

# THE CITY HERALD

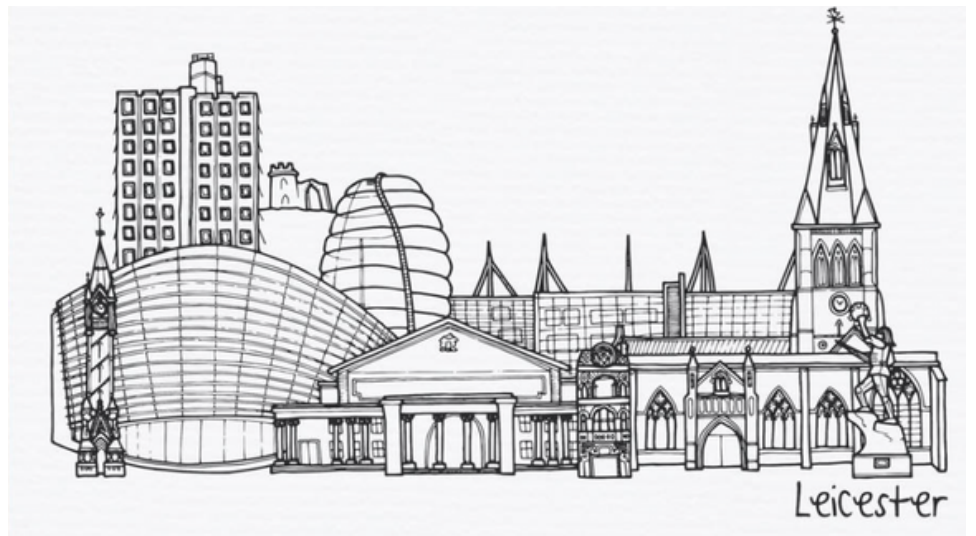
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## FAREWELL TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR: A YEAR OF GROWTH, LEARNING AND MEMORIES

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As we now reach the end of the academic year, it is hard to believe that we are now mid-way through 2023. The year has had many eventful situations, from the indictment of former USA president Donald Trump to the launch of the space X rocket ship, which exploded four minutes after launch. However, closer to home, there has been the annual set of exams, and leavers assemblies, marking the end of another year, and the start of summer.

The first year of the production of The City Herald has been a huge success and is coming to



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an end, we've had so many great stories, articles and lots of opinions! We look forward to producing many more issues next academic year. We hope that you enjoy this issue as it filled with topics from politics to a conversations with Mr Lunat and we get to meet Miss Shah's cat!

Our editions this year have been a small taster of what's yet to come. If you would like to see anything special, get in touch and let us know.

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# A FEW WORDS FROM

## Miss Mirza

"The City Herald was a journey that involved passion, perseverance, and unwavering dedication from students spanning across all year levels, from the bright-eyed Year 7s to the seasoned veterans of Year 12. Together, we have embarked on an endeavour that has brought us the gift of our very own school newspaper. This labour of love, this testament to hard work, is not just a collection of words on paper. It represents the spirit of our school, the embodiment of our collective voice, and the manifestation of our shared aspirations. It is a symbol of unity, bringing together students of diverse backgrounds, talents, and interests.

This newspaper is a testament to our resilience, our ability to adapt and evolve. It reflects our growth as individuals and as a collective force, as we honed our writing skills, explored new avenues of journalism, and delved into the heart of our school community. We interviewed teachers, covered events, delved into important issues, and shared the stories that matter to us all.

But it is not just the final product that defines our journey. It has been delightful to witness the friendships that blossomed in newspaper club and the sense of camaraderie that united all students who supported each other through writer's block, celebrated each other's triumphs, and offered a critical ear. Together, we created an environment where creativity thrived, where ideas were nurtured, and where every voice, regardless of age or year level, found its place.

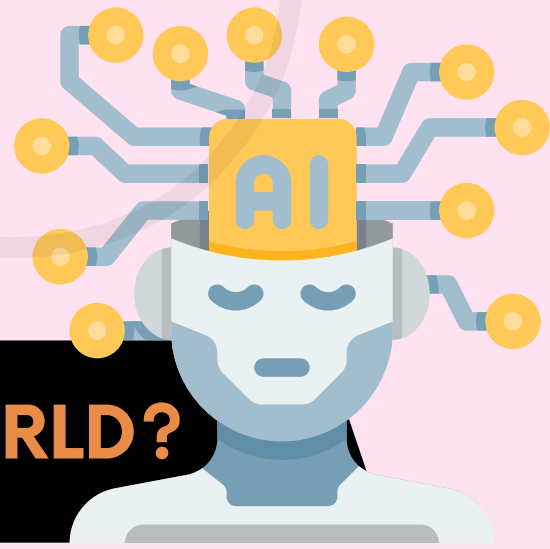
To the Year 7s who fearlessly stepped into the world of journalism, you have shown remarkable courage and enthusiasm. Your fresh perspectives and unwavering curiosity have injected new life into our newspaper, reminding us all of the beauty of innocence and untapped potential.

To the Year 10 and Y12s, the leaders and mentors of our newspaper team, you have been the guiding lights, leading by example and building the foundations of our newspaper. I look forward to seeing these students thrive again next year and look to welcome new recruits!"



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:

## WILL IT TAKE OVER THE WORLD?



The term AI is short for Artificial Intelligence. What do you think when you hear the word AI? Flying cars? Robots? Well, I have to tell you, it's not this - they are all being developed now in everything we consume and will be continued to be developed for hundreds of years becoming more and more intelligent.

AI has been a concept since the 1950s. It's nothing new and has been used in computing to change the way we live. So how can you use AI? AI comes in different forms that have become widely available in everyday life.

### Digital Assistant

Digital assistants such as Siri, Alexa, Google Assistant, etc., are also the most popular use of AI. You can utilize these apps to perform your task by taking your voice command and translate it into operation.

### Spam Filter

Email also employs AI, dividing your inbox in different categories like primary, forums, updates, promotion, spam, etc., to keep it risk free. AI assists you with automated responses by using just one button.

### Text Editor

Auto-correcting tools enable you to check for grammatical errors, spelling mistakes and plagiarism. AI uses machine learning to identify incorrect language and give suggestions to improve.

### E-Payment

Banks operate with AI to simplify the payment system. AI identifies fraud by analyzing credit card user's using patterns. Following the history and identifies any abnormal transaction from your card, to instantly alert you.

From waking up with the alarm to going to bed with our favorite music streaming service, AI is lurking from the background in every sector. Though everything has good and bad impacts, carrying out positivity is the best we can do so far.

*Artificial Intelligence has already become embedded in our own homes and we don't even know it. We need to be vigilant and realise that it is part of our every day lives!*

The smart speakers on your mantle with Alexa or Google voice assistant built-in are two great examples of AI. AI can also be used on your phones, some of you have already started using AI on Snapchat, with Siri etc. AI can update you on the weather and can keep you safe when in danger. It has revolutionised the way we live and consume media and anything in our world.

Artificial intelligence can be divided into three widely accepted subcategories:

- narrow AI (designed to have one purpose.)
- general AI (designed to have an unfamiliar task.)
- super AI (designed to have a high-functioning task.)

But the biggest question about AI is will AI take over the world? It's unlikely that a single AI system or application could become so powerful as to take over the world. While the potential risks of AI may seem distant and theoretical, the reality is that we are already experiencing the impact of intelligent machines in our daily lives. But how can you avoid that? The best way to protect yourself against these attacks is to use common sense, spread awareness and fact-check using multiple sources. It's crucial for an organization to be aware of the risks and to develop a sceptical eye among its employees, as they are the biggest vulnerability in AI-enabled cyberattacks.

### Artificial Intelligence: A Part of Our Everyday Life

#### Using Mobile Phone

People can't think even a day without their mobile phones. According to research, 46% of Americans check their phone before getting out of bed. People unlock their mobile with a face ID that is a part of AI.

#### Social Media

AI influences the contents we see on social media according to your tastes, preference and history from your online activities. AI curates the information and makes your feed more relevant for you.

#### Household Stuffs

To switch off or switch on the light, fan, AC, etc., AI makes it comfortable by making a smart home based on human presence.

#### Navigation Apps

AI helps with navigation, as apps such as Google Maps look over the traffic flow. It tells you how long it will take to reach your destination and suggests the fastest route for your journey with the help of AI.

Luca H | Y7

# A TALE OF MISFORTUNE & MISSED OPPORTUNITIES



From making history in 2016 and beating the odds by becoming the best team in the Premier League and winning the FA Cup Final in 2021. It is safe to say that Leicester have their 15 minutes of fame however, sadly the once the darlings of English football, have suffered the terrible fate of relegation. Just, what went wrong? Did we let the best guys go? Did we sack one too many managers? Did we leave it too late? Why did Leicester City find themselves facing the dreaded drop?

Several factors contributed to their unfortunate fate. Firstly, injuries to key players struck at the heart of the team's performance. The absence of influential figures such as Jamie Vardy and James Maddison severely weakened their attacking power. The Foxes leaked goals at an alarming rate, they failed to consistently fill the defensive gaps. These issues and individual errors cost them crucial points throughout the campaign.

Despite showcasing flashes of brilliance, they failed to sustain their form over the course of the season. They were unable to secure vital victories against lower-ranked teams which exposed their vulnerability and allowed relegation rivals to gain ground.

The distractions were not just on the field, but off the field too. Speculation surrounding key plays, uncertainty around managerial staff and internal conflicts within the team created an atmosphere that did not win. These distractions clearly disrupted the focus of the team and led to such losses (16/26!)

As the final whistle blew on their demotion, Leicester City were left to reflect on a season marred by misfortune, missed opportunities, and a failure to address crucial weaknesses. The Foxes must now regroup, reevaluate, and rebuild with a renewed determination to secure promotion back to the Premier League and rekindle the glory days that once shone upon their beloved King Power Stadium.





# CLIMATE CHANGE AND IT'S CHALLENGES

Climate change is the long-term shift in weather patterns and temperatures, which can have detrimental effects, from wildfires to coastal erosion.

During recent years, the effects of climate change are being felt worldwide. The recent wildfires in Canada, have a link to climate change, and are on track to become the new normal if these patterns continue, and coral bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef has become a recurring incident, and it's unsure if it will be able to recover in future incidents. In England, from 2010 to 2018, there has been an extra 16,000 admissions due to warmer than average days.

There is a government plan to try and limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and a net zero target of emissions by 2050. But what is actually being done to ensure this goal is being reached? government is reducing coal usage, and turning to other more renewable sources, especially wind power. This has led to significant reductions in greenhouse gases.

There are also 5 year carbon budgets, that provide a cap on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that can be produced, to ensure that targets are met. The 2008-2012 and 2013-2017 carbon budgets have both been met, and according to last update we were on track to meet the goals for 2018-2022, 2023-2027, and 2028-2032.

However, more does need to be done, as the UK is still investing in projects that use fossil fuel all over the world, meaning they are still contributing to emissions. Also, we are not on track to meet the carbon budget for 2033-2037, and are currently projected to have a -32 performance against the carbon budgets.

Whilst the focus is mainly on the UK, more can be done by other countries to reduce the overall emissions, from turning to more renewable sources of energy, to encouraging and funding more sustainable practices for its citizens, as in the end, everyone should attempt to do their part, and look at the bigger picture.





# teachers Pet

BEN S | Y10

A new addition to The City Herald. This feature allows us to get to know our teachers' furry friends. This term, we got to know Miss Shah's cat. If you would like to see a teacher's pet or you know a teacher that would love to share - please let us know on [herald@colc.aspirelp.uk](mailto:herald@colc.aspirelp.uk)

Ben: What is the cat's name and what breed and gender is it?

Miss Shah: My cat is a male and I named him Binky. He is a crossbreed between a Ragdoll and a Russian Blue. Ragdolls are notoriously docile breeds, so he is very friendly and mellow.

Ben: What does the cat like to do?

Miss Shah: Falling asleep in sun beams, having his face combed and moaning about nothing.

Ben: What does the cat like to play with?

Miss Shah: Binky likes to play with bumblebees, nibbling his toy mouse and swinging around his oversized scratching post.

Ben: Is there anything else you like about your cat/what is special about it?

Miss Shah: I think part of what makes him so special is his luxurious long coat. I particularly like his white feet, which look like little socks. I also love his relaxed attitude to life, and think he helps me gain perspective on my own.



## Binky

### THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT RAGDOLLS

#### **They have dog-like personalities.**

Ragdolls take the best traits from dogs such as loyalty and playfulness. They are fiercely loyal to their families and love being near their humans.

#### **Ragdolls are fully grown at 4 years of age.**

Ragdolls are what is known as a "slow-maturing" cat. What this means is that they aren't considered fully grown adults until age 4.

#### **Ragdolls have an above average life span.**

Ragdolls are actually one of the longest living cat breeds. While there is a lot of debate on the average age for a Ragdoll, it is generally agreed that they live between 15-20 years.

#### **It's a relatively new breed.**

Ann Baker, a breeder who lived in California during the 1960s, is credited with creating the Ragdoll.

Baker took a domestic long-haired white female that was found running wild in her neighborhood, and bred her with another long-haired cat.



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

FOR EACH EDITION OF THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER, WE WILL SHINE A SPOTLIGHT UNDER SOME OF OUR TEACHERS. PREVIOUSLY, MR VERNON, MISS COLES AND MR HOMES HAVE BEEN UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT, BUT THIS TIME ROUND WE INTERVIEWED MR LUNAT - ENGLISH TEACHER. IF YOU WANT YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT -

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MR LUNAT

ARCHIE: YOUR FORM IS 7SUL, DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE STUDENT?

MR LUNAT: I DON'T HAVE A FAVOURITE STUDENT. YOU'RE ALL MY PART OF MY FORM AND I LIKE YOU ALL EQUALLY AND WANT ALL TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN 7SUL AND MAKE ME PROUD OVER THE 5 YEARS!

ARCHIE: IF YOU WERE A STUDENT AGAIN WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU'D DO?

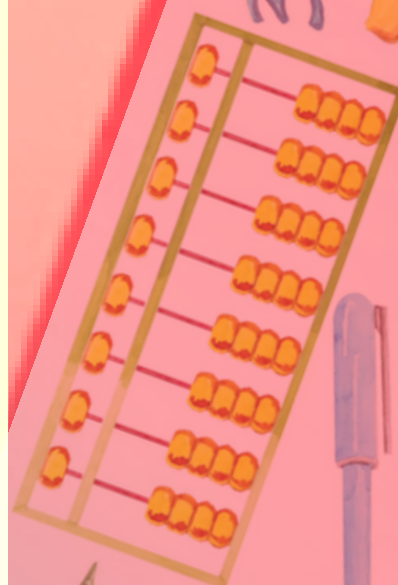
MR LUNAT: THANK GOD FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A STUDENT AGAIN.. I WOULD THEN GET SOME FOOD FROM KEELEY AND HER AMAZING STAFF (4 OF THEM STILL WORK HERE AND I GET TO SEE 3 IN MY PURPLE HUB DAILY). I ALWAYS LOOK BACK IN LIFE AND WISH I APPRECIATED MY TIME MORE AND CHERISHED EACH MOMENT BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T GET THIS TIME AGAIN. MAXIMISE YOUR TIME AS A STUDENT AND DEVELOP POSITIVE CHARACTER DURING YOUR TIME AT SCHOOL.

ARCHIE: THIS HAS BECOME A TRADITION TO ASK EVERY TEACHER, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA?

MR LUNAT: I PERSONALLY DON'T EAT PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA, BUT DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH IT. MY BROTHER LIKES PINEAPPLE AND DONER. I USUALLY ORDER A 50/50 PIZZA AND MAKE SURE THAT I HAVE WHAT I LIKE ON MY HALF. WHO NEEDS PINEAPPLE WHEN YOU CAN HAVE PEPPERONI!



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# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**ARCHIE: IF YOU HAD TO TEACH ANOTHER SUBJECT, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

MR LUNAT: PHYSICAL EDUCATION. I AM HIGHLY COMPETITIVE WITH SPORT AND I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE MY PASSION FOR THE PHYSICAL ELEMENT IN SPORT. I LOVE MOST SPORTS, BUT FOOTBALL IS MY ABSOLUTE FAVOURITE.

**ARCHIE: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANYONE TEACH YOU IN THE SCHOOL, WHO WOULD IT BE TEACHER OR STUDENT?**

MR LUNAT: I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT BY SOME OF THE EXISTING TEACHERS, THEREFORE ONLY ONE WINNER FOR ME. HAVING SAID THAT, I DO LEARN MANY INTERESTING FACTS AND TECHNIQUES FROM STUDENTS THAT I ALWAYS APPRECIATE TOO.

**ARCHIE: WHAT'S THE BEST SECRET IN THE MATHS DEPARTMENT THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?**

MR LUNAT: ONE OF THE TEACHERS HAS TAUGHT ONE OF THE TEACHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY AT TCOLC.

**ARCHIE: WHY DO YOU SUPPORT ARSENAL?**

MR LUNAT: MY BROTHER SUPPORTED THEM AND FORCED ME TOO. HE BOUGHT ME A BRUISED BANANA TOP WHEN I WAS 2 AND I JUST KEPT SUPPORTING THEM EVER SINCE. WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, THEY WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL COMPARED TO THE CURRENT TEAM AND LAST 20 YEARS. THE FOOTBALL THAT I WATCHED BETWEEN 1998 – 2005 WAS SOME OF THE BEST FOOTBALL I HAVE EVER WATCHED, AND I WAS FORTUNATE TO SUPPORT THEM DURING THESE YEARS. WE WILL HOPEFULLY GET BACK THERE WITH MIKEL ARTETA, ONCE PEP GUARDIOLA LEAVES THE PREMIER LEAGUE!

**ARCHIE: WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT COMING TO SCHOOL AND HOW HAS YOUR FIRST YEAR BEEN?**

MR LUNAT: MY FAVOURITE PART OF BEING IN SCHOOL IS WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS THAT WANT TO LEARN IN SCHOOL. MAJORITY OF STUDENTS WORK EXTREMELY HARD IN LESSONS AND ARE POLITE, COURTEOUS AND ARE RESPECTFUL. MY FIRST YEAR HAS FLOWN BY AND COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TO MY PREVIOUS WORKPLACE. CHANGE IS NEVER EASY, BUT I FEEL MORE SETTLED NOW AND DEVELOPED SOME AMAZING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS. I AM OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENJOYABLE IN THE FUTURE TOO.

**ARCHIE: IF YOU COULD RECOMMEND A TV SHOW TO WATCH, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?**

MR LUNAT: THE FRESH PRINCE OF BEL-AIR. IT IS A VERY OLD TV SHOW, BUT AN EPIC 6 SEASON SERIES FROM 1990 - 1996. THE STORY IS ABOUT WILL SMITH AS STREETWISE, POOR YOUNG MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA SENT TO LIVE WITH HIS AUNTY, UNCLE AND COUSINS IN THEIR BEL-AIR MANSION. THE SHOW HAS SUBTLE HUMOUR AND ENTERTAINMENT, BUT I LOVE THE JOURNEY OF WATCHING HIM GROW UP THROUGH THE SEASONS. HE MAKES PLENTY OF MISTAKES THROUGH THE SEASONS, BUT IS CONSISTENTLY GUIDED BY HIS FAMILY AND MATURES INTO A MAN AT THE END.



# rise of

A S T A R

**Agitated, nervous and anxious.**

**I woke up on Sunday morning, ready for the game  
walking downstairs, looking in the mirror  
getting ready for the fame.**

**I needed to get the trophy  
because I love Sukhpreet and not Sophie.**

**Jumping in the whip  
we sped off quick  
off to Beaumont Park  
we destroyed them and left a mark.**

**I scored a banger because I had to win it  
It went top bins in the 90th minute**

**Gotta leave a good legacy  
cus I'm gonna be a star  
I'm not going to give up because  
I've come too far.**



BLM WHICH STANDS FOR BLACK LIVES  
MATTER,  
NOT TALKED ABOUT ENOUGH,  
ALL YOU WILL GET IS A CHATTER,  
PEOPLE THAT ARE BLACK GET TREATED  
LIKE THEY  
BELONG IN A BIN,  
JUST BECAUSE THEY GOT MORE MELANIN,

POLICE BRUTALITY IS A REAL CRIME,  
THE OFFICERS ARE BEHIND BARS FOR  
SUCH LITTLE TIME,  
AN EXAMPLE OF THE MURDER OF GEORGE  
FLOYD,  
PEOPLE THOUGHT THE OFFICER SHOULD  
BE UNEMPLOYED,

POLICE OFFICERS CAUSE BLACK PEOPLE  
UNNECESSARY HARM  
ALL BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY HAVE A  
CONCEALED FIREARM,  
THIS HAPPENS ALL AROUND THE WORLD,  
AND THIS IS REAL LIFE  
POLICE BEAT THEM BECAUSE OF THE  
THOUGHT OF A KNIFE,

OFFICERS TACKLE THEM OR EVEN END  
THEIR LIFE  
THEY DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT THE  
POSSIBILITY OF KIDS OR A WIFE,  
LIFE SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS BUT WE  
HAVE NO CONTROL,  
AN OFFICER COULD KILL A BLACK MAN  
AND GET LET OUT ON PAROLE,

THIS IS JUST SOME POLICE ORIGINALITY  
IT IS BLACK FATALITY  
THEY SAID BLACK PEOPLE HAVE EQUAL  
RIGHTS  
UNTIL THE POLICE BEAT THEM AND  
KNOCK OUT THEIR LIGHTS

POLICE APPARENTLY SERVE THE  
COMMUNITY  
IT WOULD BE FAIR IF DARKER PEOPLE  
GOT POLICE ASSAULT IMMUNITY  
BLACK PEOPLE ARE DYING EVERYDAY,  
FAMILIES ARE CRYING BECAUSE THEY  
GOT KILLED WITH NO SAY

SADLY IN THE FUTURE, THIS PROBABLY  
WON'T HAVE CHANGED  
SOME PEOPLE SEE IT AS NORMAL WHEN  
IT SHOULD BE ESTRANGED.



**IT IS  
natural  
TO WANT TO  
have a  
FUTURE.**

**- alicia  
WALKER**

**Callum N  
Y8**



# BRITCOIN

## Divided Opinions on the UK's Digital Pound

TEGHVIR S | Y10

CBDC stands for Central Bank Digital Currency. It refers to a digital form of a country's official currency issued and regulated by the central bank. In the UK, it is known as the digital pound, known commonly as 'digital sterling' or 'Bitcoin'. It is supposedly the new currency which His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and the Bank of England want to introduce in lieu of the current pound (cash would still remain current, but it is heavily implied that the relevant authorities eventually want to replace cash.)

This move is heavily criticised, but not a lot of action has been taken. There are many downsides to a cashless society however for the CBDC, there will be a limit on how many digital pounds you may possess. According to Reuters, the government is considering a 20,000 digital pound limit.

Also, there is a maximum of one account per person. Rumours have been circulating that the government can even see what you purchase! Of course, the relevant authorities imply they will comply with GDPR and the Data Protection Act, they say they will not and cannot restrict what and how you spend your money.

My opinion of this is that this is ludicrous. How can a government even be allowed to do such a thing? For me, this is just baby steps in restricting our freedom, and if such legislation is passed, more restrictions shall follow which will make us all minions of the government. I strongly urge everyone to read what they get themselves in for and don't believe everything you read or hear!



# MIGRATION MANEUVERS:

## CONTRASTING APPROACHES OF SUELLA BRAVERMAN AND PRITI PATEL AS UK HOME SECRETARIES

Suella Braverman and Priti Patel are two Indian-origin women who have held the position of UK Home Secretary. They are both members of the Conservative Party and have been vocal supporters of Brexit. However, they have also differed on some key issues, especially on migration policy with India.

Braverman, who succeeded Patel as Home Secretary in September 2022, has been more restrictive and hardline on immigration than her predecessor. She has announced plans to scrap some of Patel's flagship asylum rules, such as the New Plan for Immigration, which aimed to deter people from making dangerous journeys to the UK and prioritise those who enter through legal routes. Braverman said her new bill, the Nationality and Borders Bill, is "considerably stronger" and would deport anyone who doesn't enter the UK through government-sanctioned routes or who has passed through a "safe" country before arriving here.

Braverman has also expressed "reservations" about Britain's trade deal with India, which was signed by Patel in May 2022, because it could increase immigration to the UK. She said Indian migrants make up the largest number of visa overstayers in the UK and criticised the deal for not working well to return them to India. She also blamed the recent clashes in Leicester, which have a large Hindu population, on uncontrolled migration and failures to integrate.

Patel, on the other hand, has been more open and cooperative on migration policy with India. She signed a landmark deal with India in May 2022, which aimed to facilitate the legal flow of students and professionals between the two countries, while also cracking down on illegal migration and human trafficking. She said the deal would strengthen the "living bridge" between the UK and India and create new opportunities for young people. She also praised India's role in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic and supplying vaccines to the world. She said the deal would strengthen the "living bridge" between the UK and India and create new opportunities for young people.

Patel and Braverman have also faced similar challenges and criticisms in their roles as Home Secretary. They have both been accused of being too harsh and inhumane on asylum seekers and refugees, violating human rights and international law, and creating a hostile environment for migrants. They have also both been targets of racism, sexism and snobbery from their opponents, who have questioned their competence, loyalty and authenticity. They have both defended themselves by saying they are proud of their heritage and their values, and that they are serving the best interests of the British people.

### TEGHVIR'S SAY

*But here's what I think, they are both descendants of immigrants, but they want to stop immigrants to come in. But, what happened to Britain being a place that values freedom and encouraging diversity?!*



# social media INFLUENCE

IN OUR WORLD TODAY,  
SOCIAL MEDIA IS USED EVERY DAY.  
TO TALK, TO TEXT, TO  
COMMUNICATE  
A PLACE THAT PEOPLE DO RECEIVE  
HATE

SO YES - SOCIAL MEDIA ISN'T ALL  
HAPPINESS  
BUT A PLACE FULL OF  
UNHAPPINESS.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAN BE A DOUBLE  
EDGED SWORD,  
A PLACE WHERE KINDNESS AND  
CRUELTY ARE STORED  
BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO  
SEE THE IMPACT IT HAS ON YOU  
AND ME

BULLYING ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS A  
REAL THREAT AFFECTING PEOPLE'S  
LIVES, WITH A LASTING EFFECT  
ALL WE DO IS SCROLL AND SCROLL  
- FOR HOURS ON END OUR EYES  
GLUES TO A SCREEN - WE FORGET  
TO TEND  
WE LOSE OURSELVES IN A DIGITAL  
ALGOITHRIUM  
FORGETTING THE MOMEMNTS THAT  
MAKES LIFE SERUM.

WE FORGET TO TALK, TO LAUGH  
AND PLAY  
AS WE CHECK OUR FEED THROUGH  
THE DAY  
WE FORGET TO LIVE, LOVE AND  
LEARN, AS WE CHASE LIKES AND  
COMMENTS THAT RETURN

SO WE CAN'T ESCAPE THE SCREEN -  
THAT'S FOR SURE  
BUT WE CAN CHOOSE TO BE KIND  
AND BE MORE MATURE, WECAN  
CHOOSE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S  
RIGHT  
AND NOT BE A PART OF THE  
BULLYING FIGHT

# Our Voice

“LISTEN”  
UP



First off, let's talk about why we even decided to join the club in the first place. Well, the obvious thing is we've always loved writing. The club is our chance to share our thoughts with everyone. It's almost like having a megaphone to tell the world what's on your mind. One thing that's awesome about the Newspaper Club is that we get to be real journalists. We write articles about stuff happening in our school and the community and the world around us.

So far, we have interviewed teachers, students and hopefully next year we will interview the community and real life people! We get to do research and put it all together into a real-life newspaper. The other great thing about the newspaper club is that there are students from all across each year group and each of us has different skills, and we bring them all to the table. Some students are great writers, some students are great offering constructive criticism while Miss Mirza is our whizz at designing the layout. Together, we all make a great team.

We get to show off our articles to our friends and family, and they're all like, "Wow, you wrote this? That's amazing!" We get stopped in the corridor by teachers saying "what a great job" we've done. It feels incredible to know that our words are out there, making a difference. Being part of the Newspaper Club has given us so much. We've made friends, learned new skills, and discovered a whole new way to express ourselves. Plus, it's just plain fun! If you love writing, being creative, and being part of an amazing team, then joining the Newspaper Club might be the best decision you ever make. Remember the power of words is in your hands. Let's make some headlines together!

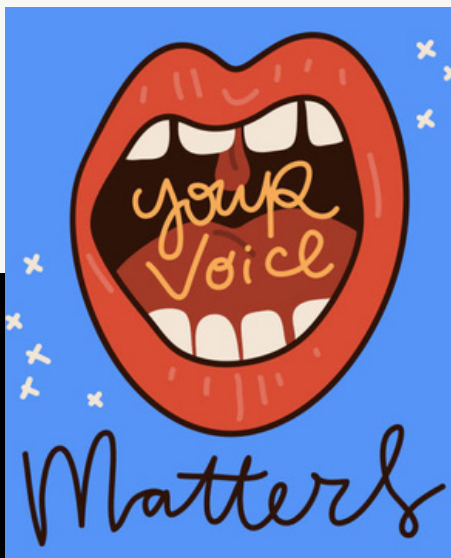
Students of The City Herald

But you know what the absolute best part is? Seeing our work in print. When we finally hold the finished newspaper in our hands, it's like magic.

When I heard that the reporters for The City Herald were writing an article about their reasons for contributing, I felt it really important to share my views about why I think it is so important. You all know that I believe strongly in developing students who will be able to take the opportunities that come your way and this is why we have our four Character Pillars. The City Herald provides an opportunity for students to be ambitious in all four of the character pillars. Writing a good and engaging article takes independence and critical thinking which are key features of our intellectual pillar. A good journalist will be honest and respectful of the people and topics involved and be driven by a

strong sense of morality. Articles printed shape discussions across the school and influence the way our Community thinks and behaves. It also cannot be underestimated the work that goes into producing issues of The City Herald. Without the resilience and determination of the staff and students involved, we would not be celebrating a successful first year of our school newspaper. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to The City Herald this year and encourage anyone who feels they can make it even better to step up and have your voices heard and help make TCOLC the best it can be.

Mr Vernon





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G17 WEDNESDAY 3:20-4:00

# RECRUITING NOW



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3:20-4:00**

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