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Welcome back!

To those of us who have returned, and to those of us who have joined our student community, we all want to say a massive hello! Welcome to our first edition of The Landau Post – a new school newspaper written for the students, by the students.

This academic year is hopefully going to be a bit more stable than the previous two but no matter what happens, we're sure we're going to get through it. Everyone should be super proud of how far you've all come and your perseverance throughout one of the most unforeseen circumstances possible.

There are lots of opportunities for you this year – are you thinking of joining any clubs and after school activities? From a range of different sports, to coding, robotics and a book club. There will be something to suit you. Or if you're in years 12 and 13, have you tried any of the activities up for offer on Wednesday afternoons? It's a fantastic opportunity to have fun and do something you wouldn't normally get the chance to do in a school day. Are you a netballer, footballer, singer? Go and have fun!

We hope to be able to cover lots of topics in these papers, but we need your help! The contributions we have

had for this edition have been fantastic – a huge well done and thank you to the students who sent in written articles and ideas to be included. Please keep these coming! We hope to be able to offer something that will make a bit more sense of the world as well as interesting topics you may never have heard of nor read about, and hopefully we'll all be able to learn something in each issue.

This is your chance to use your voice in the school community and not only learn about the fun stuff, but teach us all something too!

The Landau Post Team

Activism

Charlie recommended this article: Akala is a rapper from Northwest London who is an activist promoting race and class through his music. When he was younger, he lived in a council flat where his mum was unable to get him carpets in his room until he was 13 years old. He started his music career through his uncle and his DJ set. He wrote his first song when he was four. He has had several connections and influences during Black History Month, saying that it is extremely important to know our history. During his upbringing, his mother sent him to Saturday school to learn all about black history. His mother believed that it was very important to learn about influential figures that have shaped society. Some of his top songs have been "Bang with us", 2015 and "Shakespeare", in 2007. These songs talk about his life and the journey he has been on.

Cruella and Wonder

A review of the films Cruella and Wonder

In Cruella, we delve deep into the past of the villain we love to hate, to unveil the person behind the monster, motives become clear, villains become victims, nothing is as it seems when secrets are everywhere. The answers to why Cruella hated dalmatians are answered, in an epic retelling that combines the magic of music and beauty of fashion to keep us engaged, interested and hooked. Throughout this film, we see Cruella embrace her dark side to become the very best version of herself.

This film has it all, humour, action and mystery, so if you are considering watching this film, stop considering and just watch it!

Wonder follows August Pullman, a

boy with a congenital facial deformity, as he starts mainstream school, we see how his appearances initially place a barrier between him and other students, but through time, we see how he overcomes the bullying to make friends. The differing perspectives give an insight into how August's differences are appreciated by his friends, family and eventually himself, as we understand the internal conflicts that August experiences feeling like an outsider, but through the story we see August come to like himself and how he looks. The internal monologue highlights the struggles that August must undergo in order to fit in, highlighting the importance of being kind to others.

Rams roam around Derby!

On the night of Wednesday 26 May, 31 colourful Rams appeared in the Derby City Centre.

The Derby Ram Trail was the first of its kind in the city. It was supposed to happen a year ago but was delayed due to Coronavirus. This event took place to bring the Derby community closer together. There were also benefits to health and wellbeing and to learn more about the history and culture of the City.

From the 27th of May to the 22nd of August, these colourful Rams were seen at the University of Derby, Museum of Making, East Midlands Railway Station along with many other locations. All on a 3.4-mile trail. The event was organised by Derby Museums, Wild in Art, and Cathedral Quarter. The Rams were sponsored by the EMR, Derby County FC, Derby City Council and Derby Telegraph to name a few. Tony Butler, Executive Director of Derby Museums stated, "The Derby Ram Trail offers something unique to all who visit Derby this summer, and really celebrates the artistic talent we have in this region. We were inspired by cities across the region, like Nottingham with robins and Birmingham with bears, so the rams were an obvious choice for Derby. As well as celebrating creativity, it also shows the resilience of Derby that we have all come together at this challenging time to put on a great show for residents and visitors

alike to enjoy over the coming months." The event was supported by a mobile app; the app included a map of all 31 Ram's locations. When you got close to one of the Rams, you received an "Art eFact". This showed information from the Derby Museum and Art Gallery.

On the last 2 days of the event, the "RamUnion Weekend" occurred. All 31 Rams came to Derby Museum and Art Gallery, to say their final goodbyes until the auction.

On the 9th of September, the auction for these Rams took place. Those taking part had a chance of taking home one of the 31 Rams.



Government Facing Backlash over National Insurance (NI) Increase

In recent weeks, the Ministry of Pension and National Insurance (MPNI) has laid out plans to increase the NI amount by 1.25 percentage by April 2022 until April 2023. Well what does this mean? Each employee that earns a wage, contributes 12% to NI, this money goes towards Healthcare, Policing, Social Care and other public services. However this increase has been called a "punishing, unfair tax rise on working people" by Labour's Shadow Health Secretary Jonathan Ashworth. This backlash continued in the PMQ sessions, with the Labour Leader Kier Starmer highlighting the impact of this tax rise on minimum wage earners. The direct

impact of this tax rise is noted; however, the government has defended it by disclosing the benefits it will have on the NHS and Social Care. This tax rise will fund the NHS with an extra £36bn and an extra £5.4bn to reform the social care system. We see that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, has whole-heartedly defended this controversial issue stating it is 'the fairest way possible to support us all'.

Gaming Review

Fifa 22 showing hope to players,. And Player Unknown's new game engine. This Month's review for Gaming.

Fifa just published its next instalment of the extremely successful engine is set to take around 5 years to complete. Fifa game series and is a love letter to the fans, with the changes being made in the gameplay and new features that the fans have been asking for over the past few years. The new ball physics overhaul creates a better experience for the player, the new Create a team feature for the career mode fans is in place letting the player have control over their club. On top of this, there are changes to the previously forgotten game mode of Pro Clubs, the online game mode that lets 11 players control a whole team and play against other ones. Its fair to say that Fifa fans were very receptive to the new changes

In technology news, there is an exciting game engine in the works coming from the creator of Player Unknown's Battle Grounds. The engine is set to be a revolutionary one that enables game worlds to be 64km x 64km in the eyes of the player that is huge and it could change the amount of players you can have on the world. You may be asking how they are creating that as it would take thousands of game designers. However the world is being created by artificial intelligence, this engine could be the thing that creates 100,000 player lobbies in one world. This could be a huge break for the gaming world, look out for future updates on the progress of the engine. And get ready for breakthroughs. The

Our Post-Covid Economy

Written by Denisa Bara

As people and nations, we have withstood a modern global pandemic, the fallout of Covid-19 has been immeasurable with over 4.5mil deaths globally. Thankfully, the vaccine created has slowed down the pace of Covid deaths and cases dramatically and now we are stuck in a limbo of sorts. As the world tries to go back to their lives before lockdown, believing that the worst is behind us.

What a lot of us have forgotten is that economists are calling it a prolonged recession. And as shown by China's economy right now it might be a recession that by the old economic standards is permanent. China is the first country to fully begin to go back to pre-Covid life, whether it be in public spending or work, they have managed to get their economy back to 90% of what it used to be. That might seem like a huge achievement and it is, but the missing 10% and its impact should not be underestimated. That is a huge chunk of a nation's economy that will never be recovered and in turn, nations which are more underdeveloped, might never recover from such a loss. The truth of the matter is that the global economy will never truly be as it once was. A huge reason for that has nothing to do with statistics or management but rather people's behaviour. A great example of this is Sweden, a country that had no formal lockdown and yet the public spending on things that would be considered "fun" actually mirrored that of Denmark's public "fun spending" - a country that had a very strict lockdown. This suggests that people are less willing to spend money on things that would not be considered as essential. This could be for a number of reasons like fear or caution, or maybe people are prioritising saving over spending, for a time they might need it. The reasons for this can be argued and listed, however they all lead to the same consequence, which is that this "fun spending" dip in the economy, will have huge implications for years to come.

These implications will take a while to show their true colours, however, as state aid is still in place. This is a whole different issue; however, it is important to note that once state aid starts to be withdrawn, it will unveil a large variety of problems, and perhaps some of the highest unemployment rates since the Great Depression in the 1930s. Once the state aid is withdrawn, we will

also get to see the recession's true shape. As of right now, it is looking to be a U-shape which implies that part of the economy lost will never be recovered, even if the economies of countries improve. A V-shaped recession would be the best possible outcome as it would imply that though there was a dip, the economy itself will heal. The worst possible outcome would be an L-shaped recession which could be catastrophic as it would mean the economy would never recover or grow. Most speculate that the truth lies somewhere in between and that different countries will have different recovery shapes, which leads us to the last question, who is to be most effected by all of this?

It's a hard pill to swallow for most of us, but it's not surprising that the people and countries that were worst off before Covid, will be the worst hit after Covid. On a global scale, as mentioned before the countries most effected would be underdeveloped countries. Losses won't be equal on a more local scale either, as jobs that pay less like the ones found in labour intensive industries or jobs that are done by women or ethnic minorities, such as leisure, hospitality or retail trade will be the most effected by all of this. Another group of people that will feel the aftershocks of all these problems is actually the youth, that includes the more recent graduates who will have a harder time than those before them finding jobs without experience, but also the students that are still currently studying. Those students will come out of education at different times, and at any given point they will notice that a lot of opportunities that were once there, will cease to exist.

All of these issues will form and shape the future world of politics. It will divide people and differing people from differing sides of the politic scale will emerge. So, you see, the post-Covid economic shape has huge implications not only on the present but on the future as a whole. As people who are living through it, there is no question in our minds that this scenario will be studied by future historians and economists, but as it stands we have no such blueprint to learn from, so what happens to the economy and how that impacts society post lockdown, is very much still up to speculation.

Suffering Soul

Look into my eyes, are they not suffering?

They are in pain, you can feel it,
They are in vain, you can feel it,
Look into my eyes, are they not suffering?

They are in sorrow, when I get into bed,
It will not happen tomorrow,
I think as I rest my head,
Look into my eyes, are they not suffering?

They don't feel good,
I have done everything I could,
Look into my eyes, are they not suffering?

They are filled with grief,
filled with dullness,
I am filled with belief, filled with no lifelessness,
Look into my eyes, are they not suffering?

Why does it have to be me?
One who has rarely experienced glee?

By Azan (Y12)

SPORTS NEWS

Emma Raducanu stuns in the US Open, Hamilton saved by the Halo, Transfer talk and Salah's hundredth. This Month in Sport.

Well what a month it has been for sports and what a year it has been for GB athletes. Looking back on the achievements of the England National team to reach the final of the Euros and the excitement of watching Team GB perform at the highest level during the Olympics and Paralympics. We cannot deny we have been witnesses to one of the strangest and most exciting sporting years. The premier league is in full swing and we are seeing the highs and the lows of the sport. Clubs like Chelsea and Manchester City living it large with their fantastic start to the season and Clubs like Arsenal seeing the difficulties of the 'beautiful game'. Transfers have been flying out of the league after spending £1.1bn. We saw Birmingham boy Jack Grealish leave his boyhood club to join premier league champions Manchester City. However, on the other side of Manchester we saw Manchester United legend Cristiano Ronaldo re-join the club after having a spell in Italian Football. Ronaldo made his debut against Newcastle United where we saw him score two goals on his return to Manchester after Red Devils beat the Magpies 4-1. Mo Salah was the Liverpool golden boy after he hit his 100th goal for the club past Leeds's Illan Meslier. However, it seems that the achievement was slightly overshadowed by the horrific injury of Liverpool's 18 year old Harvey Elliot. I think we can all say the league is looking to be one of the most competitive we have seen in modern years. In the world of British accomplishments we have seen the young gun Emma Raducanu take the US open by the reins and winning it, I can be sure to say that we were all cheering her on as she fought her hardest to win the trophy. Raducanu stunned the open as she had only won one minor tournament prior to the Open, her age also had the doubters thinking she wasn't going to win it. Raducanu now ranks 23rd. In other Tennis news we were shocked to see the notorious Novak Djokovic lose out to Daniil Medvedev in the US open final, this could have been Djokovic's 86th career title. This is Medvedev's 13th Career title and ranks 2nd behind Djokovic.

Formula One is coming to a close in the winter as the two championship leaders of Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton are very close in points. The two leaders have seen many collisions in tight corners. These collisions have had fans heated in debates about who is in the right or wrong, and the season is expected to go down to the wire. This is an exciting and nail biting time for formula one fans all across the globe.