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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 to Debra, about what bothers you with someone who is not connected with family, friends or school. Whatever you discuss with Debra is confidential, unless she believes that you or someone else is being or is at risk of being harmed.

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Email her at: ehelp@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
(this can only be used during term time)
Or see her in B6

Editor's Message

Winter is finally ending. Over the next few months, we will see the days growing longer, and the weather (hopefully) improving.

I hope you enjoy this Spring issue of The BCS Press, as always, I thank my team for their many contributions to this issue. We are beginning to grow into a big team now and look forward to everyone joining us as we develop the issue for next term.

Thank you for reading!

Harry Grant - Editor of The BCS Press



'Butterflies, a sign of hope'

Interview with...

Luke Adkins

Member of BCS Sixth Form

What is the best part about Sixth Form here at BCS?

I'd say the freedom you have. I feel like the staff just trust you a lot more. You're able to have free periods where you aren't being supervised and they can just trust you to get on with your work. It's quite nice to have that compared to year 11 where it kind of felt like revision and study was being quite micromanaged.

Why did you choose Sixth Form here?

I was considering Aquinas because they do a politics course and they don't run that here, and that's a big interest of mine but I realised that the commute was going to be a big deal and I like the community here, that was the final deal breaker for me, I just know and like the school here.

What do you want to do in the future?

I want to work in IT support, so I'm currently doing IT and Business Studies which will both help with that career path. I'm also doing some other training outside of school for this career.

Is there anything you dislike about Sixth Form?

The lessons can be quite intense. There's a lot more information being thrown at you in an hour and they're definitely harder, I think that's the biggest difference, just how much effort is required compared to GCSE. It's manageable but it's a big leap.

What's your best advice for someone about to sit their GCSE?

I would say sleep more, people say “I'm going to do an all-nighter of revision, and that's going to help me in lots in my exam tomorrow.” It won't. Realistically if you turn up to that exam with a good night's sleep and enough energy, that will get you a better result than staying up to 2 AM and cramming the entire course. Also take breaks and don't burn out by overworking yourself. I remember this time last year, people in my year, who rushed into their revision and did three hours a day just burnt out by April/May. They lost their motivation which meant that when it came to actually sitting the exams, they couldn't do much revision towards the end and got worse results than those that paced themselves throughout. Those are my biggest 2 points; 1. Get enough rest and sleep and 2. Pace yourself.

Stocktake in zoos

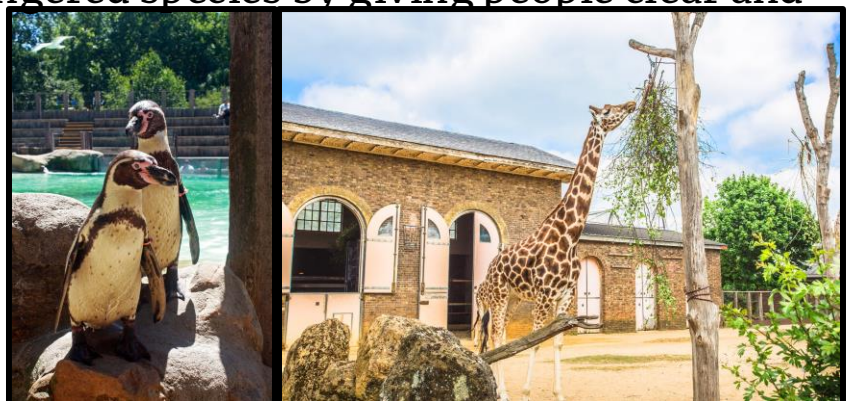
January has been full of many zoos that have been taking their annual stocktakes. A stocktake is when a zoo counts all of the animals in the vicinity.

This ranges from the biggest animals (elephants, giraffes etc.) to the smallest most camouflaged animals (insects etc.).

When the stocktakes are taken, it ensures accurate data that can be shared on an international database.

This can show the international breeding programs, which places have certain animals.

This benefits many endangered species by giving people clear and obvious choices.



Derbyshire Schools Cross Country Race Report

On Friday the 16th of January some of our students journeyed to West Park in Long Eaton to compete in the next round of the Derbyshire Schools cross country. We had a good turnout of competitors from BCS including Penny Curzon and Georgia Cudahy from year 7, Sonny Dickinson from year 8, Evie Willis in year 9, from year 11 we had Matty Miller and Jasper Reeves and from sixth form we had Peter Wilson, Rebecca Cudahy and Mathew Rolfe. Our students from BCS as well as students from other schools in the area represented the high peak in a race against other schools in Derbyshire.

Despite the soggy course we had some great performances from Evie Willis coming 3rd in the year 8/9 girls' race and Matty Miller coming 2nd in the year 10/11 boys' race, both students were successfully selected to represent Derbyshire at the English school's cross country at Sefton Park in Liverpool where they will represent the Derbyshire schools in a race with schools from all over England.



Recipe- Banana Raspberry Muffins



Banana Raspberry Muffins

Makes 12

Ingredients

2 mashed bananas

2 eggs

1/3 cup maple syrup

1/4 cup oil

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 cup oats

1 cup plain flour

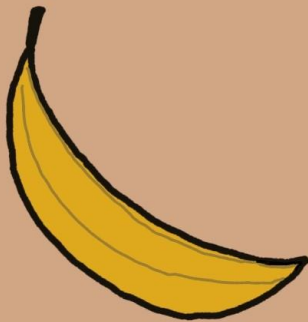
2tsp baking powder

125g raspberries (fresh or frozen)

1/2 cup chocolate chips (any type you like)

Method

- 1 Preheat oven to 180 degrees centigrade
- 2 Add all wet ingredients to a bowl and mix well
- 3 Add oats plain flour and baking powder - mix until combined - take care not to overmix
- 4 Fold in raspberries and chocolate chips
- 5 Put into muffin cases
- 6 Bake for 20 to 25 minutes



Recipe



Double Chocolate Chip Cookies Ingredients

Here's what you'll need to make this double chocolate chip cookies recipe:

- **All-purpose flour** – and spoon it to avoid packing too much into your measuring cup.
- **Cocoa powder** – It adds rich chocolate flavour to the cookie dough.
- **Baking soda and an egg** – They help the cookies puff up as they bake.
- **Unsalted butter** – For richness and buttery flavour. This recipe calls for softened butter, so let your butter sit at room temperature for 1 hour before making the dough.
- **Light brown sugar and granulated sugar** – For sweetness.
- **Vanilla extract** – For warm depth of flavour. I think it makes these cookies taste even more chocolatey!
- **Chocolate chips** – I love dark chocolate chips here, but feel free to use any kind you like. Milk chocolate, semi-sweet, and even white chocolate chips are all fair game!
- **And sea salt** – To make all the flavours pop! I use fine sea salt in the cookie dough. Before baking the cookies, I sprinkle flaky sea salt on top.

Game Review- Hollow Knight

Hollow Knight is a critically acclaimed 2D 'Metroidvania' platforming game developed by Team Cherry, released in 2017. It follows a silent protagonist named The Knight as they traverse through the dying kingdom of Hallownest, which suffers from an infection travelling through dreams caused by a higher being named The Radiance. It has had 5 free DLCs to add to the overall plot of the game. I personally love this game because of the gripping story, fun characters and environmental design. However, it has a steep learning curve from the first area to the second, players are expected to die dozens-hundreds of times. Overall, I recommend this game because of its gripping story and artwork, mixed with a difficult challenge providing hours of exploration and fun combat mechanics.

Game Review- Undertale



Undertale is a video game created by Tony Fox where the future of the game depends on your actions throughout the story. Say you kill one of the character's brother. That action will then lead you to then having to fight that character.

Undertale is full of different characters and bosses which throughout the game you can either defeat, flee or spare. Some of the more famous bosses include Sans, Flowey (the final boss), Asgore and Papyrus. Sans and Papyrus are brothers.

There are 3 endings to Undertale, Neutral, Genocide and True Pacifist.

Game Review- Stardew Valley

Stardew valley is a 2d Pixley-styled indie game based on the main character running a farm. There is also the option to fish, gather materials, and even mine ores. From what I've played, there is a large number of civilians in the village next to the farm. There is a blacksmith and even a supermarket where you can buy seeds. The pricing is \$14.99 USD on steam and is available on Xbox Gamepass for free.



Anyone can come and share their ideas about the club and what activities we can do

Everyone is welcome!

YOWO
Young Women's Club!

Run by pupils

"It doesn't matter where you start, it's about the progress you make" - Tom Daley

D35 Monday Lunchtimes, just drop in if you want to come!

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all women."
— Maya Angelou





"We need to encourage girls that their voice matters. I think there are hundreds and thousands of Malalas out there." — Malala Yousafzai

"Sometimes simple things are the most difficult things to achieve." — Keanu Reeves

Online Safety

PHISHING

Phishing is when **hackers** pretend to be a website or a place on the internet that you trust (like a bank) by using fake emails and they could trick you so that you give them your information!

It's sort of an online **scammer** pretending to be someone you trust to try and get all of your personal information (like secrets or emails)

Blagging

Blagging is when someone lies or makes up a story to make you interested and want to give your information or even money away to the **hacker**. For example, a person may receive an email that appears to be from a friend telling them that they're in trouble and asking them to send money.

Shouldering

is a social engineering tactic where an **attacker** spies over someone's shoulder to steal information like passwords or credit card details as they are being typed or viewed on a device. It's an effective way to gather data in public places, using direct observation or even tools like miniature cameras

Trump's Greenland Ambitions Over Time

By *Luke Adkins - Y12*

Trump's First Term (2017-2021):

- Early 2018: Trump became interested in a larger US presence in Greenland due to fears of Russian submarine activity and Chinese vessels in the Arctic.
- 2019: Trump proposed buying Greenland and postponed a visit to Denmark after Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen called the idea "absurd".

Before The Start Of Trump's Second Term:

- December 2024: after his election win but before his inauguration Trump repeatedly raised the idea of the USA controlling Greenland with aides.
- Late December 2024: Trump declared on Truth Social that US control of Greenland was necessary for national security, citing Russia as a threat.
- January 6th, 2025: Trump threatened to tariff Denmark at a very high level if it did not agree to his plan to gain control over Greenland.
- January 7th, 2025: Donald Trump Jr. and Charlie Kirk flew to Greenland on Trump's plane for a brief, unofficial visit with no substantive meetings with officials.
- January 7th: Trump stated he wouldn't rule out using economic or military force to take Greenland.
- January 20th, 2025: Donald Trump is inaugurated as President Of The United States Of America.

2025, Post Inauguration:

- March 28th: Vice President J.D. Vance made a short highly publicised visit Pituffik Space Base (A military base in Greenland owned by the US Space Force).
- December 22nd: Trump appointed Jeff Landry as special envoy to Greenland, with Landry saying he would work to make Greenland part of the US.

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2026:

- January 17th: Trump announced he would impose 10% tariffs on eight European countries (Denmark, UK, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Finland) starting February 1, rising to 25% by June 1, until they agreed to the complete and total purchase of Greenland".
- January 19th: Trump refused to rule out invading Greenland with the US Military and reiterated tariff threats.
- January 19th: Eight European countries issued a joint statement condemning the tariffs as threatening a "dangerous downward spiral" in transatlantic relations and standing in "full solidarity" with Denmark.
- January 19th: Keir Starmer spoke with Trump, telling him it was wrong to threaten tariffs on NATO allies, stating "any decision about the future status of Greenland belongs to the people of Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark alone"
- January 19th: The EU considered activating its Anti-Coercion Instrument ("tradebazooka"), which could impose €93 billion in retaliatory tariffs on US goods and restrict US companies' operations in the EU.
- January 20th: Trump stated there was "no going back" on his plan to annex Greenland
- January 21st: The European Parliament officially suspended the certification of a trade agreement with the US in protest of their threats.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) In Davos, Switzerland

- January 21st, 2026: Following a meeting with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte at the WEF, Trump announced they had "formed the framework of a future deal with respect to Greenland, and the entire Arctic Region".
- NATO Chief Mark Rutte said the breakthrough was secured after discussing Arctic regional security, and that sovereignty was not discussed.
- Marke Rutte also stated that based on this understanding, Trump would not impose the tariffs scheduled for February 1st and ruled out any future use of Military Force to take Greenland.



UK Politics

By *Haydn Smith – Y13*

“Weak and Naive” – that is how senior Labour Party figure Harriet Harman described Sir Kier Starmer on Sky News’s Electoral Dysfunction Podcast.

But why? Well, over the course of this year so far, the United States’ Department for Justice – their government body responsible for enforcing the law – have released a treasure trove of documents relating to the convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein.

In these documents, connections between Epstein and the former British Ambassador to the United States and senior Labour Party member, Peter Mandelson were found.

But so what? Haven’t loads of celebrities and politicians alike had friendships with Epstein? Well yes, but none have held senior positions within the UK Government under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. During which time, Mandelson appears to have been communicating with Epstein about matters of National Security, including information of secret financial decisions taken by the government and the European Union.

This all circles back to the Prime Minister as Starmer appointed Mandelson as British Ambassador to the United States in July 2024. In the eyes of Labour’s opposition, this should not have happened in the first place due to his links with Epstein. Now the question has appeared of just how much Mandelson revealed to Starmer – Mandelson is nicknamed the Labour “spin doctor” because of his ability to change or mutate whatever the media is reporting to fit his, or the Labour Party’s narrative – so he could easily lie to Starmer about the extent of his relationship with Epstein.

Starmer is now facing calls to either fire his Chief of Staff, Morgan McSweeney, who is alleged to have been responsible for Mandelson’s appointment or for Starmer to resign himself. This is why Harman described Starmer as “Weak and Naive” as Starmer is a Human Rights Barrister, he made his name by investigating alleged Human Rights abuses during the Troubles in Northern Ireland, so why didn’t he further push Mandelson for more details surrounding his relationship with Epstein – which is why McSweeney is being suggested for having pushed for the appointment due to the pair being close friends.

Now the Metropolitan Police is investigating Mandelson for breaches of National Security and Official Secrets and a motion has passed in the House of Commons for the Government to release all documents relating to Mandelson’s appointment to the Intelligence and Security Committee – an independent committee of high ranking MPs that is responsible for oversight of all UK intelligence, giving it a high security clearance allowing it to review sensitive documents. So, more will be revealed in the coming weeks.

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WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE THE SCHOOL NET-ZERO GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS

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destruction





Life

Life laughs in sunlight,
Soft and bright, in simple
Joy and stars at night.
Each breath a gift,
Each step a song,
A place where,
Hearts and hope belong.



BCS Year 8 (Anon)



Spring

When the light pours through my
windows, and the sun kisses my skin.
When freckles sprinkle my face once
more, and I wear a permanent grin.
When everything is bright and feels
clean.
When all my clothes feel light and the
grass is a vibrant green.
I thank the lord for helping me on earth.
Oh, the chirping birds and the buzzing
bees.
The herds of people loving the breeze.
Makes me fill up with joy.

BCS Year 8 (Anon)



Julius and the Stars: a new Beginning

Chapter 1:

Dim morning light spilled into Julius's room, Julius blinked sleepily brushing his curly blue hair out of his face. Titan shifted beside him on the floor. The wolf's tongue hung out of his mouth smiling at Julius. Julius pushed himself up stretching his wings and plodded to the window. He caught sight of Calypso instantly. the sun's rays shone on her catching her urban brown hair as she tended to her garden.

He shifted down the corridor; titans fur brushed against him as he walked outside to meet her. Calypso looked up and beamed at him as he approached.

"Morning Julius," she sang joyfully

"Morning Calypso, can I ask you something?" Julius answered

"Sure, what is it, Jules?" she replied not looking up from tending to her *garden*

Julius shuffled nervously, "I was wondering if you could tell me anything about my parents like anything apart from the fact they were gods... or why the abandoned me here?"

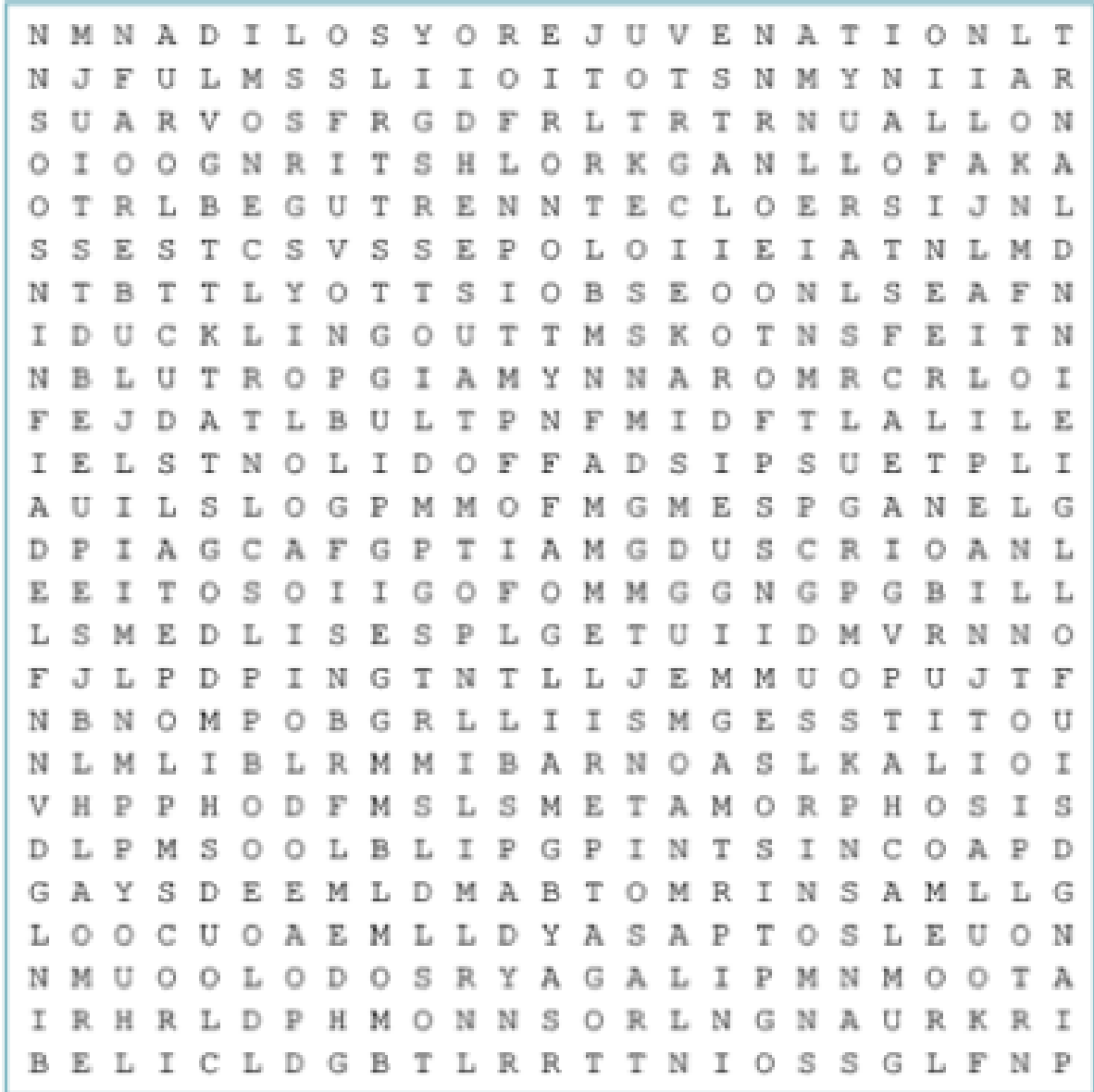
Calypso acknowledged him briefly then let out a sympathetic sigh, "you know I'm under strict orders from you parents and I cannot tell you that information, it's for you own safety,"

"Calypso I'm 17 years old I deserve to know who they are!"

Julius raised his voice slightly

"Okay, fine," she had stopped tending to her garden now and was looking at him from where she sat...

PUZZLE



Spring

Blossom

Petals

Clouds

Daffodil

Lamb

Duckling

Butterfly

Metamorphosis

Migration

Pollination

Rejuvenation

Free-climbing world record

On the 25th of January, an American climber, Alex Honnold, successfully climbed a skyscraper in Taiwan without any safety equipment. This incredible feat was broadcasted live on Netflix. The actual broadcast was a few minutes behind the live footage, due to the risk of his ascent and the potentially fatal accident. The climb was 508 meters (1667ft) and took him just over one and a half hours, with this time over having the previous record, set by the only other person ever to scale the tower. The building, called Taipei 101, is renowned for having 101 floors, and was once the tallest building in the world.



CLUB ADVERTISEMENT:

Does your school club need more members?

Feel free to reach out to us for a space in next Edition of The BCS Press. Either visit us in one of our regular meetings or email a member of the Editorial Team. We would love to showcase other clubs in our school community!



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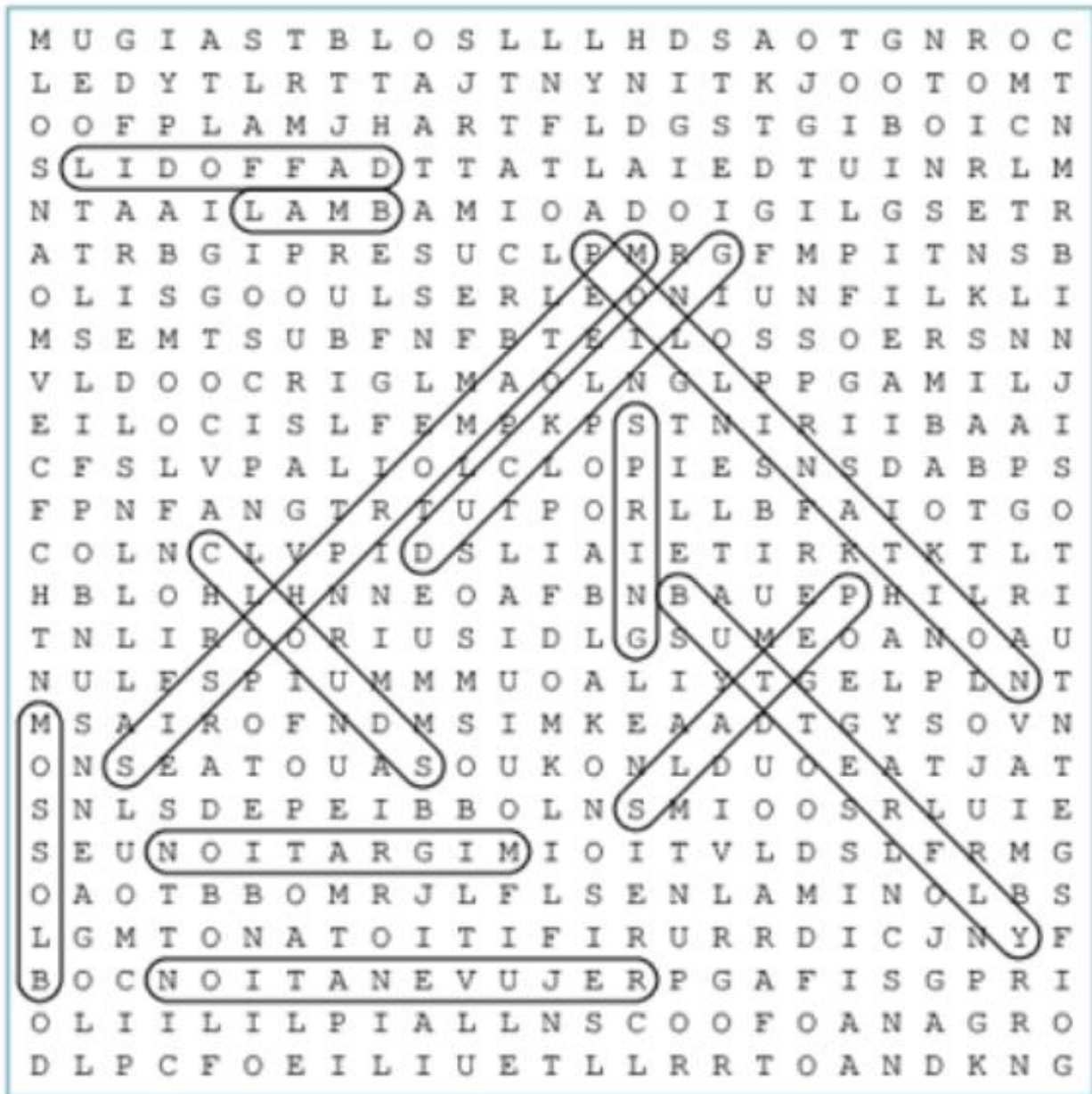
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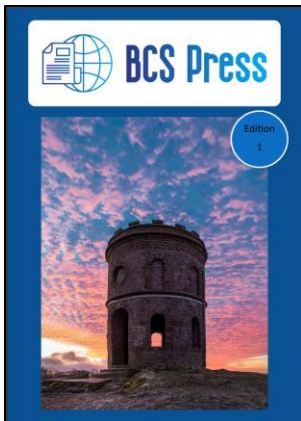
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PUZZLE- Answer key



We've come a long way...



We meet every Tuesday Lunch in D28, drop-in, join and share your ideas!

Would you like to join us to continue our journey? Well, we want **YOU**. **Any year group, any interests**, its not just journalism if you want to write about something or showcase your skills, why not join us?

PLASTIC

The 400-year problem



As a school, since we removed single-use plastic water bottles, we have saved the equivalent Carbon Dioxide emissions into the atmosphere of **23,000 average phone charges per 1,200 plastic bottles!**

Now that is something to be proud of! To continue to help your community, remember a reusable water bottle as part of your equipment.