

MOOREFIELD'S NEW VOICE



Introducing The Moorefield Times!

MOOREFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Quick News Peek:

NEW BELL
OPINIONS

"Beautiful, literal and metaphoric music to my ears..." Our school's new bell – a melody that has us divided. Some say it's music to Mr. Stern's ears, while others think it's more like a confused fish trying to sing underwater. What does MGHS think of the new bell?



FILM CORNER

"I'd review Oppenheimer, huh? That's too predictable, and that's why instead of reviewing a really-anticipated mainstream film of this year, I have chosen another really-anticipated mainstream film...on a lesser scale" Explore our film corner, where you will discover shared thoughts and love for movies!

POP CULTURE
CORNER

"Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively, Zendaya and Tom Holland, *YOU TWO BETTER STAY STRONG*." Dive into the Pop Culture Corner, where we'll discuss celebrity news (gossip), new album releases, upcoming albums and concerts, new movies, and TV shows!

Message from the
Moorefield Times!

Letter from the team:

Hello everyone and welcome to our first issue of The Moorefield Times! We have worked incredibly hard over the last two terms, filled with numerous meetings and emails sent, tons of editing and of course the hard work from our journalists and creative team members. Through these ups and downs across this time, we are all very excited to show what we have created! Don't worry though, there is so much more to come. I would like to thank the following members on their contribution to our very first issue:

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ENJOY! 😊

A big thank you to the Senior Editors Ezra and Helena for all the behind the scenes work and leading the project. Lily, our Creative Director with Soomin the Junior Director, has done an excellent job making this issue look incredible.

Please enjoy our first issue.

CHESS CLUB

Participate in the Chess Club! Where you can go head-to-head with other schools and have fun with your friends! Ms Golfinopoulous runs it at lunchtime on **Tuesdays A** and **Thursdays B**.



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club where you can get assistance from teachers and work with your friends! It is held after school on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** in the library, which is run by Ms. Tomlin on Mondays and Ms. Ahmed on Tuesdays.



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MOORE'S MINI
STORE

Days open:

Thursday B Lunch

Do you need to buy a school uniform? Visit Moore's Mini Store near the office to freshen up your wardrobe! Your new uniform is ready!

FRANGIPANI
CAFÉ



Days open:

Thursday and Friday

Sip, Savour, and Enjoy: Treat yourself at Frangipani Café near the canteen with milkshakes, spiders, and coffee for our hardworking teachers!



SCHOOL'S
INSTAGRAM

@moorefieldgirlshs

Don't miss out! Follow the school on Instagram to stay updated on all things school-related!



What does MGHS think of our new bell?

By Kayla. H, Brooklyn R. and Sendyan. E

As we are all aware, MGHS has introduced a new bell system. This new bell has sparked debate amongst the students and teachers, with many different opinions amidst the school. Let's see how much division this truly causes in our school community...

We roamed the school, interviewing fellow students and our teachers, unravelling their opinions on Moorefield's new bell.

STUDENT OPINIONS

"The new school bell isn't bad, it's just way too quiet and overplayed, but I do prefer the new school bell because it's more lively than our old bell." Is what a **group of Year 10** girls said.

While a **group of year 8** girls said "It's too quiet and it sounds like it's underwater. Everyone gets confused whether the bell rang or not."

Another student, **Lucia S** added, "I think it's a bit silly. I understand they are trying to be quirky and cool, but it's not working. I also believe that the students should be in charge of picking the school's music bell." I mean, its not the first time our school has been cringe, I don't think any of us are gonna forget the video the teachers made during covid!

TEACHER OPINIONS

Ms Li explained, "I didn't like it in the beginning because I thought it was too mellow, but now I've gotten used to it, and I feel like the bell is longer and gives students more time to pack up. Although, I believe the musical bell to start the day should be changed frequently."

Anyways from a more practical perspective, **Ms De Chiara** said, "I enjoy this new bell as it is not ear piercing like our previous bell, this bell is also great because it can be heard in the gym. It also reminds me of being at the train station." Seems like a logical response from Ms. De Chiara

Mr Stern stated that it is "beautiful, literal and metaphoric music to my ears." A bit over the top, don't you think?



This new bell has developed a variety of different opinions. From these interviews, we've noticed that students don't exactly enjoy the new bell, meanwhile teachers explained that they appreciate the change. There has surely been a lot of debate regarding our new bell. What are your thoughts?

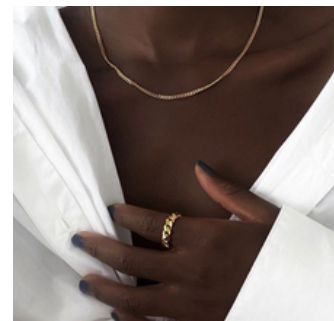
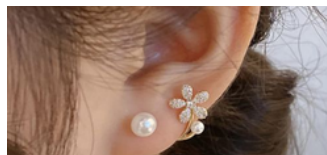
Customising your uniform can help you express your personality and make your uniform look less dull!

Ways to spice up your school uniform without breaking school rules

By Kayla. H, Brooklyn R. and Sendyan. E

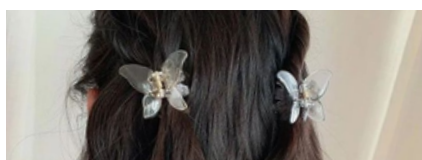
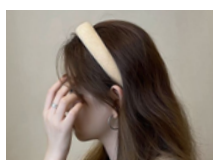
PRETTY JEWELLERY

Experimenting with different types of jewellery is a fun way to bring life to your uniform! Some trendy jewellery include: pearl stud earrings, small hoop earrings or even any dainty rings or bracelets. Using jewellery that matches your tone accentuates your skin colour, making you shine throughout school!



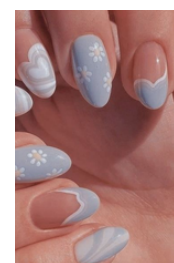
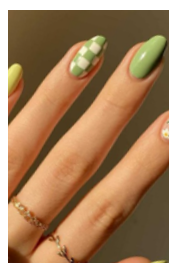
HAIR ACCESSORIES

Hair clips, headbands and ribbons can spruce up your basic uniform. Headbands have made their comeback in fashion as of late. Featured in Gossip Girl and Clueless, the 2000's iconic look can not only spice up your uniform, but also save you from a bad hair day. Little hair clips and ribbons are an adorable addition to make your uniform look cute!



PRETTY NAILS

Having coloured nails cleans up your whole uniform. Painting or doing your nails is a great way to express yourself! If you're unable to paint your nails, you can always use nail stickers to clean up your look! Just keep in mind that nail length should be suitable for PE/sport activities!



PINS AND BADGES

Pins and badges are not only a great way to customise your uniform, but they also allow you to showcase your interests, standpoints and beliefs. Spread awareness for important worldwide issues through this customisation, and showcase the importance of them.



SCHOOL BAGS

School bags tie your outfit together and are a great way to personalise your uniform. In school, the majority of the time you are wearing your bag, so why not have a pretty bag that will brighten up your school look!



The Moorefield Subject Discourse

By Helena. N

Everytime you look at the timetable in the canteen, what subjects do you dread? Is it English and the Humanities or Science and Math? Rotting away in a 45 minute period or even more in either subject is horrible but let's delve into what society and Moorefield considers the lesser evil out of the four.

Internationally, there has been a push towards Math and Science. Society's dependence on technology led to an increased demand for careers within these fields with 38% of students worldwide primarily enjoying mathematics as a subject. Yet, English is still close behind with 37% of students adoring it as a subject. Is English set to fall as Math rises? By investigating Moorefield's students and teachers, we'll settle this debate once and for all.

Year 10

To start off strong, Year 10 predominately enjoyed English and HSIE subjects. Isn't that quite ironic? Anyway, eight people voted for Humanities and English with two people voting for Science and maths. Apparently, "sternation" and "neither" spontaneously appeared on the poll, with two votes for each, a little obsessed with English there, Year 10!



Jia from year 10 is an art student in heart and soul, yet for some reason she didn't choose it for year 11 and 12! Wow, just wow, no words. With her complete adoration for Geography, she never misses a class! Let's maintain that 100% attendance, Jia. Obviously, emphasising the superiority of humanities over all the other subjects in year 10.

Lily from Year 10 is in complete disappointment because I haven't asked for her opinion. I begrudgingly asked her about her absolute adoration for English to which she replied, 'It transcends the constraints of the world and revisualises reality'. Very thoughtful, Lily. Anyway I have asked two other Year 10's, Shelley despises all subjects, she dreads every minute in class. Margy also dislikes all subjects. Two birds flock together.

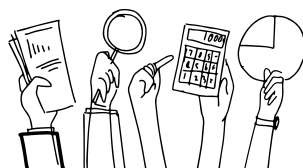
Other Years

Now, let's push Year 10 aside and delve into all the other years!

Pati from Year 8 has her head in space 90% of the time, dreaming about those books she reads. While she makes false realities of characters in her head, Pati loves the academic thrill of people complimenting her wide reading. This has ensured English's place as her absolute favourite subject. She absolutely despises History/Geography, dreading every moment of the subject. Soomin from Year 8 loves art, because its art... stating that it's 'just better'. A bit overconfident there, Soomin.



So, I interviewed some Year 7, Lakshya to which she replied, 'I enjoy Science because I know everything'. Now, that's confidence.



Well, you must be wondering. Who's writing this and what's the use of knowing what subject everyone likes? Not everything has to have a purpose, sometimes curiosity is the reason! Why shouldn't we know what subject people enjoy? Subjects are a reflection of a person's interest and Moorefield is a mess of different personalities and interests. Let's appreciate what everyone likes, whether it's English, Math, Science, Humanities or all those other subjects. (Not like anyone asked, but English and Humanities are clearly the best subjects of the four.)



Teachers



I have unfortunately interviewed some teachers to find out their favourite subjects, even if the answer is 'obvious'.

Miss Fragkioudakis wishes she was better at science, yet her adoration for art is unparalleled. She states 'Art is deeply conceptual, requiring both head and hands to create and artwork'.

'English is a reflection of the myriad of philosophies and forces of our world, which makes it forever interesting (Ms Tomlin said interesting is lazy language) and worthwhile. I get to chat enjoyable, beautiful rubbish about my favourite books,' He said wistfully, yet knowingly with a glint of cheek and wisdom in his eye. Well, first off this is Mr Stern's words. It's almost as if he's writing a short story about himself.

Ms Hale is a Math girl through and through. That's it! Ms Diakos' first choice is Math but she would've enjoyed being a HSIE teacher too.

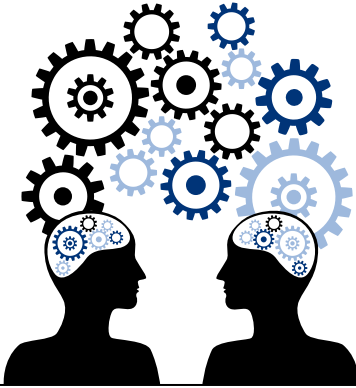
Mental Health

By Felicity. G

TRIGGER WARNING

This category provides sensitive information towards the awareness of mental health, revolving around children, students, and adults' mental wellbeing. Viewer discretion is advised as this article discusses triggering content like suicide.

It won't be every day that you hear a close one (or even a mutual peer) bravely talk to you about their struggles and pain in life, even if it's a minor issue happening. Of course, in some situations, it's hard to 'genuinely' react, or even to react at all. Firstly, I want to tell you that you should be proud of both yourself, and the person who is expressing their feelings and thoughts to you. Be proud that you, as a cherished person, are trusted. Be proud that this person is courageous enough to speak to you about any matters, minor or major. Remember, that it is truly hard for many to express what's happening in their environment. If one does not share, there may not necessarily be a 'lack of trust', but rather a sense of discomfort and a desire to hide from reality.



Which is why it is best to not 'force the truth out'. Instead, consider giving time and patience until they are comfortable with sharing. If they don't share, then accept it, but allow yourself to reassure them that they'll always have you as a pillar of support. In many situations, it can be hard to be an empathetic individual and offer counselling. However, not everyone who speaks wants advice. Sometimes, they might just want to be heard, seen, and accepted. It is understandable if you are not the one to give impactful advice, but always make an attempt to listen. Listening can strengthen the trust in your relationship, but also ensure that you consolidate change. If a situation's extremity escalates, always offer to provide lifelines, and people who can be trusted that can help.

This year, Moorefield Girls High School has been promoting the awareness of suicide prevention through Australia's annual event, "R U OK? Day". Successfully, the school's Student Representative Council (SRC) have promoted this event through an entertaining Newcombe Ball tournament, and a scrumptious bake sale!



Profit from the bake sale has been donated to the R U OK? Day charity, as support from our school towards the spreading of suicide prevention awareness. Our school held our annual Newcombe Ball tournament, Teachers vs. Students on R U OK? Day! Well done to team Glamouricious for making it into the Grand Finals, and congratulations to the Teachers team for ending our thrilling Newcombe Ball tournament with their victory (20-18) with an amazing comeback. The R U OK? Day organisation's 'vision and mission' is to inspire and empower people to meaningfully connect with those in their world, ultimately lending support when they are struggling with life. This annual event allows the development of interpersonal connections regarding times of struggle and to reassure individuals with suicidal tendencies through supporting them collectively. R U OK? Day contributes to the prevention of suicide, and raising its awareness, by encouraging many to invest more time into their personal relationships. This allows a community to collectively feel supported and understood. A way you can play a role in caring about your close ones, how about considering starting off by asking, "Are you okay?"



This year, R U OK? Day was held on Thursday, the 14th of September. For 2023, the theme for this annual event was, "I'm Here, To Hear". Asking one if they are okay, is the first step, but it is crucial to genuinely listen to what comes after. Remember that listening can also connect and engage your relationship further, and strengthen it. Not all voices are heard.



"Asking for help is the first step. You are more precious to this world than you'll ever know."
- Lili. R

Helplines for support:

Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/> | Lifeline Australia: Call- 13 11 14 | Beyond Blue: Call- 1300 22 4636
Kids Helpline: Call- 1800 55 1800 | 13 YARN: Call- 13 92 76 | Head to Health: <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>
If any distressing situations occur, don't hesitate to call 000.

DRUGS

Drugs. The one thing that tightly grasps onto humans, making it nearly impossible to break free from once we succumb into their traps. The never-ending story cycle strikes our attention yet again, as Australian authorities conducted a major drug bust operation in Melbourne on the 23rd of September 2023, resulting in the seizure of an astonishing \$80 million worth of cocaine hidden within the hull of a cargo ship. More than 200kg of the illicit drug was meticulously uncovered by Australian Border Force officers using an underwater remotely operated vehicle. The ship had arrived in Melbourne from Argentina; authorities are now intensifying their efforts to track down the global crime network behind this smuggling attempt and identify individuals within Australia involved in the distribution of these drugs.



The discovery of ongoing drug cases have been effective in raising significant concerns about their profound impact on individuals. Drug consumption has become increasingly prevalent, with more than 40% of the world's population using them daily. Outbreaks like this cocaine epidemic have led to a surge in drug use, promoting thoughts upon humans to consider trying them.

Victoria Drug Epidemic

By Tasnim. C

The cocaine was specifically hidden away in a hull attachment located in the ship's sea chest, a compartment designed to house pipes used for pumping seawater. The extravagant concealment was both elaborate and well-executed, requiring specialist Victoria Police officers to discover the suspicious packages safely. The ship's journey began in Argentina and included multiple stopovers across New Zealand, Western Australia and South Australia, suggesting a coordinated effort to distribute the illicit cargo across multiple regions.

INVESTIGATION



Following forwards, the primary focus of the investigation shifted towards dismantling the transnational serious organised crime network responsible for this audacious smuggling operation. Additionally, authorities are keen on identifying and locating individuals within Australia who were involved in receiving and distributing these drugs.

Commander Richard Chin of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) emphasised the significance of this bust in preventing harm to society. "We have prevented 200 kgs of cocaine from reaching our streets and in doing so, we have prevented approximately one million street deals and the significant harm to our society that flows as a result," he stated. This massive seizure underscores the critical role that law enforcement agencies play in safeguarding communities from the devastating consequences of illicit drug trafficking.



Commander Chin further stressed the importance of public cooperation in bringing those responsible to justice. He encouraged citizens to report any information related to suspicious activities at the Port of Maribyrnong in Melbourne on or around August 9, 2023 no matter how small or seemingly insignificant. Additionally, individuals with information pertaining to the Port of Fremantle or Port Adelaide in the subsequent week are also urged to come forward.



The discovery of the cocaine from a transnational organised crime network is seen to act as a significant impact on safeguarding the city and country, preventing approximately one million street deals and averting the devastating consequences of illicit drug trafficking in the region, consequently alleviating the afflict repercussions of illicit drug trafficking in our country. But the question still remains: are we prepared to tackle the further underlying issues that fuel this drug trade and protect our communities?

New Mexico Implements Gun Ban

By Tasnim. C

Amidst the haunting echoes of gunshots, the city of New Mexico stands at a crossroads, prompting us to reevaluate the significance of Australia's stringent gun ban, which now appears far from being a wasted regulation.

On September 6, 2023, a devastating incident unfolded near a minor league baseball park in Albuquerque, New Mexico, claiming the life of an 11-year-old boy named Froylan. This tragic event resulted in the arrest of two individuals, Nathen Garley, 21, and Jose Romero, 22, who now face murder charges related to the shooting. This incident further led New Mexico's Governor to issue a highly debated gun ban in the city which occurred after a series of fatal shootings involving children in the area of Albuquerque. The gun ban attempts to temporarily suspend open-carry and concealed-carry laws in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, which also encompasses the city of Albuquerque.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Garley and Romero have now been charged with murder in connection with the shooting, as confirmed by authorities in a statement. Romero's apprehension occurred outside an Albuquerque convenience store on Thursday, while Garley was already in custody in connection with a separate case, Albuquerque Police Chief Harold Medina disclosed during a press conference.

Remarkably, Garley's arrest the previous week yielded an even more sinister revelation. During a routine traffic stop conducted by State Police as he returned from Arizona, they discovered approximately 100,000 fentanyl pills concealed within his vehicle, as reported by State Police Chief Troy Weisler. This alarming discovery underscores the multifaceted nature of criminal operations involving narcotics, with Garley now facing charges related to both the murder of Villegas and the smuggling of dangerous drugs.



VILLEGAS FAMILY

"We only pray that no other family experiences this pain and we hope that Froylan's story can be the change that this world needs to see"

The tragic incident that led to the loss of young Villegas unfolded shortly after his family had departed the Albuquerque Isotopes stadium on September 6, as recounted by the police. Just two days later, on the heels of Villegas' death and the previous shooting deaths of a 5-year-old girl and a 13-year-old girl during the summer, New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham made a pivotal decision to temporarily suspend open-carry and concealed-carry laws within Bernalillo County in a bid to address the escalating gun violence.



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

However, this attempted gun ban did not apply to law enforcement officers and licensed security guards within the county. Individuals with permits to carry firearms remained entitled to possess their weapons on private property, such as gun ranges and gun shops. This controversial move, framed as a public health order aimed at curbing gun violence, swiftly accumulated legal challenges and criticism, leading to a federal judge blocking its enforcement. In response to the crisis, Grisham modified the order, temporarily banning firearms at parks and playgrounds within the county.

Delving deeper into Villegas' death, it was revealed that an ongoing feud between Romero and another man had escalated when they encountered each other at the ballpark. Notably, the identity of this other individual remains undisclosed, but it is known that he attended the game in the company of family members.

In a horrifying turn of events, surveillance camera footage captured the man driving past the Villegas family's vehicle in the ballpark's parking lot. Both vehicles in question were 2019 white Dodge pickup trucks. Tragically, as the Villegas family began to depart, the suspects pulled alongside their truck, and a passenger stood through the sunroof, discharging a firearm into the family's vehicle. This horrifying act was carried out under the misguided belief that they were targeting the other man's truck, as elucidated by the police.

This tragic shooting incident has a profound impact on public safety within the city, leading to heightened concerns and the need for measures to address escalating gun violence. How many more lives are going to be diminished before we act decisively? Throughout this world where gun violence remains a pervasive threat and it is vital that we act and stand against this lingering danger. Gun violence has become prevalent worldwide, it's time we stop and regulate better gun restrictions for a better future.



PROTEST

Short Stories & Poem

By Ella. N

PRINCESS MAHLIA

Princess Mahlia Abara was currently doing almost everything she wasn't supposed to (excluding the extreme). It was almost midnight in Harrakun Empire, and unbeknownst to her parents, Mahlia had snuck out onto her bedroom roof and was chewing (in a rather unlady-like manner) on a sugary pastry she nicked from the chef on her way to supper. If her parents ever found out, she would most likely be locked in the tallest tower until Earth was no more than a myth told to children so that they would stop asking questions and go to bed. But her parents never found out. She had been doing this every night since she was 13, and no one ever knew.

Over the past 5 years, she had learned when guards stop paying attention, what tiles make particularly loud noises when stepped on, and what nights are the coldest. Now, there is a reason for this madness—a light she is drawn to, a sort of tugging feeling that leads her. The moon. The beautiful, bright, and bold moon that provided comfort for those who could not bear the sun. When she was 12, Mahlia snuck into her father's study and found a telescope. It was an ancient thing and probably had more dust on it than her great-grandfather (who was so old that no one remembered his actual age, including himself), but it was love at first sight. Mahlia would coop herself up in her room for hours at a time, looking out the telescope and drawing anything and everything she could see at night, and during the day she would read piles upon piles of astronomy books, cramming her brain with knowledge about the night sky.



Before she knew it, she was newly 18 and faced with the brunt of responsibility that accompanied royal life, but the roof was a way to escape, along with the moon, which was currently not in the sky. Mahlia sat there, eyes blown wide open. Where there had been a beautiful moon seconds before was now replaced with a blank sky. She froze. How could the moon disappear? It's impossible! She would rather believe that her mother thought her room was clean than the moon suddenly disappearing. So instead of accepting that the moon had just vanished into thin air, Mahlia climbed back into her room and got into bed, hoping she was just very, very tired. The cold silk of her ruby sheets and her soft pillow calmed her as she slowly started drifting off. Soon she was somewhere between being asleep and awake, both aware and vulnerable.

Well, she was, until a small, furry creature (quite rudely) landed on her stomach, causing her to sit up so fast she could hear a ringing in her ears. When she finally regained her train of thought, she turned to face the little culprit and found a tiny, pearl-white ball of fluff lying on her lap. Slowly (and shakily, but she would never admit that), Mahlia held out her hand to touch the fuzzy thing, slowly inching closer. All of a sudden, the thing jumped up and unfurled itself, revealing a small, white cat who had the darkest eyes to match the small patch of black at the end of its tail. And before she could convince herself this was real, Mahlia decided the best thing to do was lie back down and go to sleep. The next morning, however, she realised that this was not the best thing to do and was actually quite the opposite.

HOME

I watch as the pale blue of the sky bleeds into a plethora of oranges, pinks, and eventually purples.

The rich greens of the trees around me grow darker and darker, victim to the dwindling light as the sun shrouds itself in the familiar warmth of the horizon, drowning the landscape in a haze of amber light.

Time slowly meanders on, forgetting me as I sit and watch the animals who are both drifting off and starting to rise.

The slight bend of the trees in the summer wind, and the small, almost insignificant movements in the water.



Eventually, I notice the dropping temperature, the warm breeze cools, and a layer of goosebumps now covering my skin goes unnoticed as I engross myself in the flowers that have started closing around the rugged rock where I embedded myself.

The vivid colours that paint the inside are smothered as they rest, closing up upon themselves until they are no more.

Stars begin to appear in the now navy but almost black sky, unhurried in their commute; they are bright in their own right, small white dots of shining hope that appear during the darkest times.

Yet they don't hold a candle to the moon.

The sun's twin, the other side of the same coin; while some worship the sun's light and warmth, others pledge themselves to the moon and its mystical beauty.

I know I can't stay for long, as my body has its needs that seem almost foolish when faced with the benefits of staying out here, so I grab my book and pencil, and I draw. I draw the trees, the animals, the lake, the flowers, the stars, and the moon.

I draw til my hand goes numb and I can no longer see the page in front of me.

I fill my book with colour and life, wishing that, even for a second, the pictures will come alive and fill my head, my heart with that familiar sense of comfort that seems to always be with the woods, so I may take it home.

The forest watches as I say goodbye, and in my mind, it whispers sweet nothings into my ears until it can no longer reach me, scared of the concrete lands I must begrudgingly retreat to.

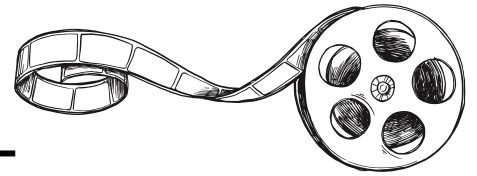
STARS

I've lived with the stars
 Since before there were people to call them so
 Patiently watching my empty surroundings
 With the exception of a slight twinkle every once in a while
 Doing what I was told
 "Just watch, that's your job and do it you shall",
 It feels more like a prison
 One that's too free
 I'm surrounded by so much space its suffocating,
 So I chose my fate
 And fell
 Down
 Down
 Down
 Until I could no more.



Rhianna and Fatima's Film Corner

By Fatima. A and Rhianna. D



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our world of movies and incessant rambling. It's interesting how I'm writing this column as someone who has scattered tastes in movies to say the least (film noir to 80s teen movies to grindhouse to basically anything with Tom Cruise in it) but I suppose it'll be amusing to watch me and my co-author, Rhianna, write reviews of the latest movies, golden oldies, and obscure yet applause-worthy gems in cinematic history. I hope all of you are enjoying this first edition of The Moorefield Times and that these reviews below add to your experience. -Fatima A, Y12

Welcome to Rhianna and Fatima's Film Corner, where we will share our opinions and love for movies. In no way whatsoever am I qualified to write film reviews as I don't really put the 'critic' in 'film critic' since I enjoy almost any movie I watch. Contrary to my fellow co-writer, I love romcoms and silly teen films but do not fret. I do dabble in other genres from time to time. I hope you will find immense amusement in reading our movie reviews and The Moorefield Times!

-Rhianna D, Year 12

Rhianna's Movie Reviews

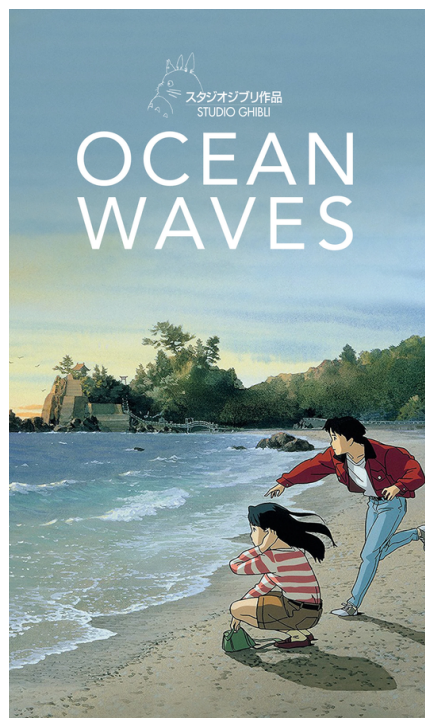


RECENT WATCH: BARBIE (2023)

When this gets published, in December I assume, Barbie may seem like a thing of the past but trust me it will never be to me. I first saw this movie in July, then again in August and I'm constantly reminded of it every day due to my TikTok algorithm (which is the consequence of me interacting with a concerning amount of Ryan Gosling edits). This movie is phenomenal, I love everything about it from the amazing soundtrack to the bright set design to the incredible performances from Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling. I've heard that some people think Barbie is 'cringe' but to be honest isn't everything and everyone all cringe to an extent? I love how this film is self-aware and silly enough to poke fun at hyper-masculinity and hyper-femininity in a playful and creative way. My main takeaway from the film is that it's easier to face the world when you know who you are and to do that you must accept everything about yourself, flaws and all. Overall, Barbie is a fun film that made my brain feel like rainbows and sparkles

so if you want your brain to feel like that too then maybe go give it a watch! And if it didn't make you feel like that the first time then watch it again!

Overall rating: ★★★★★



PERSONAL FAVOURITE: OCEAN WAVES (1993)

I'm deeply in love with this film and it has been a favourite of mine since I was fourteen and I'm seventeen now (crazy considering that I still look fourteen). I believe that Ocean Waves is one of the most underrated Studio Ghibli films due to audiences having the opinion that nothing happens within the film and that it is boring and unmemorable. I disagree with that. I have rewatched Ocean Waves a countless amount of times and every one of those times I am filled with joy. The film is narrated by the protagonist who reminisces about his high school days which may not sound like the most exciting premise but I find so much beauty in the idea of nostalgia. The film is aesthetically pleasing with a romantic soundtrack that evokes

the wistful and anxious feelings of adolescence. Ocean Waves is a reminder that the present moments in life that feel so pivotal will eventually be fleeting memories that we can look back on and appreciate the good and bad. In short, Ocean Waves is an incredibly unique and raw Studio Ghibli film that is criminally underrated.

Overall rating: ★★★★★



Fatima's Movie Reviews



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: DEAD RECKONING (2023)

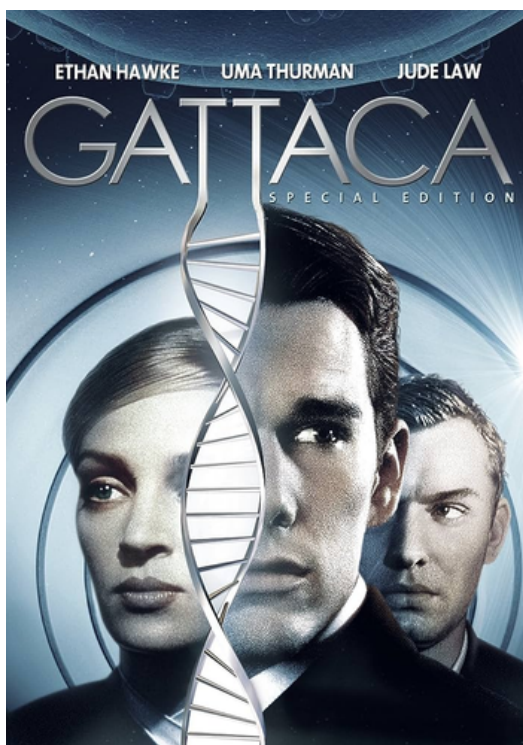
You thought since Rhianna reviewed Barbie, I'd review Oppenheimer, huh? That's too predictable, and that's why instead of reviewing a really-anticipated mainstream film of this year, I have chosen another really-anticipated mainstream film...on a lesser scale. (I haven't watched Oppenheimer yet is the real reason.)

'Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part One' is the 7th instalment in the franchise, and usually by this time people would just stop bothering, right? The Mission Impossible series has proved that if a movie is filled with pure adrenaline, a likeable recurring cast and an insanely iconic theme song, audiences will probably continue to follow the franchise even if it doesn't do anything particularly groundbreaking. Tom Cruise does an excellent lead in this film, and it seems the older he gets the more

his IMF team have to stop it. I personally think while the idea of a dangerous AI is clever and nods to our current times, it is confusing to grasp what the AI weapon does and what its limitations are. Hopefully in Part two this will be expanded upon. As for the rest of the movie, it features your typical car chases, ballroom party fights and climaxes with a chase on a moving train (have I seen that before in another movie?). If your masochistic pleasures involve cliffhangers, look no further- the film has possibly the most gripping one of the year. Well, to wrap it up: If you like fast-paced action, daredevil stunts, timelessly badass characters and Tom Cruise- Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning is your treat.

Overall Rating: 8/10

daring (and handsome) he becomes. If you have never seen any of the other movies, watch this one for the epic motorcycle off cliff stunt Cruise pulls. The premise of the film is, there's this rogue artificial intelligence weapon called 'The Entity' which threatens the safety of the world and the iconic Ethan Hunt and



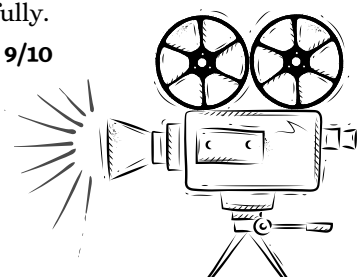
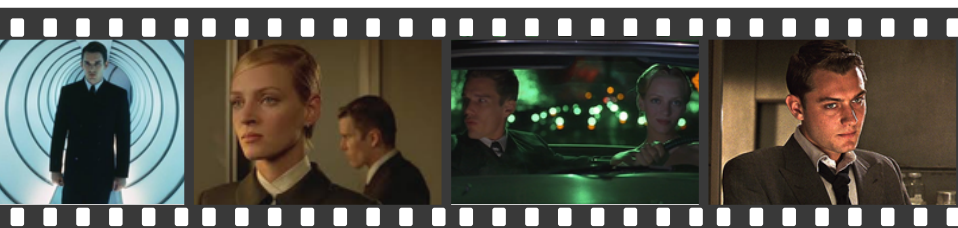
GATTACA (1997)

This movie was recommended to me by a good friend of mine, to which I told her that if it was less than satisfactory, she should lock her bedroom door before sleeping. I missed the opportunity to tell her to lock her windows too, but I'm afraid I don't have any reason to bother her anymore. Gattaca is a science fiction movie, a genre I'm usually disinterested in. However, with the rise of reproductive technologies and gene-editing tools like CRISPR, Gattaca seems spot on with its thematic concerns that were supposed to appeal to the cloning-fearing citizens of the late 90s. I love myself a good dystopia, especially one with a retro-futuristic feel to it. If you like sleek interior designs and good-looking characters in pristine suits, this film is eye-candy. The story itself is timeless and enduring- Vincent, who dreams

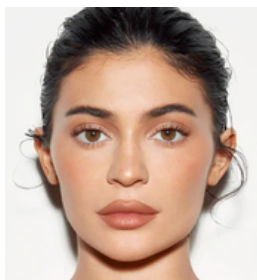
of travelling into space, is beset by his "genetic deficiencies" (really he's just a normal human being in an age of modified babies) and cast away as a 'de-generate', forced to clean toilets while his enhanced brother is set for success. However, due to his undying determination, he dons the identity of Jerome Morrow, a crippled former athlete, and uses his perfect DNA to get into Gattaca and easily works his way up the ranks and is due for a mission in space when he finds himself twisted into a murder which threatens to unveil his mask. The film is stylish, thought-provoking, relatable, heart-wrenching and could be prophetic, though I hope not. On a personal note, I thought the character Jerome would resonate with a lot of people, though it's sad to admit. I hope you have a heart of steel for the ending. Overall, Gattaca is a wonderful movie and it deserves its place as a classic. My friend

an sleep peacefully.

Overall Rating: 9/10



Hello, hello and welcome to the Entertainment section of the Moorefield Times. Specifically, here we will discuss celebrity news (gossip), new album releases, upcoming albums and concerts, new movies and tv shows. All things pop culture and media right here. These are top 5 pop culture moments that you should know:



POP CULTURE CORNER

By Antonia S.

1. KYLIE JENNER AND TIMOTHEE CHALAMET ARE CONFIRMED DATING??

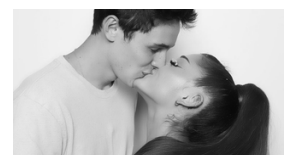
The pair was seen in a passionate embrace with each other at Beyonce's Renaissance Tour Concert and at the US Open Men's Singles Final. Even more recently Kylie Jenner appeared to have a photo of the two as her phone lock screen. It was rumoured back in April 2023 that a little something was going on between the two. For those who are Timothee Chalamet fans, what are your thoughts? Do you think that Kylie Jenner stole your man?

Email us @moorefieldstudentvoice@gmail.com to share your response.

2. HOLLYWOOD BREAKUP GALORE. WHAT IS GOING ON?

This year alone has been quite the year for fans of many celebrity couples. Some have speculated that after the breakup of a 6-year relationship between Taylor Swift and Joe Alwyn, it started a chain reaction within the world of pop stars and celebrities. The most recent occurrence is Hugh Jackman and Debora-Lee after 27 years of marriage. The likes of Britney Spears and Sam Asgari, Ariana Grande and Dalton Gomez, Billie Eilish and Jesse Rutherford, Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello, Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth have all experienced a breakup within the past months. No seriously, this is quite extreme. I hate to be superstitious and everything, but maybe the speculations are true... Guys grab your favourites and hold them tight.

Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively, Zendaya and Tom Holland, YOU GUYS' BETTER STAY STRONG.



3. THE WEEKND IS BRINGING HIS 'AFTER HOURS TIL DAWN' TOUR TO SYDNEY



It has been about time. After a tease on the Weeknd's Instagram story, it is confirmed. Aussie fans have been waiting for this moment for many, many years. The Weeknd is dropping by at ACCOR Stadium on November 24th, 25th & the 27th. His tour has amassed sold out shows globally and broken records at Wembley Stadium in the UK. Many fans have succeeded in getting pre-sale tickets whilst others had to wait for the general sale. Currently there are still a few tickets available ranging from around \$100 D Reserve Seatings to \$300 for Golden Circle General Admission Standing tickets for Monday. I have got to say, that is decent pricing for a concert like this. If you got tickets, let us know what your concert fit will be.

Links to Tickets:

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=TWEEKND23&v=AUS>

As of 3/11/23, the Weeknd has unfortunately postponed his tour due to "unforeseen circumstances". There is no exact date for the tour now, but the updated dates will be announced next year. Do not stress, as the tickets will still be valid for the future dates too. It's definitely not the best thing to hear, especially after many fans were hoping that his concert was going to be the highlight of their November.

4. OLIVIA RODRIGO RELEASES HER SOPHOMORE ALBUM GUTS!

We have all been waiting for this, ever since Sour was dropped it has left fans like myself wanting for more and after 2 years it has finally arrived.

The album includes 12 songs, including two singles which are 'vampire' and 'bad idea right?'. Since release, all songs on GUTS have garnered over 20 million streams on Spotify, almost 60 million views on the 'vampire' music video on YouTube and debuted as number 1 on Billboard Charts. I have to say, I am a big fan of the album and excited for even more from her considering this is only her second album.

Here are my top 5 songs from GUTS, let us know what your top 5 are and why.

1. making the bed
2. the grudge
3. logical
4. teenage dream
5. vampire



Links to Stream:

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/album/1xjHno7SmdVtZAtXbdbDZp>

Apple Music: <https://music.apple.com/us/album/guts/1694386825>

5. HUNGER GAMES MAKES A RETURN TO THE BIG SCREENS

We first were introduced to the Games back in 2008 with the release of Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games. Since then, the series has expanded emphatically with the second and third books of the series, 4 successful movies and now in 2023, fans are going to experience a new movie. The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes will be released on the 16th of November. The movie is based off the book, The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes which revolves around a younger

Coriolanus Snow, the main antagonist in the original series. The book gives an insight on what president Snow was like prior to his rule. The movie stars Rachel Zegler as the lead protagonist, Lucy Gray Baird alongside Tom Blyth as Coriolanus Snow. With the trailer released, it has created a bubble of excitement for fans. Are you going to watch The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes? Can it beat the success of the previous movies? Let us know.

Watch the Trailer Here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDE6Uz73A7g&ab_channel=LionsgateMovies



K-POP Section



Hi everyone! This section is for everything and anything on KPOP, be it KPOP news or the music itself. At the time of writing this it is currently September 28th 2023, thus being the news at this time may not be up to date when this issue will be published. And with that folks, let's get started!

THE VMA's

Recently, the VMA's were held in Newark, New Jersey with multiple performances from big names in the Western industry. Tomorrow X Together (TXT) hit the stage with spectacular performances of 'Sugar Rush Ride' and their new single 'Back for More' featuring artist Annita. TXT won the 'Push Performance of the Year' award, beating artists such as Ice Spice and JVKE. We also had a thunderous performance from Stray Kids with their newest song 'S-Class', later winning the award for 'Best Kpop', being their first VMA award.



STRAY KIDS



TOMORROW X TOGETHER



JUNGKOOK

Other artists such as BLACKPINK and Jungkook won their respective awards, Jungkook winning 'Song of the Summer' for his newest hit song 'Seven', which features the artist Latto. Speaking of BLACKPINK, that brings me to my next point.

POSSIBLE BLACKPINK DISBANDMENT?

BLACKPINK are currently in the midst of renewing contracts with their entertainment agency YG Entertainment. There have been reports circulating if the girls will renew their contracts, following their long hiatus before 'Pink Venom' was released. There are possibilities with only member Rosé renewing her contract, leaving members Jisoo, Lisa and Jennie to be the ones possibly not renewing with YG. Do you think BLACKPINK could possibly disband?



BLACKPINK

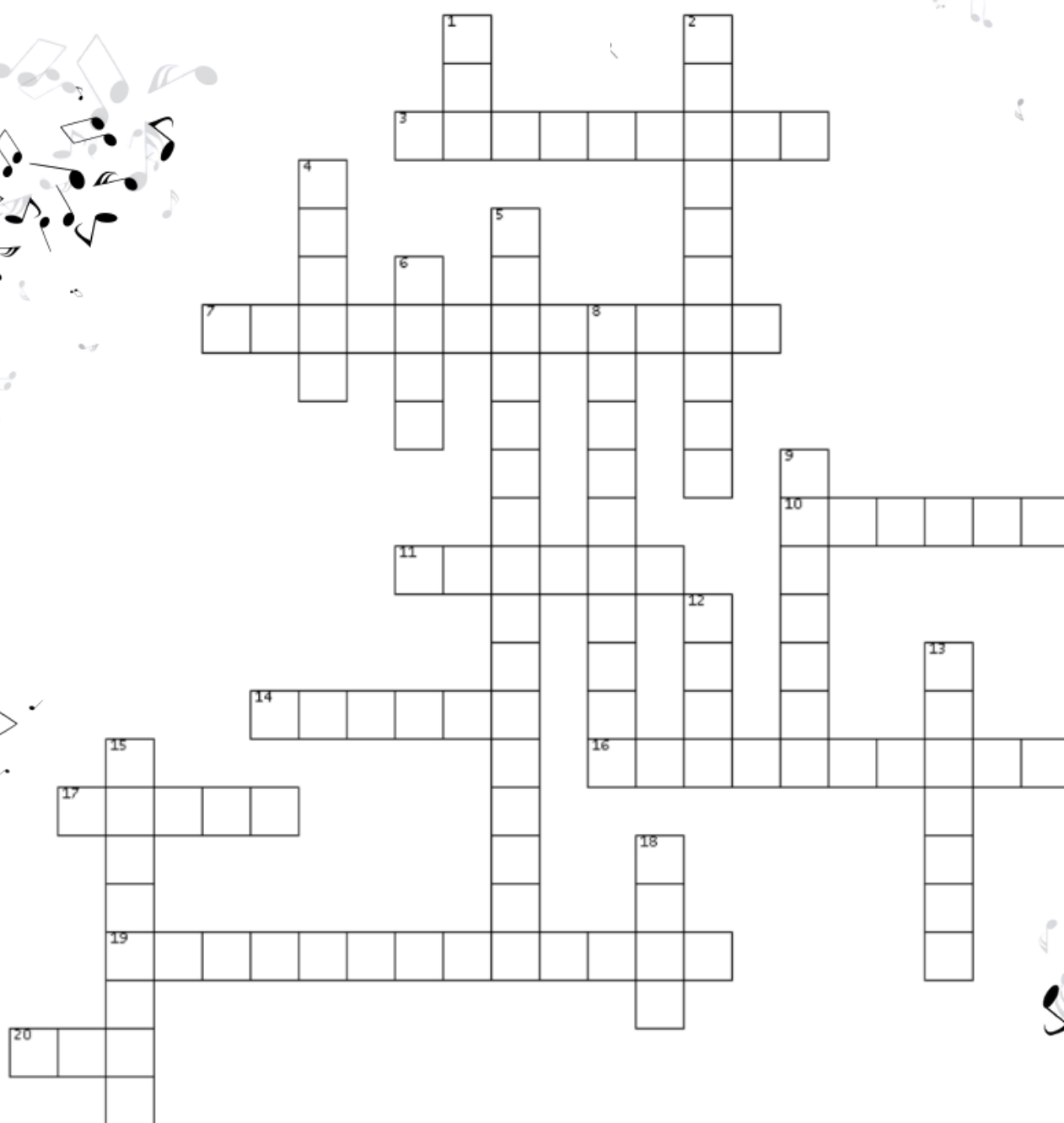
LATEST MUSIC RELEASES!

Many groups are either forwarding to a new release or already have tons of new music to blast your neighbors with. Groups like VCHA and Kiss of Life debuted with absolute bops of songs like Y.O Universe and Shhh. EVERGLOW has made a comeback with 'SLAY' after their super long hiatus, IVE released an emotion-filled ballad called 'Either Way' filled with Liz's amazing vocals and Wonyoung's ethereal visuals. Groups like Stray Kids, SEVENTEEN, TXT, NCT 127, NewJeans, (G)IDLE, Billie, MAMAMOO, E'LAST and soloists like B.I, BOBBY (IKON) and CHUU are set to make comebacks within the next few months.

And with that folks, here comes an end to the first issue of the KPOP Section of the MGHS Newspaper! Be sure to send any story recommendations to our submission email and I will see you all next week!

Music Crossword

By Ella. N



ACROSS

3. A pattern of disturbance caused by the movement of energy as it moves away from the source of a sound
7. Popular 00s band that included Harry Styles
10. What is Slim Shady also known as
11. A popular string instrument that is often used in music
14. The part of music that is sung
16. Name Taylor Swifts' 2014 hit '_____'
17. To move your body in certain rhythm
19. Popular christmas song released in 1984 by George Micheal and Andrew Ridgeley
20. What does Adele name all her albums after

DOWN

1. Fill in the lyric 'Just the _____ of us' by Grover Washington
2. Technology that helps enhance and block off music
4. Popular UK rock band that wrote Bicycle
5. Popular rock band with a magazine named after them
6. To make musical notes with your voice
8. Famous 60s band named after an insect
9. Who has won the most Grammys?
12. Popular Swedish 70s band that wrote SOS
13. Popular app for playing music
15. Blondie had a 1978 album called '_____ Lines'
18. Name of the band that released 'Last Christmas'