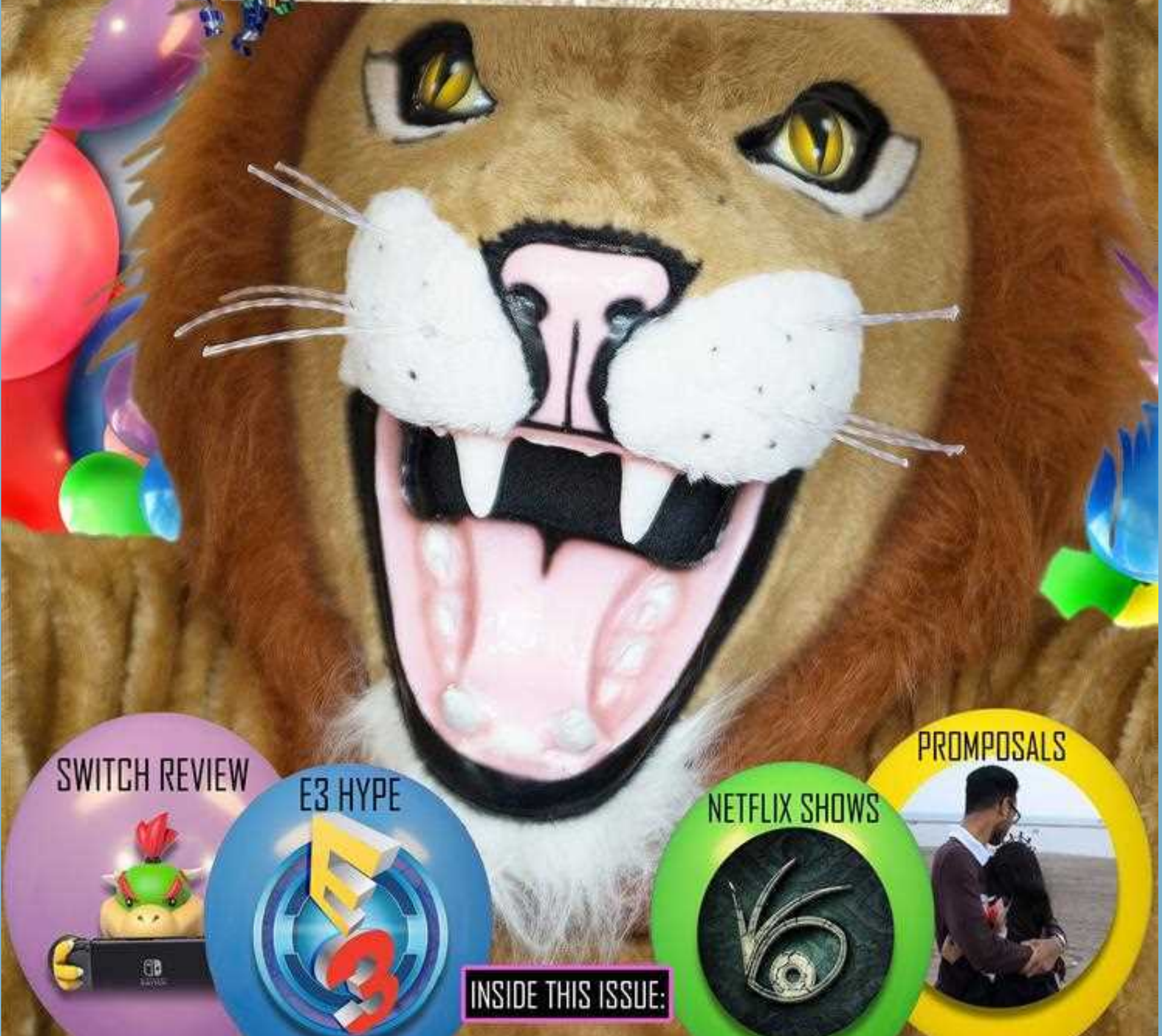


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Ali Javeed

The editors in chief Robin and Ali offer advice to students at the end of their own journeys. The road behind was bumpy and the road ahead is scary, but with a little luck and a lot of perseverance you'll be just fine.

By Ali Javeed,
Robin Dineshkumar

With the familiar approach of summer upon us, yet another school year has now come burning to its conclusion.

As Grade 12s, we leave behind our labels of "teenager" and "high school student" for new (and slightly intimidating) titles like "adult" and "contributing member of society."

Do we feel ready for such a monumental transition that will apparently determine the course of the rest of our lives?

No.

Are we ever truly ready for anything? Also no.

Once you reach Grade 12 you realize the triviality of high school in comparison to the rest of life that lies ahead. You realize that over the last four years, this structure that you have been abiding by and upholding will disappear and you will enter a world of no half floors, and no uniforms. You can acknowledge this truth while in younger grades, but it is in grade 12 where it becomes a reality and you unavoidably have to come to terms with this new reality.

These people you have been forced to see and this schedule that you have

rigidly followed was nothing but a construct and now the real world of housing, loans, and applications knocks at your front door; the "real world" is just around the corner.

Now don't get us wrong. High school is **not** pointless. Far from it. High school is a valuable opportunity where - if you use it right - you learn about your own strengths, weaknesses, how to deal with others, and what it means to succeed. But more importantly, it teaches us what it means to fail. If you're lucky you'll make a few true friends along the way.

In high school, although it

doesn't feel like it, we are afforded the luxury of a safety net. If we miss a test we can rewrite it, if we miss class we can ask for notes, if we get upset we can find someone to talk to. Once you reach the end of grade 12 you understand that the world outside of King can be unforgiving, and won't cushion you every time you fall.

How do you prepare for this world? Simple. Use high school to learn transferable skills and gain experience so that when you are thrust into the workplace, you can tap into a set of familiar skills. And King is the ideal place to acquire these skills, with our variety of clubs and councils: all opportunities to build our future selves.

These engagements require, time management, people skills and most of all, they require dedication.

You may learn how to pitch your idea to a group of people, how to run a meeting or how to meet deadlines - all without marks to motivate you. All you have to gain is experience and a valuable future.

In the end, every experience you undergo helps to lay a solid foundation to face the challenges of the future.

Here are the last words of two high school seniors: *Make the best of your time here. Experience all that you can. And don't forget to pause and give your brain a break.*



Brian Wilkinson

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Thank you for picking up this edition of the *Kingsley Voice*. We hope you enjoy all that our team has worked so hard to make.

We're so happy to announce that the *Kingsley*

Voice has won the *Toronto Star's* Best Newspaper Award for excellence in high school journalism. Our team attended the ceremony, in which we also received recognition in areas such as reporting, layout, and comics.

As the editors, it's been such an honour for us to dedicate our last year to

this great project, and we want to thank Mr. Wilkinson and the KVC team for all their hard work.

Although our team is small in size, we've truly demonstrated its strength with our achievements.

Making this paper has been stressful, full of ups and downs, but at the end of the day we all came

together to make a paper we are truly proud of.

Next year, we wish the new Editors-in-Chief, Aarti Patel and Timur Islam, the best of luck on continuing the *Kingsley Voice* legacy.

Sincerely,

Robin & Ali



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Refreshing Sip of Cyanide

Dear morning sky, I long to indulge in your sun kisses, Drink from your chalice of enticing ecstasy, To be captivated by your charms, no different than a willing slave. But alas, I am met with incandescent skin from the slap of your rejection.

Your bliss and prudent promise eludes me, You are akin to sweet poison with your sacred blood-splattered petals, So I cower from your vice, And relish in darkness.

I linger under the moon, Soaking my soul in its purifying beams, Bathing in the redemption of my soiled

essence, And beg to become an ethereal lunar daughter.

Dear morning sky, You do not magnetize holy love. Is fire not seducing? Is water not the elixir of tranquility? I shy away from your deceits and betrayals, The shadows exalt one more noble.

The moon upholds its covenants, With no false pretence that happiness exists. It relinquishes the terrors of the day for the beauties of the night, Of the unequivocal pandemonium.

Love, the lunar admirer.

- Lilly Griffin

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The only Trump to save the world?

By Saadia Zahra

"Ivanka makes me feel hopeful about Donald Trump. Sure, he has outrageous policies and has an intense amount of hatred for minorities, but at least Ivanka is there. She is sort of the Liberal in the sea of Republicans."

This is according to Priscilla Lam, a Grade 9 student and it seems like most of America feels that way. It's a sentiment passed around by those who hope Ivanka is helping steer the ship.

A recent poll by Morning Consult/Politico, which registered 1,988 voters, showed that Ms. Trump was viewed as the most favorable White House Staffer. She was heavily involved in the campaign trail and was always there to show her support for her father.

Some, however, have wondered if Ivanka Trump is as good as numerous people believe her to be. John Oliver, host of *Last Week Tonight*, did a particularly brutal takedown of the first daughter and questioned if she was really as different from her father as many

Ivanka makes me hopeful.

people think.

Ivanka's mission in the White House has been viewed as unethical because of her business associations with the Ivanka Trump Brand and the Trump Organization. A few days after the November 16th Election, Ms. Trump wore a bracelet from her Metropolis collection that costed \$10 800 on her 60 Minute Interview.

Ivanka Trump's VP of sales offered details to websites and journalists about the bracelet, legitimizing concerns that the American public had. On top of that, the President of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, revealed that Ivanka had joined the official conversation between her father, Donald Trump, and Macri.

"It's like...she can fix Donald Trump's policies. She can influence him in a more positive way, and change his views. Also, I think she genuinely cares about women and minorities. She isn't like her father. She is the better Trump, maybe the only good one." says Anna Ly, another Grade 9 student.

Has she made an impact on her father's policies? Ivanka recently staged a meeting with Al Gore, the former VP of the United States with Donald Trump.



Ivanka Trump and her father, President Donald Trump. Many are hoping that Ivanka's somewhat milder tone will have a calming effect on her father.

Gore is a known environmentalist and has been very vocal about the effects humans have on Earth. Many publications were calling it a "step towards the right direction," especially since Trump is a known skeptic of global warming, tweeting that global warming was a hoax created by the Chinese.

Trump even seemed to change his mind, "I think there is some connectivity," when he was asked about the role that humans producing carbon dioxide have on climate change.

That impact, however, seemed short lived once President Trump backed out of the Paris Accords.

Ivanka's whole brand was built upon the idea of working women and Feminism. However, women have fared much worse under her father's regime. On March 27th, Donald Trump revoked the "2014 Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces" executive order signed by Former POTUS Obama. The executive order included two rules that protected and impacted women: paycheck transparency and a ban on forced arbitration clauses for sexual harassment, sexual assault or discrimination claims.

Paris McGroarty, a RH King student, isn't a fan. "She hasn't really given me a reason to like her. She talks a lot but does little."

Skip ad never: the Youtube ad crisis

By Ryan Tracey

Over the past few months there has been a growing boycott of YouTube ads. Hundreds of companies worldwide have been pulling their ads off of YouTube, causing Google to lose over \$1 billion in ad revenue which is causing many YouTube content creators to get paid fractions of what they earned before in ad revenue.

Hundreds of companies including McDonald's, Pepsi, Toyota, and even the British government have been pulling their ads from YouTube after becoming aware that there is a chance their advertisements could appear on mature and offensive content that they don't want to be associated with. Many marketers were quick to pull their ads in order to protect their brand and were using the scandal as an opportunity to potentially pay less for future ads.

This whole issue started when *The Wall Street Journal* posted an article showing a few examples of ads from big corporate brands alongside videos with racist titles and videos promoting terrorist organizations. Most did not see this as a big deal considering it rarely happens. Also, YouTube videos are monitored by an algorithm that demonizes videos with potentially of-

fensive content. However, with over 300 hours of content uploaded every minute, a few videos are bound to slip through the cracks.

This method of stripping ads off offensive content was simply not enough for these brands to continue to trust YouTube so they continued to pull their ads out.



YouTube's response to this issue has been slow, and on top of that their communication with content creators has been nearly non-existent. However, lately YouTube has been putting in new features to try to reduce the risk for potential advertisers and to try and lure back those high profile brands they lost.

YouTube has implemented two key features to

make content safer to advertise on. The first feature is the new restricted mode, which will not allow the user to see any videos with anything that may be considered offensive. This includes videos with coarse language, violence, or covering sensitive or controversial topics. The second feature allows advertisers to choose

the videos they would like to advertise on. These options range from all videos, to other extremely restricted content. These solutions are not the best, but an ideal one does not exist.

The main group this advertiser crisis is hurting is not Google itself, with assets totaling nearly \$170 billion, losing a billion dollars is not detrimental to the company. The people who are hurt

the most by this are the content creators on YouTube, whose largest income comes from ad revenue generated through their videos.

Some YouTube channels reported up to a 90% drop in their revenue due to the new restrictive modes and lack of advertisers on videos, which is a huge hit to those who have all their eggs in one basket. Some YouTubers have used their channels to launch other businesses and diversify their income.

For example, Casey Neistat, with 7.2 million subscribers recently sold his business "Beme" to CNN for \$25 million, and Philip DeFranco, with 5.4 million subscribers used his channel to launch his own news organization and clothing company. Despite this, some creators only make their money through YouTube ads which has caused a lot of people to panic.

This whole situation is only really affecting the little guy. At the end of the day, these huge global brands will do just fine without their ads on YouTube, but unfortunately, it is the content creators who get caught in the crossfire. Many creators and entertainers lose the majority of their money and are faced with potentially losing quite a bit of money over issues that are beyond their control.

Kingsley's Advice Column!

...with Michaud & Wilkinson



Veerta Kumar

Q: Would it be creepy if I prom-pose to one of my teachers?

Michaud: Ew.

Wilkinson: Double-ew.

Q: I'm trying to get jacked this summer, any tips on dieting and working out?

M: I assume this falls under the category of "Things I Say I Want To Do But Won't Get Around To". In which case, a steady regiment of tacos and video games should do the trick.

W: You're seriously asking me?

Q: Why is my pee green?

M: Because you're the Grinch?

W: Cake icing. Or slurpees. Or because you're part Muppet.

My friend has really bad B.O. I've noticed recently that one of my friends has really bad B.O. How do I tell her/him about the invention of deodorant without being mean? Please help

M: Invite them to join you for a youtube marathon of Old Spice commercials during which you frequently says things like, "Oh man, I really like the way that one smells" and "Which scent do you prefer?" The Bruce Campbell ad alone is worth the effort.

W: this is a tricky one. A lot of times, we just get used to our flavour and it takes someone whose nose hasn't been blunted by the trauma of our own B.O. to point it out to us.

Honestly? If you're good friends, just say something to them. Or play it cool and bring some deodorant and tell them it was a free sample and you have one just like it. If you're really besties, you should smell the same. There's always a subtle way. Good luck!



Syrian war unfolds before the world

By Roxana Comsa

The peaceful uprising that arose in March of 2011 against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad escalated into a civil war, killing over 300,000 people and forcing approximately 1.6 million civilians to flee the country, according to the United Nations.

An article by BBC news states that the war began as a pro-democracy demonstration influenced by the Arab Spring in the southern city of Deraa, where many civilians voiced their complaints. The use of deadly force by the state caused numerous nationwide protests to break out, demanding the resignation of their president and the division between organized rebel groups and government forces fighting for national control.

Russia, aiming to "stabilise" the Syrian government after multiple defeats, claimed in September of 2015 that it would only target terrorists; however activists stated that its strikes mostly hit Western-supported rebel groups, and the U.S., on President Donald Trump's orders, made their first intentional attack on an ISIS-controlled air base named Shayrat in early April.

Apart from these divisions, ISIS, fighting inde-

pendently against all sects including government forces, rebel brigades, Kurdish troops, and Russian and American airstrikes led by the U.S. multinational coalition, controls large regions of northern and eastern Syria.

Thomas Bodor, an R.H. King Geography and Moderns teacher and the administrator of the KEQC, believes that the countries involved in the Syrian civil war should refrain from allowing their own interests to have a role in their decisions. "It only seemed that the issue got attention once refugees showed up in crowds and ISIS became a threat to western countries... I'm growing concerned that this will blow up into a world war. USA and NATO need to show better leadership and facilitate diplomacy, not make rash emotional decisions without considering the consequences. I think Canada can be a leader in this area," Bodor says.

Today, more than 200,000 Syrians still wait to be granted refugee status and to be registered into countries that

will welcome them, and according to a *Globe and Mail* article, approximately four million civilians have fled the country. Canada successfully settled 46,700 refugees in 2016 of which 33,266 refugees were from Syria according to UNHCR. Canada hopes to continue supporting global refugee resettlement and civil society. Conditions for families are dangerous as they attempt to journey through

cross the European borders by sea usually have to endure exploitative work in areas such as Tripoli before they can reach safety and have to deal with the prospect of their boat capsizing, while those who attempt the journey by land live in extreme poverty and have to seek shelter in impoverished conditions.

Despite these challenges, many countries like Germany and Canada are trying



Citizens flee from an oil and gas fire in Aleppo, just one of the many incidents that have taken place in the past few years.

Turkey, Greece, and the Balkans to get to the EU countries. There are a leading number of deaths that are caused on board due to the lack of food, water and medical supplies as well as sanitation.

Passengers are exposed to fear and violence on board. Most refugees who

to accommodate as many refugees as possible. Jean-Nicolas Beuze, UNHCR Representative, believes that over the years refugees will find jobs and develop a strong attachment to Canada. Children will have an advantage as they easily learn new languages and perform well in school.

Kinglish: fear debunked



Veerta Kumar

By Robin Dineshkumar

For many years and many generations of R.H. King history, the English department has been an infamous source of fear for students.

"Kinglish" has consistently had a bad reputation for being too challenging, and this claim leads many students to pursue their English credits outside of the school.

There are a variety of conflicting opinions on English courses at King.

"I think they're great, in that they're so thorough. But at the same time, they can be hard markers," says Victoria Toffoli, a Grade 12 who took English at King. "They've prepared me for university, but now I can't get in!" she says.

Aqsa Khan, a grade 10 student, thinks Kinglish is more difficult than English courses at other schools: "If I were to go elsewhere, I'd be getting 90s with what I've learned at King."

Lisa Cousins, the head of the English department has heard all of these rumours before and thinks the fear is unfounded.

"I think the fear of Kinglish has become an urban legend in this school, from students who had a bad experience who might've exaggerated it," Cousins says.

Mr. Wilkinson, who has taught Grade 12 English before, agrees.

"Everyone wants to do well, no doubt," he says. "Students and teachers alike. Looking at the marks themselves, there's nothing to suggest that King is doing anything harder than any other given school."

Cousins encourages students to think for themselves. "We want you to form your own opinions, and to challenge what you see in this world."

Cousins offers her advice to those considering studying senior English outside of King.

"The idea that English teachers turn into monsters in Grade 12 is ridiculous. We know and love you. We will make sure you get the skills you need for success. We're there to help you! We have an invested interest in you!"

KEQC assembly: unity in diversity



KEQC runs many initiatives to educate students about social issues like islamophobia. They encourage open-minded thinking and the sharing of ideas and cultures.

By Alexandra Vidal

On May 10, 2017, R.H. King students gathered in the cafeteria to watch the annual King Equity Council Unity Assembly. The theme of this assembly was unity and with awareness towards social issues that plague society, people can take a stand against these issues as a united whole.

"The whole message was unity. Despite differences and all the stereotypes against people, they're not true. In order to be unified as

one, we need to be able to break down those stereotypes and just be unified as one. Everyone is different, no one is the same," says Marjuka Yakina, the co-chair of KEQC.

In collaboration with the KMC and the KTC, each KEQC group organized several performances that ranged from games to spoken word which raises awareness of each group's social cause. To end things off, members of the KMC performed a special mashup of 'We Are the World' and 'One Love.'

The assembly was not just focused on the positive as many controversial matters also happened that got the whole school talking.

One of these controversies included the hosting. The two emcees posed as friends who had different political views with one trying to change the other's opinion.

The departments of KEQC include Exceptionalities, Race & Religions, Body Image, LGBT and Gender equality. KEQC spreads awareness for these groups and their issues in the form of initiatives to educate the public.

"We have many initiatives but for Race and Religions, there was Islamophobia. It's really sad but there are still people in the school who say "Muslims are terrorists." I've heard this in the hallways, and we have initiatives that dispel these rumours; you can't say that about a group of people despite a few people's actions," Yakina says.

An issue that the KEQC has noticed is that there is

often a lack of student involvement, which potentially results in the inefficiency of providing what the school might need.

"When we want to promote, people don't show up. The school wants something, and we give it to them based on what we know. When it comes to certain stuff, we don't have that knowledge, so we just base it on what we learned and our experiences."

"If you don't take that initiative, you'll only get what we know. We don't get to see the other side," Yakina says.



The KEQC promotes a positive culture at RH King.

P R O M

Getting ready for the grad formal

By Lia Aziz

Everybody get your nicest shoes and fanciest cufflinks. Prom season is here!

Prom is one of the biggest, most nostalgic and memorable nights of a high school students' life. It takes months of preparation to make it a perfect night. Here is everything you need to know to have an incredible prom!

The Grade twelves at King are very excited about going to Prom given that it is one of the last things they do before leaving high school.

Roxana Comsa, 18, is really excited for prom. "It is really special because it is the last time I will be able to spend with my school friends before we graduate. Also, it is going to be my first time going to a dance at King which makes it even more special," she says.

Finding dresses and suits might seem like a gruelling and tiring task. You take your family or friends through dozens of shops hoping to find that perfect dress or tuxedo. If you have not found it yet, we got you covered.

Here are some of the best shops in Toronto for prom outfits: Belo Fashions Boutique, Blu Ivory Bridal and Evening, Indochino and Tip Top Tailors.

Prom is hands down one of the most romantic night of your life and spending your special night with a special

someone is definitely what most people dream of.

They expect to have the best night of their lives but what they do not realize is that they can do that without dates, too!

magical rides that fit so many people but are so expensive... riding in a limo with all of your friends is one of the coolest parts of the night. It is probably one of the only nights in your life that you will

your makeup starts melting.

Corsages are simple, yet delicate and are great to finish to an outfit. In reality, it is just a plastic flower bracelet but it represents so much more. It is the token of love, a souvenir of hopefully one of the greatest moments of your life.

Prom is approaching fast and ticket sales have already ended.

Be sure to check out all of the prom posters throughout the school and stay tuned for the exciting, yet cheesy, proposals!

According to Yelp, the Top 5 Prom dress stores are:

- 1.) Madeline's Boutique
- 2.) Belo Fashions Boutique
- 3.) Blu Ivory Bridal & Evening
- 4.) Papilio Boutique
- 5.) Original.



Choosing that one dress can be really exciting, A lot of communication is put to make sure no one wears the same dress.

Bavisha Thavarajah, 14, thinks that not having a date isn't a big deal. "It is not a problem for me. As long as I have a nice dress and my friends, I'm all good!"

Limos, those long, black,

ride in a limo, let alone with all of your high school friends.

Also, you can even take the best and funniest pictures before you get all sweaty from dancing and



Teachers went to prom, too!

By Ahraanei Krishnakumaran

Beyond the glitz and glamour of prom it might not always turn out to be a magical experience.

Grade 12 students are still looking forward to the event, and with good reason, but some of King's who attended their own prom found them to be a little less than perfect.

Jordyn Booth, the head of the Girls' Phys. Ed. Department at King, recalls her prom experience at the King Edward Hotel in Downtown Toronto. While taking the escalator down from the top floor, her friend's prom dress got caught in the escalator and began to rip.

"I was behind her laughing and she's in front of me looking like she's about to cry. So anyways, the escalator stopped and everybody had to go back up and cut the dress out of the escalator to try and get it working again," Booth says.

David Michaud, the R.H. King video production teacher and librarian, remembers the night he narrowly missed a car accident. Michaud, whose prom took place at a well-known hotel in Downtown Toronto, describes the evening itself as mediocre.

"Most people were more interested in being downtown and partying in their hotel room. What I found out after was that our school has since been banned from that hotel because of all damage and disturbances that we got up to," Michaud says.

Towards the end of the night Michaud stayed in Toronto, while his friends went home.

"All my friends got back into the limo to drive home and they got into a car accident on the 401, but everyone was okay," Michaud says.

Brian Wilkinson, who is the head librarian, attended his prom with a brutally high fever.

"I think I had a good time? I can't really remember much. I know that I was sweating a lot thanks to a high fever and that I took a picture with my date. I think she held me up for most of the dancing. She regretted that later when I kind of, sort of, threw up on her a little."

While many students are looking forward to the highlight of their high school experience, it is important to remember to stay safe.

Prom might not be perfect, but it is sure to be memorable!

Promposals getting more lit?

By Aarti Patel

Since the start of prom season, students are immersed in a growing trend: 'Promposals.'

Unlike before where teenagers could simply ask someone out to prom in hopes to share the night with their dream date, the latest trend is for teenagers is to come up with creative and extravagant ways to ask out their significant other.

There are many ways that student can 'prompose' to someone. Some promposals are romantic with candles, flowers and chocolate, while others are cute and funny.

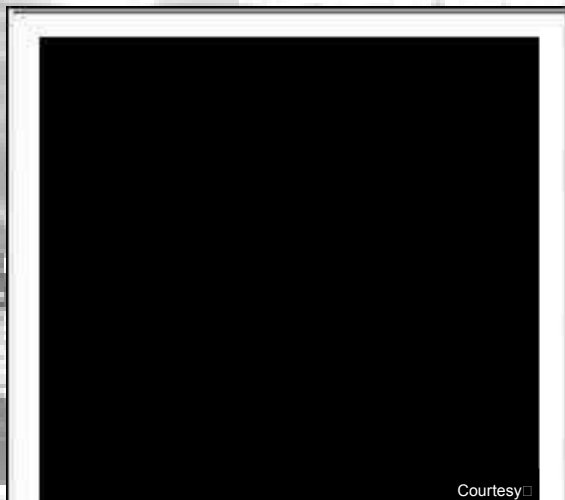
For instance, a teenager might place a note inside a pizza box that reads "I know this is cheesy but will you go out with me? Prom?"

As 'promposals' are becoming more popular, some ways of asking someone to prom may be getting out of hand. In April 2017, senior high school senior Ty Myers jumped out of a plane in Tennessee. Twelve thousand feet above ground, Myers performed a skydiving stunt in a suit and tie while grip-

ping to a sign that read: "I'm falling for U! Prom?"

On ABC News, Myers was unapologetic. "What better way to ask her out then go above and beyond and jump out of a plane two

less and unnecessary to do for a date. ABC News later revealed that Kate and Myers were happy as they were both later awarded Prom King and Prom Queen at their high school formal.



Definitely one of the more daring promposals that involved setting a small fire on a public beach here in Scarborough!

miles above the Earth?" he asks.

Myers believed that his promposal act demonstrated his deep love for his girlfriend Katie, but critics argue that his decision was sense-

Other promposals pushed the envelope like the kid in the USA who got the police involved. He held up a sign that suggested his date would be arrested if she didn't say 'yes'.

At RH King Academy, some promposals were very extravagant as well like one at the Scarborough Bluffs. "PROM?" was engraved on the sandy beach and lit on fire with gasoline. The girl was very excited and happy when she saw the glowing words that flickered on the sand. She accepted the offer before the fire department showed up.

Her boyfriend loved the whole thing. "I knelt down and asked her to be my date and she's said "yes. It was one crazy promposal and I got a full tight hug instead of a side hug."

He describes that he also gave his date presents of a stuffed animal, chocolate and roses. She really appreciated all the time and effort he put into his promposal.

It's a big moment for students to get the courage to ask someone out on a date to the formal, but it is also important new social norms do not pressure students into doing wild promposals. Simply asking someone out to prom in a private way may also be a nice and gentle way to find a date.



Promposals @ King!

These are just SOME of the promposals that happened during the road to R.H. King's 2017 Formal!



Dan & Zindzi

Dan - Riveting! I loved every part of it.

Zindzi - The promposal was really amazing. It showed me that Daniel was happy and proud of wanting to go to prom with me. It was amazing that he incorporated my favourite album into it too, especially since me and Daniel became friends off of similar music tastes.



Kevin & Devena

Devena - As soon as he started singing and I saw the writing in the sand it was almost like everything just faded away and it was just us in our little moment. To say I felt special is an understatement.

Kevin - During [the promposal], it was just me praying that everything happened the way I wanted it to and that she was enjoying it, both of which happened.



The experience worth your wallet

Hundreds of dollars for one night may seem like a stretch, but all the priceless emotions and memories created may very well make it rewarding in the end.

By Lia Aziz

Students at King are spending hundreds of dollars on Prom. However, for many, every penny is worth it.

Many Grade 12 students think of prom as the biggest night of their lives. It is a milestone, a rite of passage and definitely something they would never want to miss, even if it means they have to save up for a long time.

Although many might think that prom is very expensive, it is the emotional experience that outweighs the costs, though you should be careful not to go too crazy if you can't afford it!

In high school, you spend four years doing tests, projects and exams. Students often toil very hard to keep your grades up. You spend hours of your personal time and drain yourself to do well and graduate.

At prom, you can celebrate all of the hard work you have done for all these years. You can relax, eat delicious food, dance like there is no tomorrow, and

hang out with your friends at a beautiful venue.

It is the last night you spend with your friends, having fun before you graduate and part ways. So what is hundreds of dollars really, compared to the thousands of hours of dedication you give to your high school career?

If you still think that it isn't worth it to go to prom, think about this. If you would spend thousands of dollars for your wedding and buy a gorgeous, expensive dress or suit even though it is only for one day, why wouldn't you do the same for prom?

Also, when you go to prom, you are letting go of your childhood and moving forward with your life as an adult. You are saying farewell to all of your memories with your best friends and leaving a place that you have gone to every day for years.

Prom provides a chance for the shy, introverted teens to break out of their shells to be in the spotlight.

You do not want to be sitting at home one day, years from now wondering what it would have been like if you went, how much

For all of the reasons mentioned and many more, prom is one of the most important night's of a high schooler's life and it is

"If you would spend thousands of dollars for your wedding ... wouldn't you do the same for prom?"



The suits, the dresses, the corsages, the limos... ah, the many expenses of a night to remember for the rest of your lives.

fun all your friends had without you, and find yourself regretting not going.

highly recommend that you go and not worry too much about the cost.

Behind the scenes: the formal

By Timur Islam

At the end of every school year, there is an event that takes meticulous planning and months of preparation which often goes unnoticed by the majority of King students: Prom.

The Formal is a logistical nightmare for many reasons but it's always successful with very few hitches. It is always visually stunning and well detailed. This success is credited to a small ever-changing group of people that plan the Formal every single year.

They work diligently to provide the best experience for the students attending and try to make it a night they will not forget. Most times the students never fail to recall how it all came together and are very impressed.

However, many students are unaware of the difficulties that the formal committee faces including the expectations of students. People have different tastes and the goal is to make sure there is something

for everyone to enjoy even if any given individual doesn't get every element

they personally want.

One of the main staff members responsible for the event is Thalia Olaizola who does an incredible job of putting it all together. "Students watch Holly-

company has millions of dollars to work with, we don't have that kind of budget so it's impossible to have all the lavish decorations that students see in those scenes."

While King's own formal may have the budget limitation that does not mean it lacks quality.

King works with their budget in an intelligent and organized way so that the prom is as spectacular as possible for each individual going.

"With every formal committee, they get to decide specific details that represent their graduating class, including choosing the DJ, gifts, and decorations," Olaizola said.

This year, the formal theme is Paris, the city of love which will make this prom extra romantic and hopefully very special for all of those who will be attending.

King's own formal is not a Hollywood cookie-cutter event but one that is customized to fit the style of the graduating class.



The Committee works hard to generate cash and even runs bake sales!

wood movies where they see prom scenes and don't realize that the production



FRESH FLICKS

Unity through the arts: Eurovision

By Thureka Gopalasingam

The Eurovision Song Competition is one of the longest-running TV shows that ran from May 9-13 of this year. It is a multinational competition, similar to the Olympics, except with singing from around the world.

It features acts from the nations who are members of the European Broadcast Union; an alliance of public service broadcasters, as well as some countries outside of Europe.

Nations compete in two Semi-Finals, and those who win enter the Grand Final. Six nations are guaranteed

a spot into the Grand Final with the Big Five which includes United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and Spain.

The show's votes are based on both the jury and televoting to determine who wins the competition.

Eurovision was created after World War II as a means to bring war-torn Europeans together using the recently invented television as a medium.

"It is one of the most creative solutions for creating peace. The arts brings everyone together," Aloka Wijesundara, a Grade 10 student at R.H. King, says.

Eurovision today has a wide variety of music ranging from ballads to pop, from the very exotic songs to the songs that will shed tears and to the very upbeat tunes. People can connect to the various songs depending on their favourite genre.

This year's slogan "Celebrate Diversity" and many of the songs showcase their ethnic roots. The unique performances are the most exciting part of the show. Eurovision has been the origin of the Epic Sax Guy meme which his

group is performing this year once again with a new song, 'Hey Mama.'

This year, ESC is taking place in Kiev, Ukraine as last year Jamala won the contest in Stockholm with the song '1944', which was about a genocide carried out by the Russians.

Since there are tensions between Ukraine and Russia, on March 24, Ukrainian officials banned Russia's act, Julia Samoylova, from entering the competition. This stirred up a lot of emotions in people as Samoylova was in a wheelchair and many felt that bringing politics into a contest of celebrating who they are is wrong.

"It defeats the whole purpose because Eurovision is a place to solve all the problems, or at least have a nice day without everyone hating each other," Wijesundara says.

The winner this year was Portugal with the song "Amar pelos dois" performed by Salvador Sobral. This was Portugal's first win in 53 years of participation, the longest winless run by a country in Eurovision history. More than 182 million people watched the live broadcast this year.

"[Eurovision] brought everyone together"



Audience members celebrate the slogan "Celebrate Diversity" for this year's Eurovision competition by proudly waving flags. There were a wide range of unique singing and dancing performances from various countries on stage.



Doctor Strange:

The mystical Marvel movie starring Benedict Cumberbatch arrived on Netflix May 30th.



The Defenders:

This brand new Marvel series mash-up premieres on August 18th with Daredevil, Jessica Jones, Luke Cage, and Iron Fist.

Arts students learning business

By Alyssa Vidal

R.H. King's Grade 12 Arts Management class is reshaping the art scene in Scarborough. Similar to the success of their previous projects like Arts on the Road and the hit showing of #TheDonnellyProject, this year the WORDS WITH

were performed by students from R.H. King Academy, Agincourt Collegiate Institute, and Northern Secondary School.

The Grade 12 Arts Management students were given firsthand experience in becoming producers of a show as they took on roles ranging from graphic

people actually responded to all of our media and advertisements, and that all of these people wanted to come," Arnold says.

With the success of the WORDS WITH A ZED FESTIVAL, students next year will be working on an even bigger project.

Alice Walter, who

in Scarborough, but in the greater community. We are thrilled to be a cultural partner in the development of the very first Scarborough Satelite for Nuit Blanche 2018. This year's class is already laying the groundwork for a project that will take more than a year to execute, and could very well involve the entire school," Walter says.

Although most of the students in the class are in the Leadership: Arts and Culture and Specialist High Skills Major programs, The Grade 12 Arts Management course is an interdisciplinary course offered to all students at R.H. King Academy.

"I'm not a LAC or SHaSAM student, but I absolutely love the arts. Everyone in this class is awesome and super kind, truly a supportive environment... I've learned a great deal about resilience, and how it's always important to keep moving forward with anything you're passionate about despite any obstacles in your way," Arnold says.

R.H. King's arts students continue to feel greatly empowered and excited as a result and hope you will join them!



At Tarragon Theatre, students in the Grade 12 Arts Management Class perform an interactive singing performance during intermission at the WORDS WITH A ZED FESTIVAL. Audience members joined performers in celebration of the arts.

A ZED FESTIVAL made an outstanding debut.

In partnership with Scarborough Arts and Tarragon Theatre, the WORDS WITH A ZED FESTIVAL showcased five plays written by five young GTA playwrights on Saturday, May 13th at Tarragon Theatre. The plays

design to promotions.

Grade 12 Arts Management student Calista Arnold was a vlog producer, a stage hand, and an extra for the festival.

"Learning that the festival was sold out was quite an incredible feeling. It was really cool to think that

teaches the Grade 12 Arts Management class, says a plan is in the works to bring Nuit Blanche to Scarborough in 2018.

"I am so proud of the creative and professional profile our Arts Management class has built and continues to build, not just



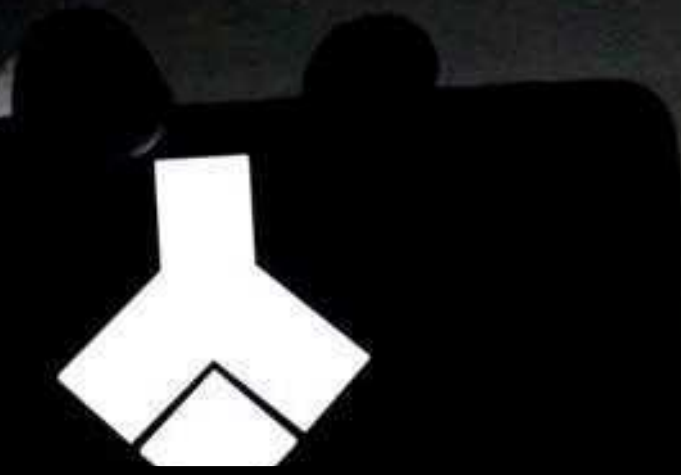
House Of Cards:

The White House political drama returned for a fifth season on May 30th.



Lights, camera, action: video at King!

STANDBY



Angie Singh, Blaise Sinyard

Students in Mr. Michaud's Video Production Class work together to finish their upcoming film *Standby*. Students are excited for the release of their upcoming film on June 13th. Past productions of the course include *Travis and I*, which was based on the cult film *Fight Club*.

By Joe Gibson

Modern filmmaking has become so big that it's made its way into our classrooms. With the rise of the film industry, many young aspirers want a head start on the basics of media

production.

As many of you know, R.H. King Academy offers a course known as Video Production. Taught by Mr. Michaud, it can be taken throughout grade 10, 11 and 12. Slowly building their knowledge of producing a

film, students learn about the various different roles in production and the amount of effort that goes into making a good film.

For the past several years, the Grade 12 class has been responsible for creating one short film for

the end of the semester, to be presented to you, the students. Last semester they had the success of Slateless Film's, *Travis And I*, which was based on the popular film *Fight Club* and have been working to bring new and exciting films to the

table for students to enjoy.

This semester, Broken Chair Productions is in the works of producing a new film called *Standby*, a post-apocalyptic dystopian thriller where most of the population is controlled by an app on their phones, causing them to record everything, from which the main protagonist must escape.

One of the directors of *Standby*, is Grade 12 student Veronica Toffoli.

"The idea for the video was inspired by an episode of the TV show *Black Mirror* on Netflix. I really enjoyed the episode, and I took a common theme from it and adapted it into a school setting, which not only makes it easier to film but also makes it much more realistic and relatable." Toffoli says.

Directors for the Grade 12 Video Project require many leadership skills. Toffoli has learned to make the directing process more smooth, especially for a film of this size. "I've learned that organization in key to any project, regardless of size. The Grade 12 video is a larger project, which is why it is so important to stay on top of paperwork and schedules. Every minute of filming time is important," Toffoli says.

Broken Chair Productions *Standby* has an official release date coming up on June 13th in the Drama Studio.

Summer 2017: coming soon to theatres!



Wish Upon:
July 14th

Claire receives a box that allows the owner to have seven wishes, but its magic seems to have control over her.



Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets: July 21

Two teens are assigned to protect Alpha, a futuristic city, but will they be able to overcome the dark force that plagues them?



Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie: June 2

The book series comes to life as Captain Underpants attempts to save the city with help from George and Harold.



War for the Planet of the Apes:
July 14th

Humans and Apes go to war as Caesar's worlds collide. Will Caesar be able to overcome the threat of the humans?



Spider-Man: Homecoming
July 7

Spider-Man returns to New York to face his new foe: The Vulture with the help of the Invincible Iron Man!



Annabelle: Creation
August 11

A dollmaker's creation goes rogue as Annabelle is introduced to a new home.

By Kaleigh MacMillan and Aarti Patel



Review: the Nintendo Switch



The Switch has been a solid success for Nintendo so far and shows a lot of promise despite not having a lot of content.

By Ryan Tracey

When it was announced, one of the main fears with the Nintendo Switch was that it would feel heavy and chunky; similar to its predecessor, the Wii U, which failed to win over fans.

Out of the gate, however, the Switch is proving to be quite strong. The Switch feels surprisingly good in your hands; it's slim, and it weighs less than a pound, making it easy to hold while you are gaming for hours on end. The rounded edges and well placed buttons makes the Switch comfortable to hold for anyone no matter the size or shape of

your hand.

With the controllers (dubbed Joycons) you can also attach them to the "Joy Con Grip" to make it feel similar to an Xbox controller, or you can connect your system to your TV and play with a Pro Controller. There are many different ways to play your favourite games on the Switch.

When compared to other tablets and other portable consoles like the PS Vita and 3DS, the Switch is an absolute monster, but if compared to other home consoles like the 3-year-old PS4 and Xbox One the Switch does not even come close to being as powerful.

In order to allow the

console to be portable, Nintendo had to cram all of the console's internals onto the tiny screen you play your games on, which has really restricted what developers can do with the system.

One issue that a lot of gamers have noticed with the Switch is the large frame rate drops when there is a lot happening on the screen at one time, which is once again due to the weaker graphics card and processor.

When Switch games are played on the TV it is easy to notice the lack of power in the system.

However, when played in portable, mode games look absolutely gorgeous. The small screen does a great job of hiding the lack of detail, the colours really pop, and it looks much better than the visuals on most tablets and portable devices. Also, the 32GB of internal storage is really lacking considering the OS takes up 7GB alone, making it nearly impossible to buy all of your games digitally, unless you buy a huge

microSD.

One thing that has plagued Nintendo consoles for the longest time is the lack of third party support. However, before the release of the Switch, Nintendo released an official statement releasing the names of nearly 50 third party game developers that will be working Switch games in the future. Unfortunately, there are only a handful of physical games out for the Nintendo Switch, which is underwhelming to say the least. The flip side is of course the monster hit Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, which makes the Switch worth the price of admission alone.

Another great game right now is Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, but it's less a new game and more a port of an underappreciated existing title.

Because of how different the Switch is from the Xbox and PlayStation, developers have to work extra hard to port their games onto the console.

In addition, the Switch is very light on apps and features with an extremely bare bones online network. The system retails for \$399 plus tax.

Coming Soon 2017

Look out for these games this summer!



Destiny 2
(PS4, Xbox 1, PC)

Releases: September 8

Ghaul, the commander of the brutal red legion has taken over society's last safe city. Humanity's heroes will do whatever it takes to win their city back.



Crash Bandicoot N. sane Trilogy

Releases: June 30

A re-mastering of your favorite classic series with updated graphics and sound. Contains all three nostalgic games from Naughty Dog.



Call of Duty WWII
(PS4, Xbox One)

Releases: November 3

Fight through the world's most iconic war as a variety of soldiers in WWII. The newest addition to the series will not include any extravagant soldier upgrades such as jetpacks and lasers, but go back to basics.

The truth about gamers

By Thureka Gopalasingam

Within the gaming culture there is large diversity, but to the outside world, everything is reduced to a single term: gamer.

This, in psychology, is called the "out-group homogeneity bias." It is when people think that within their group, there is more diversity compared to the groups outside. Such as in gaming, there are the game reviewers, educators, composers and more.

"Media sets out examples for everyone and honestly whenever you find something on it, it's easy to be persuaded," Sathana Mohanrajah, a student in Grade 10, says.

Another reason as to why gaming stereotypes or stereotypes in general exist is because of how humans form their identity. Humans identify themselves on whom and what they are not. They make a distinction that they never will be the other group. This happens because they do not receive all the information they need.

People predominantly get information from various media. Some of the bestselling games include *Grand Theft Auto*, *Assassin's Creed*, and *Call of Duty*. They literally have violent crimes in

their titles. The human brain is a lazy organ. It wants efficiency and therefore jumps to conclusions quickly based on the information it has been provided.

No wonder people make assumptions that playing video games causes aggression even though there are thousands of other games, but things do not have to be this way.

"There will be a stereotype-free world one day but in order to have one, we'd all need to cooperate," Mohanrajah says.

In order to do this, labels and stereotypes should be fought off. With the growing diversity and acceptance in King and all over the world, it is just the beginning of a cool new chapter for all gamers.



Eashvar Balachandran, a Grade 12 going into Game Design, says gamers come in all shapes and sizes.

Review: Injustice 2 lives up to the hype, say fans



The new *Injustice 2* features Superman against a new villain.

By Kyle Ramnarine

The first *Injustice* video game was a complete success amongst comic book fans, while also managing to bring in hard-core fighting fans with its new style of fighting and super moves instead of fatalities.

It created a whole new fan base and something for them to enjoy.

Injustice 2 delivers on all levels and more to its fans. With an improvement in fighting and a graphics overhaul *Injustice 2* brings back a familiar feel but a whole new different side.

Those who are returning to the series, do not be afraid as much of the fighting is hasn't had such a change that it does not take much time to adjust. New players are also welcomed with improved tutorials and better combo walkthroughs, this helps as it doesn't leave new players to feel like outcasts.

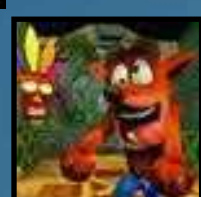
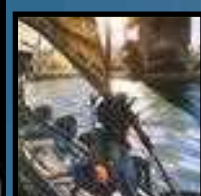
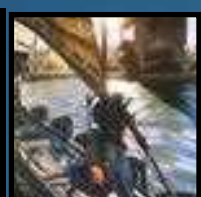
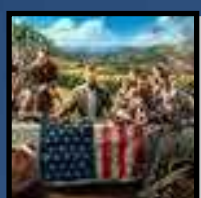
Injustice 2 also brings back the super moves and is

they better than ever, with almost double the characters the super moves have been totally taken to the extreme!

Last time in *Injustice*, Superman was driven over the edge to become ruler of the world, when he was tricked into murdering Lois Lane and blowing up the entire city of metropolis only to be stopped Batman.

Now in *Injustice 2*, Superman has escaped and there is a new villain in town, with the entire heroes and villains scattered and not knowing where they belong. Who will rise up and bring peace? *Injustice 2*'s story manages to take a different turn on the story then what we were used to. It introduces multiple storylines instead of just one, with different POV's from each hero including characters like Firestorm and Green Arrow.

Injustice 2 is now available for PS4, Xbox One, and for PC.



GOD OF WAR

With E3 happening from June 13-15, fans are already excited to see what developers have in store for them. Many previous announced games such as *Sea of Thieves*, *Red Dead Redemption 2*, *Spider-Man*, and *Final Fantasy 7* remake, along with other titles should be making a return with a gameplay demo, hoping to please fans of the progress they have made so far.



SEA OF THIEVES

Set in the pirate world, the game is heavily co-op based, will have proximity chat as well as a dynamic a day/night cycle.



SPIDER-MAN

Some fans are hoping for news on upcoming hardware. Xbox has a new system in the works, codenamed Scorpio, that is supposed to be leaps and bounds ahead of what anything out there is currently doing. Xbox says this could be their last system due to how it constantly be able to update itself. Also, look for more games that take advantage of all the new and emerging VR tech!

New games are said to be appearing at E3 this year. Highly anticipated *Call of Duty WWII* will be one of them. Ubisoft will also showcase a lot of titles this year, with some being the newly announced entries in popular series like *Assassin's Creed* and *Far Cry*.



LAST OF US 2

Set five years into the future, Ellie is expected to be super angry in need of revenge. Joel is also back for the ride in this follow-up to the 2013 hit.



UPER MARIO ODYSSEY

Mario is back! This time, Mario travels to our world!

E3 2017 will allegedly have its best year for exclusives. PlayStation is said to be returning their announced exclusives such as *God of War*, *Death Stranding*, and *Last of Us 2*. Fans are hoping the developers will also release a time frame for these games. This year's E3 will be a giant battle between Xbox and PlayStation. Coverage of these conferences will be easily accessible on IGN.com/E3.

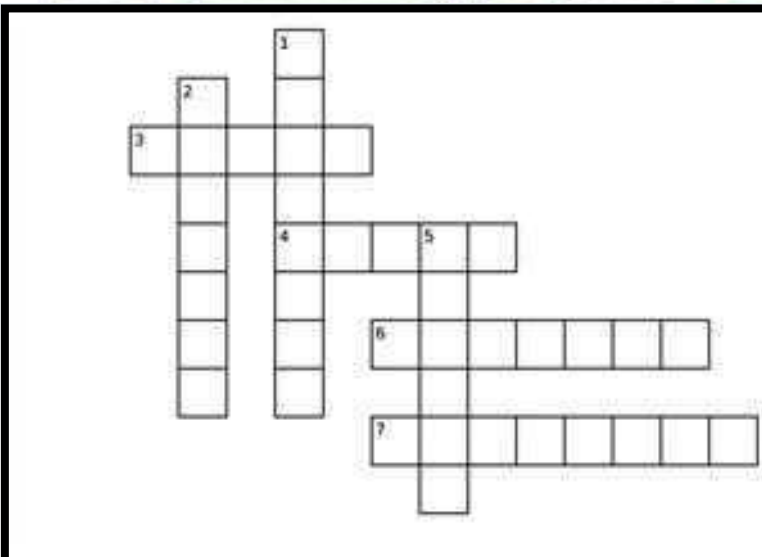
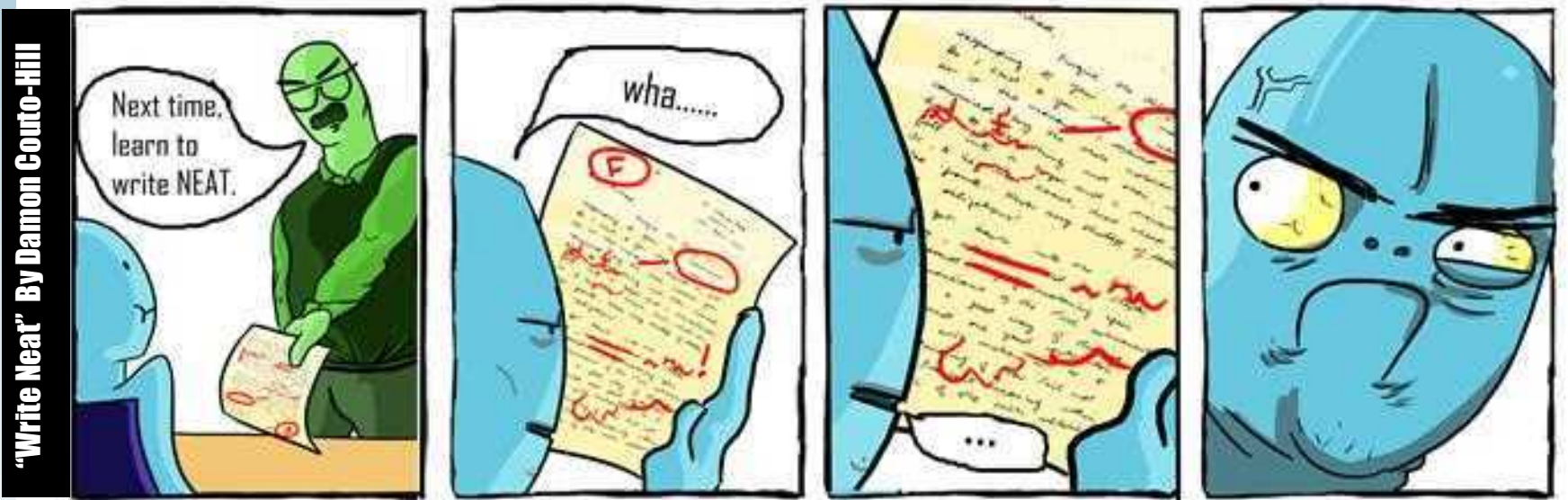
KING SAYS:

- Star Wars: Battlefront 2** - "Big Star Wars nut always looking forward to *Star Wars*"
- Borderlands 3** - " Excited for the new one with next gen graphics"
- Death Stranding** - "I'm so stoked for Kojima's newest game"
- Spider-Man** - "Who doesn't love your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man? But seriously, I hope it's good because historically they have been"
- God of War** - "It's been a long time!! Kratos is back!!!"





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King Crossword!

Down:

- 1: The only school book you don't have to return
- 2: Chow down on this at Big Boys or The Pub
- 5: Only King has this, yet it isn't a medical school

Across:

- 3: Our current school principal
- 4: (What should) be the colour of your shoes right now
- 6: The place for all things literature
- 7: Mascot

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