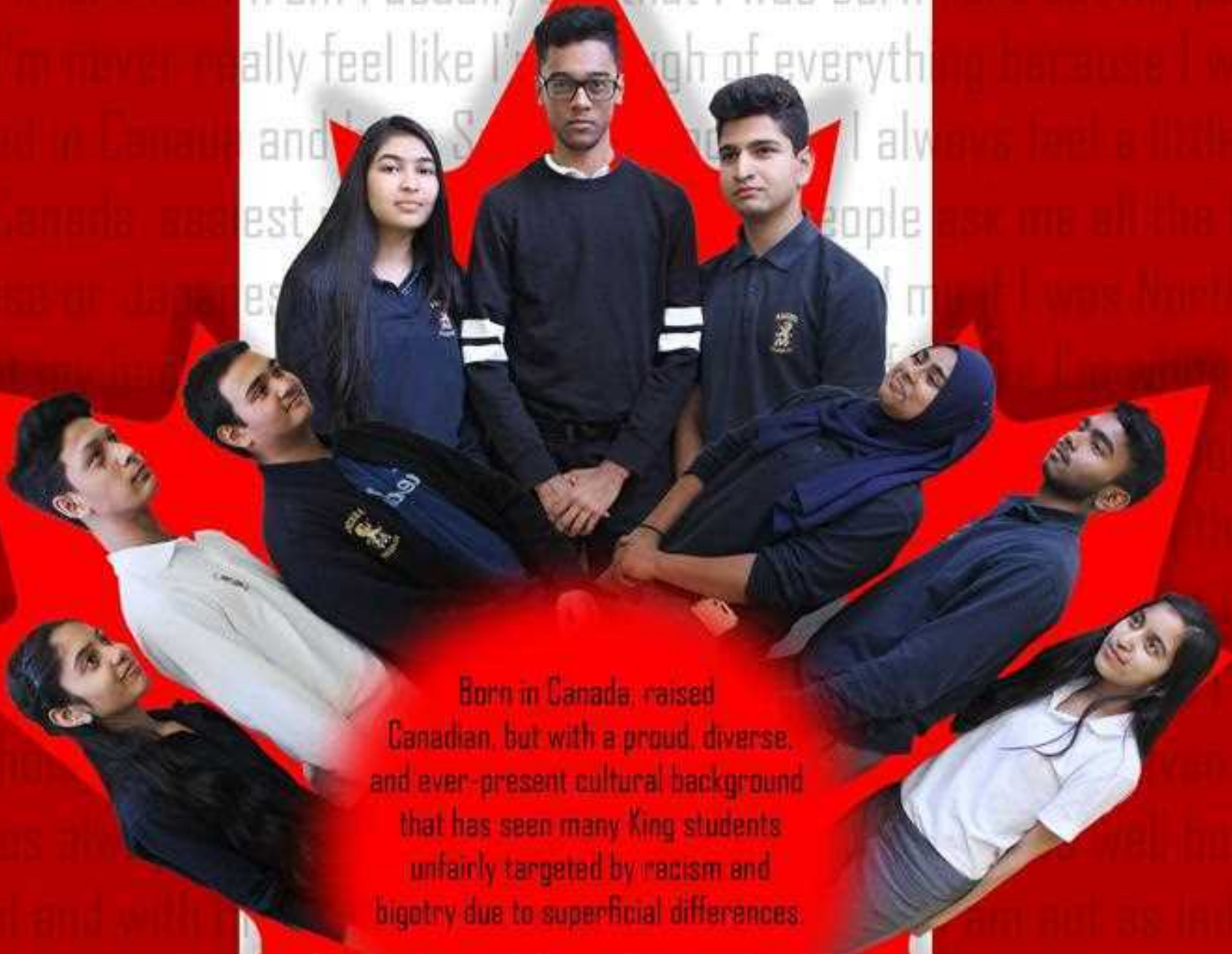




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Born in Canada, raised Canadian, but with a proud, diverse, and ever-present cultural background that has seen many King students unfairly targeted by racism and bigotry due to superficial differences.

Where do you belong when people shout:

# “GO BACK HOME.”

BY: AARTI PATEL

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# EDITORIAL: I'm Indian, I'm Canadian, & I'm proud

By Aarti Patel

People often call me an Indian girl, but I'm not an Indian. I have brown skin. I speak Gujarati, Hindi and French, but the language I speak most often is English. Recently, I learned to appreciate my culture of being a second generation Canadian immigrant. Yet when I hear certain politicians speak, it confuses me about my cultural identity.

Apparently, I don't belong here.

In recent years, I have heard racists tell people of colour like me to, "Go back to their country", and it got me thinking, if I were to "go back to my country", where exactly would I go?

I recently took a trip to India, where I came to grips with my conflicting sense of identity.

At a tourist attraction in Rajasthan, my parents and I stood in line to purchase tickets to visit a castle. I read a sign "Foreigners: five hundred rupees. Locals: one hundred rupees." The man at the counter recognized my North American accent and charged me the fee for foreign tourists. My father tried to explain that I have both Indian and Canadian citizenships, but the man was quick to judge me as an outsider in their country and refused to believe that I was an Indian.

I started to feel like this place that my family comes from is no longer my home. So I tried to act more Indian.

As we travelled around Rajasthan visiting beautiful attractions, I bit my tongue every time I spoke English. I forced myself to speak Hindi, a language that was very unfamiliar to me as I've only heard it in Bollywood movies. I noticed the women in the streets wore colourful printed sarees with a scarves over their heads, so I too started to wear a scarf in a similar fashion.

No one seemed to be bothered by the cows wandering on the streets or the noisy honking vehicles. A



Noreen Qureshi, Ali Javeed

**How do you define yourself? With the rise of Trump has come a surge in racist beliefs that is empowering many people to speak out unjustly against an already embattled community. Many students find themselves being told to 'go home' despite having been born in Canada and identifying themselves as Canadian. However, even when some students do go back to their cultural roots they find themselves feeling even more foreign and excluded by a culture that doesn't accept them as. If someone tells you to "go back to your country". where do you go? For a child of immigrant parents, where, exactly, is home?**

foreigner is supposed to be fascinated by India, but an Indian is not. I hated how curious and surprised I felt about the culture and atmosphere in India. So I immersed myself in Indian culture: everything from outdoor washrooms to the art of bargaining.

Constantly over the course of my trip, one invasive thought kept echoing in my head: *I am such a Canadian.* My whole life, I have identified as an Indian. My parents always referred to India as their homeland, so I thought India was my home, but I was wrong. While I was in India, I didn't feel Indian enough.

I speak like a Canadian, I dress like a Canadian, I

think like a Canadian. My whole personality reflects the Canadian society that I grew up in. I am still trying to reconcile these parts of my conflicting identity. This diaspora I've experienced has led me to feel like a stranger in my homeland, whether that be in Canada or India.

Like myself, there are many other people who are also torn between their parents' cultural heritage and their own individual identity. In Canada, immigrants make up a vast majority of the population. It is absurd to tell an immigrant or person of colour to "go back to their country" because many of us don't have anywhere else to go. Despite

the languages I speak, my religion or the colour of my skin, I was born here. Canada is my home.

I love listening to Bollywood music and eating a nice plate of chicken biryani, but I also like watching hockey and drinking Tim Horton's. My Indian heritage does not negate my identity as a Canadian, because cultures do not have to be mutually exclusive. The beauty of Canada's multicultural society lies in its ability to encompass individuals of diverse cultural backgrounds and unite them under a collective identity as Canadians.

**So, in the end, I am Canadian. I am Indian. And I'm proud.**

## Editors' Note:

Dear Reader,

On behalf of our team, we would like to thank you for picking up the *Kingsley Voice*!

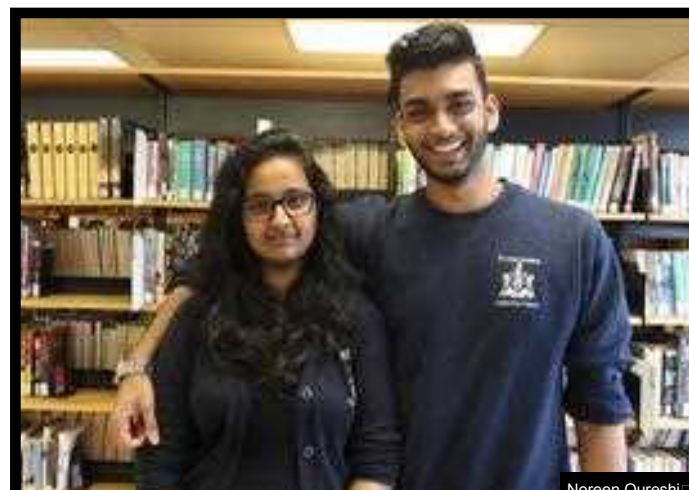
After years of inactivity this council was resurrected from the depths of King history and brought to life for the first of many issues. This paper that you clutch in your very hands is the blood sweat and tears of those printed in the masthead. This year was interesting

because we have started fresh! A few of the senior members have experience in the Media Studies class creating *Connected*, but we have begun training the next generation of journalists with this very council.

Sacrificing their free time as a labour of love, the writers, layout designers, ad managers, section editors and so much more have put together a paper that they can be proud of to represent R.H King.

Enjoy!

- Robin & Ali



Noreen Qureshi

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# International

## Dangal's lasting impression on youth

By Veerta Kumar

*Dangal* is a Bollywood movie that captures the dream of a middle-class woman in India who wants to be treated similarly to a man.

This movie works around the notion that women can aspire to be something other than a house-wife. This film took an emotional approach to a father-daughter relationship, where trust, faith, and support were all key factors.

In small villages across India, people still live under the stereotypical belief that only men can be successful and this movie shows the exact opposite; as Geeta's father gave her a chance to pursue her dreams and prove that women are no less than men.

There were numerous messages throughout the movie, however, the most prominent idea was that your gender should not set restrictions for success.

In this movie, there is a famous line: "a gold medal is a gold medal, regardless of whether a man won it or a woman." This is a relevant message because in this day and age, although women are encouraged to follow their dreams, they are often still stereotyped and

limited in what they can do.

There are also many feminist views in this movie and the majority of them address the pursuit of a dream that only men chase after.

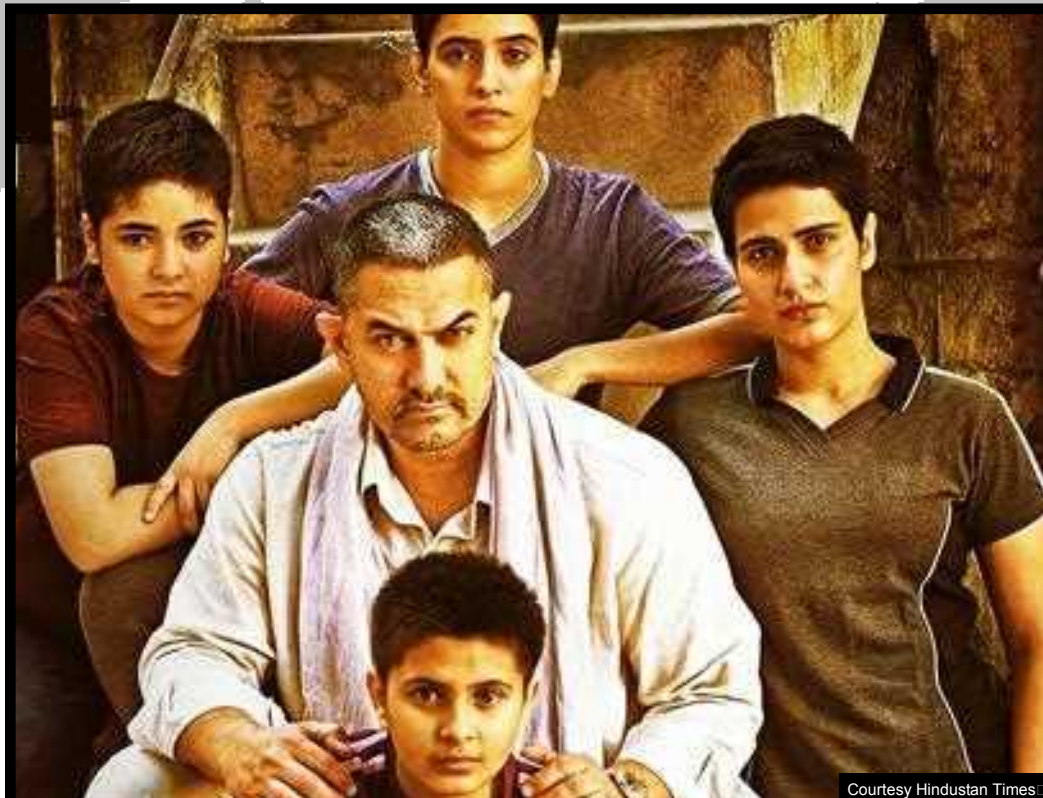
In Haryana, the place this movie was set, having a

daughter was known to be a burden because women were considered useless outside the kitchen.

However, the fact that Mahavir encouraged his daughters to break this stereotype shows the support of

women empowerment. In this movie, we see two women who are focused not on their waist size, but rather on their fitness level.

To watch *Dangal* online today you can go visit [freemovieswatchonline.com](http://freemovieswatchonline.com).



Courtesy Hindustan Times

**Dangal is a movie that displays themes of gender equality and feminism and is doing its best to speak out against a stereotypical view of women having no other purpose than to be a housewife.**

## France to ban all plastic ware

By Umme Tasneem

Ségolène Royal, the minister of Ecology in France, passed a law to ban all plastic objects by 2020 due to the negative effects of plastic disposal on the environment. The banning of plastic bags from the check out sections of supermarkets has already been in effect since July 1, 2016.

The aim of the new law is to reduce the amount of energy and waste production caused by plastic processing industries and plastic wastes.

According to France's Ministry of Environment, 17 billion plastic bags are being used in France's supermarkets annually.

Among these, approximately 4.7 billion are one-time use plastic cups which are being thrown away and taking up space in landfills.

According to the Plastic Oceans Organization, 600 species suffer directly from plastic pollution and 90% of seabirds are found to have plastic pieces in their stomach. Stuart Snyder, a teacher at R.H. King Academy, discourages the use of plastic items and refers to the negative impacts of plastic on the ecosystem.

"It never disintegrates," Snyder says. "It ends up in the water system which negatively impacts animals and you get all kinds of microbes floating around on the oceans."



Kaileigh MacMillan

**Mr. Hoekstra supports stronger penalties for offenders.**

## Canada's gun problem

By Roxana Comsa

Gun violence has become an increasing issue here in Toronto. Not since 2005, the "Year of the Gun" with 52 homicides, have there been as many deaths at the hands of a bullet.

Yet Canadians continue to disregard that Canada has a gun problem, and several claim that the US has it worse. Although this may be true, it undermines the fact that Canada has high gun violence rates.

According to an article in the *Toronto Star*, before the month of January 2016 came to an end there had already been 10 gun-related homicides in the city.

Mayor John Tory expressed a need to take more active measures including new technologies, border security, cooperation with American police officers, and community engagement programs that would help in minimizing gun violence both in Canada and the US. The plan is to

offer youth alternatives to a life of gangs and violence.

J.P. Hoekstra, Head of the History Department at R.H. King Academy, does not believe that Canadian laws regarding gun usage is the problem.

"I think gun laws are fine just the way they are in Canada, what needs to be tightened in my mind are the penalties for people who commit crimes with firearms," he says.

To address the issues of rapidly increasing gun violence, Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti proposed the creation of an amnesty program for anybody owning a gun. He has said that the program would offer citizens a legal method of disposing of their unwanted firearms without threat of prosecution, while offering \$100 per gun returned or a gift card from a grocery store worth up to \$300.

These methods would help alleviate one of the leading causes of gun violence, poverty, and help reduce shootings.



Saadia Zahra

**France, as part of their initiatives to become more ecologically sustainable plans to ban all plastic ware by the year 2020.**

## Me to We initiatives

By Sarah Mangaru

The ME to WE "social enterprise" is known for the impacts they make internationally with the money they earn from products that consumers purchase. The funds are used to "help make a difference."

The goal of ME to WE is to empower and inspire people to become "leaders and agents of change." They offer volunteer trips to various places that allow people of various ages to participate in education, health, and economic development projects.

The organization gives people an opportunity to buy products that raise money for their initiatives.

"ME to WE donates at least 50 percent of its annual net profits to the WE Charity and reinvests the other half to grow the enterprise," reads a statement on their website. The organization contributes half of their yearly profits to WE Charity, whom use the money to help fund their initiatives.

Furthermore, ME to WE holds an event called WE Day. Approximately 10 000 young people attend this event who are creating an impact that are apart of WE Schools. You cannot buy a ticket to this event, it is earned by community service. At R.H. King, the ME to WE club offers this opportunity. Attending this event gives "young people the tools and inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives—including their own."

ME to WE is currently doing many things to make a difference in the world. They give people of all ages opportunities to make an impact and become inspired. Anyone can make a difference, and that is what this organization aims to accomplish.

If you are interested in joining the ME to WE club at R.H. King, please contact either Zoya Khalid or Noyala Isidore in Grade 11.



Courtesy

**A new initiative, WE Are Rafikis, are handmade bracelets by Kenyan artists.**



## Kingsley's Advice Column!

...with Michaud & Wilkinson



My friends and I have never been invited to a high school party and have accepted the fact that we probably never will. How can we reverse the effects of our stunted social growth and are there any actual perks to being a wallflower?  
- Socially Awkward

Being uncool is cool. Seriously, cool is a state of mind. If you're happy and having fun, then who cares if someone else likes you for it? Confidence comes from being your ultimate self. You won't see 90% of the people you went to King with ever again anyway, so why worry about impressing them?  
- Mr. Wilkinson

How do I make my King uniform less ugly?  
- Constant Complainer

This is a common complaint but before the question can be answered, each and every student should first ask themselves "Is the uniform to blame?" Are you wearing all the appropriate coordinates or are you wearing sweatpants? Are you labouring under the illusion that sweatpants look good under any circumstances? Did you really think that nobody would notice? Have you no shame?  
- Mr. Michaud

Why are my marks at King so low, but so high at a private school?  
- "95 Average"

Because these places are a for-profit business. If they promise you marks that you want and give them to you then you'll pay. It's in their best interests to give out high marks to ensure the business doesn't fold. But think about it... would you want a doctor who got his license from a place like this over the span of a couple of weeks or would you rather someone who went to medical school for years, trained hard, and earned it?  
- Mr. Wilkinson

How can I tell if my crush likes me back?  
- RomanceRookie

When they return the note you sent them with a check mark in the "Yes" box. Unless you're not twelve years old in which case you should be able to determine that by having a face-to-face conversation like a human being.  
- Mr. Michaud



Ali Javeed

Global warming is often written off as a hoax or conspiracy, but this kind of underestimation of this phenomena presents a real threat to the sustainability of our planet. If we do not actively work to raise awareness about and reduce global warming, the repercussions will be dangerous.



Richard Sabel

Body positivity or glorification of a physiologically dangerous condition? The HAES movement has both supporters and detractors in the online community.

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...students at King such as Sahadeva voiced their concerns on aspects of the movement.

HAES; an online body positive movement, has received strong support from both young and old in online communities on sites such as Tumblr.

With HAES having a larger online presence, teenagers are encountering their marketing techniques of slogans and posters.

Jordyn Booth, a Phys Ed teacher at King, wants people to educate themselves on what they're seeing, and not just accept slogans," she says.

The core ideology behind HAES is that health has no absolute correlation with

...physical and food.

...are trying to sympathize for people but it's not going to make it any better to be "fat" when it's not and could result in serious health issues," Sahadeva says.

The group has faced recent controversy not only from teenagers but doctors, physical educators and researchers who have called it a movement that glorifies obesity and supports unhealthy habits.

Supporters, on the other hand, counter with the argument that they are a movement for self-positivity. Many are simply calling for an end to quick judgments about other people.



# Social media activism, slacktivism, on the rise

*"Feel good about themselves without sacrificing anything"*



Noreen Qureshi

A student asleep after a long, hard day of supporting online causes. Does sharing an article on Facebook really change the world? 1 like = 1 pray.

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 ...In defense of PC culture... its proponents argue... that caution and... sensitivity are... necessary for... a civil socie... ty, and that... those who... criticize it... do so out... of fear of... losing their... privilege.  
 ..."The fact is... that political... correctness has become... the complaint of choice for... those who don't like their... world," writes Hugh Muir for... The Guardian.  
 ..."For men who fear their... positions are being eroded... by women, white people... who fear too much atten... tion is being paid to non... white people, minorities... jealous of other minorities. It

*"Political correctness has become the complaint of choice."*

...Huffington... Post.  
 "The basic premise [of political correctness] is that if intellectuals and pundits can influence how individuals think and act, then they can also influence what is socially 'acceptable' language. By imposing their political views on some subjects, they create a pressure to conform to these standards. But generally, a person does not want to be labeled as an objector of popular opinion, thereby forcing them to subject their own ideas to the prevailing ideology."



Noreen Qureshi

Are liberals being too quick to judge all opinions that differ from their own as bigot-



# Technology

## Apple's image troubles continue to deepen



By Quinn Keenan

Apple is currently in court with Samsung over a patent dispute and Apple is not doing well.

While no company and no technology is flawless, Apple has come under fire on numerous occasions recently.

Apple was told in 2008 that iTunes had a flaw where a hacking software could spy on its users. Despite knowing this, Apple did not fix the issue until 2011.

Brian Krebs, a computer security writer wrote that Apple took 91 days on average to fix security issues, but this glaring issue took three years to fix!

"The security and privacy of our users is extremely important," an Apple spokeswoman announced, but some saw this as simply an empty statement, that their actions did not correspond with.

Fixing this flaw definitely was not at the top of their to-do list.

Apple has also been under fire for mistreating their factory workers a few years ago.

An investigation by the BBC's Panorama programme revealed poor working conditions at a factory in China.

"Even if I was hungry I wouldn't want to get up to eat. I just wanted to lie down and rest. I was unable to sleep at night because of the stress," one undercover reporter says.

In response, Apple released a statement saying that "We are aware of no other company doing as much as Apple to ensure fair and safe working conditions."

Despite the hits to their image, many consumers are still in love with the notorious brand. They have announced their plans to sell the upcoming iPhone 8 and are still producing new tech including the new models of the Apple watch.

Time will tell if this negative social image will take Apple down. Unlikely. But Samsung fans can only dream of the demise of this technology giant.

## KLC Makerspace now open for use



KLC members show off the cool things made on the 3D printer in the library Makerspace!

By Robin Dineshkumar

The King Library Council has unveiled the newest addition to the R.H. King Library, with the introduction of the Makerspace.

The space is a newly designed extension to the services offered by the library, which provides students with materials and equipment to exercise their creativity.

Brian Wilkinson, King's head librarian, explained the various services that the makerspace provides, and how the space works.

"The Makerspace has lots to offer and will continue to offer even more in the future. We have colour printing, 3D printing, a button maker, a laminator, a binding machine, and supplies galore.

Students come here to work and to do the best they can for projects so I think it's important that they have as many tools at their disposal as possible to make it work," he says.

"With the help of our trained KLC members, King students will have access to materials and equipment that would otherwise be unavailable to them and that's what makes the Makerspace so great."

The space is open for anyone to use it. Staff, students, you name it. For 3D print jobs, students are able to look things up on websites like thingiverse.com to print and then just drop the file on Student Share, pick your colour, then come in and have a KLC member print it. There are more than ten colours to choose from.

"Just be creative!" Wilkinson says.

King students think the Makerspace is a welcome addition to their school.

depression or helplessness, a few resources are:

*"The space is open for anyone. Just be creative!"*

"I think Makerspace would be a place to show my talent and creativity. Provide king students with a chance to have fun while making things. It's a great new program that the KLC is offering a 'space to do you own thing'," says Haranya Sinnathamby, a grade 9 student.

The Makerspace has a diverse level of functionality for all kinds of students, whether it be just for fun or for educational purposes.

Sharanga Ganeshdas, in grade 10 loves it. "Not only is it fun, you can use it to go above and beyond in school projects. For example, if I need to make a model in science class something like the 3D printer would be wildly useful," she says.

The Makerspace is a unique feature of King's library that makes it a great resource to students.

"The Makerspace is going to be a vital and valuable part of our library. We already encourage kids to come in and work so why not kick it up a notch and let them create as well? I would have given just about anything to have tech like that when I was in school!" Wilkinson says.

The Makerspace is open for use in the morning, at lunch and after-school during regular library operating hours.

## Facebook suicide prevention measure makes a return

By Ali Javeed

Not only helping you to connect with friends, Facebook will now be playing the role of a concerned friend with a new feature that will use artificial intelligence to detect if someone is at risk of taking their own life.

This active response by Facebook follows the death of Naika Venant, a 14 year old girl who used the live stream feature to take her own life back in January.

The social network will use an algorithm based on previous posts that have been flagged for a similar issue. Once a flag has been raised, the network will respond by suggesting to the user to connect with a helpline.

Facebook Live will have a new feature so viewers can not only report a live recording but also reach out to the person directly.

"This has the capability to help a lot of people," said one King student, called 'Z', who chose to speak anonymously.

Z attempted at taking her own life but with support from professionals and family, she sees things a different way.



Facebook launched its new suicide prevention efforts in January due to recent cases of young people posting online plans to take their own lives.

"...people turn to social media for their problems when they think they have no one who will listen....this is often very wrong."

Z believes that the efforts made by Facebook are

nice, but shouldn't be necessary. "There's always an and open ear, open arms."

Still, there are many who might feel alone or uncomfortable. If you or a loved one is experiencing signs of

depression or helplessness, a few resources are:

**Kids Help Phone:**  
1-800-668-6868  
**Toronto Distress Line:**  
416-408-4357



# Protecting privacy vital in age of information

By Roxana Comsa

Technology provides doctors with biomedical equipment, creates electromagnetic force fields used by armies, and brings millions of people from across the globe closer together, however, technology often reduces one's personal privacy as it continues to advance.

Privacy as one knew it is no longer available. It is essentially dead for anyone who owns a personal device such as a laptop, phone, tablet, or any other means of communication, including social network sites, but the list doesn't end there. Anyone who so much as steps outside their front door can be a target for privacy invasion.

Adib Chisty, a 17-year-old student at R.H. King Academy has mixed views about technology.

"Like all things in life, it's how you use it. With the help of technology, we modelled the structure of the DNA molecule, but we also commit cybercrime and malicious acts. It all depends on who's behind the keyboard," Chisty says.

In order to secure his privacy, Chisty takes precautions when using electronics. "Personally I wipe my laptop every other month. I don't trust my anti-malware enough. You may think I'm paranoid but you

would be surprised on how silent some malware can be. Encrypt your files for the best security and keep backups, you'll never know when you need it."

McKenzie Funk, a journalist for the *New York Times Magazine* and widely known for his many privacy-related articles, including *Should We See Everything a Cop Sees*, believes that all the technological improvements aren't crucial for society's survival.

"Are all the technological advances essential? Hell no. We'll be fine as a society if it takes Amazon five days to deliver something rather than two hours. Much of today's technology is aimed at meeting our impulses, not at meeting our actual needs," he says.

In the article, Funk goes on to explain that one privacy concern involves the Seattle Police Department's new body cameras, which allows police officers to go in and out of homes, hotel rooms, bars, restaurants, and any other public and private facility, all while essentially capturing every move on video to be used later in court if required to incriminate a witness.

Some support this argument that it is for the safety and security of society; that it would reduce police violence and ensure accountability, but others are worried that their privacy rights

are being infringed and that footage may fall into the wrong hands.

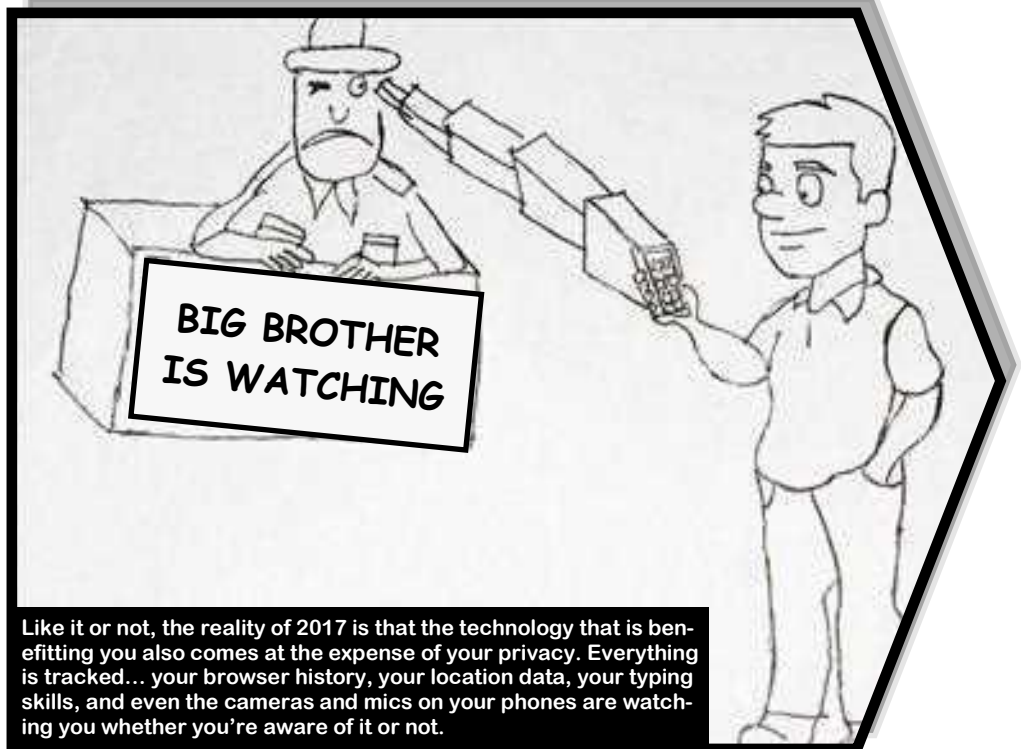
According to the article, *Privacy is Dead, Invasive Technology is Here to Stay*, political scientist Joseph Nye believes that even encrypted messages should be displayed for the government to see regarding national security purposes. Nye explains that if the government can access peoples' encrypted messages for the purpose to detect and prevent terrorist activities, then so can hackers with the

purpose to steal one's identity or any other less than virtuous means, and yet, he counters this by claiming that technological benefits greatly outweigh their disadvantages.

Although technology poses a threat to our privacy, most people would agree that their security is more important, and technology can be useful if everyone uses it for the right reasons. There are measures that one can take to protect their privacy and ensure their personal data

doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

Funk, for instance, shares some of the ways that he protects his privacy when he states, "Like a growing number of people, especially people in the U.S. after the recent elections so dominated, I'm no longer putting much of anything private or sensitive in email. Better to pick up the phone and call. For professional reasons as a journalist, I can also use encryption with my email when I need it, but that's mostly to protect sources,



Like it or not, the reality of 2017 is that the technology that is benefiting you also comes at the expense of your privacy. Everything is tracked... your browser history, your location data, your typing skills, and even the cameras and mics on your phones are watching you whether you're aware of it or not.

## The dangers of new and untested tech



Courtesy/GigaFactory

Elon Musk has said that automation is the future and has robots working to assemble Tesla cars in his Gigafactory. Some, however, are worried about the dangers of tech advancing too fast.

By Quinn Keenan

Kyocera has their flagship solar powered phone, Google has their self-driving cars, and so much more, but some people are worried that with these speedy advancements, technology has the possibility of becoming dangerous.

The notion isn't new. Think of Icarus, who flew too close to the sun only to have his wings burned.

The comparison works with companies trying out new technology before really understanding the potential negative effects that may ensue.

Luckily there are steps to take that can prevent some of these issues, including the idea that robots will completely replace humans in the workforce.

Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX, said this past November to CNBC that automation may take over most jobs in the future, however, he thinks that governments will end up paying people to make up for the amount of unemployed individuals.

"There is a pretty good

chance we end up with a universal basic income due to automation," Musk says.

However, this might not be as much of a negative as some might assume. "People will have time to do other things that are more complex and interesting," Free time? Sounds good to me!

Comma.ai is a company who cancelled their project to create a self-driving car kit after the government was concerned about its possible safety issues. George Hotz, the founder commented how the government jumped immediately to threats rather than opening up a dialogue.

A student deeply interested in technology; Caleb Mariano, reasoned that "To prevent safety issues from arising as a result of new technology, we could ensure that plenty of testing is done on new inventions so that no dangerous technology is released."

With innovation on the rise, maybe the solution is that we test technology not only so it works, but also so it doesn't take over the world.



# Entertainment



Wired.com

The future for Kanye's fashion line is uncertain following negativity surrounding Yeezy season 4.

By Saadia Zahra

Fashion opinions changed for the worst on Kanye West after Yeezy Season 3 debuted to a chilly reception in Madison Square Garden. Kanye West thought he had finally found his perspective as a designer. He was going to join the ranks of Gucci, and be henceforth, taken as a serious designer by Fashion's elite. Expectations were tremendously high. This was his moment to shine in Season 4, to take matters into his own hands, or not. Kanye's designs were more known for their spectacle, the glamour that he and Vanessa Beecroft cre-

ated. He was known for the dramatic venues and the controversy that surrounded him. His clothes? Think bodycon dresses, nude tights and spandex, camouflage oversized jackets, hoodies, high high boots, and everything else Kim Kardashian has already worn. But Kanye's shows are becoming predictable. What makes a designer iconic is the reinvention and the fantasy that he or she can create. Kanye's nude, white and black palette is becoming boring. His clothes are not

awe inspiring or extraordinary. The objective that Kanye is trying to push through is not clear enough. For someone that is known for speaking out loud, his fashion does not have volume. Designers are supposed to push boundaries, break limits. Their clothes are a way to express art, make statements and change the world's perception on beauty. Kanye changed the music industry, he is a rule breaker and is an inspiration to art-

ists like Drake and Frank Ocean. However, the music industry is not the fashion industry. Kanye has enough star power to bring in people from all corners of the earth to watch his fashion shows. He can make fashion's biggest power players like Anna Wintour wait for three hours at an end. If he can reclaim that glory, Kanye can still rise to the top. After the disastrous Yeezy Season 4 in which his dehydrated models fainted and the heels of his models broke off Yeezy still has a chance to reclaim the spirit of his past. Time is running out, however, so he needs to think quickly.

**"KANYE'S SHOWS ARE BECOMING PREDICTABLE"**

## Celebrities acting as role models

By Sarah Mangaru

Celebrities are a focus in entertainment worldwide, as they are spoken about every day, raising the question on whether they should be considered role models. A celebrity is judged by the media who closely examines every action they make and notifies the world about it whether it be good or bad. Sometimes the media even changes the view of the celebrity's action to make it more interesting, which makes the information untrue. This affects a person's image on who they want as a role model. Some of the role models looked up to are not known personally. This results in relying on media to help us find out more about them. When information from the media is not always credible, fans should look at quotes to get a better picture of a celebrity's personality. Take for instance this quote said by Emma Watson: "All I can do is follow my instincts, because I'll never please everyone." Emma Watson is a role

model to many. She is known for playing Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter series, as well as Belle in Bill Condon's modern adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*. This gives people an opportunity to learn more about her character and her role as an actress, model, and activist. Simply looking at her resume will give a glimpse about what she does, allowing people to see her as a potentially suitable role model. Yes, she is a celebrity. Though the way she uses her platform is a way to view who she really is, for example through her quotes. Her quote stated that she "will never please everyone," and nobody can which is why following your instincts is another way to look at the bigger picture. Watson, however, may not wish to be a role model but she has little choice.



The Washington Post

Celebrities are constantly under public scrutiny to act in a way that will maintain their "image."

She is in the limelight and knows it so she acts responsibly. Quotes and interviews with celebrities like Watson can help figure out more about a role model and

about yourself. While celebrities are often held up as the example, the truth is that anyone can be a role model, including King students, simply by being positive leaders.

### Upcoming Movies 2017

**The Fate of the Furious**  
- April 14



Dom and Letty are on their honeymoon and the rest of the crew has been exonerated. A mysterious woman then seduces Dom into a world of crime, this time the family will face an enemy from within their ranks.

**Alien: Covenant**  
- May 19



In this prequel to *Alien*, director Ridley Scott pits android David and the aliens against a new group of intergalactic explorers.

**IT**  
- September 8



A group of children called the "Losers Club" meet a monster. When the creature resurfaces when they are adults, the group bands together to fight it

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2**  
- May 5



The group must work together to discover Peter Quill's true parentage. Also, Baby Groot!





## DC films need to catch up to Marvel, say fans



Euro Palace

Marvel and DC are constantly struggling to outdo one another as their films hit theaters, but as *Batman V. Superman* shows, DC still has a lot to learn. If DC doesn't up its game soon, Marvel fans may continue to see their favourite heroes adapted well on the big screen, while DC may not do its heroes justice.

By Joseph Gibson

Superhero movies have taken the world by storm, with DC having one of the biggest untapped film franchises. However, with their movies coming under heavy criticism, it is clear that DC needs to address and solve their films' current issues before Marvel leaves them in the dust.

The DC Comics Extended Universe (DCEU) and their main competitor, The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) have been butting heads recently, with both film franchises always being compared to each other.

The MCU has been going strong since 2008's *Iron Man* and a variety of different films such as *Thor* and *Captain America* before all of these heroes come together in *The Avengers* movies.

Warner Bros, owning DC comics, decided to start their own film universe with *Man Of Steel* in 2013. Since the DCEU kicked into gear, both franchises been compared to one another by fans alike, with a huge divide in both fan-bases.

So which is superior? Well most would say that the MCU is. To start, their universe is already ahead of the DCEU, with 14 films already out, while the DCEU currently only has three, none of which that have seen glowing reviews. And although the DCEU's first three films managed to outperform the first three films of the MCU in terms of box office revenue, it would not be fair to not credit Marvel for their work in bringing superhero movies

into the mainstream media, practically guaranteeing any superhero film will make a lot of money.

So what does the DCEU need to do to stand its ground with Marvel? Well they need to focus on their films critical praise, or lack thereof.

*Rotten Tomatoes* is a popular website that reviews various forms of media. They gather together hundreds of others reviews and add it up to a percentage.

A film must be over 60% to be considered "fresh." Their reviews of the DCEU have been subpar, with *Man of Steel's* (55%) being the highest, while *Batman v Superman* (27%) and *Suicide Squad* (26%) coming in a

dismal third.

Meanwhile the MCU is raining with critical praise, where films like *Iron Man* (94%) and *The Avengers* (92%) are doing well with the critics. Even their lowest rated film, *Thor: The Dark World* (66%), managed to rate higher than any of the current DCEU film.

However, it is not only the critics who have issues with the movies. Many of the fans who watch DCEU films also have a bone to pick with some of the issues with the movies themselves.

Joe Vargas is an online YouTuber with a channel called the *AngryJoeShow*, a channel with over 2.5 million subscribers. Growing up, Joe was a massive fan of DC, and still is today. He wants to see the DCEU succeed, but he acknowledges the many issues with the DCEU. Alt-

though he enjoyed *Man of Steel* as well as *Suicide Squad*, Joe was very critical of the second installment in the DCEU, *Batman v Superman*. "There are so many weak plot points, just these little contrivances, and holes that weaken the film," Joe says.

Some fans felt that the films have been way too dark and suggested they give a lighter tone similar to the Marvel films. Others have said the casting is wrong or the films are too long.

Although DC may be in trouble with all of the criticism and backlash they have received, it still is not too late for them to come back with *Justice League* dropping later this summer. Their fan base is huge and is more than willing to give them another chance.

"THE MCU IS AHEAD OF THE DCEU"

The battle for film supremacy is on between the MCU and DCU right now, but the battle for television domination is still being fought.



### MARVEL GOOD

The first season of *Daredevil*, now streaming on Netflix, showed that Marvel has some serious chops when it comes to television. Charlie Cox is outstanding as the blind lawyer turned vigilante superhero.



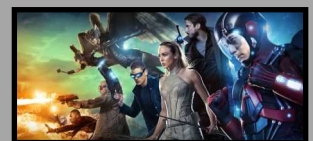
### DC GOOD

The Flash is currently hitting all the right notes. Interesting villains, decent special effects, and is lighter on the silly drama that sometimes weighs down its closest comparison point, *Green Arrow*.



### MARVEL BAD

The latest entry into Netflix is *Iron Fist...* and it's bad. Right now it has a 18% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, far from the 90% of its peers. What went wrong? Poor acting, slow pace, light action... yeesh.



### DC BAD

*Legends of Tomorrow* tries hard, so there's that. The show is made up of second-tier characters cast off from their more popular contemporaries and has silly plots. Still, sometimes there are crossovers.

# Video Games

## The cost of video games are rising. Is it worth it?

By Ryan Tracey

The prices of video games on store shelves in Canada have been sky rocketing in recent years, but the quality has been stagnant.

With the production costs of games reaching millions of dollars, the retail prices of these games increase as well, but many gamers have

the classic *Street Fighter* series and was released in 2016 surrounded by massive amounts of hype. On initial launch the game was priced at \$79.99 and was met with a lot of criticism from fans of the series. Many gamers complained about the severe lack of game modes and beloved characters that were in previous

*Madden* and *NHL* series that come out every year. Many of these games are essentially upgrades from the previous year; they just add a few new modes, and roster updates. Why is that worth the price tag?

Mathieu Raymond, a 17-year-old R.H. King student is a big hockey fan. "I used to buy these games every year," he says. "But I started to notice that it was basically the same game year after year, with little to no improvements."

Because of this, many gamers wonder if they are being charged more than 80 dollars every single year for practically the same game.

"I started to feel sort of cheated. I was paying so much for the same thing I bought just over a year ago," Raymond says. "I sometimes go back and play *NHL Slapshot* on my Wii and I don't feel like I'm missing a thing."

It is not only AAA developers who are guilty of this crime. Small indie developers can also fall into the same trap. Indie studio Hello Games released *No Mans Sky* in the summer of 2016. After spending four years and millions of dollars on the game, it was priced at \$69.99 on Steam on release. But similar to *Street Fighter*, *No Mans*

*Sky* had a lot of flash but no substance.

17-year-old R.H. King student Adam Scott purchased *No Mans Sky* a few days after release.

"My first impressions of the game were incredible, amazing visuals, great soundtrack, and an awesome atmosphere, but after around two hours I started to get bored, all you do is mine things and go sell them."

This lack of immersive gameplay caused many to question their purchase of the game, and some even refunding the game on Steam.

"I've only played around four hours of the game after having it for months" Scott says. "I just wish they put more creativity and life into the game, I feel like I wasted 70 bucks."

As a result of this many gamers are choosing to spend their money on lower budget Indy games such as, *Undertale*, *Shovel Knight*, *Stardew Valley* and finding much more enjoyment in these games, and only paying one fifth of the price.

Spending more on developing a game does not always make that game better, and many gamers are learning that lesson the hard way by spending nearly 80 dollars on unfinished and uninspired video games.



Is there any difference in quality based on price of video games?

become upset with the quality of these big budget AAA titles. Technically the price of these games has not gone up, the increase can be contributed to the declining Canadian dollar, but an extra 20 dollars per game is a tough pill to swallow for your average Canadian.

Take *Street Fighter V* for example. This game was the 5th installment in

installments were nowhere to be found. Then there was also the broken multiplayer that was provided at the game's launch. Fans felt ripped off after purchasing the game because the price was so high and the product was so little.

Another game publisher who came under fire was EA Games. EA produces a selection of sports games such as the

## Batman: The Telltale Series review

By Kyle Ramnarine

Telltale has a great track record of creating amazing games, and *Batman* is no exception. The episodes that have been released so far have been nothing but phenomenal.

Telltale takes the story of Bruce Wayne that we all have come to know, but manages to give it their own surprising twist to really avoid a copy and paste Batman game and really separate themselves from the other titles such as *Batman Arkham Asylum*.

Telltale puts the players in the shoes of not just only Batman but Bruce Wayne and even more so than Batman.

feel like you're leading a double life, as where those decisions have outcomes when playing as Batman.

Since this is a Telltale game, they use their point and click style of gameplay where it's very simple but doesn't become repetitive.

Unlike some other Telltale games the choices you make really alter the story down the line. For example, if I chose to use 'kill criminals' instead of 'roughing them up' the police will start to become more hostile towards Batman and criminals will start to give less information on other bad guys.

Telltale also manages to use the Batman license to its fullest extent, villains like Joker, Two-Face, Catwoman manage to make an appearance and it couldn't be anymore sweeter.

All of these characters have depth to them and are built up through out these episodes so the player actually does have a drive to go out there and put a stop to them.

All in all, Telltale tells an amazing original story of The Batman with twists and turns along the way. This game has definitely lived up to the hype it has generated and I strongly suggest that everyone go out and pick this up.

"...it couldn't be any more sweet..."

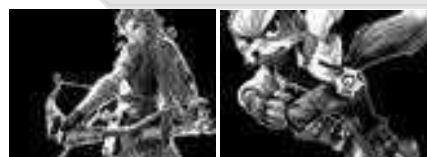


Great reviews are in for the Batman Telltale Series!

Players are usually just playing as Batman for most of these games, but here in these sets of episodes you make most decisions as Bruce Wayne and actually

## Nintendo Quotes! Who said it?

1. "Oh, gosh, I just broke through the fourth wall, there, didn't I? Sorry, just forget it."
2. "Do a barrel roll!"
3. "Shadow and Light are two sides of the same coin...One cannot exist without the other."
4. "Thank you, Master Link. May we meet again in another life..."
5. "Here's an idea I been working on: shampoo and conditioner in one!"
6. Leave my Mama alone, you bad man! I won't let you take Mama Peach away!
7. "You know, I never noticed how lovely those red polka dots look on top!"
8. "AAAUGH A BEE....What?! Mario? Hey...it's YOU!"
9. "This is my grandson. He's been your rival since you were a baby. ...Erm, what is his name again?"



Answers: 1. Goombella 2. Peppy 3. Piranha 4. Fi 5. Kapp'n 6. Bowser Jr. 7. Luigi 8. Toad 9. Professor Oak

## Games coming soon

Watch out for these games coming out soon!



### Persona 5 (PS4, PS3)

April 4

Follow a group of troubled high school students through their ordinary life and their fantastical adventures with their otherworldly powers as Phantom Thieves.



### Sniper: Ghost Warrior 3 (PS4, Xbox One, PC)

April 25

Play as an American Marine Captain heading to Georgia to prevent another Cold War from happening.



### Injustice 2 (PS4, Xbox One)

May 16

The fact-paced sequel to *Injustice: Gods Among Us*. Build and power up the unlimited version of your favorite characters. Play as Batman, Superman, The Flash, Darkseid, Harley Quinn, and more!



# King students prepare for VR tech

By Quinn Keenan

Virtual reality has exploded in recent years and only continues to grow now.

There are many different sets available from low-tech Google Cardboard (\$25) to high end sets like the Oculus Rift (\$849). Sony has released a VR headset for use with the PlayStation and has over 220 VR titles in the making.

The applications are already pretty impressive. People can create art in a 3D space, they can explore other planets, take tours of refugee camps, and experience aspects of life they might not normally get a chance to see. For schools, this is an exciting time as they can offer students different learning experiences.

One such experience happened via Ms. Kanerva bringing in a virtual tour of a Syrian Refugee camp. Stu-



VR Headsets transport the user visually to another setting. It can be applied to many other fields such as medicine, navigation and simulated training. King is looking to invest in the tech this year.

dents could see first-hand the kinds of conditions that were being talked about on

the news.

In part due to this experience, King itself is planning on expanding into the VR arena, likely with the Oculus Rift later this year.

For the average person, however, VR can be an expensive proposition.

"I would just play video games regularly instead of using VR," says Kyrin Dwyer, the Grade 9 Student Representative at King. "The prices for VR are quite high."

Some also feel a bit ill using the tech considering how close it is to the user's eyes.

One of the possible side effects for VR is dizziness and

disorientation. "I've used VR before," says Zoraisa Ahmad, a member of the Tech Council here at King. "It was disorienting, but it was cool."

Still, so long as the person using the system doesn't overly tax their eyes, the side effects should be fairly minimal.

For others, the incoming tech represents a lot of possibility for fun.

VR games are launching left and right, one of them being the popular *Batman VR* experience. After all, who doesn't want to walk around as the Dark Knight?

Look for news about VR at King coming soon!

**Best & Worst Games of 2016**

**Best: *Uncharted 4: A Thief's End***



**5/5**

**Worst: *Ghostbusters***



**1/5**

**Best: *Overwatch***



**4/5**

**Worst: *No Man's Sky***



**2/5**



Later in 2017, R.H. King will become one of the first schools in the TDSB to implement and make use of the Oculus Rift. From there, other schools may follow the lead.

## Mass Effect: Andromeda review



Mass Effect: Andromeda features great visuals and art.

By Eashvar Balachandran

Bioware's newest entry, *Mass Effect Andromeda*, is a beautiful role-playing action game that doesn't offer much for the fans to the franchise but can be a great new entry for those who are new.

The story is all-too familiar; finding an ancient technology to save the world. However unlike *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, having a familiar story isn't always the greatest. While the main quests are engaging and fun, the side quests feel like chores and have very limited connection to the main story.

The characters have quite interesting stories to them, making gamers want

to know more about them. Also, the amazing voice acting brings the characters to life. However, the lack of facial animation and cringy dialogue at certain points really drag them down. In addition, fans would be disappointed at the lack of new alien races to make the game more interesting and fresh.

The combat in the game has extremely improved. Gamers have to be more strategic if they want to survive and will need the help of their companion. But sometimes the AI companion can be quite useless and not know what they are doing which results in the gamers having to do twice the work because someone doesn't know how to do

anything like that one kid in your science project.

Bioware have made a beautiful new galaxy for gamers to explore. What is even better is that they have provided gamers with a dune buggy to explore their vast worlds. The only issue is that most

of these worlds are filled with sand and gamers will feel like they are traveling in a desert just to try to find anything at all.

Finally, it is difficult to have a connection to the protagonists, the Ryder Twins. Fans of the franchise will not feel the same emotional connection as they had with

Commander Sheppard. In addition, many of the choices made don't seem as important as they did in the previous three games making gamers respect for the characters diminish.

Overall, *Mass Effect Andromeda* is a gorgeous game with a lot of potential thanks to the great combat and the huge galaxy. The poor dialogue, character animations and decisions, makes the game less of a hit than the ones that come before it. However, if you are new to the franchise and want a cool action game to play, I would recommend trying the game at least once.

**Kingsley's Score: 3.5/5**



Electronic Arts



## R.H. King teacher, an Olympian

By Alyssa Vidal

Scarborough native Crispin Duenas is a high school substitute teacher by day and Olympic archer by night who has taught math and physics here at R.H. King Academy.

He is one of Canada's top male archers and is a member of the Canadian National Archery Team with a career-high ranking of fifth in the world. He has represented Canada in three consecutive Olympics, including last summer's Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in which he placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the men's



individual event.

"I wanted to become a teacher because I understood material that I saw some other teachers that I had in high school, not presenting the material as best as they could. I had so many other ideas that I was like hey, if I were to teach this unit, I would do it this way or I would do it this way. And I also love interacting with people," Duenas says.

Samuel Desir is a Grade 12 student at R.H. King, and has been taught by Mr. Duenas. "He brings a different perspective in the classroom. Unlike other substitute teachers who tell you about how long they've been teaching, he tells you about his life as an Olympi-



Mr. Duenas is not only a high school substitute teacher, but is an accomplished Olympian archer as well!

an. And it's really refreshing," Desir says.

Grade 12 student Ramisa Chowdhury agrees with Desir. "You can have an actual conversation with him about life. It's nice to hear his sunglasses tan story. He's funny," Chowdhury says.

"What I love most about being an Olympian is besides the fact that I get to compete and everything, I

get to share my experiences with pretty much everybody I meet. Not only do I get to share them, but I get to try to inspire people to try to do the things that I've done, which started when I was in the high school level," Duenas says.

"I get to learn from them as well as them learning from me, so I never stop learning whenever I'm in this type of position."



The only thing more difficult than competing in the Olympics is math, but Mr. Duenas has mastered both!

## High school explained: the truth about grade 9, from a grade 9

New school, new classes, new friends, new life, how will these new niners keep up? R.H. King Academy is unfamiliar territory for newly graduated middle schoolers.

By Kaleigh MacMillan

August 29<sup>th</sup> 2016: It is the first day of high school; what is going through these newbies' heads when they started grade nine? Let's take a look.

According to Bavisha Thavarajah, when she started grade nine the hardest things fell into the categories of social and academic expectations.

"The hardest things for me when I started grade 9 was balancing work, getting around the school so I can be on time to classes, and making the correct friends. I cannot say I have surpassed these obstacles but I am improving," she says.

According to Bavisha, the leap from middle school to high school is still a challenge. "The biggest chal-

lenge for me in grade 9 was trying to manage all the different work for each course."

While high school can be intimidating with all the new people and the pressure to make friends, these opportunities can also help the grade nine student navigate through this new life.

"The best thing is getting friends along the way," says Abby Thavarason, another

grade nine student.

There's a variety of ways that the grade nines keep up with all their homework.

According to Ankita Saha, her way of dealing with huge amounts of homework in all subjects is by spacing them out.

"I time myself on my phone for half an hour and I switch subjects," she says.

In general, high school is difficult for the normal grade nine student, but it's a great experience.

According to Sorina Stor, high school has been a great experience so far, despite the new environment.

"I'm enjoying high school. This school is a great learning environment, I have made many friends and the teachers are very supportive."

Grade nine is a roller coaster ride that has many ups and downs according to this group. High school may be difficult, but, it is the building blocks for one's entire career. Don't give up!

R.H. King Lions ROAR!



King Yearbook

Grade 9s at King are welcomed by a plethora of new experiences and expectations. How do they handle this important transition when they arrive at the school?

## School cash online

By Lia Aziz

The cashless payment system is a new system that has been put in place at R.H. King.

The goal is to help the school transition to a digital environment where cash doesn't have to constantly be changing hands. By placing things like student fees, textbook costs, and field trips online the idea is that students and parents have an easier way to pay.

Despite these benefits, with any new technology comes some drawbacks and some students are experiencing issues while using it or adjusting to change.

Sorina Stor, 14, a student at R.H. King has used the system.

"I think that it is inconvenient to go through such long procedures just for a simple transaction. I would much rather pay the cash to my teacher."

An additional drawback is that you can only use credit cards to pay. This is a challenge for students because they have to ask their parents for their credit cards and not all parents want to use their credit cards online.

"My Dad doesn't think that it is safe to use his credit card online. He feels better about me just submitting the cash to a teacher," Stor says.

There are some benefits to using the cashless system. Although Stor finds the system inconvenient, she sees why the school put it in place. She understands that the system is easier for the staff and safer for the school.

"This way there won't be thousands of dollars laying in the school office and the staff won't have to stress themselves out over keeping track of the money."

The school has recognized some of the challenges that have been faced with the new system and has been trying to find ways to help students and parents ease into the transition. For example, not everything is cashless including events like bake sales.

In the meanwhile, if you are experiencing issues while using the cashless system online, please visit <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support> where you can find answers to any questions or concerns you may have.



## Getting the most spirit out of King

By Robin Dinesh  
and Ali Javeed

Clubs and councils are an essential and unique aspect of the R. H. King experience.

The school emphasises student engagement through its motto, *We Care, We Strive, We Serve* and through its prestigious Leadership Program.

This spring, R.H. King's Doors Open week provided clubs with an opportunity to share their causes and promote student involvement.

With no lack of opportunity at 50+ clubs and councils combined, King is never lacking in excitement or involvement.

The first week of April is

dedicated to maximizing student engagement in extra-curricular activities by inviting them to attend club meetings for house points.

"I think it's a great way to get students to try clubs and activities that they wouldn't otherwise have considered," says Veerta Kumar, a grade 12 student.

Kumar is the president of the King Visual Arts Council, which has played a key role in facilitating this week's events through creating posters and ads for a variety of different clubs.

"It's really nice to see students who are so passionate and involved with their school, I think it's something that makes King truly

unique. And the Doors Open Week is a great opportunity to share and explore the multitude of extra-curricular activities that we offer at King," Kumar says.

In addition to Doors Open week, King also hosts regular spirit weeks for its councils. Every council is given a week under the spotlight, and encouraged to run activities and events to get students involved in their respective domain.

Conrad Ogilvy, a grade 9 student was surprised by the number of opportunities provided to students at King.

"It's really different from many other schools in the city, just because of the

sheer volume of activities we offer with things like intramurals, teams and arts opportunities."

With the Leadership program's course practicum, students have the opportunity to create new initiatives.

"It was super fun to take part in a club run by my friends. I think it really gives students freedom to try new things and go out of their comfort zones. It really creates a sense of community at our school," says Zack Clark, a grade 12 student.

**For a full list of opportunities available at King, speak to Mr. Halliday or visit the school's website: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/rhking/>**

## Stress and hunger

By Aarti Patel

Exams are finally over at King. Many students want to de-stress and concentrate this new semester.

Nusrat Tabassum, a grade eleven student is wiped. "After exams, I don't feel as stressed anymore, but I still feel mentally tired," she says.

Food can save the day! Students should reduce their consumption of food like poutine because it is high in trans fats, sodium and cholesterol explains Ms. Culver, a food and nutrition teacher at R.H. King.

"Even though a potato is a vegetable, you lose a lot of its nutritional value by deep frying it," she says.

Ms. Culver explains that when students are stressed, they often turn to eating comfort and convenience foods like a bag of chips between study breaks. However, junk food makes individuals feel less energetic, slowing their ability to deal with stress.

The brain and the gut are deeply connected as many hormones and neurotransmitters send messages back and forth.

"When we are stressed, our brains can affect how we digest food and what foods we crave, and the food we put in our body can affect the messages being sent to the brain and how we are feeling" says Ms. Culver.

From learning and processing new information or staying focused on work, brain foods are a magic formula for anyone, especially students. Brain foods are foods that are generally loaded with antioxidants, good fats, vitamins and minerals. This is a list of 10 different brain foods, so eat healthy!

1. Avocados
2. Blueberries
3. Leafy vegetables
4. Salmon
5. Broccoli
6. Walnuts
7. Celery
8. Beets
9. Dark chocolate
10. Extra virgin olive oil.



King Yearbook Council

School spirit isn't in short supply with more than 50 clubs, councils, and teams for students to join up with at King.



## Reality after King, according to grads

By Alexandra Vidal

Shocking for most students to even consider, but there is a life after high school.

Many secondary school students, whether seniors or freshmen worry about the future and their careers. The real panic sets in when thinking of actually going to university or college.

High school allows students to experience all sorts of activities through courses or clubs that help students identify a career path to pursue. With a career in mind, the hard part is picking a university, college or apprenticeship to fit these requirements. Each post-secondary path has pros and cons and it is up to students to decide on what they feel they can handle.

An R.H King graduate, Sitara Sharma, talks about common fears experienced during the first year of university that can be applied to any post-secondary pathway.

"Honestly, there's so

many different aspects of university that seemed intimidating, even terrifying before getting here. Is this the right program for me? Did I pick the right school? Will this degree help me achieve my end goal? Or from a non-academic standpoint; will I fit in? Am I going to enjoy it here and make friends? How will it feel living away from home? The list is virtually endless for most students."

For those who are interested in going to university, Sharma mentions what every student should know before heading off to university.

"I feel like they should have a good idea or even just an idea in general of what they'd like to do coming out of university. I think a lot of students feel very pressured to go to university even though that may not be the right path for them."

"There's a lot of different post-secondary paths that one can take and I think it's important to really think about what's right for you."



Noreen Qureshi

Students face an uncertain future after graduating. While some are excited about what the future may hold, others have more than a few butterflies. The trick, according to grads, is to do your best to plan ahead.

## Post-secondary Options: college vs. work

By Shree Dey

An increasing number of high school graduates are heading to colleges and universities, without even considering the option of jobs.

This trend is not limited to Toronto, but graduates from all over Ontario are choosing college over a job. Most students at R.H. King think that this is the standard expectation now and the better option of the two.

A grade 12 student at RH King Academy, Aitija Chowdhury, admits that her plans for the future correspond with the same new trend.

"I would definitely go for university after graduation because I would like to have specialized education in the field of the career I want, instead of gaining hands-on knowledge. I wouldn't go for an apprenticeship or a job."

This decision of choosing college over jobs varies from person-to-person, but most people can agree on the reason behind it.

"I think going to university is better than going straight into a job because I wouldn't be as clueless about what to do when I get a job later on," Chowdhury explains.

Research shows that out of 13.6million Canadians in Ontario, 373 000+ are undergraduates who are in college. The Council of Ontario Universities.ca provides detailed statistics of Ontario Universities, which illustrates the fact that first-year enrolment increased 2.7 per cent in 2015, with more than 133 000 students



Noreen Qureshi

Now that life at King is over, students need to plan for the future.

enrolled in first-year programs.

At R.H. King, many students are only choosing university first as opposed to a job because degrees earned in colleges and universities are more valuable than high school diplomas, so chances for finding a good job with a high salary are better.

Naila Anzara, another grade 12 student agrees with this as well.

"I am going to university too. It is the option for me because I want a career and only post-secondary education can secure a good job for me," Anzara says.

Some of the advantages of taking a job right out of high school include getting

direct experience in a field as well as earning some much-needed cash. The experience may come in handy if people are trying to get into a demanding program and want to beef up their resume to ensure they'll get in. The cash, on the other hand, may be a critical next step in order for students to afford the costs of going to school. Tuition fees are one thing, but there's also the cost of books and the general cost of living to consider after graduation.

The decision of pursuing post-secondary education alters the lives of high school students drastically, so students should plan their options well and if in doubt, guidance counsellors are always there to help.



Artist: □  
Mayesha Aslam



Artist: □  
Victoria Dembinski

Artist: □  
Oishee Syeda



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Noelle Semaan



Artist: □  
Veerta Kumar



Artist: Jasper Kusama



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Artist: Noreen Qureshi





## Spotlight Photography

## Poetry



Noreen Qureshi



Ryan Tracey



Ryan Tracey



Ali Javeed



Ali Javeed



Mat Raymond

### Broken Wings □

□  
 Like a butterfly trapped in  
 her chrysalis  
 Never to break free  
 Never to fly  
 Never to be  
 And turn her ideas into real-  
 ity  
 Because for her  
 Her dreams were raving  
 fantasies  
 Her hopes had been over-  
 whelmed  
 By the bitter taste of society  
 And the small spark she  
 once held  
 Had been drowned out  
 By the relentless waves that  
 crashed on her each and  
 every day

They were merciless  
 Invisible  
 Giving no time to breathe,  
 to think, to reflect  
 To be the person she was  
 born to be  
 And soon she gave up  
 Because it was easier to let  
 the enemy win  
 To let the waves carry her  
 away  
 To let the salt of the sea fill  
 her lungs  
 Let the pounding waves  
 sink her frail body  
 Into the peaceful darkness  
 below

- Luna Cardenas-Ibarra

### Life Has Meaning □

□  
 At one point, we all entered into this world,  
 so innocent, small, and fearless.  
 Growing up slowly, like little seeds turning into a flower.  
 As we grow up, we adapt to changes in life.  
 Soon, fear starts to appear.  
 There are burdens we don't want to face, but are obligated to.  
 You either face it and achieve something or let it go.  
 Whatever it is, make sure it's something substantial,  
 because we will not belong in this world one day.

- Shariba Salam

## Tree

The tree stood tall and still on the cool clear night, as the leaves danced around with the wind, hand in hand. The tree was never one to dance, although the other lived off of the musical instruments and notes.

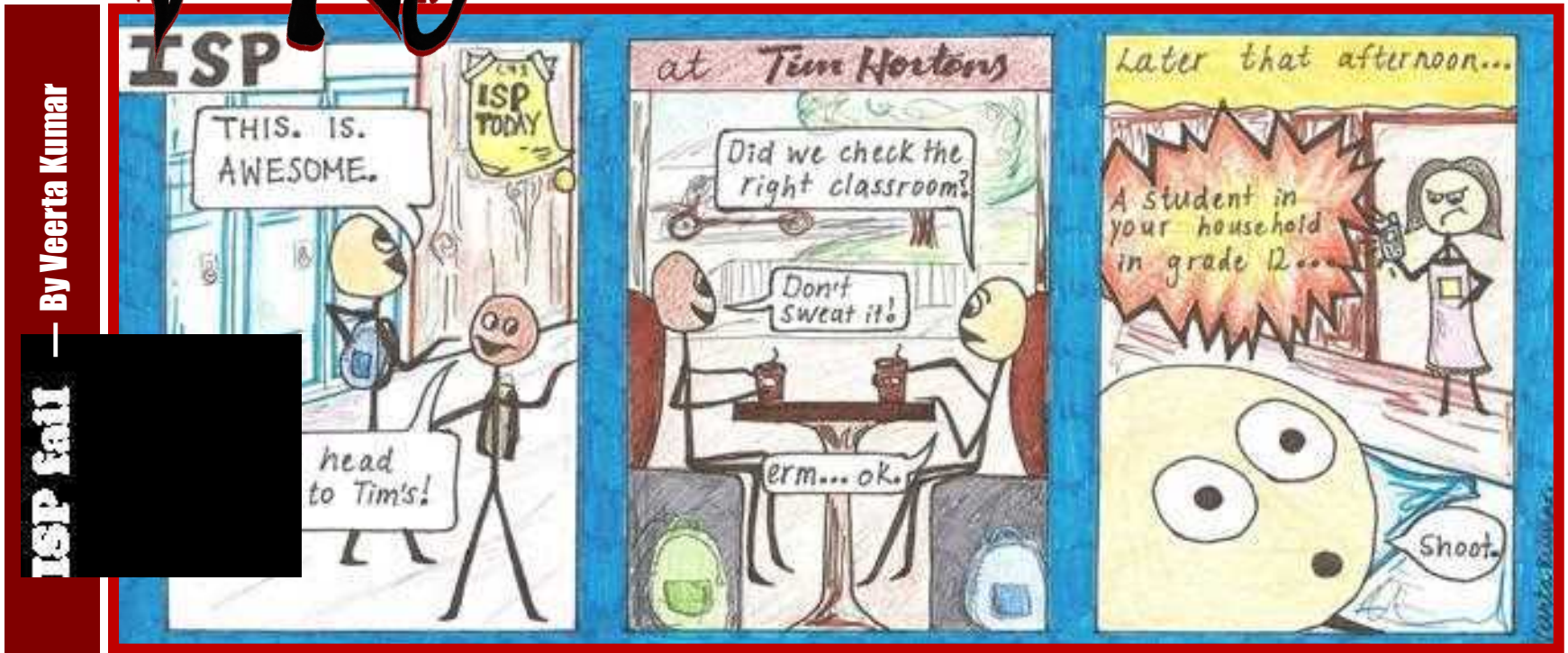
The breeze picked up slightly signaling it was time, time for the leaves to really dance. The tree's leaves jumped off in the midst of the dance, flowing with the breeze, through the trees, hills, flowers, and gardens, and the leaves flew away, away, and never came back.

The leaves danced for long days and nights along with the wind, often knocking into different trees, sometimes even being admired by the eyes of a human, but they still long for the tree, the tree that calls their name, the tree that was their home.

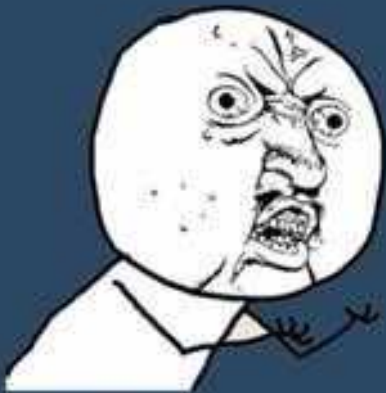
-Rabia Kanwal



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## UNIFORM



Y U NO FIT PROPERLY

## King Things Word Search

G U B O M C U K S S M C P H Y  
 R O T N E M O E T I N L L K E  
 S T E I N O H U N I O A A A L  
 H K N I B C D D N F I S N C S  
 L I M T R Y F G F C L S N I G  
 Q T X A B U A L V T I P E N N  
 J E H H L R I M F X I L R I I  
 T U P N C B E L A R T Y L L K  
 H M E S R I V T O I U O C C N  
 R S Z A W I V B X B Z L U W B  
 S B R R S K O O B A U E I M N  
 I Y Y I F M D D C V B L Y R R  
 H M V A C N I A B T I G C H I  
 P I H S R E D A E L U S P X N  
 M U U N I F O R M C V J F W J

- kingsley
- mentor
- baxter
- stein
- jutcovich
- maize
- clinic
- uniform
- council
- club
- class
- textbook
- mindfulness
- study
- planner
- arches
- leadership
- library
- gym
- art
- lion
- books



## King Trivia!

How well do you know King?

- 1: What was RH King's initial name when it was founded in 1922?
- 2: Which Mentor house is named after a former principal here at King?
- 3: What is the name of the song that plays on the announcements before classes?

1: Scarborough High School  
 2: Trick! All of them!  
 3: William Tell Overture

## King Word Jumble!

Rearrange the letters with the words below to try to figure out what the original words are!

- 1: tenstud vicesers
- 2: seadrehilp
- 3: donus fo smicu
- 4: glinkeys

Answers:

1: Student Services 2: Leadership  
 3: Sound Of Music 4: Kingsley

