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Leave Art To **HUMANS**

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AI vs Nature by Dheekshna (Year 7)

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CLUBS

At Greenshaw, there are a bunch of clubs to choose from: From Anime club to Football club! So let's check out some new clubs that have been added during this half-term!

Dungeons and Dragons club

If you don't know what this club is, neither did I! (All I knew is that it was in Stranger Things!)

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), created in 1974, is a role-playing game where players explore fantasy worlds and tell stories together.

With one Dungeon Master guiding the adventure, it's a fun, creative game—so why not give it a try?

Newspaper Club

The newspaper club is run by Mrs Waqas, who gives everybody roles on which section to do. You can write about events at school, fun topics and even interview some teachers. Sign up to the newspaper club on frog to join in all the fun!

LGBTQ+ Drop in

A supportive space for students! Their initiative is to celebrate LGBT History Month with various events, including selling rainbow laces, creating displays, and hosting assemblies. Why not join?

All Girls Fitness club

This club helps you stay fit, and may help you make some new friends while learning some new exercises!

OUR TEACHERS

We know you want to hear the latest news about our teachers, but are unable to or too scared to ask. So we did it for you! These are the questions we asked them:

1. Tell me a funny thing about you.
2. What do you like to do in your free time?
3. What's your favourite part about the subject you teach?

Mr Farooq (Maths):

1. 'I'm not funny' (I don't believe him!)
2. 'Spend time with my family, watch football & play'
3. 'Solving problems'

Next, we have the one teacher almost everybody knows - the anime-loving, chill **Mr Aoanan!**

1. 'One time I was doing a wedding speech and I had to do it in Spanish so I spent the whole night preparing. When the day arrived, I said it brilliantly in Spanish but the audience asked me to

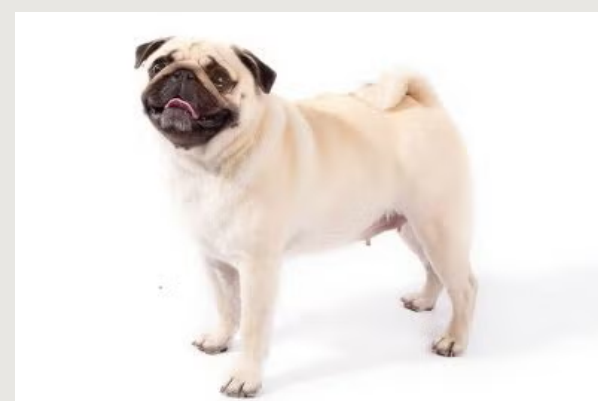
do it in English. I said I forgot English for a second.' 🤔

2. 'Go to the gym and play a lot of video games'
3. 'Geography and gaming are heavily linked. An example is Minecraft'

Now, **Mrs Monk**, the fun music and drama teacher who runs a drama club!

1. 'There was a time that I was really obsessed with pugs so obsessed i got a tattoo of one and if anybody mentioned the word pug i would cry.'
2. 'I like to sleep. When I'm not sleeping, I'm playing video games like FIFA and the SIM's.'
3. My favourite thing about teaching drama is seeing people's confidence go from 0 to 100 when they act. My favourite thing about music is seeing people achieve things they didn't think they could like playing the keyboard and hearing people sing in a musical theatre club.'

By Arya (Year 7)



SPORTS

SPORTS AT GREENSHAW

The students at Greenshaw High School are highly skilled at a range of different sports such as basketball, netball and football. Our sports teams have had a high number of victories against different schools and teams. This section will explain why sports is so important and some of the match data.

The greenshaw sports and PE teams are great examples of perseverance and the strength of the Greenshaw students. This also inspires young individuals to be motivated to never give up, try hard and complete their passion to achieve their life goals. It also encourages students to socialise and have a positive wellbeing.

Sports at Greenshaw fosters a strong sense of teamwork and collaboration. Students learn to work together towards common goals, communicate effectively, and support each other, skills that are invaluable both on and off the field.

By Archie and Georgi (Year 7)

COMMENTS FROM THE STAR PLAYER:

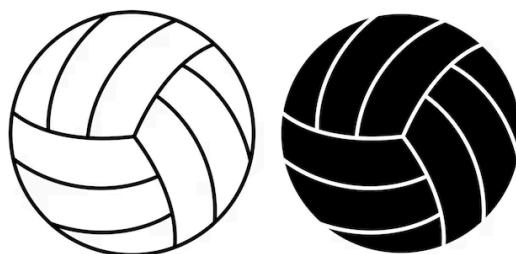
I THINK THE TEAM IS STRONG AND CAN WIN. THE CHALLENGES I HAVE FACED ARE SCORING AND SHOOTING THE BALL. THE TEAMS WE HAVE FACED RECENTLY ARE GOOD AND THE GAMES WERE DIFFICULT.

RECENT MATCHES

NETBALL

YEAR 7 BOYS
GREENSHAW VS CHEAM
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YEAR 10 GIRLS
GREENSHAW VS OAKS PARK
L 1-7



STEM

AI - BACK TO BASICS

by Karina (Year 7)

AI, is it bad? This is a conflict of the new generation.

Many apps such as Tiktok, Google, Chat GPT, Gemini and more use AI. In fact, most apps do. 'Why is this a bad thing?' you may ask. Some may argue that it takes away or decreases our creativity, especially for the younger generation since they are still learning. Others argue that it's bad due to the fact that it's simply just being exploited since lots of younger people just screenshot or copy and paste it to AI apps, taking away the whole point of homework, quizzes and revision. This can be bad for both schools and the pupil since the pupil is not actually learning by just feeding its work to AI.

But is it all bad?

In some cases it can help schoolwork as AI has almost unlimited information. Although it is not good to use it for absolutely everything, it's always okay to ask if you genuinely don't understand!

Another reason why AI can be useful is because you can use it to help with grammar or spelling. For example, if you have written a big paragraph or a long essay it can be hard to spot all mistakes or to read through it. You could copy and paste it to an AI app and it can change the mistakes! Some argue that it's alright to use specialized apps like Raena AI that are meant for you to use for studying.

However, there is no denying the environmentally bad parts of AI.

In order to cool AI systems, AI actually uses water and ice to get substances to cool the systems. This can affect both sea and ice habitats and how the animals survive daily as there are less places to stay and hide especially for prey. Additionally, since they use fossil fuels, greenhouse gases build up in the atmosphere causing it to get warmer and melting ice all over the world. It may melt slowly, but over time it causes damage to animals in Arctic and Antarctic habitats such as polar bears, penguins, seals and more.

Overall, AI can be good and bad depending on what you think about. But most would argue it's bad. And a reminder, no AI has been used in any of the sections you may read!

by Karina (Year 7)

SCIENCE QUIZ!

First to submit answers via paper to W26 wins a **tasty chocolate bar!**

1. The Sideways Roller - *Which planet is tilted so far on its side that it actually appears to roll around the Sun?*
2. Memory Check - *Roughly how long is the memory of a goldfish?*
3. The Growing Rock - *What is the only type of rock that can actually grow?*
4. The desert surprise - *What is the largest desert on Earth?*
5. A 'Buggy' History - *Why do we call the mistake in a computer program a 'bug'?*

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SUBCULTURES: IS POPULARITY SOMETHING YOU WORRY ABOUT?

The world is filled with many troubles that are difficult to speak out about without fear of judgement .

Society is made up of many different groups, each with its own beliefs, interests and values. These groups are known as subcultures. For example, fashion-based subcultures such as goth, steampunk and hipster all represent different identities and ways of thinking. In schools, subcultures exist too. We recognise groups like the popular students, the sporty students and the quiet students. People naturally form these groups to feel a sense of belonging, identity and connection.

However, sometimes people can't find their specific group and end up alone. Perhaps, they may have a group, but they may not feel as if they are really there. Sometimes, we may feel like a floating sunfish with no purpose within that group . Nobody likes to be alone and nobody wants to feel outcast. The feeling of loneliness isn't always permanent , but people feel it nonetheless .

Loneliness could be characterised by the feeling of being misunderstood and the feeling of being isolated. People feel alone for many reasons, so it's important that, as a community, we can help prevent people from feeling that.

Subcultures are extremely important to maintain society as they are able to set new trends and can encourage social change in the world. As people in subcultures, as a community, as a reflection of the larger part of society, we can bring change into the world. We can ensure that the world is a better place for the generations after us and for us as well.

We are never too young to speak out about things and lead people to a supported way of life . Something that happens more often than not, is that we mention these left out students in a conversation, wanting to include them, but in the end we decide to do it another time. Are we not tired of claiming things that we know won't be true?

As you read this, consider what it may feel to be in their situation. If somebody is being treated unfairly, stand up for them. Today, I want you to act upon what you

say, because words mean nothing if they can't be applied. If we want our school to be truly accepting, then we should all act upon our decisions because actions speak louder than words. Make this a reminder that we are never too young to make a difference. Even the smallest difference can make the largest change.

By Jillian (Year 10)

SHOULD AI BE USED FOR ART?

The use of AI is rapidly increasing throughout the world by the second. While AI can be useful in some situations, its growing role in the creative world raises an important question: should art be left to humans?

54% of Gen Z are using AI in their work every day, yet only 37% feel 'prepared' for an AI and art future. Many lean on AI too much rather than developing their own skills.

Skill isn't all that is lost. Using AI could mean your art will look the same as someone else's meaning we lose our individuality. Plus, without you, the human, the art has no value

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and meaning. And isn't art about meaning?

We also cannot ignore the effect on nature. The electricity used to make 1000 images is equivalent to driving a car for 4.1 miles increasing carbon emissions. Data centres are described as 'water guzzlers,' requiring millions of litres of water to cool hot-running AI storage chips.

The use of electricity and water is endangering animal and plant life. Increased greenhouse gases means ice caps are melting, destroying Arctic habitats and endangering Polar bears. Additionally, increased water usage strains local resources.

While I aim to persuade you to stop relying on AI for Art, it can be good in some cases. Struggling young artists or illustrators can use them for inspiration. However, most of the artistic community think that AI art is lifeless and has little hard work put into it. I'm sure you would agree.

Art is about being creative. It is meant to be enjoyed. It is meant to be human. Leave art to us and not AI!

By Dharun and Ali (Year 7)

HOW CAN ART INFLUENCE US AND MAKE ART?

In a world increasingly focused on exams, grades and technology, art is often overlooked or seen as unimportant because it is not essential. People think that art is just a random hobby or that art must always be aesthetically pleasing. However, art is important for modern day society. In my opinion art is very important at influencing us by communicating non-verbally as it helps us understand people's ideas and beliefs.

Art can influence us by making us think about a certain topic such as the colours, textures and different styles. It can also influence us emotionally through colours, as well as understand different cultures. Another reason is being creative and thinking outside the box to show perhaps a new innovation.

Making art has lots of benefits. It can be a way of relaxing when you are stressed such as an exam/test and providing you with a sense of fulfilment as you may enjoy the feeling of

seeing yourself get better and better at something then completing it. It can also help people feel more like themselves and be happy. Another example is to express yourself and be unique.

Despite this strong influence, art is often undervalued in schools and society. Subjects such as maths and science are prioritised, while creative subjects are the least prioritised.

A couple of tricks that students can do more art by looking up tutorials of how to draw or youtubers that specialise in art. They can also join clubs about art such as the Open art club. They can also create a schedule or they could simply just draw 5 minutes a day.

By Lesley-Pearl (Year 7)

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WHAT IS GREENSHAW READING?

Butterfly Lion

Micheal Morpurgo

Friendship between a lion and a boy, an inseparable bond. The boy, Bertie, vows to meet with the lion again when he is sent to boarding school. I loved this book as a child, I read it often because it taught me that the most cherished friendships would never break despite many hardships and difficulties.

Why the pina had a hundred eyes

Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz

A filipino folklore about a child who doesn't listen to her mother and turns into a pineapple. As a child, I was absolutely obsessed with this book. I would beg my mum to read it to me every night. It taught me to listen to my parents and not to procrastinate. The book is a childhood book of mine, which I highly recommend reading.

Heartstopper -

Alice Ozman

Friendship turns into dating as Nick and Charlie first meet. Each grows stronger as Nick faces an eating disorder. Reading this book showed me that no matter what, people will always love you, especially the ones you're close with. ❤️

Guess the book:

A bunch of hair-obsessed teens fight men with nicer hair and end up on the wrong side of the tracks trying to 'stay gold'.



EQUITY DIVERSITY INCLUSION

WELLBEING AT GREENSHAW

In an interview with Miss Vairavanathan and Miss Mbema, we asked them questions about what advice they would give students about their wellbeing.

What is your best piece of advice for students who are struggling to stay motivated to come into school?

Miss Vairavanathan: *Treat yourself after school whether it's a piece of chocolate or a bubble bath.*

Miss Mbema: *Regardless of how difficult something seems at first it does get easier when you start to do it, for example coming to school may seem overwhelming but once you get ready and come through the school gates you will be surprised at how happy and relieved you will be.*

In your experience, what is the most important thing students should remember when facing challenges?

Miss Vairavanathan: *The most important thing students should remember when facing challenges is that 'you are not alone', you should 'talk to people you trust' and not to 'suffer alone'.*

Miss Mbema: *It's important to remember you are never truly on your own within the school community. There is always someone willing or ready to support you whether it is your form tutor, trusted teacher or adult, friends or family members.*

What is one habit or mindset you think a student should develop?

Miss Vairavanathan: *One habit/mindset she thinks students should develop is to create routines when completing homework which means you always get your homework done.*

Miss Mbema: *One habit or mindset she thinks students should develop is "to always put yourself forward as it is the best way to find out what you do or don't like and you may even make new friends.*

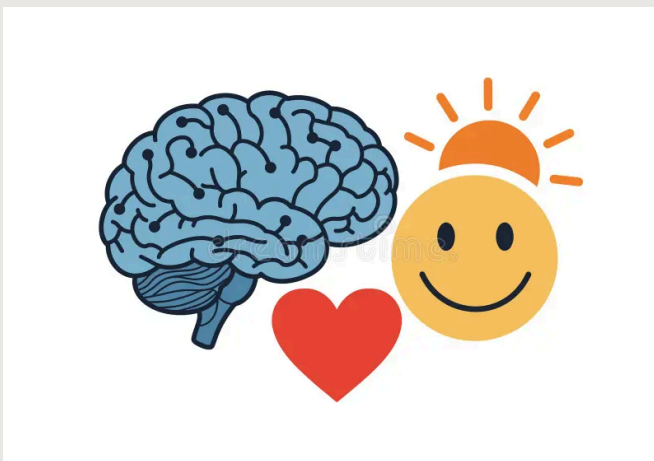
Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me Earlier

- You don't need to be friends with people who make you feel small.
- Not all friendships are meant to last – and that's okay
- If you're the only one trying, it's okay to step back
- Being left out hurts, but it doesn't mean there's something wrong with you
- You don't need to change yourself to keep real friends
- One good friend beats a big group that doesn't feel right
- What feels huge now won't define your whole school life

By Bethany (Year 8)

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LENT

18th February - 2nd April

Lent is a christian celebration that starts on Ash Tuesday and leads up to Easter. It represents the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert with believers using this period to pray, give to charity and give up luxuries like chocolate.

RAMADAN

18th February - 18th/19th March

Ramadan is the ninth month of the islamic calendar observed by muslims worldwide as a holy month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. During this time believers refrain from food and drink from dawn until sunset to commemorate the first revelation of the Qur'an.



EASTER

5th April 2026

Easter is the most important festival in the christian calendar, celebrating the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. It is a springtime celebration of new life and hope, often marked by traditions such as exchanging chocolate eggs, holding church services and spending time with family.



EID

19th/20th March

Eid is a major islamic festival that celebrates the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting. It is a joyful time for Muslims to give thanks to Allah, enjoy special meals with family or friends and exchange gifts or money called Eidi.



FRIENDSHIP QUIZ



WHAT'S YOUR FRIENDSHIP TYPE?

Circle the answer that sounds most like you. Count which letter you have the most of and find your tribe at the bottom.

1. At break or lunch, you're most likely...

- A) Talking about a show, game, book, or interest you love
- B) Laughing loudly with a big group
- C) Sitting with one or two close friends
- D) Moving between different groups
- E) Happy on your own or with anyone

2. Your friends would describe you as...

- A) Loyal and thoughtful
- B) Confident and outgoing
- C) Calm and supportive
- D) Easy-going and friendly
- E) Independent and low-drama

3. When friendship drama starts, you usually...

- A) Overthink it and replay everything
- B) Try to smooth it over or laugh it off
- C) Talk it through properly
- D) Step back and give it space
- E) Avoid it altogether

4. A good friend, in your opinion, is someone who...

- A) Accepts your interests, even if they don't share them
- B) Makes you feel included
- C) Listens without judging
- D) Lets you be yourself
- E) Respects your space

5. Ideally, your friendships feel...

- A) Safe and understanding
- B) Fun and exciting
- C) Honest and supportive
- D) Relaxed and easy
- E) Comfortable and pressure-free

Your Results

Mostly A - The Loyal One
 You care deeply and value understanding. Just remember: a good friendship goes both ways.

Mostly B - The Social Spark
 You bring energy and confidence to a group. The best friendships balance fun with kindness.

Mostly C - The Listener
 You're supportive and trustworthy. Make sure your needs matter too.

Mostly D - The Free Spirit
 You're easy-going and flexible. Real friends won't make you choose who to be.

Mostly E - The Independent
 You're comfortable in yourself. The right friends will add to your life, not drain it.