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# Geography Jones gets Award

By: Luke Adkins

One of our Geography teachers, Mr. Jones, has recently been honoured with the prestigious "Excellence in Leading Geography Award" by the Geographical Association. This well-deserved recognition comes as a result of the publication of an article on assessing landscape quality, which serves as a valuable tool for A Level Geography students. Collaborating with the esteemed Professor Fiona Tweed, Professor Ruth Swetnam, and Anne Brown of Staffordshire University, Mr. Jones has made a significant contribution to the field of geography education.

The article, delves into the crucial role of landscape quality assessment. It provides insightful guidance and practical methods for students to evaluate and comprehend landscapes effectively. By combining their collective expertise, the team has created an invaluable resource that will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience for geography students nationwide.

The Geographical Association conference held at Sheffield Hallam University during the Easter holidays served as the perfect platform to present this prestigious award to Mr. Jones. The conference brought together educators, researchers, and professionals from the field of Geography to share knowledge and celebrate achievements. Mr. Jones' well-deserved recognition not only highlights his exceptional contribution to Geography education but also reflects his dedication and commitment to empowering students with valuable tools and resources.

# Apple Event Cancelled

By: Luke Adkins

To my and every Apple fan's dismay, there has been no Apple event this spring, instead, launching most of their major products via a press release. A new HomePod has been released which has been an interesting yet insignificant product in comparison to a HomePod mini which is £200 cheaper and has most of the same features, e.g., voice recognition via Siri, tap through audio via Apple Music. And we cannot forget the most anticipated new feature to come to all Apple devices, Apple Music Classical! Because having 2 music apps is going to fix the potential userbase that is over on Spotify! No, the real most anticipated software release is Logic and Final Cut Pro coming to iPad! For £4.99 per month or £49 per year, we can expect some loss of features compared to Mac offering final cut for £300 or logic for £200. Apple have confirmed WWDC is going ahead though so you can expect an apple article that isn't just 100% speculation next edition.

## Boys Protest Over Shorts

By: Finlay Jones

At Buxton Community School there are rules on uniform and one of the rules is that boys can't wear shorts. Many boys are angry at this rule because as the temperature starts to get warmer in the summer boys are getting hot and sweaty and they want this rule to be changed!

Lots of Boys find it unfair as girls can wear a skirt and no leggings so they are not as hot. Boys will often get very hot during break or lunch and the boys want change!!!

A group of Boys have started a peaceful protest and a petition. The boys are going around at break and lunch to ask people if they want to sign the petition. They are planning to get over 250 votes and then hoping that the school may change the rule after this.

Some people have told the Boys to just pull up their trousers and use them like shorts but, they say that stops leg movement and is very uncomfortable.

Do you agree with the school rule or with the Boys?

## **Interview with Ms. Flint by Finlay Jones**

Q&A with Mrs Flint (Head of Psychology)

### ***What are your plans for future PSHE days?***

I want to change the culture of them so that they aren't seen as one-off days and are more in line with day today lessons.

### ***Why do you feel PSHE is important?***

It allows students to develop relationships with their teachers in open dialogue day to day.

### ***How do you choose and co-elevate the topics each year?***

I work closely with the pastoral teams on current issues tailored for each [year](#) group.

### ***What can everyone expect in the coming weeks with PSHE?***

I'm hoping to get more time for PD and to have some way of assessing each topic after we finish it.

### ***Why Psychology?***

I've always been interested in people and how they think but I've also been a person who likes to have the last word and always get to the bottom of problems. However, psychology is always changing which excites me!

### ***What do you do in your spare time?***

I love watching and reading Psychology reports and documentaries, but my children take up lots of time too! One of my children is in the top 10 nationally! I also love catching up with my friends because I'm a bit of a social butterfly.

### ***What's your favourite sport?***

*I don't do any sports or am that interested exercise, but I am heavily involved in swimming and am the secretary for the swimming club swimming is also [really exciting](#) and tense sometimes!*

### ***What's one thing on your bucket list you'd love to do?***

*I would love to explore the corners of the world especially the Americas as they look fantastic.*

***If you couldn't be a teacher, what would you be?*** I would love to own a restaurant or café because I love to cook but I also love to mingle with people and chat.

# Nature Spotlight

By: Max Sherwood

## The Red Kite

Hello, in today's issue we're starting off the new Nature spotlight section.

### HISTORY:

The red kite, despite its name, is in fact a bird and not something you'd try to fly on a string. These days this species is quite rare because in the late 1800's the species was heavily hunted and mistakenly shot by game keepers for birds that killed game. By the 1880's the species had been pushed to the brink of extinction, being completely wiped out from England and Scotland with only a few pockets of them remaining in Wales. One hundred (and a bit) years later in the 1990's the species began, slowly to be re-introduced to Great Britain. From Wales they steadily made their way around England and are getting more and more common.

### ABOUT:

The red kite now breeds and permanently lives in south England and central Wales. Some red kites are also seen as winter residents around the coasts. This large bird of prey, with a wingspan of 180 – 200 centimeters, has a top flight speed of around 100mph! Their diet consists of mainly voles but also other small rodents and even other birds! That's all for now, I hope by reading this you have found something out about one of Britain's most successful reintroduced wildlife species. Next issue in the nature spotlight section I'll be looking at the red deer!



# An Interview With...

By: Luke Adkins

## Q&A With Ms. Flint (Headteachers PA)

### **What made you go into this line of work?**

When I was at school I didn't really know what I wanted to be but at the time being a secretary (which is an assistant now) was seen as quite a nice and prestigious job so I decided to go to secretarial college. In my first job I was a sales office clerk but later on I got a promotion to director's secretary in my company. I stayed there until I had my first child when I left to become a full-time mum - which was my favourite job ever!

### **How did you join the staff here?**

One day I rang up the school to leave a message for one of my boys and Mrs Siddons (who worked in the front office then) said that it was only a few more days until the Easter Half term. She said that when she comes back after the Easter half term that she would be in a role as a pastoral manager and she suggested that I interview for her job which I did and I got it!

### **When did you join the staff here?**

I joined 17 years ago

### **What do you enjoy about working here?**

I enjoy interacting with the students because I think that the students are very interesting and I love the buzz of school. I also like the fact that 2 days are never the same and I really like working with the Mrs Jones, Mrs Garner and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team and my colleagues in the communications team and the rest of the admin team.

### **What were your favourite subjects when you were at school?**

My favourite was English and second was R.S. because you get to learn so many interesting stories

### **Where did you go to university?**

I didn't but I went to a secretarial college at High Peak College

### **What did you want to be when you were growing up?**

What I really wanted to be was a dancer on the Tom Jones show, as he was my mum's favourite.

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

I like reading, walking and birdwatching. I used to play squash but of course the squash courts burned down so I cannot do that and I really like just spending time with my family.

### **What is your official job at the school?**

My official job is Headteacher's PA and communications manager

### **What does that job entail?**

I support Mrs Jones and SLT, I manage some of their calendars, I do admin tasks, read and answer many emails every day, organise various events and I work closely with my colleagues in the front office. One of my main roles is 'firefighting' for Mrs Jones, which means trying to protect her where I can as she has lots of demands on her time every day.

# The Game Review

By: Haydn Smith

## 112 OPERATOR

112 Operator is a top down management game where you play as an emergency dispatcher in any city worldwide. The sequel of 911 Operator. It hosts many improvements.

It can go from a simple shoplifting to a plane crash on water in one call and with the ability to play anywhere in the world, it makes the same calls interesting every time. With complex forest fires, protests, missing persons, armed insurgents, many technical rescue missions. It makes for a diverse game to play.

Including mod compatibility with the Steam Workshop, this makes for a very interesting game.

I have played dispatching for Buxton and the High Peak and also the British Territory of Gibraltar. Both have tested my multitasking and kept me on my toes.

**It is £19.49 on Steam.**



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