK ANTHEM – LMFAO

Everybody, and I mean everybody, danced to this at their primary school disco, and if you didn't, I feel sorry for you.

2014

HAPPY – PHARRELL WILLIAMS

Everyone and their dog knows this song – every single word of it. Everyone hated how much this was overplayed, but now it's a lovable sing-a-long that gets everyone smiling.

2016

LOVE YOURSELF / SORRY – JUSTIN BIEBER

This was the year for Justin Bieber. Basically, his comeback was way way better than his most recent one, where he released his song 'Yummy'... disgraceful. 'Sorry' was an absolute banger, and everyone loved the amazingly choreographed music video too.

2012

SOMEBODY THAT I USED TO KNOW – GOTYE

I know I was (I still am) singing this in the shower. This is definitely one of the biggest beltters of all time, in everyone's top 10 sing-a-longs. However, when this came out, my brother and dad played this for 2 hours on repeat on our way to Wales. I hated it, but it's kind of grown on me now.

2015

UPTOWN FUNK – MARK RONSON, BRUNO MARS / SEE YOU AGAIN – WIZ KHALIFA

2015 was an eventful year for music, it had the highs of Uptown Funk and the lows of See You Again, which got everyone in their feels. It was to remember the late and remarkable Paul Walker who passed in 2013, which was such a tragedy to me as my mum and I adore the Fast and Furious films.

WOMAN LIKE ME



2017

DIVIDE ALBUM – ED SHEERAN / DESPACITO – LUIS FONSI, DADDY YANKEE

If 2016 was the year for Bieber, then it's more than safe to say 2017 was all about Ed Sheeran and his phenomenal Divide album. This led to him being one of the biggest artists this decade. However, there was a battle for top spot against Despacito, which also featured Justin Bieber—he was having a good run huh?

2018

ONE KISS – DUA LIPA / GOD'S PLAN – DRAKE

Dua Lipa shot into the spotlight with her collaboration with Calvin Harris, the song of the summer which made everyone happy. It was, sadly, very repetitive and over played, which can really ruin a song. Drake really stood out with God's Plan; he brought in millions of listeners.

2019

SOMEONE YOU LOVED – LEWIS CAPALDI / OLD TOWN ROAD – LIL NAS X

Lewis Capaldi, what a legend, who doesn't love him? His beautiful voice contrasts heavily to his thick Scottish accent, not that anyone's complaining. Yet we can't talk about 2019 without talking about Old Town Road, especially the remix with Billy Ray Cyrus, which was in the charts for months.

EXPRESSION

HONORARY MENTIONS:

These songs just had to be mentioned—they're too iconic not to be. The influence they've had on my life and possibly yours, is too good not to mention:

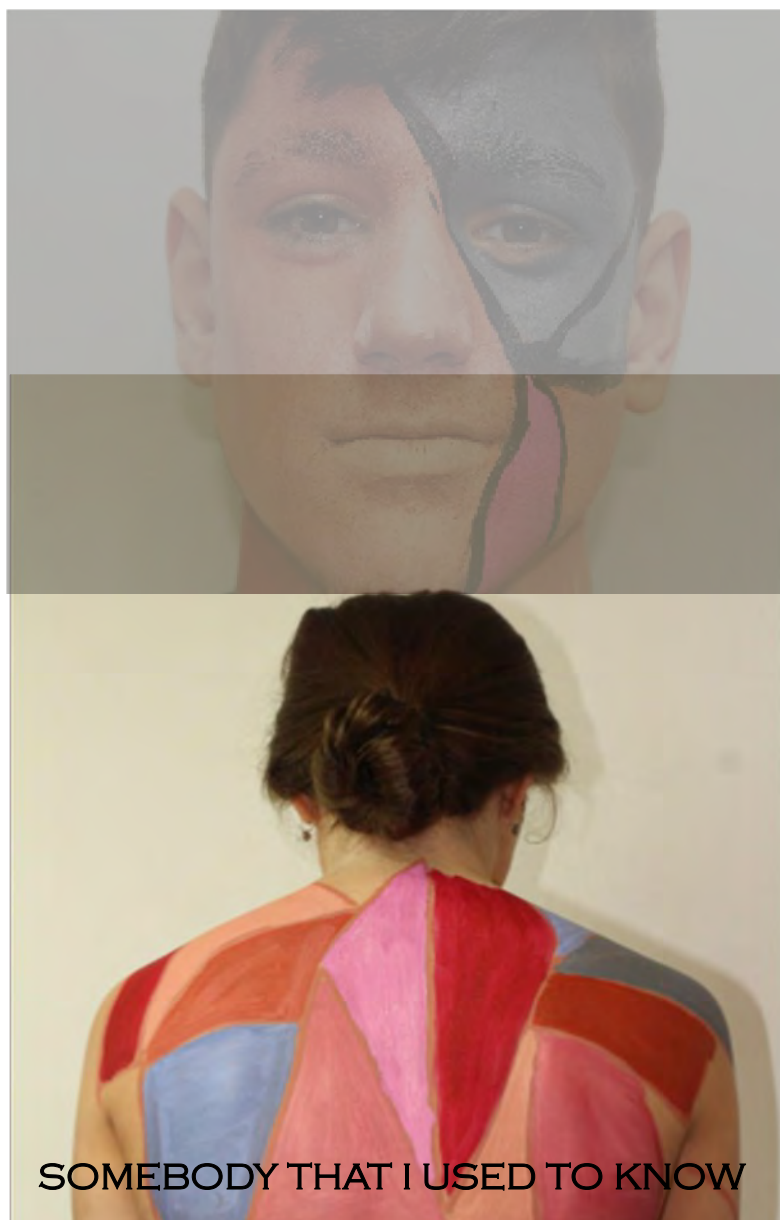
- Hotline Bling—Drake
- We Found Love—Rihanna
- Call Me Maybe—Carly Rae Jepsen
- Bad Guy—Billie Eilish
- Get Lucky—Daft Punk, Pharrell Williams
- Firework—Katy Perry
- Rap God—Eminem
- Hello—Adele
- Woman Like Me—Little Mix
- Shake It Off—Taylor Swift
- Havana—Camilla Cabello
- Can't Stop The Feeling!—Justin Timberlake
- Stitches—Shawn Mendes
- Thank u, Next / One Last Time—Ariana Grande
- Young, Dumb and Broke—Khalid
- Wake Me Up—Avicii

Article written by: Abi Woosey

Photography: Holly Steward

Models: Andy Prigg and Millie Evans

Edited by: Georgia Fellows



SOMEBODY THAT I USED TO KNOW



Article written by: Barley Jeffs

Photography: Holly Steward

Models: Annabel Schofield, Holly Steward, Millie Evans and Phoebe Nation

Edited by: Holly Steward and Freya Barge

RETRO REVIVAL

Whether it's vinyl records or flared trousers, the style from the 70s and 80s have made a major comeback. So, grab your cassettes and film cameras, and we'll take a look at the revival of retro style.



Ask your parents, 70s and 80s fashion is back. And in a big way. Just walking down the street you'll see examples of the vintage flair. Double denim, fur coats, infamous bell bottoms, platform shoes (still questionable). During the 2010s, a surge in popularity for the fashion trends resulted in a whole new and unique style being created. Mixing modern and old school, blending the contemporary with the classic, intertwining the timeless and the trendy. People are now pairing a high waisted flared trouser with a baggy, oversized jumper, completing the outfit with some platform high top converse. Looking like they've walked straight off the set of Ferris Bueller's Day Off.



Tiny sunnies and bold makeup is also on the rebound, with hair accessories at the forefront of outfit additions. Whether it's headscarves, headbands or scrunchies, no outfit is complete without something jazzy on your head. So why not take inspiration from the fashion of the 70s and 80s? Following the iconic styles of such timeless idols: Whitney Houston, Madonna, Barbra Streisand. Not forgetting the males of course, Michael J. Fox, Prince, Richard Gere. You may not notice it, but a lot of today's style has been prompted by old school fashion. Neon colours is another trend making a HUGE return—makeup, hair colour, clothes, shoes, you name it. Any occasion, anywhere and anytime, you can always count on there being something neon. Even some of the more contentious crazes are in the midst of the vintage recovery. Fanny packs are a big one, no festival outfit is complete without the incorporation of the waist handbag. Voluminous hair is also fighting for its comeback, trying its hardest to make the perm a thing for the masses. Personally, I think parachute pants should be next on the list.



It's not just the fashion that's making a return, 70s and 80s pop culture is also coming in thick and fast into today's trends and crazes. The vintage aesthetic is so popular right now, events like vintage clothing fairs are experiencing a surge in popularity (guilty, but who can't resist a £3 stained champion top?). Charity shops are also reaping the benefits of the sudden adoration for used goods. The poor old lady at the till probably thought the apocalypse was coming when an influx of teenagers started wandering in buying antiquated records and VHS tapes. Seemingly odd that with the invention of music streaming platforms, more and more people are purchasing record players, along with the vinyls of course. Along with the aesthetic, movies and music are also adding to the equation. Shout "You're the one that I want" in a room full of teenagers and you'll most definitely receive an "Ooo ooo ooo honey" chorused back at you. Iconic movies like Grease will always be a musical masterpiece, but the retro revival allows them to

constantly be revitalised, so that generation after generation will be able to enjoy the past. Part of the reason, I think, that vintage and retro trends are so popular is that it allows people to connect to older family members and friends, learning about what used to be popular and what definitely didn't, can help start so many conversations and bring people closer together.

HIT REWIND

Nelson Mandela died December 5th 2013

Imprisoned for over 27 years

Received the Noble Peace Prize in 1993

Became South African President in 1994

Icon, Peace Campaigner, Inspiration



Model: Phoebe Nation

Artwork by: Isobel Brookfield

Photography: Holly Steward

HIT REWIND

Flight 370 disappeared on 8th March 2014

It was a Malaysian Airlines Passenger Flight

282 passengers and crew

The fate of the aircraft is still unknown



Model: Darcy Brighton

Artwork by: Grace Clisby

Photography: Holly Steward

An LGBTQ+ Decade...

As 2019 reached its finale, we witnessed not only the end of just another year, but also the birth of a new decade. So, as we see out the old and welcome the new, it seems a perfect opportunity to reflect upon the past decade, upon the historic milestones achieved in the strive for equality, and to question "what next" for the LGBTQ+ community.

The 2010's, will be remembered as a transformative period in which the LGBTQ+ community experienced immense cultural, political and social change, both in the UK and around the world. Never before has homosexuality been so widely accepted within Western societies.

It was a decade defined by historic successes – in 2011 Ruth Davidson was chosen to be the first openly gay leader of a UK political party. Laverne Cox became the first black trans woman to feature on the cover of Times Magazine and Alan Turing was given a posthumous royal pardon for his conviction of "gross indecency". In the passing of legalising same sex marriage in 2013, we were one step closer to the removal of the last true barrier to equality left in the UK, allowing gay men and women across the country to tell their loved ones "I do".

By no means is this a list of all the historic achievements in the push for equality, but is a highlight reel. It is certainly indicative of a society in which the "Queer Community" is becoming ever more accepted. At long last, society appears to be embracing the LGBTQ+ community, the fight for equality is almost over!

But wait...



A recent survey by "Accelerated Acceptance" revealed that there has been a drop in the acceptance of the "LGBTQ+ Cause" in the past two years, ranging from 18-34 years old. But how can this be? Societies trend towards greater acceptance seemed a given, especially amongst the most liberal, younger demographics.

Research suggests that this drop is largely due to three distinct factors: the impact of the "trans debate" upon women's rights and child health, the over sexualisation of Gay Pride, and the attacks towards the LGBTQ+ community, preventing a sensible discussion about the very serious issues raised above.

I worry, and I do not feel that I am alone in this, that there is a tiny, but incredibly vocal minority of LGBTQ+ activists who do not see that the fight for equality in the UK is over, and that by bullying those who have legitimate concerns into silent subservience, they are in fact breeding mistrust and resentment. This is very worrying indeed. Statistics show that there has been an increase in the level of anti-homosexual and anti-transsexual sentiment in the UK.

"A love for our neighbours is what keeps our culture united."

The LGBTQ+ community in the UK has never had it so good. They have achieved full equality in the eyes of the law and made massive bounds towards total acceptance within society at large. I would argue that activists should recognise that their fight has been won, and to turn their attentions instead towards LGBTQ+ causes around the globe.

And to all of you reading this now, I implore you that in this age of increased political and social divide, we in Britain must accept people from all walks of life, as mutual respect and a love for our neighbours is what keeps our culture united.

Article written by: Georgia Fellows

Photography: Holly Steward and Georgia Fellows

Models: Phoebe Nation and Millie Evans

Edited by: Millie Evans

1924 — The first gay rights group is established

1951 – Roberta Cowell is the first known British trans woman to undergo reassignment surgery

1966 — The Supreme Court rules in favour of gay rights

1969 — The Stonewall Riots spark the beginning of the LGBT movement



1972 – The first Pride march is held in London, attracting around 2,000 participants

2004 – The Civil Partnership Act passes, granting civil partnership in the UK

2014 — Legalisation of same-sex marriage in the UK...

... **29th March** — First same sex marriage in the UK

HIT REWIND

GAY PRIDE first marked the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969

The rainbow flag was used in San Francisco's Pride event, 1978

Now Pride events occur globally

A celebration of diversity and acceptance

Sporting Moments Of The Decade

So many significant sporting events have occurred this decade; some bad, some good, some to celebrate and some to reminisce on. Sport brings people together and it's like nothing else. The unexpected and unknown aspect of sport is primarily what captivates us into watching it. The acceptance of the bad and the defeats, must come along with the triumph and thrill of a win. The adrenaline and thrill of the unknown, is what makes sport such a fascinating phenomenon.

Here, within the pages of this article, I will explore the biggest sporting events and moments of each year from the past decade.

2010

Pivotal events occurred in the world of sports, causing much controversy. The Champions League was won by Inter Milan, surprising to all, as this contest is usually controlled by the Spanish and Premier league giants. They won with a 2-0 win in the final, with Diego Milito scoring both of the 2 goals. In the 2010 World Cup held in South Africa, Uruguay played Ghana and Uruguay's striker, Luis Suarez, stopped a goal passing the line for Ghana, by handballing it off the line. He was sent off and a penalty was awarded, however the controversy began when Ghana missed the penalty and Uruguay won the game. It sparked outrage.

2011

Milestones were reached by certain sporting individuals and it marked a significant turn in their career. Sebastian Vettel became the youngest ever back to back Formula 1 winner, winning 11 out of the 19 races that season and tallying up 392 points overall. A national victory in this year was England winning the ashes in Australia. Novak Djokovic, across all competitions, managed to win an outstanding 70 games with only 6 loses, placing him at number 1 worldwide and a title winner of 3 grand slams that year. The Rugby World Cup winners were the All Blacks winning 8-7 to France in the final.

2012

One of the most memorable football moments happened in the Premier League. Aguero won the league for Manchester City in extra time, from 2-1 down in the 91st minute. Dzeko scored in the 92nd minute with a header to level the scores, but City needed a win. And then in the 95th minute, Aguero scored the winner to hand Manchester City the League title for the first time. Serena Williams had another impeccable year, winning gold at the Olympics straight after a Wimbledon singles and doubles win. The London Olympics marked the year team GB had their best games, winning 29 Gold medals, 17 Silver medals and 19 Bronze, receiving a 3rd place position overall. Sadly, Fabrice Muamba suffered a cardiac arrest in 2012 at 78 minutes in the FA Cup against Spurs. The game was stopped and he was rushed to hospital. Luckily, he survived, but this drew an abrupt end to his footballing career.

2013

Murray's win at Wimbledon after a 77-year wait was incredible, beating Novak Djokovic in the final. Then Alex Ferguson retired from being the manager of Manchester United after 26 years, 1500 matches and 13 Premier League titles, leaving a legacy behind at the club. Along the lines of underdog champions, Wigan Athletic won the FA Cup and beat Manchester City in the final with a Ben Watson header, ending an 81 year wait for a major trophy. In the basketball world, Miami Heat won a thrilling NBA final with an inspiring 37-point game from LeBron James. David Beckham also said farewell to football, after an outstanding career and many titles.



2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Brazil hosted the World Cup, but unfortunately it didn't end very well for them as they were battered 7-1 in the semifinals by Germany, who went on to win the contest. Mario Gotze scored the winner in extra time to finish the final 1-0. Oscar Pistorius was eventually sentenced for the murder of his girlfriend back in 2013.

Usain Bolt returned, winning the 100m, 200m and 4X100m relay. Barcelona won treble for a second time and asserted authority over the Spanish league in football. In women's international football, the US women were crowned 3rd time world champions, once again showing their dominance. Finally, the Golden State Warriors overcame and beat LeBron's Cavaliers to win the NBA Finals.

An astonishing year for sport – Leicester City won the Premier League, despite being one of the league's most unlikely team to win, with a 1/5000 chance of clenching the top spot, showing determination like no other, and saw off all the other big competitors that usually dominate this league. Sadly, sport saw the passing of Muhamed Ali; he died aged 74 after a 32-year battle with Parkinson's Disease. In basketball, Kobe Bryant said goodbye to the NBA after a 20-year career and went out on a monster of a last game, scoring a huge 60 points. The Cleveland Cavaliers won the NBA finals from a 3-1 deficit, with LeBron clutching up, and helping hand them their first sporting championship since 1964. On a more political note, Colin Kaepernick took his stand by not standing during the national anthem to support racism in American football. He received many threats for taking such a stance and going against American tradition. Lastly, this was the woeful year for English football, as Iceland knocked them out in a shock win at the Euros.

Chris Froome won the Tour de France for Great Britain and an unforgettable Mayweather vs McGregor fight took place, in which Mayweather won with a 10th round TKO. Real Madrid hit another milestone in their football club's history, winning their 12th Champions League title, with a 4-1 win against Juventus. The football transfer boundaries were broken this year, when Neymar Jr moved to PSG for a huge €200 million and a contract paying him a whopping €540,000 a week. Maybe one of sport's greatest displays of mental fortitude was shown, when Justin Gatlin won his second world title against Christian Coleman and Usain Bolt, after being booed by 60,000 fans in the London Stadium. And finally, Serena Williams managed to earn her 23rd Grand Slam title without dropping a set, whilst in her first trimester of pregnancy.

2018 brought us yet another World Cup, this time hosted in Russia. Also, an incredible year for the England team, however it didn't end too well. England were knocked out in the semifinals by Croatia, after a great run of games and showing real rigor. The victors of the cup were France with an outstanding overall performance, once again showing their authority internationally. Sadly, football lost someone this year, the Leicester city chairman, who died in a tragic helicopter crash whilst leaving the ground one night.

In the boxing world, Andy Ruiz Jr. caused upset by beating Anthony Joshua to shake up the heavy-weight division. Liverpool made an epic comeback in the semi-finals of the Champions League, they beat Barcelona 4-3 and then Tottenham 2-0 in the final. Manchester City won the Premier League by a point in which Vincent Kompany played his last season and helped them to win a tight game against Leicester. A national achievement was when England won the Cricket World Cup and asserted dominance across the sport. However, it wasn't all winning for England, as the England Rugby Team were sadly defeated by South Africa in the Rugby World cup final and ended the contest trophy-less.

This decade so far has been eventful for sport. We lost a basketball legend Kobe Bryant, who died in a tragic helicopter crash, along with his daughter and 7 other people. Most sporting events have been postponed and some even cancelled due to Corona Virus, so who knows what the next ten years has installed for us...

‘REALITY TV

Why Love Island needs people other than Barbie and Ken replicas...

Every young person would agree that the pressure to be noticed as a teenager is insane. People are desperately on the hunt for love and get the wrong idea off reality TV, as an idealistic and plastic version of love is portrayed, when in reality the only bit shown on TV is the honeymoon phase and not all the arguing and stress that comes after—which is why 99.9% of relationships formed on TV, do not last. They can't cope with the harsh, toxic reality of real-life love stories. All that seems to matter is whether there are boobs, muscles and sun on any of these programmes.

This is perfectly presented in this simple quote that I heard on an advert for one of these shows last week—"Everyone that I sleep with, I don't necessarily have any feelings for them" and that sums it all up doesn't it really. The characters are often fake, fickle and false. on these shows, all that matters is "Are you beach body ready?" It doesn't matter what you say, do, think or feel. It's just all about those abs. The most tragic bit is, some kids idolise this and think that they must be perfect in every way to be able to even have a shot at success in life. Many even aspire to go on Love Island and become famous from strutting around in bikinis 24 hours a day, for 7 weeks with men in tight trunks walking around like a Toblerone. I would much rather have a job that was influential on society and that helped people, than one that is entertaining just because of the fact that people laugh at your unintellectual statements and crappy arguments over pathetic things. The world of TV dating completely sugar coats and idealises reality.

Then there's programmes like Naked Attraction, which is 100% based off looks. It's like right, everyone strip naked and pick a winner. No wonder the kids of today's top priority is their bodies. The airbrushing of Instagram photos and filters that make people look insanely different to their real selves, all increase anxiety levels and self-esteem issues. Reality TV represents worlds of impossible glamour which is completely inaccurate. That is what we tend to forget—we think that we are the outsiders for NOT looking like a Barbie or Ken doll with enough fake tan plastering our bodies to sink a battle ship, when actually there has been a lot of time, effort and money that has gone in to make these people look the way they do. And what you must remember is that they only show the peak of their lives and not the moment when they are on a night out in Liverpool, completely smashed, makeup dripping down their faces, crying themselves to sleep over that disgusting selfie that their friend posted the night before, where their bum looked flat as a pancake.

These shows make vulnerable people famous overnight, but don't give them the skills to cope with it. 21 reality TV stars have committed suicide in the last decade. That is 21 too many. These are people who went on television for a better life and now no longer have one!

HIT REWIND

X Factor started: 2004

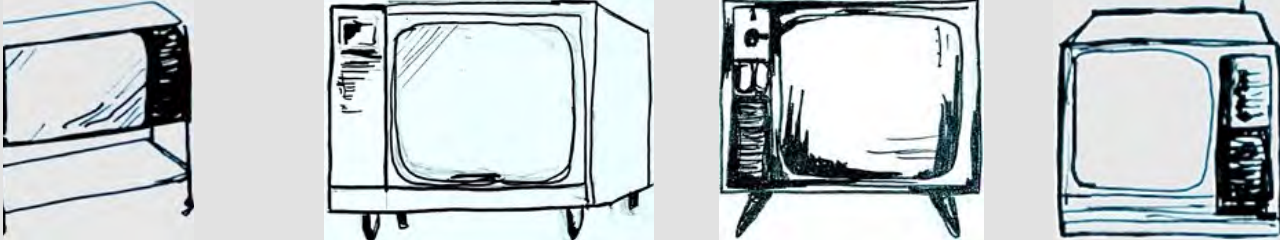
Kardashians started: 2007

Big Brother started in the UK: 2010

TOWIE started: 2010

Love Island started: 2015





Equally, women on TV are now twice as likely to be naked than men, and in the majority of Disney movies with female protagonists, men have up to 76% of the speech in them. What does this show the young girls who watch these shows? Girls, you can have the lead roles if you just shut your gob.



It shows people that if you do nothing then you can be somebody. But that is all they are. Some random body—no brain, no point of view. Nothing. So, in the next series of Love Island, Ex On The Beach, Geordie Shore and Towie, let's have some mingers. Some clever, funny mingers. It would make the world a better place if we were all less hung up about being this unrealistic and impossibly reachable idea of 'perfect'.

If we look back to the start of the decade, 2010, when the world was gripped by the rescue of 36 Chilean miners after spending 69 days underground, and the devastating Haiti earthquake killed 230,000 people and left more than 1 million people homeless. There was one of the worst oil spills in history on the Gulf of Mexico, and freezing temperatures and snow returned with vengeance as one of the coldest starts to December for 20 years took its toll. But now, in 2020, most of the tragic news stories we hear are not caused by natural disaster, that we physically cannot help, but by the toxic media and fake news that spread stories and ruin lives. Well known television presenter and former Love Island host, Caroline Flack ended her life on the 15th February this year because she felt there was no one to turn to, not one person in her life that could help her out of this big black hole that the media had plunged her into—false accusations, exaggeration and insensitive memes were things that she would have to wake up to and read through every morning. It was not suicide, it was manslaughter. The media pushed her to the edge and she felt she had no way out. The only way she felt she could find peace was by ending her life. And how devastating is that? It is shameful on our society and makes the world look like a monstrosity. It perfectly highlights how reality T.V shows have nothing but a negative effect on people's lives. How many more people are going to have to kill themselves before these shows get axed? There have now been 3 deaths relating to Love Island and they now get 2 seasons a year, each 7 weeks long. Yet, 1 suicide and Jeremy Kyle is axed immediately?

For some reason excuses are made for reality T.V shows making the lives of these people seem so worthless, almost as if their deaths have no effect, there is lots of talk around them for a couple of months and then everything carries on as normal—the media find new stories to blab about and these shows just keep getting aired. It just proves that someone who seemingly has the most perfect life, body, lots of money and lots of supportive friends and family, may not be happy in their lives at all and could be at breaking point. Therefore, the most important thing to do is to cherish the ones we love and care for and take every day as it comes, seizing every opportunity. You have no idea what goes on behind closed doors.

Article written by: Emma Edwards

Artwork by: Isobel Brookfield

Edited by: Millie Evans

HIT REWIND

Paris Terror Attacks 13th November 2015

Suicide Bombers struck football matches, cafes, restaurants, theatres

130 people died

IS claimed responsibility for the attacks



Model: Freya Barge

Artwork by: Freya Barge

Photography: Holly Steward

TURNING OUR BACK ON THE LAST DECADE...

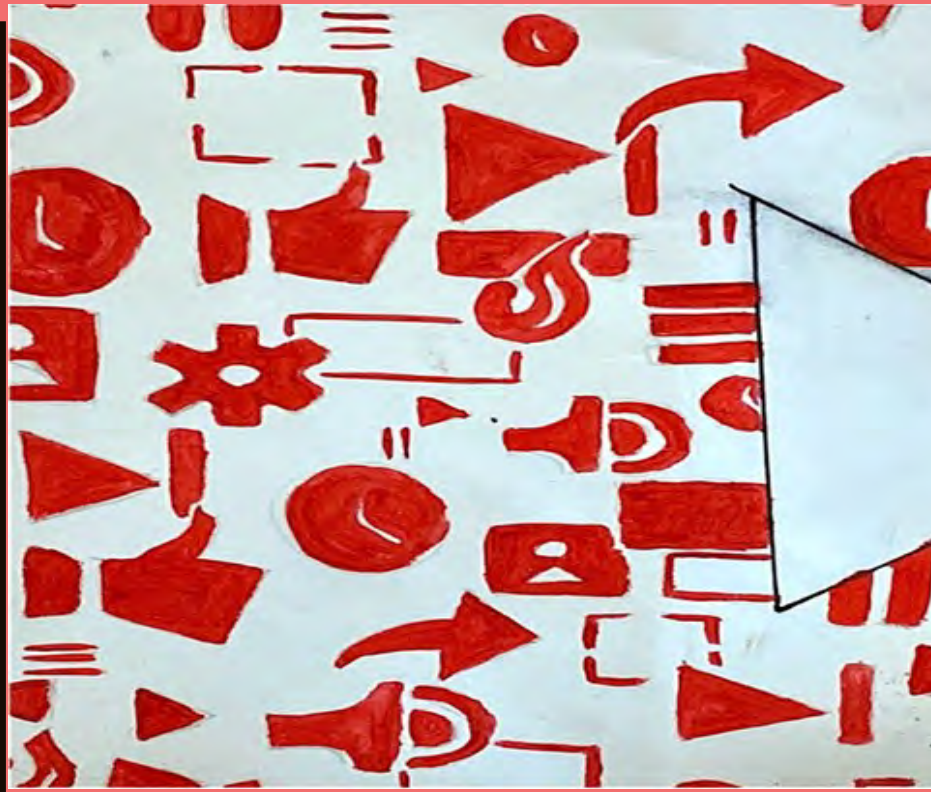


Photography: Holly Steward

From a simple 'Me at the zoo' video in 2005, to faking your girlfriend's death for more subscribers in 2020, YouTube has had a fair few scandals in its mere 15 years of existence. At the beginning, YouTube was a place for anyone and everyone to post whatever—a digital platform filled with clips of people doing random things. Now, 15 years later, YouTube is home to over 2 billion users, who are all engrossed by how much they can exploit young children for scratchy hoodies with their name on it.

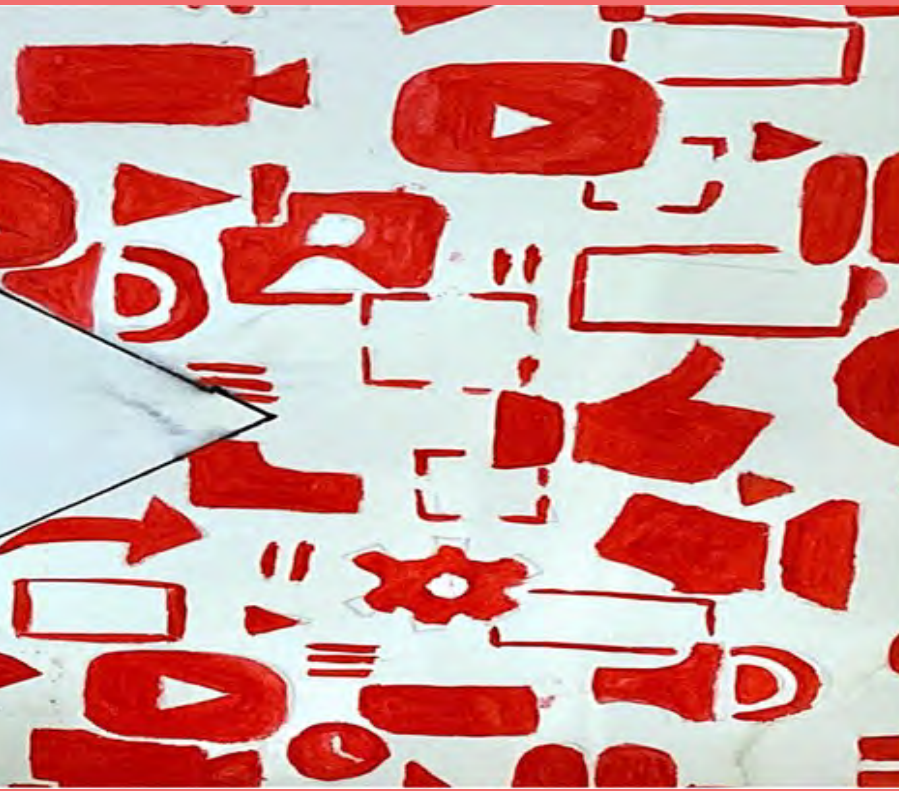
Jawed Karim was the first to ever post on YouTube, as he explained what he thought of elephants whilst at the San Diego zoo—aw bless him for trying. One of the first major Youtubers to join was Pewdiepie, who originally registered as 'Pewdie' in 2006 and currently holds the record of the most subscribed Youtuber with 103 million subscribers as of January 2020—that is almost the population of the Philippines.

This decade brought its fair share of YouTube controversies; here is an insight into just a few of them...



Former Big Brother contestant and Youtuber Sam Pepper had two sexual assault reports filed against him in 2014, when he thought it would be funny to make a YouTube video where he 'secretly' pinched women's bums. Pepper argued it was meant to be a "funny prank", but of course sexual assault isn't something to joke about... Later in the year, police confirmed that Sam Pepper had also been questioned on suspicion of a sexual offence against a woman, however the alleged victim wasn't willing to testify. In October of 2014, Sam Pepper takes a seat in the courtroom once again, as an 18-year-old woman files an incident report alleging that she had been raped by him. She posted a YouTube video titled 'Sam Pepper Doesn't Understand the Word No', whereby she explains how he took her to his house after a party and began trying to have sex with her. She rejected him: he raped her. She said in an interview "I was just a body to him; I was not a person." This isn't the first-time people have gone to the police about Pepper's behaviour. One woman told Buzzfeed that Pepper solicited naked photos of her when she was 15 – he was 22. A woman from Toronto also alleged that he raped her in 2013. Pepper has never responded to these allegations.

YOUTUBE



Musician Austin Jones joined YouTube and gained over 540,000 subscribers over his 10-year career, before being widely known for his possession and production of child pornography. In 2015, reports surfaced that Austin had contacted underage girls to send him videos; he was quick to admit to the accusations, however denied that he solicited the explicit videos. 2 years later, Austin Jones was arrested for his act and was charged with a 10-year prison sentence, and is now a convicted sex offender.

More recently, in January 2018 Logan Paul outraged the world after uploading a video where he ventured into the Aokigahara Forest of Japan, which is often called the 'Suicide Forest' due to the high rates of suicide in Japan, only to find the body of a man who had recently hung himself. Logan Paul continued to film the body, showing the body up close before returning to his own reaction—the video even included close ups of the man's swollen hand. Logan Paul's friend admitted he "Didn't feel good" about it, and Paul answered back by saying "What? You never stand next to a dead guy?" and laughed. After a vicious outbreak of criticism, Logan Paul removed the video from his account and released a written apology on Twitter before releasing a more heartfelt apologetic YouTube video, where he announced he would be taking a break from YouTube. YouTube later announced they would be stripping his channel from their top-tier monetization system, whilst also putting his YouTube film 'New Order' on hold and cutting him from the YouTube Red Series 'Foursome'. Almost a month after the scandal, Logan Paul announced he would donate \$1 million to suicide prevention charities in order to salvage his image. However, people wonder whether he was being truthful when he said this. By the end of 2018, more than 700,000 people signed the petition for YouTube to delete his channel, although YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki said he didn't violate YouTube's three strike policy and didn't meet the criteria for his channel to be banned.

These controversies highlight the need for us to reconsider the public responsibilities of social media platforms like YouTube. Some moderation mechanisms have been constructed: flagging, age barriers, suspensions, blocking tools. These all engage in content moderation, but they're not obliged to. It is largely done due to public scrutiny. It makes us question, are these companies putting the safety of the public first, or are they just in it for the money?

Article written by: Lily Griffiths

Artwork by: Isobel Brookfield

Edited by: Holly Steward

REWIND



DECEASED ICONS

Gone but not Forgotten

The last ten years of music has been full of joy, dancing and happiness, as well as the tragic loss of many iconic musicians who had brought us a variety of songs and emotions throughout the decade. Some went too soon and left a huge heart-shaped stamp on many of our lives with their music and message. Add it to your playlist, stream it a thousand times, watch the music video until your eyes are sore. In 2011, we lost the amazingly talented Amy Winehouse at the mere age of 27. Can you imagine how many MORE energetic songs she could have written for us all to enjoy? Sadly, her short lived yet impactful life was overflowing with drugs and alcohol and the pressure of performing. Nevertheless, her talent for song writing produced some huge hits that to this day are played in all our kitchens while we eat, work, dance or wash up. From 'Rehab' to 'Back to Black', all her songs told her story; she didn't hide her struggles, she embraced them all in her top hits!

While a new era emerges, it is time to look back at who we've lost. But the most brilliant thing about music is that it will never disappear, it will never go away...

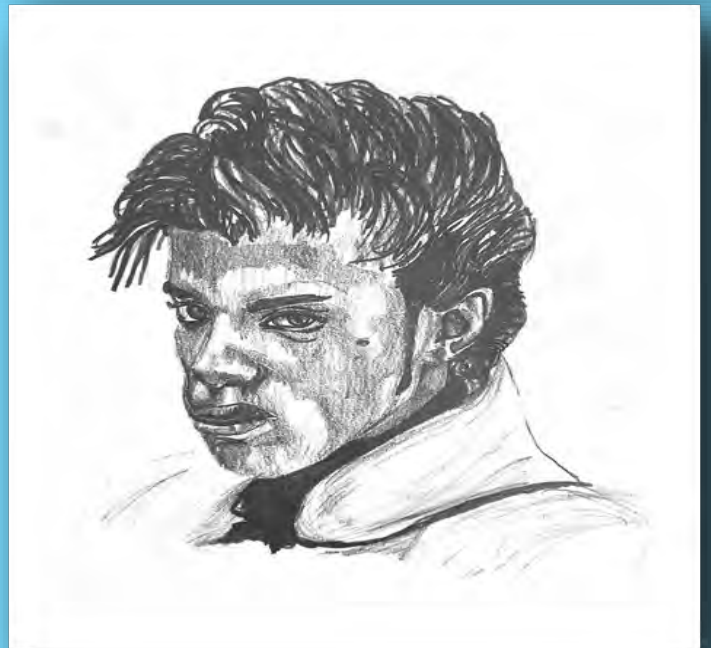
In 2012, Whitney Houston's death shocked the world. Her voice was so unique and incomparable to any others. She released her debut album at the age of 22 and instantly rose to fame. She lived her life in the spotlight, bringing her daughter into it too. Tragically, they both died this decade, highlighting the dreadful impacts that the media and publicity can have on us as humans, and making us wonder why so many artists have substance related problems. After all, celebrities are still human and deserve the privacy that they never get. Houston's hits all have a vibrancy that make us feel lively— 'I wanna dance with somebody (who loves me)', 'How will I know', 'I will always love you'.

In the first month of 2016, we lost a king of glam rock: David Bowie. His music dominated the 70s and created a whole new meaning to the word 'rock'. He successfully meshed genres together in an innovative way. At the age of 17, he was already featuring in interviews for the BBC and creating music that we hear to this day. In fact, in 2016 he released his final album 'Black Star' two days before dying. His most well-known songs are all so varied and unusual, which is exactly why we love them! 'Rebel Rebel', 'Space Oddity', 'Life on Mars'.



In April 2016, we said goodbye to Prince. His explosive outfits and vocal range make him impossible to forget. His creativity is unmatched, and his note pads show his imagination running wild with all the drawings and lyrics that were swirling around in his mind. The standard 'top and jeans' attire wouldn't have been acceptable for a Prince concert- fashion seemed to be another of his passions!

In December 2016, on Christmas day, George Michael died at the age of 53. The list of his popular songs would be a long, long list. Not only did he get criticised for 'going solo', that soon changed, and we are not mad about it! But before splitting from Wham!, he casually released music as a solo artist.



In 2018, many musicians' lives painfully came to an abrupt end. In April, the death of Avicii was an unexpected blight. It was concluded that he committed suicide, and his family stated that he "couldn't go on any longer". Since then, his relatives have spoken up about suicide prevention, which is very much needed within today's society, with mental health problems reaching an all-time high. Avicii's DJ talents were unique, and he was a big part of what made this decade of music so inspiring. Shortly after, we were further blighted by the sudden death of XXXTentacion in June. His music was extremely loved by the younger generation, despite his violent past. He was assassinated at the age of 20, when his career had only just begun. Even though being chaotic, confused and violent, his music seemed to touch the many rather than the few.

In August 2018, an absolute icon passed away. Aretha Franklin's classic take on soul lead to some of the most beautiful songs being created. 'Respect' is an iconic bop which sums up Franklin's style of music perfectly. Our generation, our parents' generation and our parents' parents' generation all get to soak up her wondrous music. Heartbreakingly, we lost Mac Miller in September 2018. His drug and alcohol abuse lead to an accidental overdose: his music portrayed him as a fun and upbeat man with his own inner struggles.

2019 saw two young hip hop stars suddenly pass away, leaving their widely loved music with the world. In March, Nipsey Hussle was brutally assassinated. In December, Juice Wrld died of a seizure at the young age of 21. His unique style of music is extremely popular with young people and despite his death, his popularity is still growing, and his songs are still appreciated by the world.

'Live Hard and Die Young' may be true in many cases, but the melodies and lyrics of these icons will last an eternity...

'FOCUSES ON MONEY FIRST, PEOPLE SECOND'

**IDIOT.
WOMANIZER.
NARCASSIST.**

These are words most non-Americans associate with Trump. The Ignorant orange-faced bully runs America like a capitalist business model—focusing on money and profits first and people second! Self-made billionaire—45th president of the United States, Donald Trump was listed the 259th richest American by Forbes in 2018. The reality is, his father Fred Christ Trump, passed his sizeable real estate business onto his son who benefitted from his family fortune.

The social media phenomenon of fake news, driven by the increased consumption of media, such as Facebook, has made money through advertising regardless of whether the information is truthful or factual. The yellow-haired misogynist uses the business model of fake news to create smoke and mirrors in his political life. Causing chaos and havoc by using his Twitter account to misinform the American public and the world. For the leader of possibly the most powerful nation in the world, Trump's vocabulary is limited, leading some experts to speculate he has the intellect of an eight-year-old. You will find insults like 'stupid', 'loser' and 'moron' in many of his sentences as he tries to denigrate anyone that opposes him. Typically using 'we' and 'they' to simplify people as either good or bad. To create the illusion of reliability and assurance, you'll hear him say 'believe me' repetitively. Provocatively, he'll use words like 'fire' and 'fury', dangerously creating tension around sensitive political issues.

Donald shares many characteristics of tyrannical leaders, for example, Hitler and Stalin. Many experts in mental health have suggested Trump might be a narcissist as he demonstrates most of the characteristics present in this diagnosis. Narcissists look for positions of power in business and society, but are normally exposed as untrustworthy.



However, like the other infamous leaders mentioned, occasionally these types of men can gain political power. Trump deliberately targeted uneducated poor Americans, playing on prejudice and division, particularly during an economic slump. Promising redistribution of wealth and jobs, using the stick of America's military might to intimidate anyone that questioned him. Around 1% of the population are narcissists, which is three million Americans and 10% of the population suffering with paranoid delusional behaviour, Trump got the backing he required to position him in power. Are Americans gullible and/ or prone to brainwashing?

The capitalist American model of profits before people, has enabled a businessman to run their country. The fact is only 42% of Americans own a passport, which by definition is insular, meaning very few Americans have explored outside of the United States. Without denigrating the whole of North America, the majority of citizens scored below average in IQ tests and handed power over to a conman. Linguists discovered that Trump speaks at the linguistic level of an eight year old. From COVFEFE to BIGLY, electing him as leader was clearly and 'UNPRESIDENTED ACT'.

*Unfortunately, reality TV personality,
Donald Trump could hold power
for another five years, leaving a
legacy of lies in his wake...*

Article written by: Olivia Newns

Artwork by: Freya Barge

Edited by: Millie Evans

HIT REWIND

Brexit

1973—Britain first joined the European Union (EU)

2016—Britain voted to leave the EU

Politicians struggled to secure a BREXIT deal

2020—Britain stopped being a member of the EU



Model: Spencer Wood

Artwork by: Rebecca Ankers

Photography: Holly Steward

Why. Can't. We. Stop. Scrolling. Through. The. Illusion?

In the past decade, *Instagram* has been a popular social media platform for young teens and adults. Most of us will have the app on our phones and may also use it daily. *Instagram* was launched on the 6th October 2010 – it started as a fun way to interact with friends using pictures that you can upload yourself. Gradually, *Instagram* users increased massively, and it became one of the most popular social media apps of the decade.

The app stood out because of its interesting features such as filters to add to photos and direct messages. The typical *Instagram* feed was most likely full of cringe-worthy memes and silly pictures of cats and babies. Pictures of friends pulling their best silly faces, pictures of minions. Let's not forget when having your initials in your best friends *Instagram* bio was the most important thing, and not if your skin looked smooth enough.

Celebrities such as the Kardashians, singers, actors and sports stars began to use the app and became a prominent feature; they gain millions of followers who have access to their uploads – many of which began to promote products such as Skinny Tea, waist trainers and appetite suppressants. Whether it's the Kardashians who spend thousands on plastic surgery and personal trainers, or gym enthusiasts who go to the gym 7 days a week – they almost definitely don't use the detox products that they're selling to vulnerable young people.

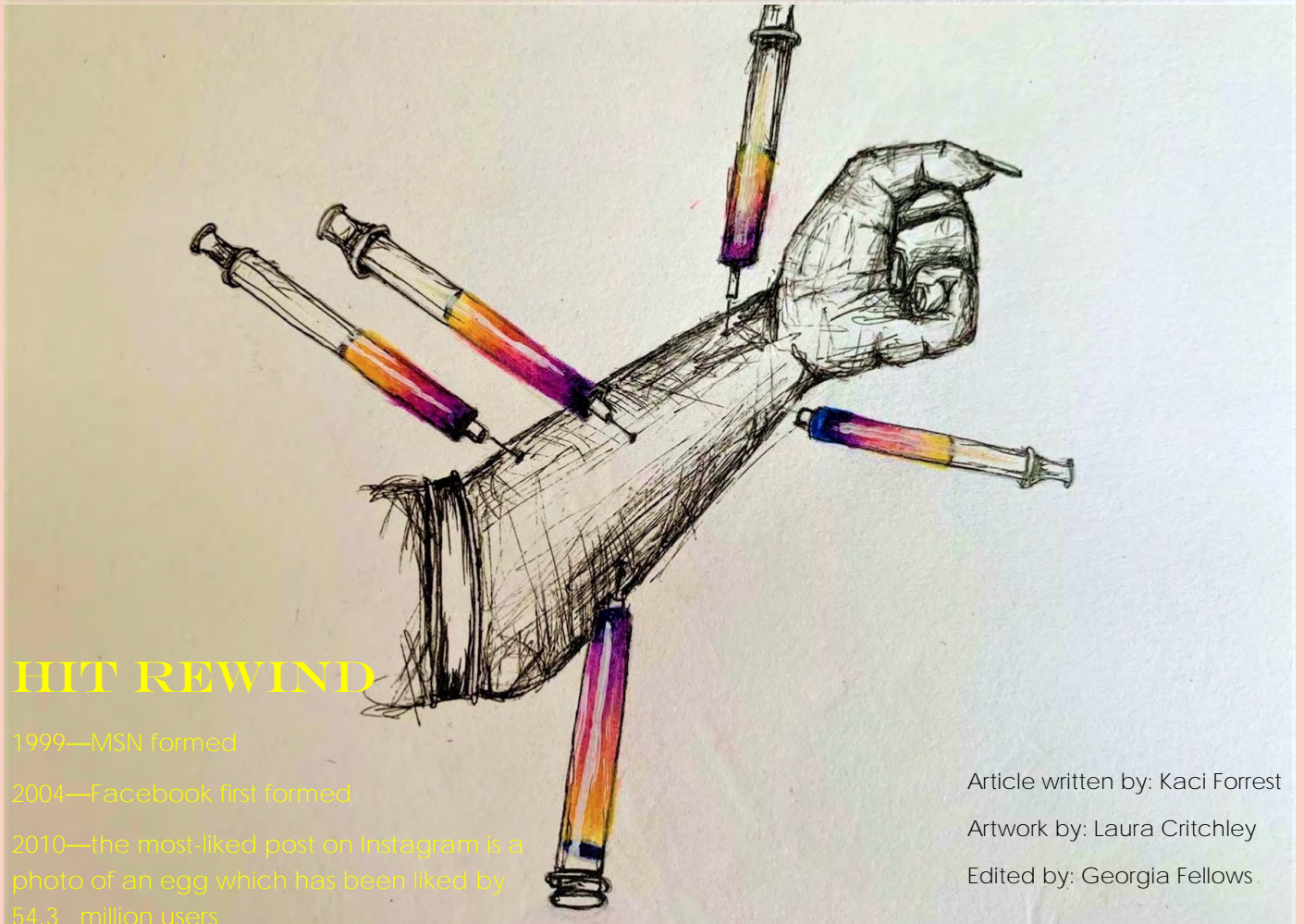
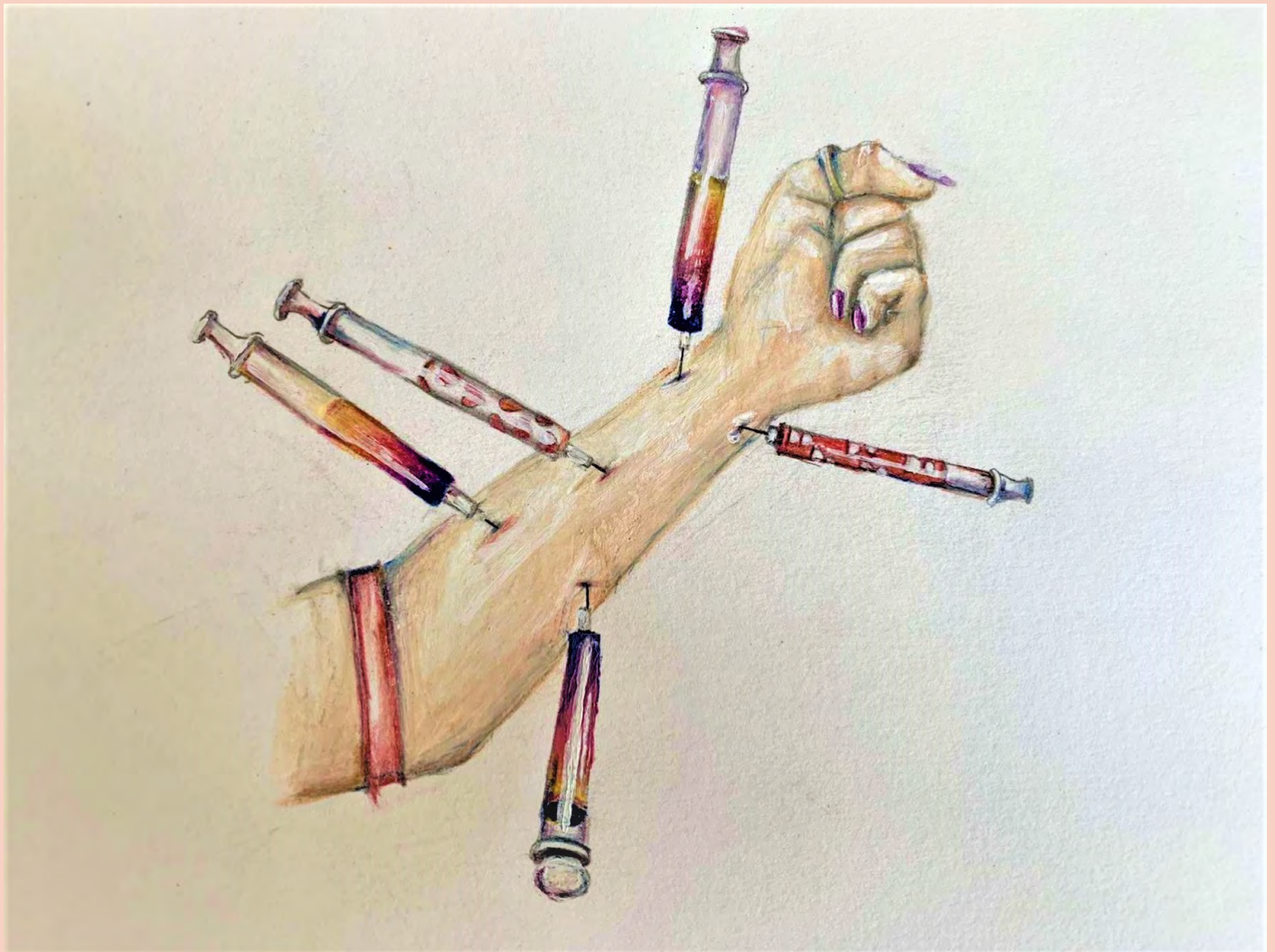


Use Instagram in a mindful way, unfollow accounts that give you an unrealistic standard of beauty, and don't allow it to give you a false sense of what "average" is.

We see Kim's curves and Kendall's waist—but not the hard work and hours behind it. Jameela Jamil is a public figure on *Instagram* who petitions against celebrities advertising dieting products, so that they can make profit from the insecurities of the young people who look up to them. She caused a new regulation to be put into place on *Instagram*, where detox products are censored to anyone under the age of 18. This was a huge step in the right direction, in my opinion, to provide a much safer place for teens and young adults who are exposed to the unrealistic beauty standards that are presented in the media. These young people are more subject to body image issues—a growing amount of evidence would suggest that the use of social media platforms such as *Instagram* is linked to increased rates in anxiety, depression, and interrupted sleeping patterns.

Don't get me wrong, *Instagram* isn't completely misused. *Instagram* has contributed to amazing causes such as the ALS ice bucket challenge which became viral on apps, particularly *Instagram* that supported the awareness of the disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as motor neurone disease), and encouraged donations to research and gained huge recognition for the cause. The association had exceeded \$100 million in donations. As a result of the donations, the University of Massachusetts Medical School was able to identify a third gene that is a cause for the disease. Project MinE, a global gene sequencing effort to identify genetic drivers of ALS, received \$1 million from the viral challenge, allowing them to broaden the scope of their research to include new sources in different parts of the world.

The way we communicate through photography has been revolutionised – psychologists would suggest that we naturally compare ourselves with others because it helps us figure out where we stand; we can see why this is a problem when it comes to *Instagram* as we have immediate access to idealised images, which aren't always an accurate representation of the world.



HIT REWIND

1999—MSN formed

2004—Facebook first formed

2010—the most-liked post on Instagram is a photo of an egg which has been liked by 54.3 million users

Article written by: Kaci Forrest

Artwork by: Laura Critchley

Edited by: Georgia Fellows

Tarporley Dynamite FC



How we formed a title
winning football team in 7
days...

The story of how we started a team, entered a league and won the title in our first season.

Tarporley Dynamite Football Club was formed in September 2019, by me, Jack Millington and Spencer Wood, with the intention of staying in touch with friends from high school after we moved to a number of different colleges. We began by asking our close friends if they were interested, and if they knew anyone that would be interested in playing 6-a-side football every week. The response we received was overwhelmingly positive and so we signed up for the Chester league. Spencer was assigned as Captain and me as Manager.

Just 7 days after our inception, we played the first match of our 21-game season on the 15th September 2019. Not knowing what to expect from the players or how well the team would gel, we were essentially in the dark. The game started shaky from both teams as we found our feet in the league in which we were branded as the 'new kids'. We came out of the game with a 2-0 win against a strong team who would later go on to be title challengers. Coming into the league as underdogs was always going to be tough, however we rose to the challenge with the fitness to run most teams into the ground. Our second game of the season came against 'The Youth', a team who would also go on to take us toe to toe for the title, possibly our biggest rivals to date. The game swung back and forth but fizzled out for a 2-2 draw. Despite this, we took real confidence from the game and remained unbeaten going into week 3.

After the draw to 'The Youth', we really hit the ground running, beginning on our 7-game winning streak, beating every other team in the league in the process. 5-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-2... just some of the scores as we wiped the floor with the rest of the league. We were well and truly on fire, confidence was through the roof and performances were impeccable. Our lead at the top of the table was 4 points clear as we surpassed 'The Youth', 'Kingsway' and 'Away Days'. Our standout performers so far were Wood, Healy, King, Dodd and our two new signings, Jake and Sam Rockall: the cousins of our very own centre back, Dan Pond. The Rockall's were by far our most impactful players and the signings ensured we had the ammunition to sustain our form for the remainder of our 21-game season.

The next week was a shock to the system. We were looking to extend our winning streak to 10 games unbeaten, however, when reunited with the Chester-based team 'Kingsway', we suffered a substantial loss with confidence at an all-time low, and the players beginning to doubt if they had the consistency to see out the league. Despite beating them 5-2 earlier in the campaign, this team were our Achilles Heel all season.

However, the following week, the boys bounced back with a massive win, instigating yet another notorious winning streak, including a 9-1 and a 7-1 annihilation. The latter saw three former Tarporley Sixth Form students enter the side, Will Brighton, Pat Savage and Sam Grinter. The lads were instrumental in giving the team a buzz to create a late season surge.

The 6-game unbeaten streak we had worked tirelessly for unfortunately came to an agonising end, as once again the infamous 'Kingsway' scraped another victory, this time an excruciating 1-0 loss. This was a game in which we all believed should have favoured us, however we quickly moved onto the following week as our lead at the top was down to a mere 2 points.

The damage from the previous week hadn't yet been repaired, as we once again suffered a defeat at the hands of 'Plans AFC'. Perhaps the lowest point of the season, Dynamite recognised that any faults had to be patched up immediately, otherwise we could have seen our title hopes dashed.

A win in our next game left us in a more comfortable position, meaning that just 1 point from our last two games handed us the trophy in our inaugural season. We faced 'FC Jaunty', full of drive, dedication and desire. The game ended with an emphatic 5-0 win, with goals from both the Rockall brothers, Grinter and our talisman and Captain Spencer Wood.

Champions... with a game spare.

3 losses from 21 games, in our first EVER season,

Dynamite are the League Champions



Article written by: Jack Millington

Photography: Holly Steward

Edited by: Abi Pawlett

HIT REWIND

22nd May 2017

Ariana Grande Concert, held at Manchester Arena

The concert was attacked by a suicide bomber

22 people died

139 were wounded

More than half of the fatalities were children

The youngest victim was aged 8



Model: Olivia Newns

Artwork by: Laura Critchley

Photography: Holly Steward

HIT REWIND

2018—Football World Cup

Held in Russia

Over 300,000 people attended matches across
12 stadiums

England scored nine goals (the most since their
victory in 1966)

England were knocked out after losing to Croatia



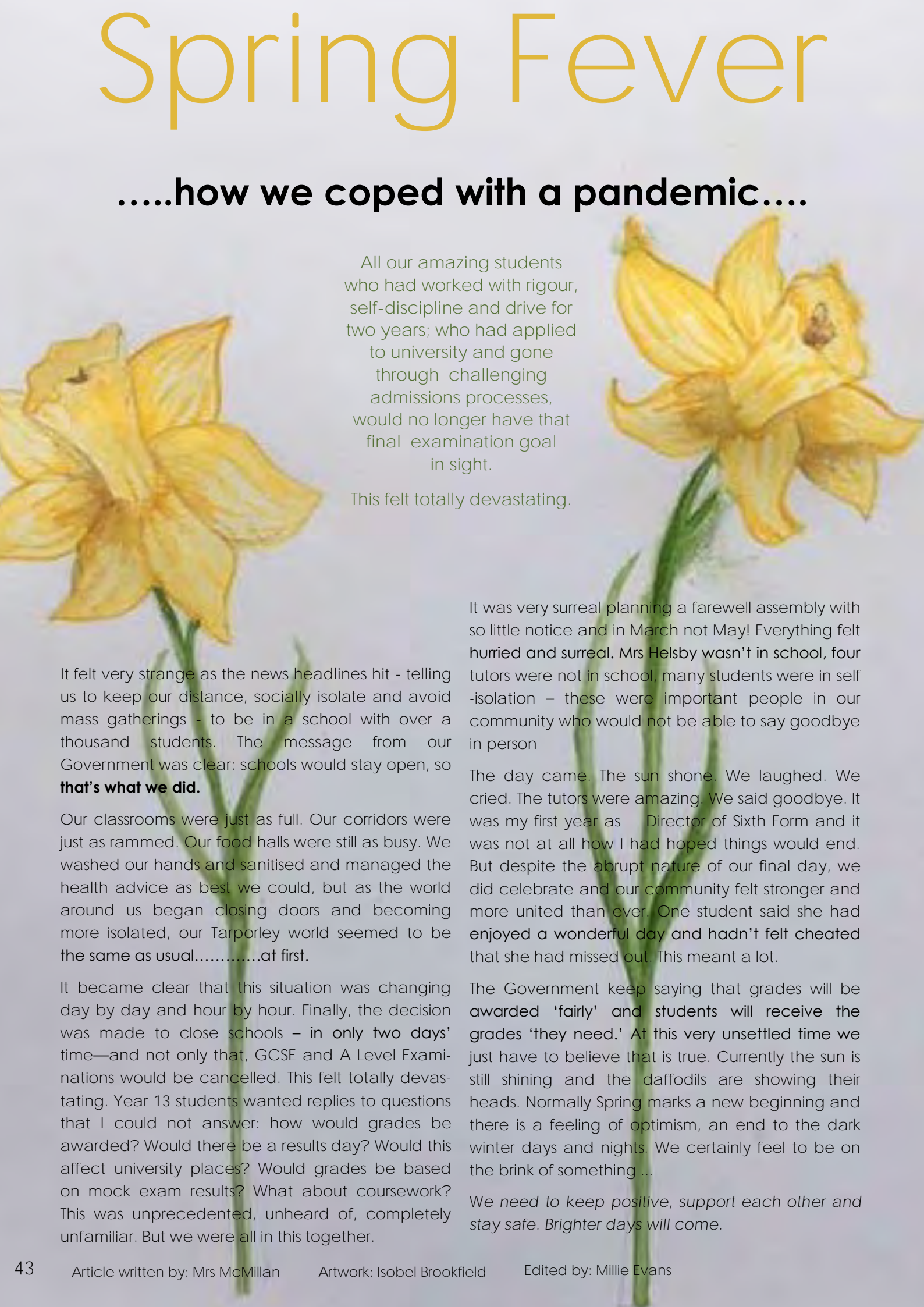
Model: Jack Millington

Artwork by: Phoebe Nation

Photography: Holly Steward

Spring Fever

.....how we coped with a pandemic....



All our amazing students who had worked with rigour, self-discipline and drive for two years; who had applied to university and gone through challenging admissions processes, would no longer have that final examination goal in sight.

This felt totally devastating.

It felt very strange as the news headlines hit - telling us to keep our distance, socially isolate and avoid mass gatherings - to be in a school with over a thousand students. The message from our Government was clear: schools would stay open, so **that's what we did.**

Our classrooms were just as full. Our corridors were just as rammed. Our food halls were still as busy. We washed our hands and sanitised and managed the health advice as best we could, but as the world around us began closing doors and becoming more isolated, our Tarporley world seemed to be the same as usual.....at first.

It became clear that this situation was changing day by day and hour by hour. Finally, the decision was made to close schools – in only two days' time—and not only that, GCSE and A Level Examinations would be cancelled. This felt totally devastating. Year 13 students wanted replies to questions that I could not answer: how would grades be awarded? Would there be a results day? Would this affect university places? Would grades be based on mock exam results? What about coursework? This was unprecedented, unheard of, completely unfamiliar. But we were all in this together.

It was very surreal planning a farewell assembly with so little notice and in March not May! Everything felt hurried and surreal. Mrs Helsby wasn't in school, four tutors were not in school, many students were in self-isolation – these were important people in our community who would not be able to say goodbye in person

The day came. The sun shone. We laughed. We cried. The tutors were amazing. We said goodbye. It was my first year as Director of Sixth Form and it was not at all how I had hoped things would end. But despite the abrupt nature of our final day, we did celebrate and our community felt stronger and more united than ever. One student said she had **enjoyed a wonderful day and hadn't felt cheated** that she had missed out. This meant a lot.

The Government keep saying that grades will be awarded 'fairly' and students will receive the grades 'they need.' At this very unsettled time we just have to believe that is true. Currently the sun is still shining and the daffodils are showing their heads. Normally Spring marks a new beginning and there is a feeling of optimism, an end to the dark winter days and nights. We certainly feel to be on the brink of something ...

We need to keep positive, support each other and stay safe. Brighter days will come.

On Monday, college was a 'normal' day in that we were busy getting on with things whilst keeping a close eye on what was appearing to be an escalating crisis, the Coronavirus. Everything changed that evening when we were advised by the government, that those living with people with symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days. My daughter had just returned from university and had a cough and a temperature. It all felt surreal, to be at home whilst everyone else in college was having to adjust and react to the news, yet carry on as normal. We waited patiently every evening to hear what the Prime Minister and his advisers had to say; acutely aware how the situation was changing daily. On Wednesday, we were told that schools and colleges were to close their doors on Friday to all but vulnerable children and children of key workers. The bigger bombshell announcement was that the GCSE and A Level exams would not take place in May and June!

My son, who is in Year 11, was initially delighted at the prospect of not having to sit exams, but then it slowly hit him that all the hard work and effort he and his friends had put in wouldn't be tested. He was concerned about how they were going to be assessed. He knew that he and many of his friends had been working exceptionally hard, and maybe their previous grades were lower than they might achieve in their GCSE exams. Seeing him trying to make sense of what this meant for his future, helped me to understand the uncertainty and worry that our Year 13 students were experiencing. How would they be graded? How were universities going to decide which students to accept? When would they be told? Would there be a results day? Our amazing, dedicated, inspirational students, like others across the country would have to wait and trust that all would be fine and fair.

I knew that Mrs McMillan now had 2 days to pull together a meaningful leavers' ceremony, and that I and some other 6th Form tutors would not be there to support her. I composed a message for my first ever Year 13 students which I intended videoing, but I couldn't read it without bursting into tears. This was not how I envisaged my first year to end. I am told that the last day was a fantastic celebration – filled with funny stories, photos and meaningful advice. I am devastated to not have been there to send them off and share in the smiles and tears.

With the Prom looking unlikely to happen, I hope that we may have another opportunity to gather together, so that I can personally wish this amazing group of students all the best for the future.

“What Now?”

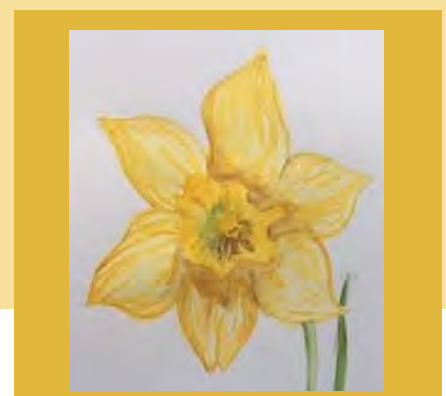
Asked Nicole Morrison, a perplexed Year 13

Many of us would jokingly remark “imagine if A-Levels were cancelled” during long study sessions, whilst making endless amounts of flashcards and drinking endless amounts of coffee! No one could have guessed that we'd be watching the news to hear those fateful words: “Exams in May and June will not be taking place.”

I don't know where to start with the amount of questions that began racing through my brain. How will I be assessed? Will I still go to university in September? Will the exams be postponed? But the one thing I kept thinking over and over again was... what now?

For almost 2 years, A-Levels become everything to you, dedicating hours and hours of work into 3 single subjects, saying no to plans due to revision and coursework deadlines. To all of a sudden to have no exams and no school, still feels like some wild dream. Who would have ever guessed? Unfortunately, we did lose all of our post exam celebrations- however in true Tarporley style, we had the best last day with tears and laughter!

It still shocks me that these days are over, and the next few months seem so uncertain. But I am excited and ready for the next chapter of my life, as well as always having my brilliant memories from the past two years at Tarporley Sixth Form.



Millie Evans ... A Year 12 Perspective

The week started off on a high, when a group of us Year 12's went to the top of Old Pale to take the front cover photo for the magazine. It finally felt like we had left the winter months behind us and that Spring had sprung! But the week only began to go downhill from this point...

Suddenly it was Wednesday and everything was different. School was closing. And we didn't know how long for or even if we would be back in before September. There were so many unanswered questions and no one had the answers to give us. Teachers tried to stay calm and relaxed for the sake of us students, especially the Year 13's, but so much was up in the air that it was hard to hide it. By Thursday morning exams had been cancelled. That was it for the Year 13's and their time at Tarporley; it had come to a quick and abrupt end. With everything going on with the Year 13's, I don't know if it had properly hit us Year 12's that this was actually happening, and it wasn't necessarily a good thing that the school year had ended so quickly.

Being in Sixth Form isn't like high school. Of course, there's days that you wish that school would close, but most of the time, if not the whole time, it doesn't feel like a chore to be there. It wasn't until that Friday morning that I realised this, and I didn't know how to feel about ending Year 12 so soon. Everyone says that the summer months of Year 12 are the best because the Upper Sixth have left and it's just your year (which isn't very big at all) in the Common Room enjoying the last few weeks before summer. In a way, I feel very lucky to be in the position I'm in and I think most Year 12's would agree, because at least we know we have another year in Tarporley with our friends, which I promise you now, we will never take for granted again!

I'm sat writing this in self-isolation, which I have to say may be harder than A Level Biology. I would much rather be in school right now learning about Haemoglobin than sat with my 21-year-old brother, who has officially lost the plot because he can't play footy with his mates and then go to the pub afterwards—it's the little things in life that keep you going I guess. All I can say is that I've learnt/am learning a lot from this experience. I've learnt that even the smallest of things – like my brother and his pint of Carling – do make such a difference in life and are some of the main things that keep us all positive and happy.



By the time this has been put in the magazine and it is being read, I'm hoping this will all be over and I'll be sat in the Common Room with my friends laughing about all the things we did to keep ourselves sane throughout this experience.

A Levels are definitely the hardest thing I've done/ am doing, but I think everyone will agree with me when I say that self-isolation tops it and I can't wait to get back to normality. Roll on Year 13...

**“WE WILL BE
KNOWN AS THE
CORONA YEAR!”**

There will be no exams in May or June!!!!!!!!!!!! 🤖



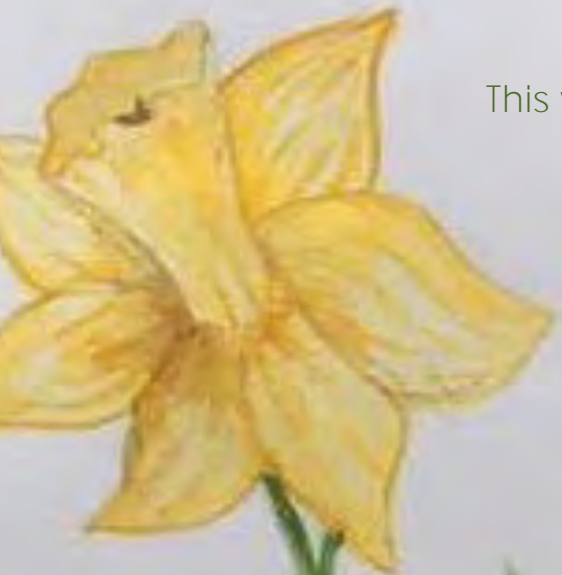
WTF??????? 🤖🤖🤖🤖



By Lucy McMillan — Year 11

I read these words on my phone first, when I was actually doing GCSE Tech coursework (ironically). I knew something was going to happen following the reactions of the rest of the world to COVID-19, however, actually hearing the words 'cancelled' made me realise the terrible impact that this virus was having on me, my school, my nation but most of all the world.

We had a group chat for all the girls in my year group, where we showed each other our prom dresses. The chat and images got us all really excited about this big, iconic and memorable event. The last comment on the chat was 'oooh love it!' after someone posted a beautiful coral dress, then the next comment was 'Everyone bring in shirts on Friday. It may be our last day.' There was an immediate change in tone. The name of the group chat instantly changed from 'Prom Dresses' to 'Corona Time.' From counting down the days to exams after working so hard, it suddenly felt like our time in school was all for nothing.

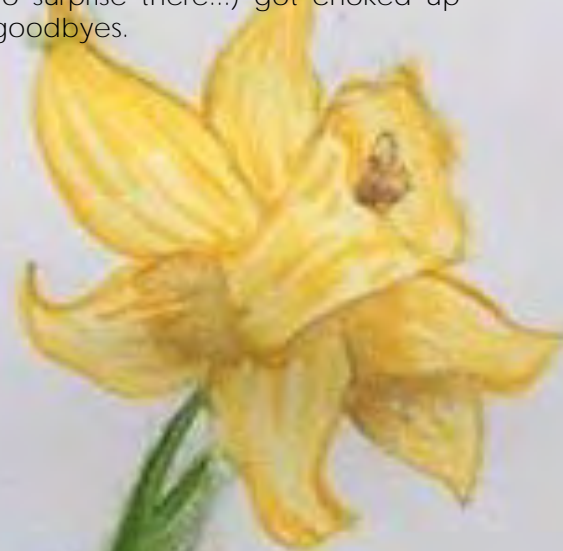


This was March.
We should
have had
our last
day in
May.

People were sending pictures of themselves crying and screenshots of statements about getting 'fair grades' or 'the grades we needed.' What did it all mean? What could I do? I was just staring at a screen when all this was being decided outside of my control. We could not do anything. Our teachers couldn't do anything. Even the Government didn't seem to know how this would all pan out. Frankly they still don't, as it's a situation that is clearly changing and worsening as I type. Today, newspaper headlines talk of Boris Johnson having the virus himself, of buildings being converted to hospitals and morgues - it truly feels like we are in a really bad dystopian, or apocalyptic film!

On the Thursday after the Prime Minister's announcements, it was bizarre going to lessons and speaking to teachers who were as shell-shocked and just as upset as we were. Some teachers and friends were off school because they had to self-isolate - some people even went as far as to borrow mannequins from the Art Department and dress them with their absent friends' leavers shirts; they paraded them around and even sat them in classrooms so they were still a part of it all. That day, I had RS, Maths, Physics, French and finally English. It was just a normal day, only it really wasn't. We heard that we would be given a day to sign shirts and have a Leavers' Assembly, all the normal High School stuff. We were excited about this and so grateful, but we felt almost cheated, as though we hadn't really earned that last day.

Mr Pryor and the tutors had put so much thought into the assembly, at really short notice. My own tutor, Mr Bowland, drew cartoons of every individual person in 11JB and made a yearbook that contained pictures and memories from Year 7. I'll keep these forever and somehow they are extra special as the teachers were going through this disappointment just as much as we were. Mr Lowe and Mr Pryor (no surprise there...) got choked up saying their last goodbyes.



This triggered a tsunami of tears throughout the whole hall—especially when we had to officially leave and get on a school bus for the last time.

Everyone tells you stories of exams: how they dealt with exam stress, how they revised, crazy stories of pulling all-nighters, waiting outside the exam hall full of dread these are clearly not enjoyable things but we are weirdly sad that we are missing out on all of them. These are experiences we just won't have. However, over time, we have gained a sense of perspective. Sure, it still feels devastating, however we are not fighting for breath in a hospital surrounded by anonymous faces covered in masks and Perspex visors. We are not burying loved ones. We are privileged, even lucky, and we know that. It is important now for us to keep our heads, stay at home, be thankful to the NHS and keyworkers who are putting their lives on the line and just do our bit.

We have even found some humour in the whole situation. I will leave you with these iconic quotes from the 'Corona Time' Group Chat:

'WE WILL BE KNOWN AS THE CORONA YEAR!'

'FK – I WISH I HAD TRIED HARDER ON MY MOCKS!'**

'WHY HAVE I SPENT 15 AND A HALF HOURS LAST WEEKEND ON COURSEWORK ABOUT SCONES FOR NO REASON?'

HIT REWIND

Greta Thunberg is a young eco-activist from Sweden

She inspired the 'School Strike for Climate' protests around the world

March 2019: over 1 million people from 125 countries took part in a strike

August 2019—she sailed from Plymouth to New York in a wind and solar powered boat

Greta attended the United Nations Climate Actions Summit, aged 11



Model: Laura Critchley

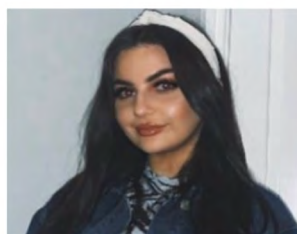
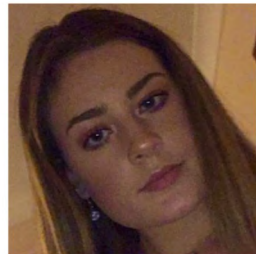
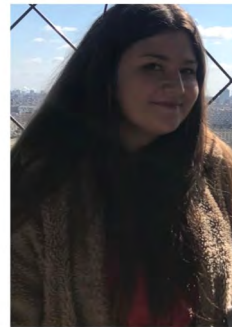
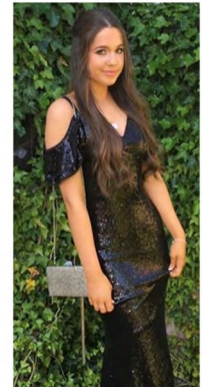
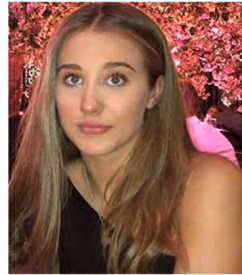
Artwork by: Olivia Newns

Photography: Holly Steward

HEADING TOWARDS (AN ALREADY MOMENTOUS) 2020...



7 YEAR OLD ME WOULD BE PROUD...



TERM TEAM 2020

Behind the Scenes of TERM 2020...



dress down with the term team



PHOTO SHOOT #1

104



year 12 year 13



supporting the dynamites

@tarporleydynamite



great game today!
well done to the year
12s, smashed it!!!



First after school
organise



finally finished all the
art for the cover



The Making of 'Hit Rewind'...

