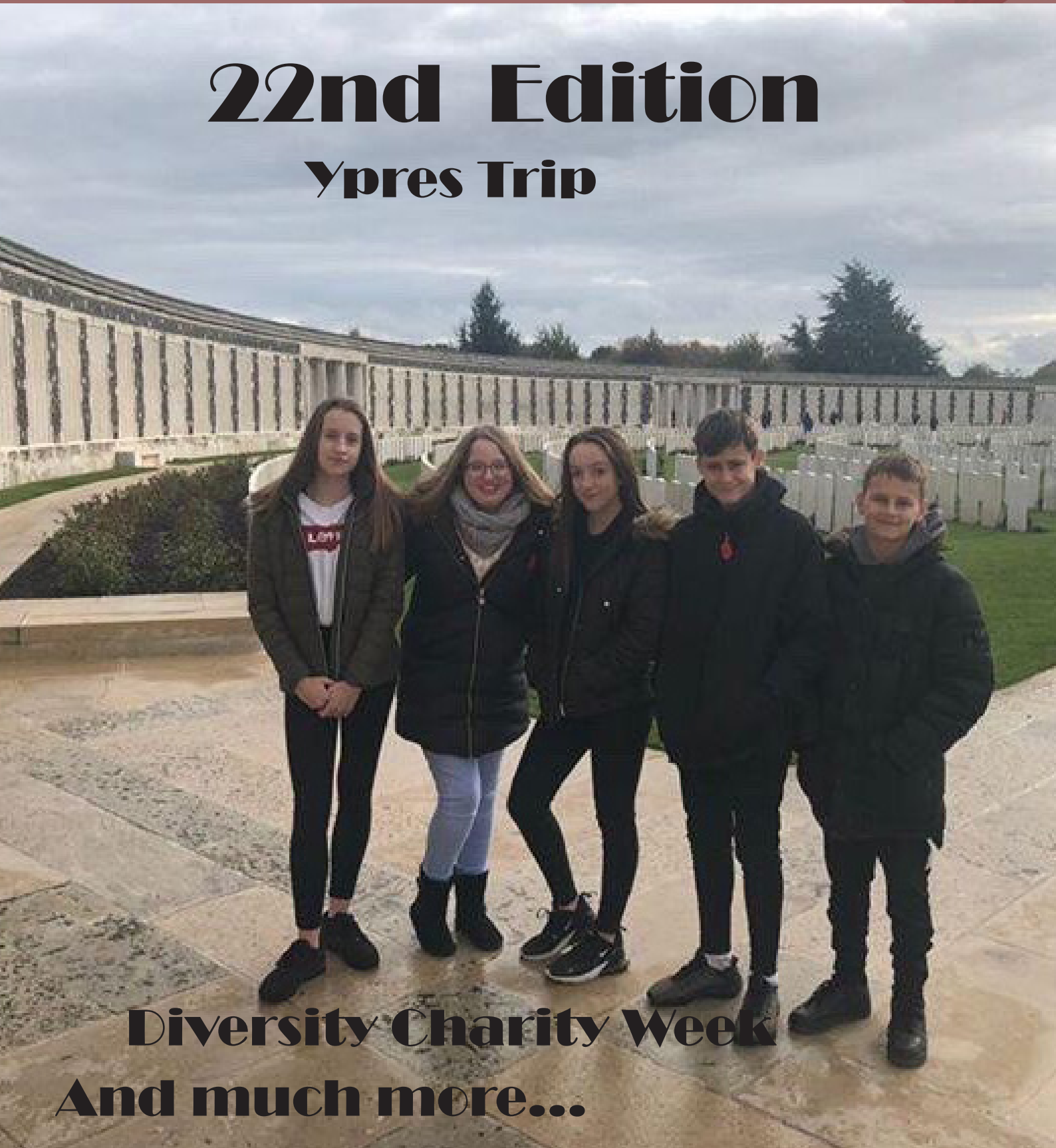


The Ramsey Ram



22nd Edition

Ypres Trip



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Editors' Notes

Hello, my name is Tazmin Sloat and I am in Year 10. I have been a member of the Ramsey Ram since it first started when I was in Year 7. One of the things I like the most about the Ramsey Ram is the variety of ideas that are expressed in different ways.

Hi, I'm Maximus Felton an editor for the Ramsey Ram and I am in year 10. I have been with the Ramsey Ram since year 7, just as it started. I joined the Ramsey Ram because I have always been interested in the various forms of writing. I have wanted to be part of the editorial team for a long time and now that I have finally reached this position, I want to influence and make a positive change to the team.

Bonjour, my name is Ellie Chatten. I joined the Ramsey Ram as soon as I joined Ramsey. I have published many articles in the Ramsey Ram and I'm now in Year 8. The reason why I joined and became an editor is because I enjoy brainstorming new ideas and exploring different opinions on significant topics.

Hey everyone, I'm Courtney Sloat and I am in Year 8. I have been a part of the Ramsey Ram since I first joined in Year 7 and was fortunate enough to recently be given the role of editor. I was drawn to the Ram as I liked the idea of working in a team and I am happy to say that the Ram team is one of the warmest and funniest I have worked with - don't be shy to get involved if you want to!

Halstead Boxing Club Review



Firstly, location: the Halstead Boxing Club is on the same road as the car garage between the Large Co-op and the Fire Station. It is in a large warehouse, with a sort of reception desk in a well-lit room for an



entrance. It costs £3 for a session for teenagers, which takes roughly 1 hour and 15 minutes, which is from 17:45 until 19:00. For adults, the session is £5 and is 2 hours long, taking place directly after the teenagers' session, 19:00 until 21:00. For some, this is an inconvenient time, specifically for adults with early jobs. However, it may be a better time to take place as the difficulty of the exercises, specifically at the start, are too exhausting to take place directly after school hours. It is wise to rest and fill your stomach slightly before taking part in the exhausting exercises. On to the exercises themselves. If you are to arrive at 17:45, then there will be about 10-15 minutes of severely exhausting pulse raisers, like jogging around the warehouse, jumping or touching the floor when instructed to, and sprinting. Afterwards, you'd do about five minutes of stretching before moving onto the worst part of the session - skipping. Skipping is the most exhausting exercise, and is in my opinion, the least fun exercise. However, afterwards, is where the boxing part begins, so it is worthwhile getting through. The boxing part is usually either shadow boxing, non-contact sparring, punching bags, or a constant change between exercises such as push ups, and punching bags. However, the coaches always (usually) find a way to make every session different, which is fun, but can be difficult if you are bad at a specific part (like push ups).

Some members are allowed to spar with other members in the boxing rings, but not to the point of knock out.

The coaches do an amazing job at teaching different styles and techniques and are overall very motivated, as they seem to really enjoy the sport, but they are also friendly and easy to talk to. If you are a new member, then they would talk to you and ask about your life (in a friendly way), and would go somewhat easy on you for that session, but only that session. The atmosphere is so friendly that even some of the adults will sometimes help the younger members without any pay or outside motivation. On top of that, the club isn't only for males, as females turn up to both the teenagers' and adults' sessions.

Overall, I would give the boxing club an 8.5/10, it would be a 9 if not for the skipping, and a 10 if it were a little earlier. I love the atmosphere of the club, as the coaches really do their jobs to the best of their ability, and try to push people way past what they thought were their limits.
By Yakup O and Lucas H



Stagecoach Review

Stagecoach is where you can sing dance and act all in one go! If you're a triple threat, consider this. Do you like to perform shows? Do you love to dance and do you love to



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Stagecoach

sing? Well this is definitely for you. However, stagecoach isn't just for that, it's also for making brand new friends and having amazing opportunities!

There are many stagecoaches around the country like in Colchester and Sudbury however I go to the one in Sudbury. I have been going now for 1 year now and I have made new friends, met amazing new people and found things that I never knew I could do before!

There are four stages in stagecoach. You have early stages where you can find all the young people who always have a happy smile in their face, stage 1s that are amazing at acting, stage 2s that are amazing at everything stage 3s are the calmer ones. Now we are all in these from ages so as you could tell early stages is for the really young people.

As part of stagecoach you can participate in exams. Now I know when people hear the word 'exams' they worry a lot, however this is where you can really express your feelings and show people what you can really do. So, our amazing teachers give us one day every 12 weeks to get ready to perform in front of people. The examiners are people that I have never met before, but I can tell that they are very lively people. Our most recent performance is Richard Whittington. If you like the sound of stagecoach and if you're a triple threat, make sure to check it out!

Once Upon a Time Season One Review



Once upon a time brings you fairy tales, curses and enchanted forests but not as you know them. Emma Swan is just enjoying her 28th birthday, when 10-year-old Henry Mills knocks on her front door and shocks her by him telling her that he is the baby she gave up 10 years ago for adoption. She then takes him back to his hometown, story Brooke and that's when he tells her that everyone in the town are characters from fairy tales but because of the Evil Queen's curse took everyone from the enchanted forest and transported them to a world without magic and where time has stopped. What will happen when

Mary Margaret (snow white), Mr Gold (Rumpelstiltskin) and John Doe (Prince charming) remember who they are and try to take down Regina (Evil Queen)?
By Hannah S



The Addams Family Movie Review

The Addams family is a light-hearted comedy about a gothic family that resemble monsters or vampires; it was originally a black and white TV show until it was made into an animated movie this year. The movie has a storyline about the Addams family moving into a town and being chased out by the people that live there because the Addams's are not considered 'normal'. Eventually the people in the town learn to accept their differences and they all live together in harmony.

The movie is a hilarious, family-friendly comedy showing what spooky life is like for them. If I had the chance I would definitely watch it again. There are many famous actors like, Finn Wolfhard and Nick Kroll.

By Lois C



Foodbank Collection Totals

Aspiration 179 items

Diversity 207 items

Endeavour 257 item. Thank you all so much



Ypres Belgium Trip

The Ypres trip was a two-day trip -12th and 13th of November - where we learned about the First World War (WW1) and the impact it had on the different countries and how they respected their armies and soldiers.

12th of November:

The first place we visited was the Trench of Death, Diksmuide, which was where the Belgium people fought in WW1. The Germans had set up base near the Ijzer river, and it was heavily armed with machine guns and dangerous weaponry. In 1915(whilst under heavy fire) Belgium soldiers started digging a trench along the west bank of the river to try to retake the base and both sides got closer and closer still they were only yards apart.

The next place we went to was Lijssenthoek Cemetery, where mainly the French and British soldiers were buried. The French graves were white marble crosses that stood up tall and the British graves were arched white marble that stood tall and the reason why both graves were made of white marble and stood up right because these countries were fighting for their countries against the attacking side. There is about 10,000 graves in the Lijssenthoek Cemetery.

We also visited Bayernwald trenches which was the German trenches, they were quite different to the Belgium ones because the German ones have lines of wood entwined together along the sides of the trenches.

Later in the day, we watched the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate. All along the walls was just some of the names of soldiers who's name tags were found but no bodies. Soldiers marched up Menin Gate and people laid down wreaths.

13th of November:

We visited the Zonnebeke Museum, part of the museum focuses on the tragedy of the Third Battle of Ypres , the problem for the Allies in their attempt to break through the German front line and the part played by the different nations in The Battle of Passchendaele 1917.The museum led to the dugouts(which is a replica of the underground trenches during the war) which showed headquarters, accommodation, workshop, communication room and first aid post.

Next, we travelled to Langemark Cemetery, where the German soldiers laid. The German graves weren't white marble and didn't stand up tall, they were quite flat on the ground and were made of black marble instead. This was because the Germans started the war so even though the soldiers fought for, they country and died for their country, they didn't think it was right to have the same graves for the countries that fought because they were attacked and they country that started the war in the first place



Ypres Belgium Trip

Then we visited Tyne Cot Cemetery, which laid more of the defending side of WW1. Also, all along the wall at the back wall was more of the soldiers who's name tags were found but with no body, which couldn't find their names in Menin Gate. Tyne Cot was a name applied to a farm building which stood near the level crossing on the road from Passchendaele to Broodseinde. There are now more than 11,900 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in Tyne Cot Cemetery.



Soon following we visited Essex Farm, more quiet young soldiers were laid to rest. There was even a very young boy who actually signed up at the age 15, he walked about 15 miles to join the army and they asked his age and he said 15 so they told him to go back home and come back tomorrow and so he walked the whole way back home. He travelled all the way again the next day and they asked his age like before but this time he answered with 18 and they gave him the uniform and let him sign up and fight, and he died before his 16th birthday.



The last historical place we visited was Hill 60. It is called Hill 60 because it is 60 metres above sea level. The launch of a British attack on 17th April 1915 began with the explosion of three mines which literally blew the top off the hill. Hundreds of soldiers lost their lives on this small area of ground at that time.

Overall, I thought the Ypres trip was a really good experience and I think anyone who hasn't been to any of the places should really go because it is such an eye opener to what it was really like for soldiers and families at the time of World War One and how much it affected their lives as a whole. By actually going to the trenches and the graves, you can understand the whole experience a lot better and really see it for yourselves (instead of just reading it out of a textbook). By Courtney S

Prom Night

I woke with a start. I'm tied to an old wooden chair and I'm still wearing my prom dress. Although, it's torn and covered with dirt from when I was dragged through the forest. I can still feel the sting of cuts and bruises on my legs. The room is dark except for one light dangling above my head. There's an eerie silence surrounding me, I suddenly hear heavy breathing, I look to my left and see another chair next to me. I see a boy, in a suit, also tied up and messy. He has blood running from his head. He's out cold and I can't see his face. Suddenly, I hear a door creak open...



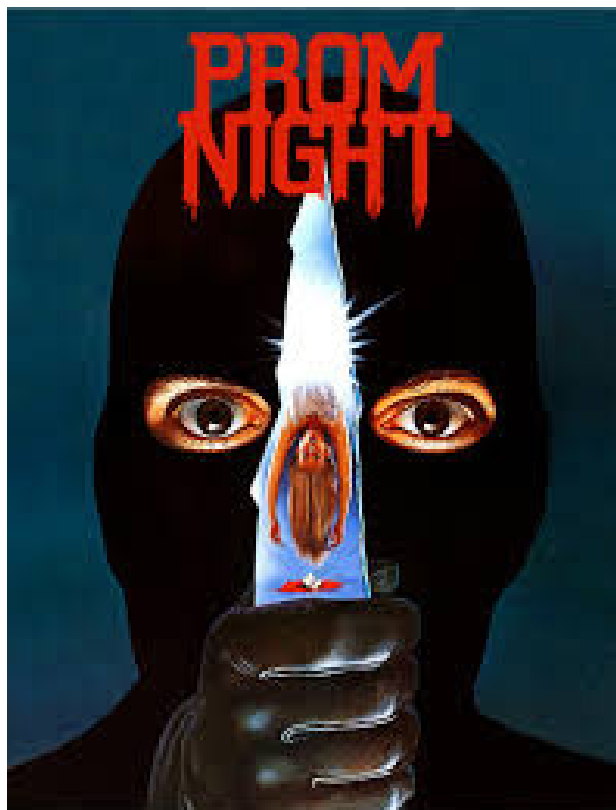
"Anne, good to see you are awake" says an ominous voice as a dark figure begins to approach me.

"Who... wha-what... where" I attempt to speak but it comes out in a broken slur.

"Please, save yourself the trouble and let me explain." The voice says again as the figure takes another step towards me. I try to move backwards but remember I'm tied up.

"You have a gift Anne, a gift I need, if you agree to help me, he goes home, no one gets hurt. But if you refuse..." he pulls out a silver knife and holds it up to his neck "I know how much you hate others being hurt. I know how far you would go to protect someone, even an innocent stranger." He took one more step into the dim light and his face is revealed.

"I would never help you!" I scream. And the knife moves closer to the boy's neck.



"Maybe this will convince you." He turns the chair and I see the boy's face... it's my brother. Tears start rolling down my cheeks.

"So?" he asks

"You wouldn't" I cried

"Oh but I would" the man said and he plunged the knife deep into my brother's heart.

By Lois C

Drama Club Review

Drama is a very exciting and fun club. You can make your own script and you can join in at lunchtime on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are really entertaining games that we play, and we do some acting. You can also perform in a play if you want to - you just need to speak to Mrs. Barnes as there will be a drama competition this year.

By Paige B



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Upcoming Movies

Charlie's Angel's - A modern version of Charlie's angels, starring Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska. The story is that a brilliant scientist invents Calisto - a sustainable energy source that will revolutionise the way people use power. But when Calisto falls into the wrong hands, the angels must retrieve it before it can be used as a weapon of mass destruction. In cinemas 29th November 2019.



Dolittle - Dr. John Dolittle lives in solitude behind the high walls of his lush manor in 19th century England. His only companionship comes from an array of exotic animals that he speaks to on a daily basis. But when young Queen Victoria becomes gravely ill, the eccentric doctor and his furry friends embark on an epic adventure to a mythical island to find the cure. In Cinemas 7th February 2020.



Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker - The surviving Resistance faces the First Order once more as Rey, Finn and Poe Dameron's journey continues. With the power and knowledge of generations behind them, the final battle commences. By Hannah S



Diversity Charity Week 2019

21st October - 25th October was the first charity week of this school year, and who better to kick a tradition off than Diversity? The aim of the week was to raise as much money as possible for the Breck Foundation, a charity founded to promote e-safety and try to prevent children from the horrors that Breck and his family had to face as a result of someone he

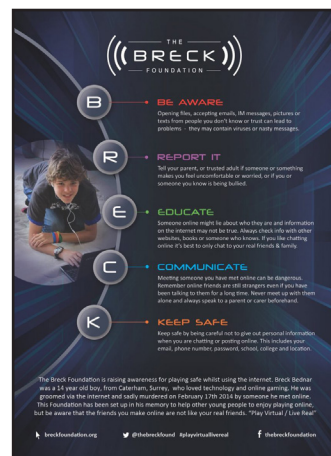


met online, and the school did just that.

Aside from the usual cake sales at break time from each year group and the non-uniform day on Friday, Diversity went all out on raising money for such an amazing charity. During the course of the week, there were two Year 11 VS Staff sports matches - basketball on Monday and netball on Thursday, where the staff managed to thrash the Year 11 teams on both occasions, upholding their winning streak that has lasted for at least three years. At lunchtimes there was also a FIFA tournament hosted by Mr Charlton and a film played in the hall - both of these activities were met with a lot of excited students more than willing to part with their money for such a good cause.

On Friday, single-handedly organised by Peter Richardson and some of his classmates, the Lip-Sync Battle took place, where a wide variety of different songs were performed to, but the eventual winner was the large group of Year 11s who performed their own rendition of Take Me Home, Country Roads.

During the week both students and members of staff sent handwritten messages to each other, adorned with sweets, to raise money for the cause as well. Overall, the week was a great deal of fun, and the funds raised were outstanding - everyone who took part and/or helped out should be very proud of themselves. By Tazmin S



Shakespeare in Schools Festival



On Tuesday 12th November, the cast of Macbeth went to the civic theatre in Chelmsford to showcase our performance with our director and manager, Mrs Barnes.

When we arrived, we were amazed by the size of the theatre we were performing in - then the reality of the performance hit. After a while, we did our dress rehearsal and we watched the other schools too. We were very anxious as the other schools performed very well.

When we arrived at Pizza hut for lunch, we were all starving as we had been rehearsing for a few hours. When we had finished our lovely lunch, we went to Chelmsford museum and found out some interesting facts.

Finally, we took the minibus back to the theatre and had one final rehearsal. The show started at 7pm and it finished at 8:45pm. It was a great experience and we all made so many memories.

By Sophie T, Amelie P and Morgan N



Marvel Live Review

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On the 6th October, I went to the O2 to see Marvel Universe Live. It was an action packed show with explosions, lasers, motorcycle stunts and full to the brim with familiar Marvel characters including Spiderman, Black Widow, Iron Man, Loki, Groot, Black Panther and many more. I would recommend going to see the show for Marvel fans and it's for all ages. By Hannah S



Dictionary Corner

Dictionary corner by Charles, Lucas and Yakup

Charles - Miller's thumb - a small European fish that has a flattened body.

Lucas - tele stereoscope - an optical instrument for obtaining stereoscopic images of distant objects.

Yakup - nonrepresentational - another word for abstract



Riverdale Review

After the mystery of Jason Blossom's murder was solved a new mystery has emerged; the mystery of the Black hood who is killing off the sinners in the town. Who will he go after? Who is he? And is Fred Andrews okay after getting shot by the masked assailant. How will Betty and Jughead be able to solve the mystery. Maybe the culprit is closer than they think...

We asked a group of year 9's who their favourite characters are and here are the results:

Archie-2

Jughead-5

Kevin-0

Polly-0

Alice-0

Betty-4

Veronica-2

Cheryl-4

FP-2

Reggie-1

Toni - 3

Our survey proved that Jughead is the most popular character. Who is your favourite??
By Hannah S

