

The Murder of Mahsa Amini

On September 16th, 22-year-old woman Mahsa Amini was brutally tortured by the Iranian authorities and put in a coma. Two days later she was announced dead.

You may be thinking. “What could someone do that would make them deserve such an ordeal?”

Mahsa Amini was killed for not abiding by the Iranian laws on wearing a hijab in a way in which they deem appropriate. Amini was wearing her hijab, but the few strands of hair poking out cost her her life.

The coroner's response to Amini's murder was that she suffered from organ failure due to severe cerebral hypoxia. Mahsa Amini's family responded to these allegations by stating that their daughter had no

serious medical problems and still vehemently blame the government for the death of their innocent daughter.

Iran has an infamous past with issues of abuse, and Mahsa Amini has not been the first to lose their life due to what their government think is ‘right’. Other countries worldwide have experienced similar cases.



In Canada, Aqza Parvas, a sixteen-year-old girl, was strangled to death by her own father and brother, over her use of the hijab.

Amina and Sarah Said were callously shot by their father because he thought that they had dishonoured their family.

Banaz Mahmood from the United Kingdom was brutally murdered by her own family after they spotted her kissing her boyfriend in town.

Since the powerful protests over Mahsa Amini's death began, over 92 people have been killed by officers, including 16-year-old Nika Shahkarami.



Many have joined the protesting by posting videos or pictures of themselves cutting their own hair to outcry the Iranian government, including the Swedish MEP Abi-Sahlani who was born and raised in Iran who cut off her ponytail during a speech on the oppression of women in Iran.

Though there have been thousands more of these horrific killings, they were covered up by Iran's government and somehow hidden from the rest of the world. But when Amini's death became public, it was the final tipping point. No smothering people's voices, no telling everyone "Everything is fine!" **enough is enough.** No more innocent lives can be lost.

SAY HER NAME:
MAHSA AMINI

By Mary Tompkins

Black History Month

What follows is a few Black people from British history that I felt the story of should be shared. As you may know, October is Black History Month in the UK, so I thought it was important that we should celebrate some of the figures in our history that are really underrepresented in our perception of our past.

LUCIUS SEPTIMUS SEVERUS

At the time of the Roman emperor Lucius Septimius Severus' conquer of Britain, this coincided with the arrival of the first Black people coming to Britain. Many Black Brits today descend from his Libyan army, but an unknown fact is that he himself was the first, and only ever Black Roman emperor. Born to a rich family of Equestrians in 145, he was educated in Greek and Latin.

During the late 100's he fought his way through the ranks of the empire, and under his reign he achieved what no emperor had done before and led the invasion of Mesopotamia.

It was also under his reign that many of the ancestors of black brits came to Britain, bringing with them the music, food, language, and culture of Libya. He died of illness at the age of 65 in current day York, on the frontline of his invasion into Scotland. He is remembered as one of Rome's most achieving emperors; under his reign, Rome reached its peak of over 5,000,000 miles conquered. despite this, Severus is rarely spoken of in comparison to emperors Nero, Augustus, and Ceasar.



Even if you did come across him in a history textbook, it would be very unlikely that it would mention his race. Although Severus would probably not have experienced much oppression, it is still important that his ancestors today know that their descendant could have been the most influential person in Europe.



JOHN BLANKE

After the Roman Period, there was very little record of Black people in the UK, until the Tudor Period. 1100 years after the empire's fall, one of the first to be recorded was a man named John Blanke. He is recorded under a document written by the Treasurer and the Chamber (the records agency for the Royal Family). Under wages, it read: "A payment of 20 shillings to "John Blanke the Blacke Trumpet" as wages for the

month of November 1507." He is also recorded in the following scroll.



Most historians agree that he was most likely an attendant of Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife. When she moved to England, she is thought to have brought a group of African servants to impress her suitor. It is a common misconception that Blanke was a slave, but the slave trade as we know it began in the 1600s, a century after this. He was actually paid relatively lavish wages for the time, being an attendant of the Royal Family. Although 20 shillings doesn't sound like

much, in today's money, this is actually double what a regular Royal servant would make in a day.

MARY SEACOLE

Mary Jane Seacole was a revolutionary British-Jamaican nurse and role model of the 19th century. She is most well known for her work behind the front lines in Crimea, but she also treated a cholera ridden town in Panama and opened a temporary hospital in Colombia. One story I came across while researching for this article is from when she was just about to leave Panama for Colombia. The grateful soldiers had a dinner party for her, in which one white soldier stood up and made a toast, saying "God bless the best yaller woman he ever made. She's so many shades removed from being entirely black. If we could bleach her by any means, we would, and thus make her acceptable in any company, as she deserves to be." Seacole responded by standing up and saying that she did not "appreciate your friend's kind

wishes with respect to my complexion. If it had been as dark as any n*****'s, I should have been just as happy and just as useful, and as much respected by those whose respect I value."

She declined the offer of "bleaching" and drank "to you and the general reformation of American manners". It was while she was in Colombia that she heard of the escalation of the Crimean war.



She then decided to travel 7000 miles to nurse on the front lines. She set up the having got there, she put her application forward to be a nurse practitioner in the British hospitals of war. Coincidentally, this application was read by perhaps the only nurse more famous than Seacole, Florence Nightingale. Unfortunately, the application was turned down, despite the clear need for staff to save lives in the diseased hospitals. Seacole wrote in her autobiography, "Did these ladies shrink from accepting my aid because my blood flowed beneath a somewhat duskier skin than theirs?"

"Once again I tried, and had an interview this time with one of Miss Nightingale's companions. She gave me the same reply, and I read in her face the fact, that had there been a vacancy, I should not have been chosen to fill it,". In open defiance of her rejection, Seacole used money she had invested in gold mining to open her own hospital not long behind the front line, which she called "The British Hotel".



For a year Seacole nursed hundreds of soldiers who had disease or had been shot, and was awarded the Jamaican Order of Merit.



By Alex Dalziel

The Prime Minister Predicament

The current situation in 10 Downing Street is nothing short of a shambles, with the Conservatives desperately aching to put their top candidate in office and the Labour Party unable to do anything without a general election, what the country needs is a strong, dependable leader who will get to the point and straighten out Liz Truss's Tax calamity. What the UK needs is not positive, unrealistic news, but a balance to the economy and someone respectable to look up to.

The present position for the majority of residents inside the UK borders is upsetting, having to make the choice between electricity and food necessities are hardly generous options. For decades the British public have been extremely well off, with clean water, cheap food at a streets walk away, far superior than some foreign examples such as Nigeria, Bangladesh and many more. Yes, the recent and continuing war in Ukraine has

done nothing but encourage these problems, with Russia unable to supply the western side of Europe with low-cost energy and the current inflation rate on the British pound rocketing up, you might have thought our late Prime minister Truss would pick something more senior than removing taxes off unhealthy foods.

With Truss gone on the 20th of October, only six weeks after she succeeded Boris Johnson (a former PM) to the job, there remains a seat at the post. Now due to the absence of a general election, it is up to the Tories to decide who will lead the country until a guaranteed 2024 voting date. The Tories have guided the UK for upwards of 12 years with 4 separate leaders, the next Nominee being Rishi Sunak, A former Chancellor of the exchequer (someone who looks after the Governments budget) and having associated with the Conservatives as an MP for Richmond since 2015. The 42-year-old may have one the Tories over on this occasion, but a certain Conservative we

know as Boris Johnson after returning from the Dominican Republic with his wife and kids, thought it would be a clever idea to reapply for the job he so shamefully resigned from only 2 months before.

Boris broke many rules introduced by himself in his time as PM, causing a great deal of resentment towards the people of his country and a far wider reputation problem for his party. The main issue concerning the wider government right now is that until a general election is called, the Tories are in complete control of who leads the country, the chosen Prime minister being granted the control to change laws and priority is as Liss Truss so recently demonstrated.



The definition of Prime minister is 'The head of an elected government' the leader of the of place they were chosen to rule, the person at the centre of it all doing the right thing and yet the choices made by our latest PM do not correspond with that. Rishi Sunak said recently:

'make a mistake, then fix it'.

A prime minister should be for the country, someone who will stay standing when everyone else falls and guide the public through tough times but neither of the last two prime



ministers have shown any of those qualities. The conservatives have done their bit for us over the last decade despite how poorly it was executed, however it is probably time for another party to step up.

The labour party has been around for more than 120 years, waiting patiently since Gordon Brown in 2007 to put their leader forward when another falls, their next being Kier Stammer. He will Be Labour's 7th Prime minister and has some of the crucial personality elements the UK needs most right now.

Labour's hope is to restore economic stability, help schools and healthcare services get

better resources for children and young people and to improve some of climate changes toughest issues, some wiser choices than the conservatives have made in recent months. Labour is the ideal party to be in charge right now but with the absence of a general election those policies are short lived. The UK Government gets in some tricky situations, but they should at least have the decency to put the best candidate possible in front. If Rishi Sunak is to be elected, we can hope he has better judgement than some of his colleagues and will do the best he can to make the correct choices for our country.

By Matthew Wright



TOP SPORTS OF TODAY

The increasing number of dedicated sports channels leads sports to center-stage on a global platform, and nowadays viewers expect high-quality live entertainment from only the best venues, wherever they are in the world. But all these new sports are hard to keep track of, so this article will get you up to date on all the big sports of today.

First up is football, with the upcoming Qatar world cup drawing in lots of attention and the success of the England women's team in the Euros. The World Cup is said to draw an average of about 20 million people (about the population of New York) each match!



Sadly, Scotland will not be competing in this year's world cup after narrowly missing a spot in the competition.



Next up is basketball, this sport originated in Springfield, Massachusetts, the USA and is ever growing in the UK. Americas national league (the NBA) pulls about 6 million people to each match. The NBA travels all over the states with teams competing to become the NBA champions. Some of the more well-known teams are The Chicago Bulls, The Los Angeles Lakers, and The Boston Celtics. Basketball is a fast-paced sport and provides good entertainment for all ages.

After basketball is Formula One (A form of racing for anyone who does not know), As a fan of F1 myself I would say that this sport is the most entertaining. It has an ever-growing fan base and draws an average of 400,000 people in person to see each race and about 20 million people watching on TV. With this year's championship winding down to a dramatic end it is certain that this sport will continue to gain more fans over the next few years.



2022 CALENDAR

01  BAHRAIN 18-20 MAR SAKHIR	13  HUNGARY 29-31 JUL BUDAPEST
02  SAUDI ARABIA 25-27 MAR JEDDAH	14  BELGIUM 26-28 AUG SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS
03  AUSTRALIA 08-10 APR MELBOURNE	15  NETHERLANDS 02-04 SEP ZANDVOORT
04  EMILIA ROMAGNA* 22-24 APR IMOLA	16  ITALY 09-11 SEP MONZA
05  MIAMI** 06-08 MAY MIAMI	17  RUSSIA 23-25 SEP SOCHI
06  SPAIN* 20-22 MAY BARCELONA	18  SINGAPORE* 30 SEP-2 OCT SINGAPORE
07  MONACO 27-29 MAY MONACO	19  JAPAN 07-09 OCT SUZUKA
08  AZERBAIJAN 10-12 JUN BAKU	20  USA* 21-23 OCT AUSTIN
09  CANADA 17-19 JUN MONTREAL	21  MEXICO 28-30 OCT MEXICO CITY
10  UNITED KINGDOM 01-03 JUL SILVERSTONE	22  BRAZIL 11-13 NOV SAO PAULO
11  AUSTRIA 08-10 JUL SPIELBERG	23  ABU DHABI 18-20 NOV ABU DHABI
12  FRANCE 22-24 JUL LE CASTELLET	

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Now Baseball, another American sport. It is a family tradition in America to watch or play Baseball, with extremely enthusiastic fans, but on the other side of the world in Japan, Baseball is their most popular sport. In America each match pulls an average of 725,000 viewers and in Japan about 500,000 people watch the popular sport. Some of the more popular teams are the New York Yankees, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Boston Red Sox.

By Charlie Nicolson

General*Relativity*

The General Theory Of Relativity was Einstein's understanding of how gravity can affect the fabric of space-time. This was published in 1905, 10 years after he had published the Theory of Special Relativity. Put simply, special relativity stated that space and time are somehow inextricably connected, although that theory didn't mention the existence of gravity. Einstein spent the 10 years in between both of his theories trying to determine that extremely huge objects warp the fabric of space-time- "a distortion that manifests gravity" according to NASA. Trying to picture this can be complex- a good way to think of it is try and imagine four people holding a blanket in the air (one person at each four corners), if you placed a bowling ball on top of the blanket, the blanket would obviously warp. So in that scenario the bowling ball could be a super massive object in space, and the blanket would represent space time. To get a better understanding of what general relativity actually is you first need

to know that gravity is the force of attraction that two objects exert on one another. The gravitational force pulling between two objects depends on how huge they both are and how far apart the two lie, according to NASA. Even as gravity is pulling you towards the centre of the earth, keeping both feet firmly on the ground, your centre of mass pulls back at earth. But the bigger object barely (or doesn't at all) feel the pull from you, as with your much smaller mass you stay firmly on the ground.

Einstein's theory found that the laws of physics are the same for all non-accelerating observers, and he demonstrated that no matter the speed of light within a vacuum is the same no matter what speed an observer could be travelling. As a result of this he discovered that space and time were woven together into a single continuum that is known known as space-time. Events that could happen at the same time for one observer could happen at different times for another.

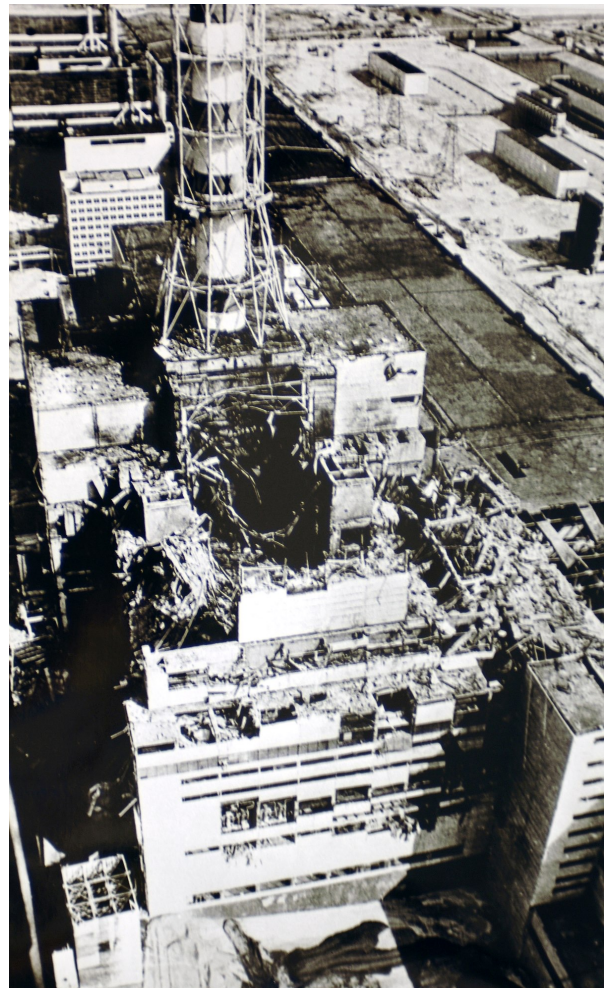
By Mia Pacetta

Chernobyl Catastrophe

The 26th of April 1986 may be an eye-catching date to many out there and with good reason, what happened at Chernobyl power station that day is nothing less than horrific. A scar in history for the Soviet Union and for humanity. Nothing has come close to it for upwards of 36 years.

When Chernobyl first opened in the 1980s it was considered a feat of Russian engineering, a marvel of the 20th century but in truth it was cheaply built and poorly designed. The power station ran on nuclear power an economical and efficient way of producing energy using reactors to heat water using nuclear fission. There were 4 reactors operational before the explosion. It arose when the fourth reactor overheated when technicians changed the temperature level too rapidly. This resulted in a catastrophic spree of loose radiation, contaminating many animals, and people all over the planet.

The fires from the explosion raged for days and powerlines were destroyed leading to a cut of energy for Kyiv (the Ukrainian capital) causing a huge uproar in news and local life for the soviets. Examples of contamination can be traced all the way to the Shetland islands (Scotland), where a field of sheep fell ill due to the radiation. These sorts of problems arose all over the world for months after the phenomenon and were considered a global issue.



In terms of the physical impact on those who stayed at the building to help or retrieve those who were not so fortunate, this was deadly.

Many were bedbound for years, though some died directly after due to being exposed to the dangerous levels of radiation. 31 brave workers died on the first night of the incident after being too injured to keep going or they just couldn't make it out alive in time.

The results of the damage are off the scale, changing power station safety forever more and causing many people to be lured away from the prospect of nuclear power being the future. Though actions are being taken such as

building an arch over the remaining of reactor 4, the site will be uninhabitable for around 20,000 years and will continue to have a 30 square mile perimeter around the 190 tonnes of radioactive waste. Overall, the events that happened that day at Chernobyl will be remembered for decades to come and will be recognised as a pillar in history, the day that 31 people died because of a careless and flawed mistake.

By Matthew Wright

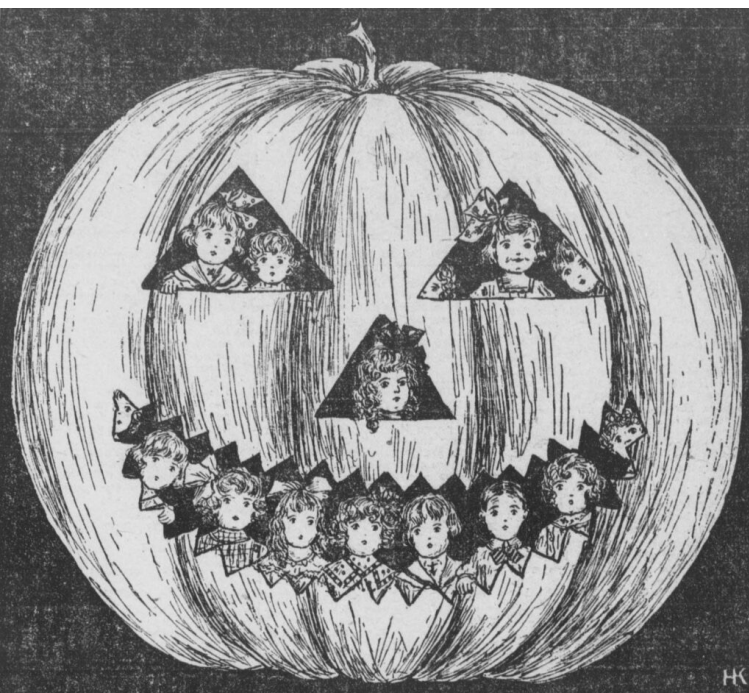


The Lore of Halloween

Nowadays Halloween is seen as a chance to get some free sweets and have fun with your friends and family, bobbing for apples and eating donuts without using your hands. But Thousands of years ago Halloween Was the eve of a day to honor all saints; all hallows eve, and it has evolved into the evening we know today. People used to wear costumes to trick supernatural beings into thinking they were one of them, but these days costumes are worn to show creativity, or a show or book you enjoy. Some of these costumes have dark and weird lore behind them.

Halloween originated when Pope Gregory III designated the first of November to celebrating the saints. All saint's day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain, A Gaelic festival that marks the end of harvest season and the beginning of "dark season" or modern-day winter. The final day of October became known as all-hallows-eve, which evolved into Halloween. Halloween then made it over to America and across the Atlantic they popularized going over the top with decorations and costumes. Back in Britan we saw how America was going all out in their Halloween traditions, we were influenced by it and now we have joined in on going over the top.

The custom of giving out sweets originated when the poor would visit the homes of wealthier people and would receive a pastry called 'soul cakes' in exchange for a promise to pray for the homeowners' dead relatives



This was known as 'souling.' The tradition was taken up by children, who would go door to door asking for gifts like food, money, and ale. Jack o' lanterns were carved as a reminder of death, and funnily they were also used for scaring nasty Neighbours! The tradition started with turnips known as punkies or Jack o' lanterns. They were named after ghostly lights rumored to be seen in swamps and bogs that were believed to be spirits of the dead. Eventually people realized that pumpkins were easier to carve, and this led to the nice orange faces that illuminate the streets on Halloween.



Over the centuries Halloween has evolved a lot, from the spiritual ceremony it used to be into the night we know and love, everything changes including tradition, who knows in a thousand years we could be having tomato pasta as Christmas dinner or fishing at Easter.

By Charlie Nicolson



Lenzie Academy

Open Evening

Lenzie Academy recently hosted an open night on the 13th of October for primary 7's and S1's to have a chance to look around the great school and all the departments. For example, the P.E. department had games, dance and even a mini badminton court!

The L.A Times students were promoting our club to inquisitive parents and curious newcomers by showing some of the articles we have written this month, our past issues, and providing loads of snacks.

We asked different parents how they have enjoyed the open evening so far, here are some things they said:

"It's been brilliant! So good to see the subjects come to life. Thanks to all the pupils who gave up their time for us!"

"Very interesting. Looks like a great club!"

"Teachers and pupils have all been extremely helpful and polite. A really warm welcome to such a lovely school!"

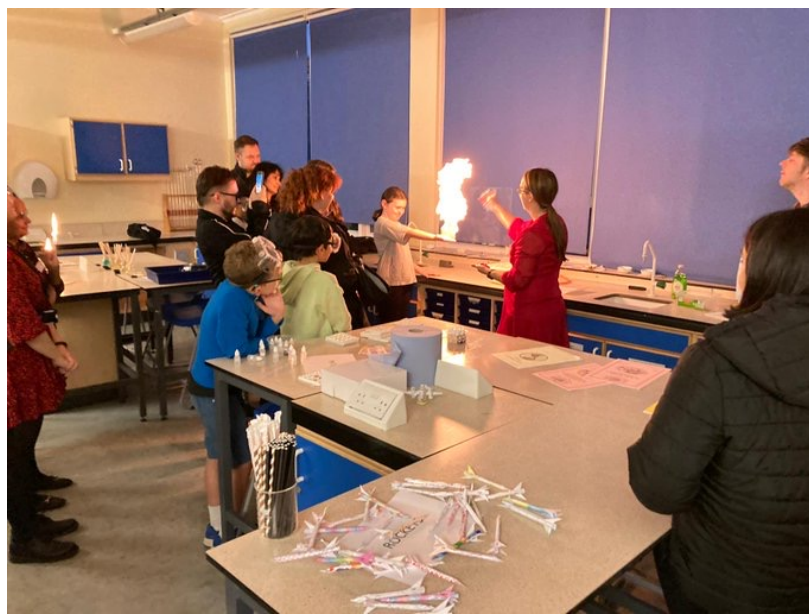
We also asked new students if they are interested in any of the clubs and some examples included:

- Dance club
- Computer games club
- Football
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Taekwondo
- Rugby

I personally felt really excited to represent a part of Lenzie Academy that I am so passionate about, and it was interesting to be reminded of how I was at the end of Primary 7 to the start of S1 and be brought back to where I am now and how I have grown (mentally and physically).

A big thank you to all the parents and children who came to the open night and being so interested in our club. We wish all the future S1 pupils' good luck!





Dungeons & Dragons

(DnD)

Dungeons and Dragons is a fantasy game that is immensely popular due to Stranger Things, a Netflix tv series where they play the game with mysterious monsters and overcome them to defeat the final boss.

How do you play?

The DM (Dungeon Master) tells you what is happening in your quest and throws monsters in your path every now and then. When this does happen you roll either a 20-sided dice, 12-sided dice, 6-sided dice, or ect., to find out whether you can attack it or miss and get hit. If you do die in the game, you do not have to worry as you can create a new character and join in your quest again. There are a variety of characters you can select from such as, a wizard, a dwarf, an elf, a human ect., you can select your character's name and fill in other qualities they have.



I like it because it is cool, interesting and gives me something to do. There is a DnD club on Wednesdays after school in A7 and a lot of people come you can make some good friends there to.

If you would like more information about joining, then you can speak to Mr Bradley.

By Aashna Ala



Taylor Swift Midnights

Album Review

Midnights is Taylor Swifts latest album release, releasing October 21st Taylor definitely didn't disappoint with this album.

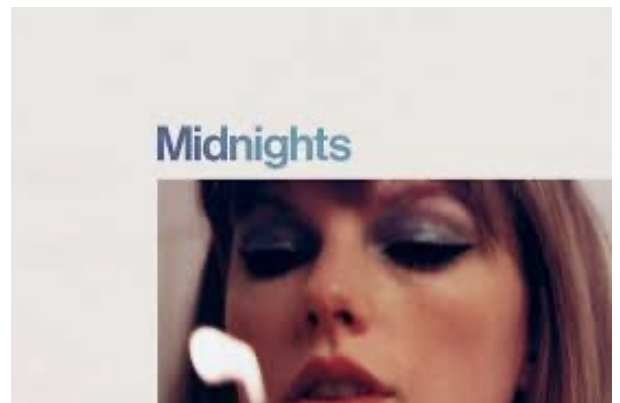
Taylor announced the album at the 2022 MTV video music awards on August 28th following she had a mini series called midnights mayhem with me where she slowly released the track names of the album. She also released merchandise and special edition cd's and vinyl's, along with signed versions.

I personally enjoyed album it gave the same vibe as lover and 1989 did, there were a few tracks that weren't my favourite but overall the album is definitely in my top albums Taylor has released. My top track is Anti Hero along with You're on your own kid those stood out the most to me on the album.

Although there was some songs that weren't the strongest in my opinion is sweet nothing and labyrinth, they just felt weak in terms of the other

songs, another least favourite is snow on the beach (feat Lana Del Rey) not because it's a bad song I just wish Lana had more than just backing vocals.

Midnights is on its way to being a massive hit but unfortunately Taylor's fans have also been rather upset with her. A few hours after midnights released Taylor uploaded the music video to "anti hero" where she shows her self being weighed with the scale saying she's fat. This was supposed to represent her struggles with an eating disorder but some fans have been labelling it as "fat phobic."



Overall, I really enjoyed the album and would definitely recommend giving it a listen. Although, some songs didn't stick out to me or sounded almost the same. For that reason I'd rate it a 9.5 out of 10.

By Cara Finlay

Anime!



Anime is a very much-loved style of Japanese art and cartoon, treasured in many places around the globe. It is one of those things that you either absolutely hate or absolutely love.

Of course, many people think they know what an anime is, however, they do not. An anime is not just any cartoon you find on the internet... It's a fictional story animated within a manga art style. The manga art style is Japanese, and the animation itself is done by a Japanese moving picture

animation. Most times it is an adaptation of a manga story.

Some popular manga and anime include series such as:

- Death Note
- Pokémon
- My hero academia
- Haikyuu
- Demon slayer
- Spy x Family
- Naruto
- Dragon Ball z
- Attack on Titan
- Erased

Most animes are found on Amazon prime video, Netflix and other sites such as Crunchyroll and YouTube.

I like Anime because it gives me something to do. In addition, the animations are fun to look at. The stories of each Anime are unique to its plot and style. There is an anime for everyone!



By Elona Babayan

Supernatural Series Review

Supernatural is a series about two brothers whose mother died when they were young due to a supernatural happening rotating around their family from that point on.

Now, grown up, the two brothers travel around the USA and defeat any and every supernatural being they encounter. They illegally enter crime scenes and get access to places. Posing as someone of knowledge, authority or order.



Personally, I adore this series even though its ever so slightly old. It's hilarious and scary at the same time.

It gave me a few jump scares in certain episodes. However, over all it is most definitely my favourite series by far.

It's an amazing series and I recommend watching every second of it. I'm sure so many viewers of this horrifyingly hilarious show would agree with me.

By Elona and Maria