

THE HOLLINGWORTH CHRONICLE

EXCELLENCE EQUITY ENGAGEMENT ENTERPRISE

AWESOME ATHLETES AND REIGNING ROWERS

The sports teams have had an impressive couple of weeks dominating both the Rochdale Indoor Athletics Championships and the Greater Manchester Rowing Championships.

Hollingworth's indoor athletes avoided the rain and competed in events ranging from high jump to the sprints to triple jump. Reigning supreme, there was hardly anyone who dared challenge the might of our school who commanded most of the events with unrivalled success.

On a grander scale, our pupils excelled at the county championships for rowing with 28 pupils winning a medal. Overall, there were five team gold and two team silvers, with individual gold coming in the Year 7 girls, Year 9 boys and Year 10 girls. Mrs Warriner said, "The team demonstrated super effort and commitment was shown by everyone; the support and encouragement they gave each other was simply amazing."

What a credit to both themselves and the school – the very epitome of resilience, respect and responsibility.

By: Freya



FROM HATE CRIME TO HOAX

Jussie Smollett is charged with felony disorderly conduct after filing a false police report.

On Thursday, Jussie Smollett (now former actor on the television series, Empire) was arrested after staging a supposed hate crime. The actor claimed that two Trump supporters assaulted him by pouring bleach over him, putting a noose around his neck and shouting racist and homophobic slurs.

After falsely reporting this so called 'attack' to the police, Smollett posted a picture on social media of the scratches and bruises on his face (which were allegedly self-inflicted). It was also discovered recently that Smollett intended to have the staged event caught on CCTV in order for there to be 'proof', but thankfully the camera was turned the other way. Before the event took place, Smollett gave the Osundairo brothers - the 'committees' of the so called 'hate crime' - \$100 to buy the bleach, the noose and the ski masks. It was later found that after the 'attack' Jussie gave them a cheque for \$3,500.

Consequences

It is currently thought that the actor staged this attack because he was unhappy with his salary. As a consequence, he will now be receiving no money from the television series, has been cut out of the final episodes of the current season and is unlikely to ever act again if found guilty.



Force India's new secret weapon: the youthful Lance Stroll.

F1 REVIEW: BRITAIN'S FORMULA ONE TRIO

The wait is almost over for the return as the beloved Formula 1, which is scheduled to witness Lewis Hamilton's attempt to reclaim the championship for the third time in a row. We are also gifted with the opportunity of welcoming two brilliant readers: George Russell and Lando Norris.

Driver Updates

This year, only Mercedes and Haas have retained their drivers. However, there has been several changes to the other teams:

- Ferrari welcomes the Monegasque Charles Leclerc who replaces Daniel Ricciardo (who has gone to Renault).
- McLaren acquire Lando Norris and Carlos Sainz whilst Force India has obtained the 20-year-old Lance Stroll.
- On the other hand, Alfa Romeo (formerly known as Sauber) has recruited the experienced Kimi Raikkonen alongside previously F3 driver Antonio Giovinazzi.
- Finally, Toro Rosso have introduced Thai-British driver Alexander Albon with the successful Daniil Kvyat.

By: Anawin

As a result, the LGBTQ+ Community, those from ethnic minorities and the public in general, are outraged by how he has manipulated the anger and hatred created by homophobia and racism to benefit his career. To use symbolism that is historically associated with white supremacy and words that are only ever used to discriminate, alienate and to inflict pain and sadness, is abhorrent. Indeed, the Chicago Superintendent stated, "I'm left hanging and asking, why? Why would anyone (especially an African-American man) use the symbolism of a noose to make false accusations? How could someone use the hatred and suffering associated with that symbol and see an opportunity to manipulate that symbol to further his career?"

Smollett's false accusations only discredit those who suffer at the hands of racists and homophobes. This very public incident means victims may well be doubted when they report such crimes to the authorities. After what Smollett has done, will victims speak out with the knowledge that their voice might not be believed?



By: Maia

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: AN IMPERATIVE ISSUE OR THE MARGINALIZATION OF MEN?

Every year, International Women's Day (IWD) signals a day of celebration of the female sex and oftentimes an outcry by the male sex of "where is our day?"

Now, to answer that question, many who celebrate this increasingly high-profile day will argue, "every day in history has been a man's day," but I somehow doubt that this will alleviate any feelings of ill-will towards this day.

The official slogan for IWD is #balanceforbetter, emphasizing that whilst this is about celebrating women's achievement and helping to forge a more gender-balanced world, it is also focused on equality of opportunity for both men and women. Every person has a part to play – all at the same time, everywhere. As half of the population of the world are female, surely it makes sense to have some decisions made for the target consumer. For example, men could only offer so much when developing female products such as sanitary products...and yet I bet there are some men in a boardroom somewhere discussing the latest sanitary campaign!

UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL'S MACBETH REHEARSALS: A SPECIAL INSIDE REPORT

A few weeks ago, I auditioned for the school's rendition of Macbeth, as I believed it would help me greatly with my GCSEs. At the audition, which involved pupils from Year 7 to 10, I was asked to perform a small excerpt from the teachers running this performance: Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mr Milne. They were analysing our ability to express and asked us to split off into similar groups and to interpret lines to exhibit our creativity.

After landing the tragic role of Banquo, I have begun to realise the benefits this show has to my understanding of the piece; learning it in an amusing, entertaining way that gives me experience in both Drama and English. Rehearsals are now taking place with the teachers focusing on certain groups for certain nights: for example, the witches on Thursday. This ensures perfection in every aspect for a paying audience. I have also begun to learn the script, which I hope to extend through the coming weeks and emphasise with the emotions that Shakespeare wished to be transmitted some 500 years ago.

As we further our rehearsals, I hope this opportunity will extend my understanding of adapting to different characters and script type, as well as gain a wider understanding of Shakespearean language through meeting new pupils from other years.

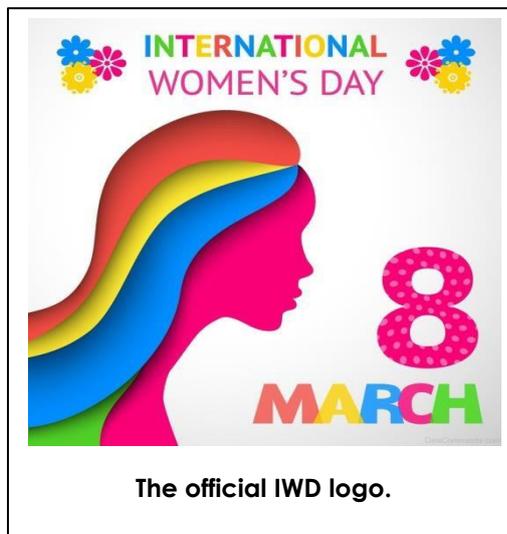
By: Oliver

Nevertheless, there does not seem to be any easy solution to this. 101 years after women gained the partial right to vote in the UK, there is still not equality in the workplace. Some argue that this does not mean that men should be thrust aside in favour of a woman who is less qualified – more that women need to have the opportunity to stand alongside men.

This leads into a deeper argument surrounding privilege. Many men – particularly heterosexual white British men – seem to be alienated by this idea that they are more privileged than women are, than people of colour, than people of different religions, than people from disadvantaged backgrounds, than people from the LGBTQ community. They are constantly railroaded with this message of you have life more easy than anyone else does. In truth, this is only partially true; it is a small minority of men who come from educated backgrounds that have this privilege. Many white men from disadvantaged backgrounds in particular struggle.

So, should there be an international men's day? There is no easy solution to any of the ills in the world, but perhaps by treating anyone you meet with the respect and kindness you would like to be treated with would go a long way.

By: Ben



SHAMIMA BEGUM: VENOMOUS SNAKE OR LONG-SUFFERING VICTIM?

Shamima Begum was a 15-year-old teenager when she left with a group of friends to join the terrorist group Islamic State (IS), hoping to find the perfect life.

Shamima's father claimed that she was targeted after the death of her mother; he says that she was contacted by extremists on her mobile phone when she was at her most vulnerable and brainwashed.

When in Syria, Miss Begum got married to a Dutch IS fighter, aged 23, and called Yago Riedijk. Many people have polarised views on their marriage, as at the time Miss Begum was a minor (she was 15 years old) which would have been illegal in Britain.

HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION: ENTERING THE REALM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Can you separate the art from the artist, or are we two sides of the same coin?

The utilisation of this qualification allows us to answer these questions with an understanding greater than the conceptual foundations of the average youth. These are the skills we have learnt and continue to use throughout the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ); opportunities to not only expand our knowledge, but also to empower us with skills for life.

Taught by Mr Dobbs, he has allowed our minds to expand our understanding of modern life, and how to build the fundamental tools to break the demarcation between secondary school and college. With our separate projects, we have individually analysed certain aspects of culture and debatable topics, and through this, developing attributes that we will obtain indefinitely.

The topics range from historical to political and through this, encouraging a higher class of literature, as well as encouraging presentation abilities, as we will present our ideas to to governors towards the conclusion of our HPQ, at the end of the academic year. Additionally, we visited the University of Manchester and Rochdale Sixth Form College, as well as being visited by students more senior than ourselves, in order to understand the details of HPQ, and how to gain the necessary ideals, so that we can produce the most academic work attainable. These events expressed to us the fortune that we have been gifted in this course; in that people of this stature are interacting with ourselves, as a minute member of schools across the country provide the HPQ.

By: Emmaleigh, Owoche and Oliver



Shamima Begum and her newborn baby boy before his tragic death.

Following the marriage, Mrs Begum had three pregnancies, two of which were miscarriages, and the surviving baby boy died in a refugee camp of squalid conditions at only a few weeks old. During an interview with Sky News, Mrs Begum commented on how she and her husband wanted to return to the UK so that their child could have a better life. After a great commotion, the UK decided not to allow her re-entry into Britain, instead revoking her British citizenship.

Shamima's flee to the IS shocked the nation and labelled her as a 'traitor'. Her abandonment of the UK left ripples of anger and shock in its wake. Members of Parliament and of the public have expressed their opinions on this matter very aggressively, whilst putting out there that at the most extreme Shamima may be an IS spy.

On the other hand, a handful of citizens have grown empathetic towards the family's situation and Shamima's well-intended ambition. Many people feel like this situation was not fair for the child, as he should not be punished for something he didn't do and how he shouldn't be involved in the struggles that have arisen.

Do you believe that Shamima really deserves all the negative publicity she has received or do you feel like she has betrayed Britain by joining the IS?

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