

# THE CITY HERALD

## A ROUND UP OF

# 2022



As we head into a new year, we also close the door on a year filled with many ups and downs. With a Platinum Jubilee, the death of a matriarch and three prime ministers, the lack of stability in this year is historically notable. Whilst it may not have been the most smooth-sailing year, there have been some highlights, such as the World Cup, the Winter Olympics in Beijing, and although less notable, the start of the school newspaper. **The City Herald.** An opportunity to raise our voices, share our concerns and engage with our community. The weekly meetings of the

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of the newspaper club, and the collective collaboration of students from Y7 through to Y12, while not nationally recognised like other events, has led to the creation of the newspaper you see before

you, filled with topics from politics to a personal conversation with Mr Vernon. Our first edition is a taster of what's yet to come. If you would like to see anything special, get in touch and let us know. [herald@tcolc.aspirelp.uk](mailto:herald@tcolc.aspirelp.uk)

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# UK IN CRISIS

THE COST OF LIVING REACHES AN ALL TIME HIGH, AND ITS SET TO GO EVEN HIGHER.



## WHY ARE PRICES GOING UP?

The rising cost of things is known as inflation. That's when, over time, prices rise and how much you can buy with your money falls, so people demand to be paid more in wages, which means it costs companies more to pay people to make things, which then pushes up how much they cost to make and the prices rise... and so on.

**IN THE UK, OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN A RISE IN PEOPLE STRUGGLING. IT HAS CAUSED PEOPLE TO PANIC AS THEY ARE NOW FACING HIGH BILLS CAUSED BY INFLATION.**

## SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Well, as prices go up, not everyone's pay or benefits are going up at the same time or by the same amount. If someone's pay or benefits aren't going up at the same time as prices, then the money in their pocket doesn't go as far and buying things gets harder. The same also goes for places like schools who find the money they have to spend doesn't buy them as much stuff as it used to.

## WHAT IS BEING DONE TO HELP?

The UK government has made various announcements about the help it is offering but many charities say what's being done isn't enough to help those that need it most and there have been warnings that prices could keep rising. The government needs to do more than a draft a document and make announcements. They need to make a real change.



# DO EATING CRISPS REALLY HELP PEOPLE TO SURVIVE THIS WINTER?



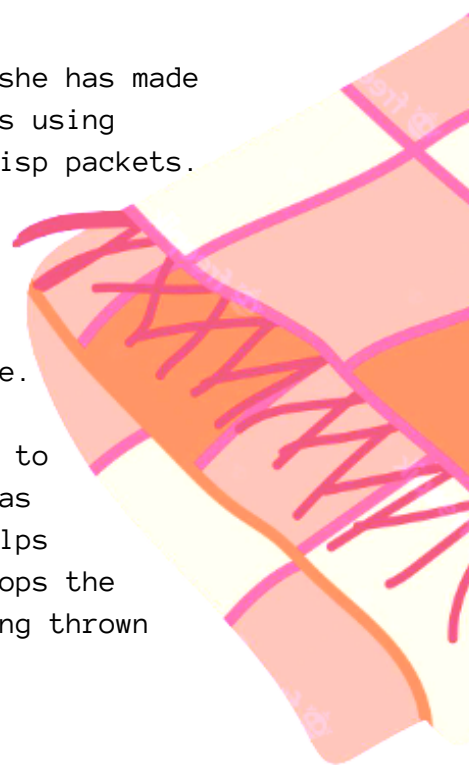
A 12-year-old girl has made hundreds of survival blankets for homeless people out of crisp packets.

Alyssa, from Prestatyn, Denbighshire, flattens them out, cleans them and uses an iron to fuse them together into a single sheet.

During the past year, she has made more than 200 blankets using almost 10,000 waste crisp packets.

The blankets have been given to organisations which support homeless people.

Each one takes an hour to make, but the effort was worth it because it helps homeless people and stops the crisp packets from being thrown in the bin.



## HOW TO MAKE IT?

Each packet has to be opened out so it's flat and then washed in the sink.

"Then you take four of them, put them under a piece of baking paper, and iron them so that the heat fuses them together.

"Finally, you sandwich the crisp packets between two thin sheets of clear plastic, and you use the iron again to seal that in place."







# An Open Letter to a Local Leicester MP

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**A:** The City of Leicester College, Leicester, LE5 6LN

Dear Mr Ashworth,

We are writing this letter to you to share our concerns about the cost of living crisis which has affected many students here at The City of Leicester College. We ask you for your help to address our concerns to the Prime Minister at the next PMQs. We believe without direct intervention from the government many of our peers this winter will suffer immensely.

We are very much aware of the difficulties families are going through due to the rise of energy bills, food prices and oil prices etc. We have over 1800 students and we are one of the biggest inner-city schools in Leicester so therefore we have range of students from different backgrounds who attend our school. Some of these students live in poverty however receive no support from the government. According to research from The Food Foundation, four million children have experienced food poverty in September 2022. If we apply this statistic to the number of students that we have in our school, 592 students will have suffered food poverty in September alone. **This is simply unacceptable.** Our hope is that all of the students in our school can receive a hot nutritious meal so they don't suffer from hunger and lack of concentration in lessons.

As I am sure you agree, extending the current threshold and providing free school meals to all students under the age of 16 is the only solution to this problem. It will give our peers equal opportunities and get rid of the stigma attached to those that receive free school meals.

Our hope for the government is to help the people that desperately need it and support the younger generation to tackle food poverty. How can a country that is so great as ours let children go hungry? It is disgusting, despicable and disgraceful. It is up to us to make a change and hold the government to account.

You are a member of the Opposition so therefore you have the power to question, argue and hold the current government to account. Please act in good conscience and commit in questioning the Prime Minister. Children going hungry is not a way of life and it should not come down to a political issue or where you grew up or how much money your parents earn.

We look forward from hearing from you soon and listening to the next PMQs.

Sincerely,

ZN, BD, MD (Y12)

# RISHI SUNAK WHO IS HE?



PRIME MINISTER OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM

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## HISTORIC MOMENT: Rishi Sunak becomes the first British Asian Prime Minister.

*The 42-year-old recently became the country's youngest prime minister in more than 200 years, solidifying his position in history. There is no doubt that he will go down in history as he became the first politician of South Asian descent to move in to 10 Downing Street.*



*Mr Sunak working hard late in to the night.*

- He is the first Prime Minister of South Asian heritage. He attended both the University of Oxford (London) and Stanford University (America). He has gotten experience from previously being the co-founder of investment of banking firms, Boris Johnson's Chancellor of Exchequer - where he made history by introducing furlough.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Sunak has gone from MP to Prime Minister in just seven years – faster than any other PM in the modern era!
- British politician who has served as Prime Minister since the 25 October 2022 also the leader of the conservative party since 24 October 2022.



*Rishi Sunak - Ready to serve us all.*

# THE PRIME MINISTER

**THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.  
So, why can none of them bear the responsibility?  
Read below my comments on each one.**



David Cameron. At first in the line was reasonable to the public, in their eyes. He was born rich, and only tried to cut down the NHS. As prime ministers normally do, they break their promises and leave the public to fend for themselves. He opted in for Brexit and after regretted it. Well, he sure does his research.

Theresa May. - The most decent one in the public's eyes. She mishandled Brexit so badly (she procrastinated on it), another PM had to fill in for her duty to deliver Brexit to the public. *"However, from the moment she became Prime Minister, she began alienating people whose loyalty she would later regret not being able to depend upon."* (CNN, 2016)

Boris Johnson. - One thing the public recognises Boris Johnson for is that the country did not deteriorate due to the coronavirus pandemic. He tried to cut down the NHS's budget so large it was astronomical, he made a lot of offensive remarks, and he cuts tax on the rich.

Elizabeth Truss. - Remember when old Liz retired after working only 44 days (about one and a half months), even my butter lasted longer than that! Among the public it is extremely controversial. Investors, the second she came into power, the pound tanked. But she herself, also had some flaws. She loves cheese and pork apparently.

Rishi Sunak. – We can't judge him yet. Let's see if he does a smashing job....



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

FOR EACH EDITION OF THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER, WE WILL SHINE A SPOTLIGHT UNDER SOME OF OUR TEACHERS. FOR THE FIRST EDITION, WE THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY RIGHT FOR US TO

PUT MR VERNON UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT. IF YOU WANT YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT - EMAIL US AT [HERALD@TCOLC.ASPIRELP.UK](mailto:HERALD@TCOLC.ASPIRELP.UK)



## MR VERNON

**LUCA:** IF YOU HAD A MAGIC WAND AND COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT THE SCHOOL, WHAT WOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE CHANGE YOU WOULD MAKE AND WHY?

**MR V:** MORE DRY SPACES FOR STUDENTS TO BE AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIMES IN THE WINTER.

**LUCA:** IF YOU WERE A STUDENT AGAIN, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

**MR V:** JOIN A RUGBY TEAM AGAIN.

**LUCA:** WHAT MAKES A GOOD TEACHER/PRINCIPAL?

**MR V:** SOMEONE WHO BOTH CHALLENGES OTHERS TO BE THEIR BEST, WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING THEM TO GET THERE.

**LUCA:** WHAT MAKES A GOOD STUDENT?

**MR V:** SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT DOING THE HARD THING NOW, WILL LEAD TO A BETTER FUTURE.

**LUCA:** IF SCHOOL WERE A MOVIE, WHAT MOVIE WOULD WE ALL BE IN?

**MR V:** THE WIZARD OF OZ. A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL GROWTH AND DISCOVERY IN A NEW PLACE.

**LUCA:** WHAT IS FAME AND WHAT IS THE ROUTE YOU INTEND TO TAKE TO GET THERE?

**MR V:** FAME IS ABOUT BEING KNOWN OR TALKED ABOUT FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. I AM NOT AFTER FAME, I AM HAPPY KNOWING I AM TRYING MY BEST EVERY DAY.



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**LUCA: HOW DO YOU DEFINE PEER-PRESSURE AND IS IT DANGEROUS?  
WHY?**

MR V: PEER MEANS "SOMEONE OF EQUAL STANDING" WHICH COULD BE FRIENDS OF A SIMILAR AGE TO YOU, PEOPLE YOU SHARE A CLASS, GROUP OR TEAM WITH, ETC. PEER PRESSURE IS WHEN YOU FEEL YOU NEED TO ACT OR BEHAVE IN A WAY THAT MAKES YOUR PEERS HAPPY. IT IS NOT ALWAYS DANGEROUS, IN FACT WE WANT EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER AT TCOLC TO CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER TO BE OUR BEST. PEER PRESSURE CAN BE A REALLY POSITIVE WAY OF HELPING TO ACHIEVE THIS. ALL OF THE BEST BUSINESSES, TEAMS AND SCHOOLS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE WHO ALL EXPECT THE BEST FROM EACH OTHER. UNFORTUNATELY, PEER PRESSURE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS WHEN YOUR PEERS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN THEIR OWN HAPPINESS THAN YOURS. THIS CAN LEAD PEOPLE TO DEVELOPING POOR CHARACTER JUST TO KEEP OTHERS HAPPY, WHICH IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT WE WANT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TCOLC COMMUNITY.

**LUCA: IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO HIRE ANYONE IN THE WORLD TO BE YOUR TEACHER, WHO WOULD YOU HIRE AND WHY?**

MR V: AS A SCIENCE TEACHER, I WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE A SCIENTIST TO BE MY TEACHER. THERE ARE MANY TO CHOOSE FROM THROUGHOUT HISTORY, BUT I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO CHOOSE NIKOLA TESLA. HE WAS BORN IN THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE IN 1856 AND SHOWED HUGE AMOUNTS OF INTELLECTUAL BY HELPING TO DEVELOP MODERN ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, X-RAYS AND INFLUENCING FUTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESEARCH. HE ALSO SHOWED A HUGE AMOUNT OF PERFORMANCE CHARACTER BY MOVING TO THE USA IN HIS LATER 20S TO CONTINUE HIS WORK IN A COUNTRY WHERE HE INITIALLY STRUGGLED WITH THE LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE. I THINK HE WOULD REALLY CHALLENGE MY THINKING AND HELP ME DEVELOP AS A SCIENTIST.

**LUCA: WHAT IS THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN SCHOOL THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO SPOIL?**

MR V: I COULDN'T POSSIBLY COMMENT...

**LUCA: HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?**

MR V: GOING TO BED AT NIGHT, KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING GOOD. THE GOOD THING COULD BE SOME SMALL STEP TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE, HELPING SOMEONE YOU LOVE FEEL BETTER, OR ACHIEVING A SPECIFIC GOAL YOU HAVE BEEN AFTER. WHATEVER IT IS, WE SHOULD ALL HOPE TO LOOK BACK ON OUR DAY THINKING ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS WE WERE ABLE TO DO AND BEING PROUD OF OURSELVES.



# THE KING'S TAKE ON THE WORLD CUP



## "HURRIKANE"

England were semi-finalists in 2018 – and Euro finalists three years later. A tear-jerking final, but can Southgate's side go all the way in Qatar? Read below our take on key member's of Southgate's team.

## "SAKA THE GREAT"

First, let's talk about Saka the Great. The nation's sweetheart: Bukayo Saka tugged at the nation's heart strings at the last Euros but is back with a vengeance. Saka is a real creative force who is capable of getting into dangerous positions and playing killer final balls. 20 goals and 19 assists in 106 premier league appearances for Arsenal where he has been player of the year of 2021/2022 for England. Bukayo Saka is worth £1.6 million with his salary for Arsenal at £5000–a week. His skill is incredible and is one of the wealthiest young football players in the premier league.



Now for the HurriKane. The striker remains the jewel in Gareth Southgate's crown and surely offers England their best hope of glory in Qatar. With goals in 75 games for his country already. And to think he was released by Arsenal's academy at the age of eight for being "a bit too chubby and not very athletic". These days England's captain is an identikit of the perfect centre-forward. He also loves American football, naming his dogs after famous quarterbacks, and has long talked about his plans to play in the NFL once his football career ends. His net worth is at £40 million and his salary at £236k per week.

Next the Marvellous Marcus Rashford dangerous opponent for both right-backs and right-wing governments, Rashford will always be applauded for the work he has done with the government for child food poverty,

Helping raise millions of pounds to fund school meals and launching a book club for children. On the pitch he has sometimes struggled to fulfil his early promise, and some feel he is best deployed wide on the left of a front three rather than played through the middle. His finishing can be wayward, but Gareth Southgate has resisted the clamour from pundits who would have preferred that he was left behind when the England squad departed for Qatar. Began playing football, as a goalkeeper, for Fletcher Moss Rangers in his native Manchester. With his net worth at £25 million and his salary at £200k per week.

## "MARVELLOUS MARCUS"







IMAGINE IF WE COULD FLY  
SPREAD OUR WINGS AND SOAR THE SKY

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE WE COULD LIVE  
WHERE THE TIDINGS OF HAPPINESS  
WE WOULD GIVE

IMAGINE A WORLD WITH NO TERROR BOMBS  
WHERE NO CHILD WOULD LOSE THEIR MUM

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE ALL  
DREAMS COME TRUE  
WHERE NOT A SINGLE PERSON IS EVER BLUE.



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THE ONE WHO PASSED THE TISSUES AND HELD OUR HANDS.

THE ONE WHO WATCHED OVER HIM,  
FRAGILE AND BARELY HOLDING ON TO LIFE.

THE ONE WHO ANSWERED ALL OUR QUESTIONS.

THE ONE WHO HELD HIS HAND,  
SAW HIM AS MORE THAN JUST A SICK PERSON.

THE ONE WHO TALKED US THROUGH THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS.

THE ONE WHO GAVE US HOPE FOR A FUTURE EVEN  
WHEN IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE.

THE ONE WHO SUPPORTED US. NO WORDS NEEDED.

THE ONE WHO SAT WITH US WHEN THE TEARS FELL SILENT.

BUT HOLDING TIGHTLY.

A NURSE DID THAT.



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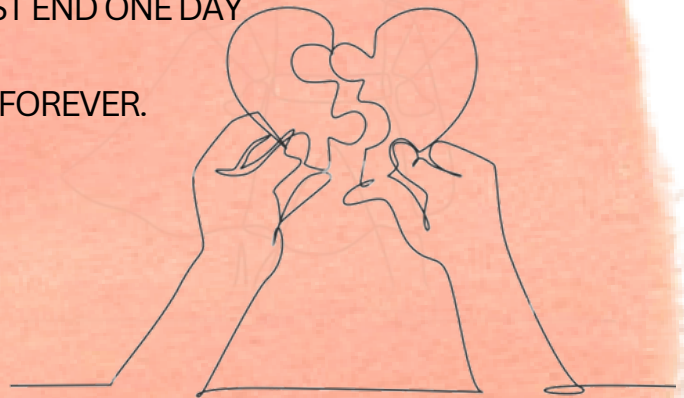


# My Beloved

THAT NIGHT YOU WERE SO CRUEL TO ME  
MY HEAD FELT LIGHT, THERE WAS A DEFICIENCY OF OXYGEN  
IN THE ATMOSPHERE.  
YOU WERE DROWNING ME, BUT NOT A SINGLE DROP OF  
WATER TOUCHED ME  
*"MAYBE HE'S IN A BETTER PLACE?"* I QUESTIONED  
YOU SHOWED ME YOUR TRUE COLOURS SO WHY AM I  
DESPERATE TO PAINT ANOTHER PICTURE  
THE PERSON THAT MADE ME FEEL FULL OF LIFE DIED A LONG  
TIME AGO.

I AM GRIEVING MEMORIES BUT...  
THE FUNERAL MUST END ONE DAY

I CANNOT GRIEVE FOREVER.



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# READY, RAVE, REVIEW

**Pokémon Quest is a free-to-play action-adventure game in the Pokémon series. Within a week of its release, it had reached over 7.5 million downloads, so I decided to see if it got *the Elliot seal of approval*.**

Pokémon quest was an amazing game with its unique art style and catchy music but there is more problems in the game then I first initially thought.

The game is set in a camp sort of place. The idea is that you live your life where you can cook curries and each time a different Pokémon comes into your camp. You can take three Pokémon into the woods to defeat hords of different Pokémon. After each level, you get more berries to add to your curries. Each world has 5 levels in them - they get harder each time! The game is user friendly. In the moment, this game seems simple, but the problems soon come in. First of all, the difficulty spike is there and early as soon as the 3rd/2nd world! Also, if you lose, you go back to the beginning and if you collected any berries in that level you must pay in-game coins to get them back.

Shiny Pokémon are back (rare recolours of the Pokémon) and are super rare and make you use even rarer berries to get them. Overall, I think this game is good, but it suffers from mobile games "pay to win" problem.

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VIDEO GAME  
EXTRAORDINAIRE

# POKÉMON QUEST

[pokemonquest.pokemon.com/](http://pokemonquest.pokemon.com/)



# READY, RAVE, REVIEW

**Five Nights at Freddy's is a horror classic and jumps care factory but the newest game (security breach) is getting mixed reviews so I thought I could cover it here now.**

This is the first game in FNAT to be 3D which is good, but the frame rate is bad when you're in rooms with heavy lighting. The design of the animatronics is amazing nailing the 80s style it goes for and speaking of 80s style the pizzeria is now a mall with lots of lights and attractions. The story is that you're a child called Gregory and the new villain Vanny (a murderer in a rabbit suit) is hunting you down and you and glam rock Freddy Fazbear is being hunted by all the animatronics in the mall. This game requires you to destroy the main animatronics chasing you (Montgomery gator, glam rock Chica and Roxanne wolf) and add them to Freddy to power him up and survive the night. One problem I do have is that the game is only one night but they did make it long (a games worth) but it gets rid of that feeling where you beat a night and you get ready for the harder next night. The thing in the game which is getting it mixed reviews is this game was released in a glitchy state. There are about 5+ pages full off glitches in this game and you can't play the game without at least running into one bug. The secret ending is very disappointing too. The main villain William Afton/ burntrap is back for about 5 minutes in a 4-minute-long boring boss fight where all you do is press buttons. The game also brings in characters who are important in the lore and story, but they appear for about 5 minutes. The main villain Vanny is in the game so little even though half the endings are around her and all the trailers and pictures of the game before it came out was her. I think this game had potential but there are so many problems in the game it feels soul draining to play. The last thing I have to say is the story needs some work.

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# FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



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