

# BCSP <sup>the</sup> Press

for students, by students

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# The Counselling Service

The School offers a school time counselling service to all students. It is provided by our counsellor, Debra. It gives you a chance to talk or open up about what bothers you with someone who is not connected with family, friends or school.

She won't tell you what to do but will help you make your own decisions. Sometimes it is good to be able to talk to someone, you may feel anxious and down but not know why. Even if you're not sure whether counselling can help, come and try anyway!

Whatever you discuss with Debra is confidential, unless she believes that you or someone else is being or is at risk of being harmed.

Y7s also have the advantage of Wellbeing Champions being assigned to their form, if you are Y7 you can request help from them with anything from locker keys to getting lost. They wear Yellow and Blue ties.

To book an appointment or change an appointment, email Debra at:

**[ehelp@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:ehelp@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

*(this can only be used during term time)*

**Or go and see her in B6**

# Future Artists

## Buxton Community School



The Green Man Gallery

Tuesday	10:30 am–2 pm
Wednesday	10:30 am–2 pm
Friday	10:30 am–4:30 pm
Saturday	10:30 am–4:30 pm
Sunday	10:30 am–4:30 pm

1.12.2023  
– 1.3.2024

# Rush Performance

By: Willow Jones

On Thursday the 16th of November, Years 7, 8 and 9 went to Buxton Opera House/Pavilion Arts Centre to watch a production all about The Windrush. There was singing, dancing and lots of interesting facts and history. The Windrush Generation is the generation of people who came over on the HMS Windrush from Jamaica to help rebuild England after WWII. They came over to get jobs and make a better life for themselves and their families. Britain promised them new opportunities and citizenship. Although they worked hard to earn themselves jobs and places to live, they still faced racism and prejudice with people claiming they were stealing their jobs and wrecking their country.

# Buxton Climate Conference

By: Evelyn Throssel

On Thursday the 16th of November, members of climate action group attended a conference to meet with organisations striving to stop climate change, these included Stitched Up, Frog life, Moors for the Future, Serpentine Community Gardens and the Repair Cafe. Opportunities throughout the day ranged from exploring a recycling centre through VR and holding snakeskin to having broken headphones and torn blazers fixed as well as learning about all sorts including peat and the moors, fast fashion and swallows nesting places.

However, despite saying he would attend, Robert Largan (High Peak MP) failed to make an appearance having been on 'parliamentary business. This and the fact that the many councillors who had also been invited were seemingly 'scared off' led to disappointment and outrage among the attendees.

Nevertheless, there is more to come. Robert Largan did in fact attempt to make amends. He asked the group to email him our questions which we did yet in his reply he failed to answer one. Instead, he chose to speak about his 'great achievements' in 'rebellious against the government' in terms of promoting laws that would aid the fight against climate change. While it is good, he understands the true danger of climate change, I was disappointed in his answer. Not once but twice now has he failed to follow through on his promise to answer our questions and we shall see if he manages to make it a hat trick as he has suggested a visit to answer any 'further' questions.

If you would like to do more to help the environment, then come along to climate action group or follow these 5 simple steps:

- Ask your parents to turn your engine off if you're stopping for more than ten seconds
- Use the recycling stations around school
- Support our campaign for recycled paper
- Avoid buying items containing palm oil
- Always try to walk, cycle or use public transport if you can

Encourage your friends and family to do the same!

# Early Lunch Passes

By: Evelyn Throssel

Recently teachers have stopped the use of early lunch passes for clubs since there were more people with than without. The only people allowed to use them now are people going to study groups. This caused problems like shortening clubs giving us barely any time to enjoy or participate in the clubs. This is causing even longer lunch queues and making more people late to fourth period. The teachers are saying this is going to help shorten lunch queues since to many people where in the early lunch ones however, sometimes they do not check your passes so possibly if they regulated who was going in and out a little more, it would not create so many ripple effect problems.

# An Interview With...

By: Finlay Jones

## **Q&A with Mrs Lomas (Director of Progress)**

### **How long have you been teaching at this school?**

"I've been teaching here for Eleven years now!"

### **What's your role at school?**

"I'm in charge of the Pupil Premium which helps remove any barriers faced by students."

### **Did you always want to be a teacher?**

"Mostly, but at one point I considered becoming a town planner because my skills matched the requirements of the job."

### **Have you got any hobbies?**

"I used to do a lot of running but since lockdown I've stopped and being a full-time mum and teacher doesn't make it any easier!"

### **What got you interested in teaching?**

"My Year Eight art teacher once told me that I'd make a brilliant teacher and that stuck with me ever since."

### **Why did you choose geography?**

"It's the best subject in the world – Duh! I think though geography gets better the further through the school you go."

### **Where's your favourite place in the world?**

"It would have to be Iceland, it's so cool!"

### **What's the new reading scheme you've started?**

"The Reading Ambassadors are Year Nine students who read with Year Sevens in the hub, every six to eight weeks we change the year sevens, but the year nines stay on and get more experienced."

### **Who is it aimed at?**

"It's aimed at the Year Sevens whose reading level is just a bit lower than average, but it helps them to increase it."

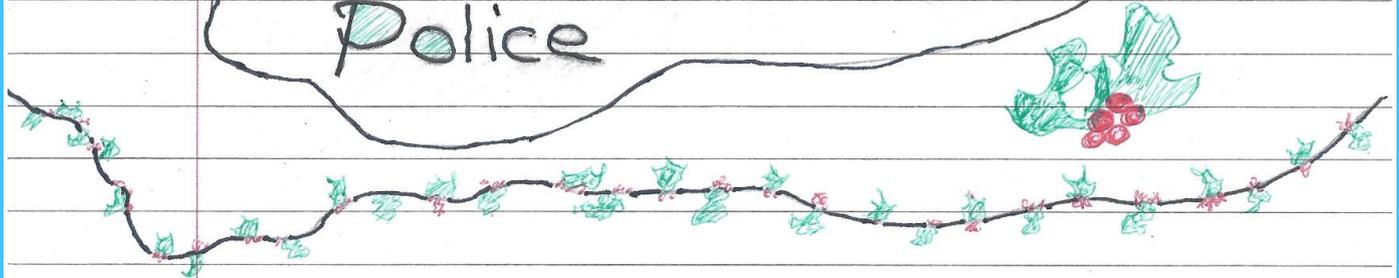
### **Have you got any other plans happening at the moment?**

"Mrs Wentworth and I have started the second-hand school uniform shop for everyone to use, we've supplied every form tutor with a box of pens for their forms and I've started organising the parent events to showcase everyone's work."

By: Heath Koontz-Garboden

# Pom Pom Police

Christmas special



<p>Twass two Days before x mas and all throughtout not a single sand not even a trout!</p>		<p>trout?</p>	<p>yes, trout</p>
<p>That is stupid</p>	<p>Ok maybe it is stupid</p>	<p>Honk Honk</p>	<p>The big socks were hung on the fake mantpiece with care in hope that st nick would,</p>
<p>Soon be there</p>	<p>Hi I'm st nick, bye!</p>		<p>Hey! Dinner our prezents</p>
<p>Oh, oh Yeah sure.</p>	<p>He put the prezents under the tree</p>	<p>Then went to count to three and went up the chimney saying</p>	<p>A merry christmas to all and all a good night!</p>

# The Christmas Truce

By: Ewan Holdcroft

World War One was a horrible period of history where over 15 million military men and 38 million civilian's deaths had occurred throughout the entire world in those long six years. During that period, it brought the monster out of many people everywhere around the world. But it also brought out the kind people inside of everyone. On the 24 of December 1914 over 100,000 of the Germans and British soldiers crawled out of their trenches and they played a game of football. The Germans put candles all over their trenches and even hung them on their Christmas trees. The British came out and they met the Germans in the middle of their trenches, and they sang Christmas carols with each other, and the sound echoed around for miles. They even decided to play a game of football together and the English lost miserably 2-1. Eventually the high authorities on each side had heard of the truce and the game of football they immediately called an end to it all and that was how the Christmas truce finished off.

# An Interview With...

By: Poppy Mellor and Erin Chipp

## Q&A with Georgia Callagher (Cinderella at Buxton Opera House)

### **What made you want to do Buxton pantomime?**

"I am very grateful to say this is my second time performing in the Pantomime at Buxton Opera House and I hope not the last! I love it here! The company is absolutely amazing, I feel very lucky to be able to work with such experienced creatives. The energy of the company is always so enthusiastic too, and I feel privileged to share the stage with all the incredibly talented performers."

### **How did you get in to acting?**

"I always loved performing from a young age, singing into the mirror at home, wanting to perform little shows in my living room for my parents! So, when I was about 8 I started attending dance and musical theatre classes which is where the interest became a hobby and soon grew into a passion. I studied drama and dance through my secondary school years and took singing lessons after school also. I used to feature in the local pantomimes as a dancer too. Then, when I was 17 I successfully auditioned for some of the top performing arts colleges in the UK and was offered a place at Bird Conservatoire of Professional Dance and Musical Theatre. I trained there for 3 years, achieving a First Class Degree and also managed to get an agent who works to get me auditions."

### **What were your favourite lessons at secondary school?**

Drama and History!

"I adored Drama at school, I found it so fun, my teachers were great, the lessons were so interactive, and I loved creating and devising scenes. I also enjoyed analysing scripts to understand the characters' intentions, motives or emotions. This is a skill I still use today.

History I also loved as I found it so interesting, I enjoyed learning about all these past events that have had such an impact on our lives today without us realising. My dad is very knowledgeable too, so I grew up listening to his historic factual stories and so history at school felt quite the same."

### **Did you always want to be an actress growing up?**

"I think I always knew I wanted to perform in some way for a living, I wasn't sure if that would be singing, acting, dancing or all three but there is nothing else I have ever imagined myself doing."

### **What other shows/productions have you been to?**

"Since graduating 2 years ago I have been the lead in 3 pantomimes, I was Princess Jasmine in 'Aladdin' in Lincoln, Sleeping Beauty last year at the Buxton Opera House and now Cinderella!

Earlier this year I also performed as a D-Day Dollie, singing 1940's classics to residents in care homes around London, merging my love of history and performing.

Whilst training, I performed in a musical called 'Big Fish' where I played 'The Witch'. And I have also performed in multiple pantomimes from ages 14-18 as an ensemble dancer."

### **Is this your first main/leading role?**

"This is my 3rd! Princess Jasmine was my first."

### **Do you get nervous or excited before performing?**

"A bit of both! I get more nervous for auditions but then once on stage, I find so much enjoyment and excitement it overrides my nerves."

# Cinderella Comes To The Opera House!

By: Poppy Mellor and Erin Chipp

This Year from the 8th of December 2023 to the 1st of January 2024 the locals of Buxton (and people from out of town) will be able to watch Buxton Opera House's newest pantomime: Cinderella! It is adapted to be based on Buxton itself!

## Main Actors:

- David Dale- Ugly Sister
- James Holmes- Ugly Sister
- Georgia Callagher- Cinderella
- Aiden Bailey – Buttons
- Charlotte Hannah Jones – Fairy Godmother
- Ross Clifton – The Prince

If you are planning to watch this year's pantomime ticket prices are from £21.50

**By: Olivia Bell**



**By: Barny Buston**



# UK Space Port Shetland

By: Luke Adkins

The UK's first vertical rocket launch spaceport has been approved. It was designed by SaxaVort an aerospace engineering company, based in Grantown-on-Spey. They are the first UK based vertical rocket launch. They are, however, not the first UK based rocket company. On January 9th, 2023, a satellite, designed by an Oxford-based company was launched via a Virgin Orbit Boeing 747 carrying a rocket booster. The spaceport is the first of its kind in the UK. The UK gaining a spaceport is very important for national economics. This is important because the space industry is one of the most economically prosperous fields predicted for the next decade.



# Tesla Cybertruck

By: Luke Adkins

Alright, buckle up because Tesla just dropped the Cybertruck, and it's like they beamed it in from the future or something. Picture this: a pickup truck that looks like it's ready to star in a sci-fi movie with a stainless-steel exoskeleton that's tougher than your grandma's meatloaf. People are losing their minds over the design – it's either the coolest thing since sliced bread or the weirdest thing they've ever seen, there's no in-between. But let's get real, this bad boy is not just about turning heads; it's got an electric engine, so it's basically the eco-friendly superhero of trucks. The Cybertruck is armed with features that make James Bond's gadgets look outdated, and despite a rocky start (looking at you, "indestructible" windows), it's a symbol of Tesla saying, "We're not here to blend in; we're here to drive the future." So, grab your popcorn because the Cybertruck is not just a truck; it's a comedy-action blockbuster on wheels.



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