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## The fight for the top of the pedestal

By Timur Islam

Most people would tell you that STEM is the next big sector for employment as our world is getting more connected and reliant on technology professionals, but should that actually be the case?

Right now, the way that STEM is portrayed, it seems like if you don't have an interest in a STEM field, (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) it's going to be a struggle finding a stable and well-paid job and that attitude might be coming at the expense of the arts.

Here is one issue with STEM: it's not seen as a supplementary or an additional field of study it's seen as the optimal, only thing any rational person can do.

Well, what do you do if you have talents in other sectors? Some STEM focused people will look down on you and say "the world will be run by STEM, everything else is secondary" the question then becomes what do you do if you don't like any STEM related fields but also don't want to eat instant noodles as a primary source of food?

As students we have to make the decision as to what we want to do for the rest of our lives from a young age. At age 16 or 17 we should apparently have everything in order and

decide what we want to do for the next 45 years. In order to take the path that we want to follow, we have to take certain subjects.

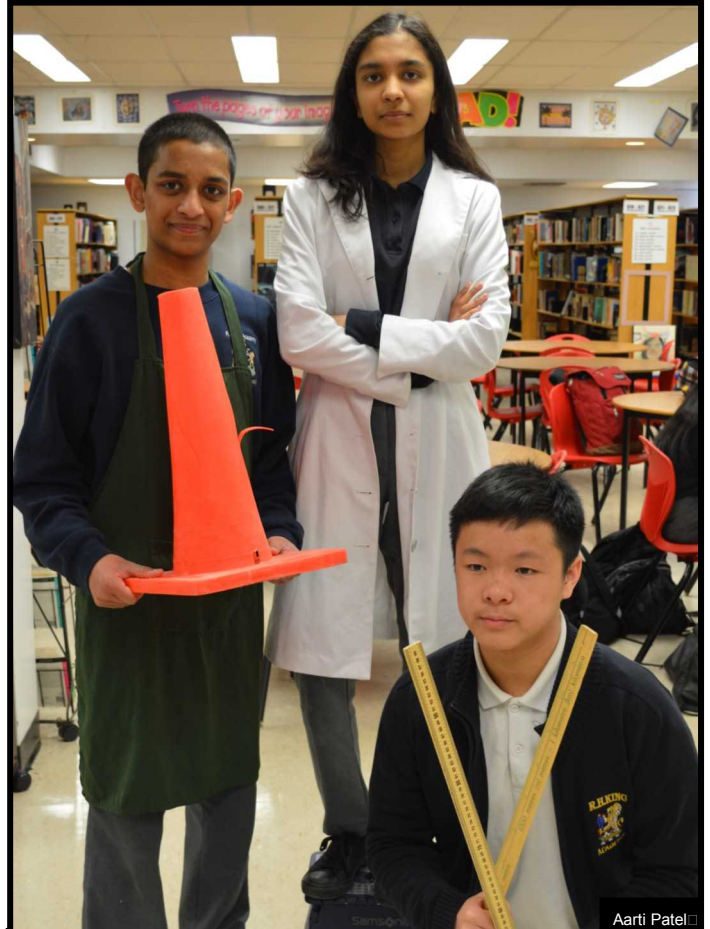
The TDSB has seen the growth of STEM and have even adopted a STEM strategy for it's schools where it aims to provide STEM education for all of it's students through initiatives like having ten STEM coaches to support lead schools.

Even amongst peers the question always comes up if you don't take any maths or sciences: "so what ARE you doing?" almost like the only way to have a fulfilling life is to go into a STEM field and doing anything else would be unimaginable.

Here comes the important part: while there is nothing wrong with having a passion for STEM, we also need people who want to develop art, music, writing, and more. Otherwise, what are we going to enjoy as a reward for working so hard?

We have to recognize that our society is much more complicated than everybody just going into sciences and maths. We encourage people with STEM minds to follow their talents and we should do the same to people who want to go into the arts. If we force people to go into sectors they're not interested in, then we're not moving forward. We're simply wasting good talent and creative expression.

"We cannot forget the value that other careers bring to the table."



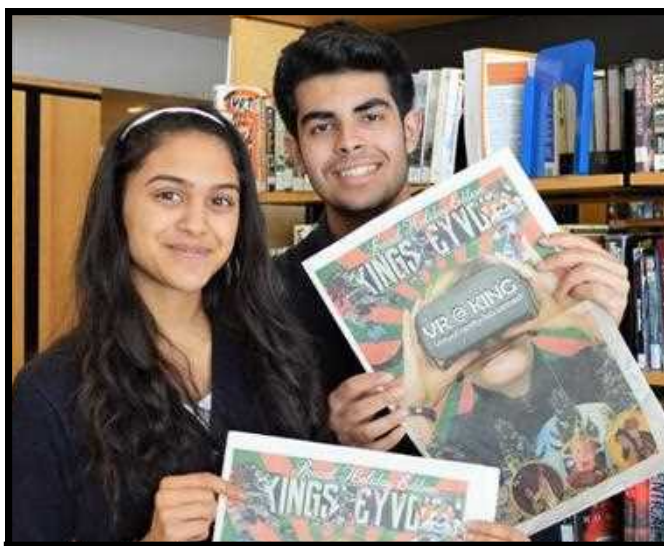
Aarti Patel

There seems to be a career hierarchy where jobs in the STEM field appear to be more desirable than other careers. □

We cannot forget the value that other careers bring to the table. Engineers and programmers will not fit in at the diplomatic table, your average software engineer will struggle with making an award-winning film and the mathematician won't be able to write provoking speeches or the next great novel.

As a society, and as a school, we have to realise that moving forward is not about STEM vs Arts. Our world is like a set of gears, every part has to work properly or we get stuck. Every career must be pursued or we will live in a mechanical world, not a human one. Let's stop prioritizing one over another.

## A message from your editors



Thanks from Co-Editors Timur Islam and Aarti Patel!

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Kingsley Voice's Spring edition of our most transformational edition yet. Thank you for picking up a copy of our newspaper on behalf of our council.

We are always working towards improve the newspaper and bringing in new

elements this issue that hopefully readers will enjoy. As you flip through the pages, you will notice that Kingsley Voice has changed its sections to become more focussed on life at King. Specifically, it features some of the amazing people who contribute to our positive school atmosphere. R.H. King is a place where we all

go every day, and we wanted to showcase some of the interesting sides of people that often get untold. We hope that you can discover more about the staff and the students at our school.

This year, we are so glad that KVC has become a vehicle for expression for students who work on the paper, both as council members and as contributors. Some of the work done on this issue was completed by people who had never set foot in a newsroom but knocked it out of the park! With that in mind, remember that you don't have to be an official member of KVC to write an article as everyone is able to be able to have a voice. We always encourage students to submit their comics, photographs, poems and short stories!

Every issue that we put out is the collective work of many dedicated people that spent countless hours putting together our newspaper. Many members have greatly improved their skills

in writing articles, creating layouts, editing and photography. We are very proud to have the honour of leading a team full of bright and well-rounded journalists. This staff has put forward a ton of initiative by coming in early to take photographs, staying late to get interviews, and more! They've all come out of their bubble and proven themselves to be worthy journalists and we're proud of every single one of them.

We would also like to thank our school community that supports us in our endeavours in being the best newspaper we can be. We wish everyone a best to the rest of their semester We're looking forward to making more and better newspapers in the future. With the staff of the KVC behind us, it'll become a reality!

Sincerely,

Timur Islam  
Aarti Patel

# SPOTLIGHT



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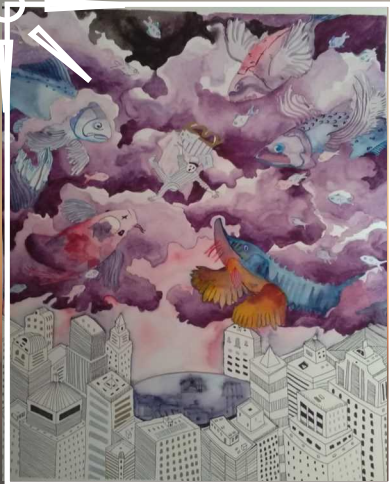
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Elizabeth Conroy



## A Small Little Thing – *Lamia Sinthia* □

They stare at me, through the night.  
Leaning on a pile of rubble, faces alert with fright.  
Wondering if this is it.  
If they'll make it through the night to see the sun rise.  
To try and make it through another day.  
With their heads full of worry about food, shelter, and safety.

When it rains, to some people it's a blessing. To them it's a curse. Because they have nowhere to go. Nowhere except for the muddy rough surface of the street.  
Nothing.

No one will fling their doors open and hold their arms out wide.

For they have no one. Not a thing to call their own. Not a person to call family. For they have no one. Nothing.

Except a tiny little thing. A tiny wisp. Something that tries to stand out from all the terrible things that make up our world. A small little thing, they try to hold on to.

That they try to believe exists. But... one can only hold on for so long. Soon they let go.

Out of fear, that it is not real. That, they have none of it. A small little wisp. Of hope.



## Tree - *Rabia Kanwal*

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 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.

# KING

## Opinion: cultural representation at King



Aarti Patel

Students and teachers are both part of the exciting new African Heritage Club at King.

By Maeson Robinson-MacDonald

Walking down the halls of R.H. King, it's clear to see there's a diverse array of cultures and heritages all represented, however to me it feels like as if something is missing.

It is easy to notice that the school we attend every day is full of cultural events

and representation from all walks of life but some feel there is a missing element to the mosaic of R.H. King and that's when I decided to put forward a change, bringing up the idea of an African Heritage Club to Equity Council, with their co-operation not long after the club was created.

I wanted to do my own part to add to the diversity

of King by founding a Club that allowed people to express their culture and share experiences of their heritage with people who would be able to have a personal connection to.

As a bi-racial student who wanted to see her own culture and heritage be represented to the fullest extent, I wanted an outlet and sought to make sure there

was one for others, like myself, who may have wanted to get involved in something but weren't finding something that fit their needs. It was a great experience because by getting involved, I was able to make a difference and even found support. Many clubs are student driven, so if teachers hear you they will always listen, within reason.

"Teachers control what happens inside the classroom. What happens outside the classroom is a shared domain between teachers, students, administration and parents... partnership all around," says Mr. Snyder, a social science teacher at King.

I believe that your voice is your strongest instrument for change, especially in the world where your voice is all you have.

Students have the power to make a change and use the connections they have to become active in the issues that haven't been addressed. We, as a collective, understand the importance of understanding each other and learning about each other's heritage especially in a school so varied like ours.

Casually speaking to

many staff and students they agree King has many initiatives to further develop our shared cultural knowledge such as talks and clubs that act to further diversify our school community and the more there are the better the overall environment will be. Cultural diversity is a key factor in shaping a student's life, even on a smaller scale like our school environment.

One way this is done is by sharing an appreciation for different backgrounds. Cultural appreciation is what breaks the barrier for many, no matter what part of the school or world. When not representing all cultures, there is a stigma where others feel left out. At King, we have the advantage of a diverse number of clubs and councils to help with this.

There isn't a doubt that King prepares the student body for post-secondary, but does it prepare the students for the real world? Being forced into the real world whether ready or not, there are challenges that are faced daily. Preparing students by talking frequently about culture, race, and religion and promoting inclusion is what will help to foster a tolerant, blended society.

## Life after King: what's next?

By Gogilan Selvarajah

Every year, an ambitious and outstanding year of students graduate and leave King for good but their lives don't end the day they step outside of the student parking lot- quite the contrary, their lives are just starting to begin and wondering just what it is exactly that comes next.

For some, the answer is easy. Many students are choosing to enter university. Nazia Haider, a science student, is attending McMaster University in September to study Life Sciences. "It's been a good four

years, but honestly, I cannot wait to graduate. I want to see more than just Scarborough. I want to experience the world," Haider says.

University is not the pathway meant for all students, however. Matthew Lu, a grade 12 tech student, plans on going to college to eventually become an electrician.

"I've always been fascinated by circuits. I'm excited to learn more about this kind of stuff and get hands on experience," Lu says.

In the midst of a plethora of students entering university, there are still students

who are choosing alternative pathways that fit their unique goals.

Before most graduates start their new endeavours in September, many of them are taking their summer off to travel and relax. Mayurah Thayaparan, another grade 12 student is planning to celebrate her graduation with her friends by travelling to Norway. "I have worked so hard these past four years, so yeah, I deserve a really good reward!" Thayaparan says.

Shafin Siddique, a guitar player, plans to expand his music teaching business and plans to record his first EP. Shiny Sahadeva, who is starting a literature program in September, plans on getting ahead by studying her first semester syllabus. "I've heard the horror stories about university. They take our money, and then they weed us out. Not going to let that happen to me," Sahadeva says.

Although life is vast and plentiful after King, Student Council President Sajin Kowser want students to enjoy the time they still have left.

"Enjoy all the semi-formals, multicultural nights, musicals and home games King. Because your four years here goes by FAST," Kowser says.

Life after high school can be exciting to think about, but it's important to not forget the array of opportunity here and now at King.



Aarti Patel

Snapchat is facing backlash over a recent change.

By Quinn Keenan

Snapchat is receiving backlash from teenagers because they are upset with recent user updates earlier this year.

"I liked the old update better because when I used to view people's stories I would look at the news Snapchat posted and I would get my news and updates through that," says Dhivya Kumarathas, a grade 10 student at King.

Many students find the new design of the app more difficult to use because the update changed the user's stories to an inconvenient page where users used to go for chat features.

"I liked the old update better because when I used to view people's stories I would look at the news Snapchat posted and I would get my news and updates through that. Now I don't even bother to look at [the new Snapchat posts]," Kumarathas says.

This update has caused con-

fusion and annoyance among regular Snapchat users. Many of the students surveyed find the news page useless and prefer the old design to the app.

One person in particular, Nic Rumsey, a Snapchat user, created a petition to reverse the Snapchat update. This hugely popular petition has more than 1.2 million signatures on Change.org.

"...many users have found that it has not made the app easier to use, but has in fact made many features more difficult," Rumsey wrote as the reason for the petition.

Despite the incredible backlash, Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel brushed off the concerns and has said that the Snapchat update is here to stay.

"It'll take time for people to adjust, but for me, using it for a couple months, I feel way more attached to the service," Spiegel said at the Goldman Sachs Internet and Technology Conference back in February.



Aarti Patel

King is familiar, but it's just the beginning. What's next?



## King's next adventure: Massey Hall



Mr. Rowan

The senior strings class, under the direction of Ms. Shaw, got to perform at the beautiful Massey Hall on April 12th.

By Lia Aziz

Students at R.H. King Academy were very excited to perform at Massey Hall on April 12 under the direction of music teacher, Ms. Shaw.

Students from the strings, band, and repertoire classes performed as a mass orchestra ensemble called 'Sounds of Toronto.' They were joined by a hundred other students from across Toronto to play together on stage.

The students were very eager for this event and couldn't wait to perform. Anna Ly, a grade 10 student in the repertoire and band class was thrilled. "When I heard about Massey Hall, I couldn't resist the opportunity to play on a stage where many great artists have performed before," she says.

The band class played *Star Trek Through the Years*, a musical arrangement by John Moss. The strings class presented a piece called *Steampunk* by Richard Meyer. The repertoire class similarly performed both.

Ms. Shaw, the repertoire and strings teacher was excited about the selections for the show. "What I like about *Steampunk* is how it explores new possibilities, values and cultures, and is very dramatic. This creates a story and engages the audience's mind. It fascinates me," she says.

The students had been working diligently in their classes preparing for this event.

"I woke up at 6 am twice a week to come to repertoire practices and go to

band class every day on top of that," Ly says.

The teachers were also working hard to make sure their classes were successful at Massey Hall.

"First we are learning the background of the song and the notes and rhythms in the technique. Then we will get into the interpretation and phrasing," she says, talking about the process. Students had been attending rehearsals and playing with other schools to prepare. The band class had rehearsed at Monarch Park and the strings class had rehearsed at Northern Secondary School.

These rehearsals were very helpful for the King students. They got to listen to and learn from the other musicians and play with them as well. They also got

to follow the lead of brilliant, skilled conductors at the schools. The hosting schools invited other schools too and gave a chance for the King students to play as a mass orchestra compared which was quite an experience compared to the very small strings class that play together at King.

For Shaw, the rehearsals were exciting. "King students especially the younger ones, get to experience working with and learning from students at a higher caliber," she says.

Massey Hall is an internationally recognized and respected music venue in downtown Toronto. Some of the most famous musicians and artists in the world have performed here making it an extra-special honour.

### Kingsley's Advice Column!

...with Michaud & Wilkinson



**Q:** My parents are pressuring me to get over 90% on all my courses and I'm failing miserably! Any advice?

**Michaud:** The best way to artificially inflate your average is to purchase your credits from the many local credit mills. You can buy your way into university and back into your parents' hearts without picking up any essential skills for future success. Sure, you'll probably flunk out of university later on and waste thousands of dollars in the process, but at least you've found a temporary solution to your problem without doing any real work.

**Wilkinson:** The mark to aim for is actually about 75% from the government's point of view. If you're performing above this, that's outstanding. It's a shame that so many things are driven by competition as it massively increases student stress. Don't worry. You're still awesome.

**Q:** I want to tell my crush I love him, but I'm extremely afraid. HELP!

**Michaud:** I'll tell him for you. That shouldn't be too awkward.

**Wilkinson:** The difference between those in a relationship and those not in a relationship is that somebody had the courage to ask and be prepared for rejection. Try it. At the very least, you deserve a high five for going for it.

**Q:** Are promposals still rad?

**Michaud:** Absolutely. So is still using the word "rad."

**Wilkinson:** Yes, as it sets a high standard. In the future, you should expect that anyone who asks you out for anything will have to do something to top the promposal.

**Q:** How can I look hip and rich under a budget?

**Michaud:** One word: sweatpants. Nothing says "I come from money but refuse to present myself in a tasteful manner" like baggy, over-priced cotton.

**Wilkinson:** Neither matter at R.H. King. ALL HAIL THE UNIFORM!

**Q:** What makes you feel beautiful?

**Michaud:** Being beautiful. Not sure how the rest of you manage.

**Wilkinson:** Looking at the pictures that come with the frame and pretending it's a mirror.

## King's school spirit and the house cup



Aarti Patel

Some students are still determined to win the House Cup. Currently in the lead is Stein House, followed by Maize, Baxter, and Jutcovich.

By Gogilan Selvarajah

The students of Maize and Stein might not be in a death match for the quidditch ball, but King students are still doing their best to take home the Mentor House cup later this year.

Part of the frenzy for points

comes from how students have been divided into four distinct houses that were made to help boost school pride and healthy competition among students. The Mentor House system has been in place at R.H. King for nearly five years.

There are various opinions

on the House system. Noyala Isodore, a grade 12 student, likes the idea of it. "I think it's cute, like how it's kind of like Hogwarts. And the fight for points definitely helps spice things up. Like my mentor gets really heated during annual back field clean up," says Isodore.

Part of the mentor houses is a point system. Various school activities are associated with earning points. Anything from a mere membership in a club to getting the highest number of signatures on course carousel day can earn students points. The points earned by a student goes to their mentor house. The mentor house with highest number of points wins the coveted House cup at the end of the year.

Yandy Zuo, a grade 12 student, thinks there needs to be more transparency on

point totals. "I don't really know how the points are being added up. Do my milk bags actually get counted as points? I have no idea," says Zuo. Some students find the lack of information frustrating, and may revert back to apathy.

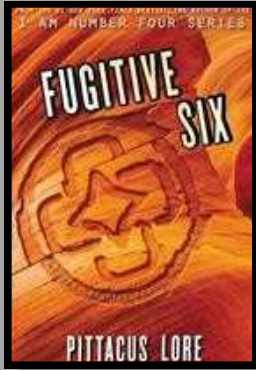
Rami Shah has very passionate ideas on reforming the system. "Maybe they could put up a scoreboard that tracks the points of the different Houses. Then a more comprehensive system could track each mentor's contribution to their house. This would definitely increase excitement and competition," Shah says.

School spirit is an massive component of the high school experience. At R.H. King, the mentor house system deserves a large amount of the credit for helping students to find their school spirit and enjoy their high school experience.

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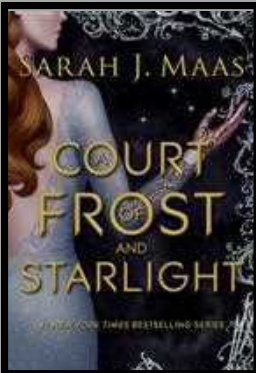
# BOOKS & MUSIC

## Upcoming hot reads!



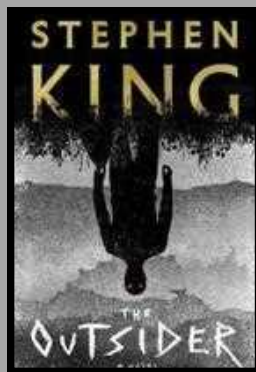
**Fugitive Six**  
By Pittacus Lore  
June 26

A group of friends, known as the 'Fugitive Six,' must work together to bring an end to a mysterious organization before they can hurt anyone else. This is the latest in the *I Am Number Four* series released by author Pittacus Lore.



**A Court of Frost and Starlight**  
By Sarah J. Maas  
May 1

High Lady Feyre, Rhys, and their comrades are occupied rebuilding the Night Court and their world. Winter Solstice is rapidly approaching, and Feyre's shadows of her past loom. Will the shadows impact the future of the court?



**The Outsider**  
By Stephen King  
May 28

An unspeakable crime has occurred in Flint City, fingerprints and eyewitnesses point to the well known Terry Maitland. He is arrested despite a valid alibi. His innocence becomes harder to prove as his DNA is added to the evidence.

## Riverdale: the alternate version

By Saptarshi Dutta

The contrast between CW's *Riverdale* and the wholesome Archie comics source material stretches further than most adaptations though it seems as though there's an audience for both takes on the franchise.

The differences start with the character of Archie himself. In the comics, Archibald "Archie" Andrews is a clumsy redhead who is not the best in academic department. He is a teenager adored by citizens in the small town of Riverdale.

Archie doesn't maintain his altruistic personality in the show; his reputation of being the nerd with freckles has been replaced by a jacked football player, who got abs from working construction with his father. The character once branded as "America's Typical Teenager," just became a hunk who is no longer relatable.

"The show is definitely dramatic and filled with cliffhangers, but it doesn't exactly have the feel of the comics," Alia Rasheed, a grade 9 student says.

The show also goes to some pretty dark places. One live action take on a comic character is actually murdered as part of the initial plot and almost every character had something to hide that would put them under suspicion for his murder,

regardless of if they were actually guilty or not. In the comics, however, the thing a character like Jughead might be guilty of is eating too many hamburgers.

Other departures from the source material abound. In the comics, Miss Grundy was an elderly teacher who had served in

be the ideal girl who is not only pretty and peppy, but also intelligent and cares for the community. Staying in line with that part of her upbringing on the outside, the show introduced an alter ego for her, referred to as 'Dark Betty' who is willing to do whatever it takes to get what she wants.

Beyond these changes,

in their social/personal lives. Of course, kids take example from their parents' actions, but in the case of Archie, Veronica, Betty and Jughead, this ranges from being in on shady business ventures to becoming part of a criminal gang known as the 'Southside Serpents'.

"The parents have a history among one another. They



Despite all the extreme differences, fans still adore both the comics and the TV Show.

World War II. This is very different from her TV version is much younger and is more connected to the rest of the characters. She's also the kind of teacher who begins affairs with her students, including the no-longer-wholesome Archie.

Betty Cooper, on the other hand, is supposed to

the show tries to add modern twists to the source material but ultimately it leaves viewers feeling they have watched something different than expected.

A significant amount of the series' plotlines tie in with the main characters' parents, whose behaviours influence the part their kids play

strangely always tend to get everyone into even more trouble. This is different from the comics where each of the characters balance each other out.

Despite the changes, fans of Archie Comics and those who are new to the audience still continue to follow *Riverdale's* take.

## Life is moving way too fast to read

By Alexandra Vidal

Instant gratification is changing the way teenagers read their books and it seems like students spend more time browsing on their smartphone than passing an afternoon reading paperback novels.

People now feel a need for fulfilment and satisfaction as soon as possible. Perhaps it's that students do not want to read a novel on their own because it is too time-consuming to go through an entire book only to discover the ending to a story isn't to their liking.

Instant gratification is changing the patience people have for enjoying literature. The world today has become a fast-paced production that relies on borrowed time; if you can't keep up, you get left behind. So, people come up with many ways to adapt to the demands of the 21st century, apps included that are for conserving our "precious" time, but reading is one activity that should never be put aside.

Literature is about analyzing and looking for the meaning behind every nuance or conversation in a book. It is about enjoying the details and seeing how the details work to fit in a bigger picture, similar to a puzzle. One cannot understand literature without time and patience. This not only speaks for books but also for poetry or short stories.

Literature and instant gratification are parallel lines going on the same path. People need to understand that it takes patience to read a book to discover its treasures.

Instant gratification compromises the values in the literature for short, temporary pleasure. This can include reading a short poem or story with a clear meaning from reading multiple posts in social media.

The new concept people seem to be running on is the more people get done, the more accomplished they are. The same can be done with reading, though. With literature, the more things read, the more people are able to relate to the world.

Over the years, the concept of instant gratification

along with technology has shown that this lowers our attention span and patience. People begin to lose sight of what is important in place for convenience in

know the price of everything and the value of nothing," Oscar Wilde says in *The Picture of Dorian Grey*.

It has come to the point that walking and smelling



Taking the time to read pays off more in the long run.

short-term highs.

It is important to understand that moderation is important to establish a balance of instant gratification in life.

"Nowadays people

the roses has become nothing but a foreign concept for far too many people. But even then, people have replaced authenticity for convenience in all aspects of their lives.

"...walking and smelling the roses has become nothing but a foreign concept."



# The popular music genres at King

By Shahreen Ahmed

A love of music is something that just about everyone shares, though the genre can be in dispute. According to a recent poll at school, the most popular music genre among students is hip hop and rap with 22.6% saying they enjoy the form.

"I enjoy hip hop because it's a form that can speak both with the lyrics along with the melody of the beats" says Jason Ganga, a grade 11 student at King.

Ganga explains that hip hop allows listeners to be able to connect to their music style through its beats and rhythms. Most hip hop and rap artists like Eminem or NWA use their lyrics to put out a message like the journey of growing up, dealing with harsh situations and overcoming their obstacles.

For teens, music gives them a voice to express themselves by sharing in the kinds of ideas put out there by artists like Kendrick La-

mar, J. Cole and Nav.

A very similar music style is R&B, the second most popular genre at R.H. King at 21.4%. "I enjoy R&B because I like the beat and I am able to connect to the lyrics," says Fairuz Alam, a grade 11 student.

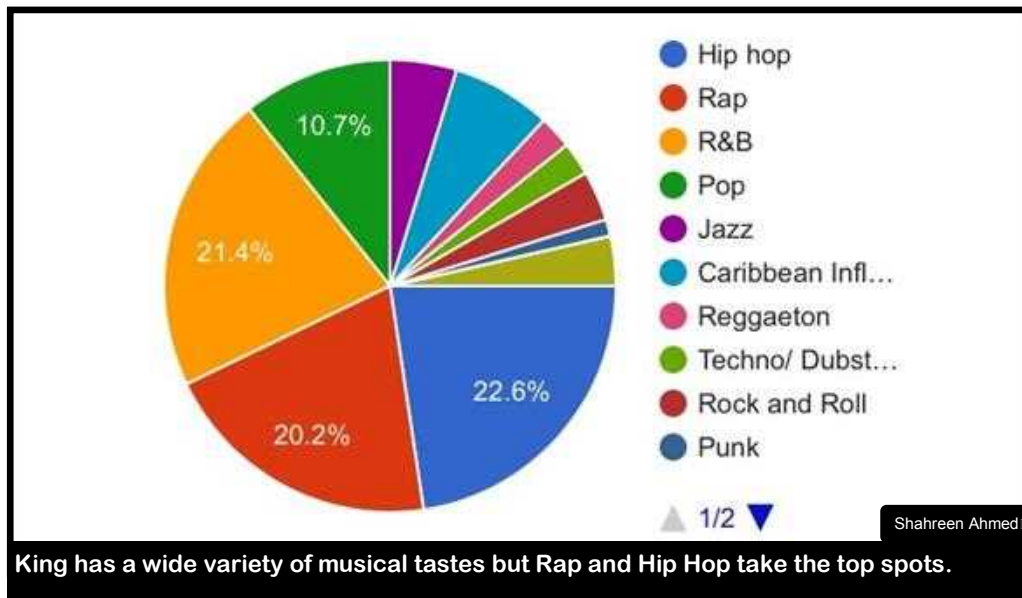
Both music styles have common artists composing

songs as well as common writing styles. This is because R&B artists convey very similar messages about their upbringings and overcoming obstacles. Some of the artists popular in the R&B genre are Drake, The Weeknd and Beyoncé.

R&B music has a lot of background vocals and

many enjoy the beats and the melodies that are in the songs.

R.H. King Academy is a school filled with students who enjoy listening to music on their free time. Other top picks show that rap, pop, and jazz also have strong followings amongst the student body.



## What is it about international music that makes it popular?

By Timur Islam

Music in other languages have always been popular, from upbeat Spanish rhythms and slower French ballads.

Despite not understanding the lyrics, everyone can appreciate the melodies and the overall theme that crossed linguistic boundaries.

However, music in foreign languages has never been as popular as it is now. From Korean Pop to Spanish Reggaeton and French Dance pop; the radiowaves are filled with music not in English.

Some possible reasons as to why foreign music is popular include that the exoticism of a foreign language, it makes music more interesting.

Maybe even music in

English has become a little stable and too predictable and people want something new and fresh.

"I was interested in Spanish culture and I found that the music was much more upbeat and party-like than English songs and I really liked that difference," says Olsen Chan, a grade 11 student and music fan.

"I was interested in Spanish culture and I found that the music was much more upbeat and party-like than English songs."

Students at King are a diverse group of people with different backgrounds and interests and their taste in music reflects that.

Missing out on music, especially in a world so interconnected would be a shame especially since every language has their own way of making melodies.

Listening to different styles can also deepen appreciation for other cultures.



## Are students reading less or reading differently?

By Jasleen Toor

Many people believe that teenagers are starting to read less, however there are many indications that teens today just have different ways of absorbing content and the ways in which they go about it.

The fundamental issue of how one reads is dependent on whether they are taking the importance of reading seriously or not.

Several students at King think that they have become distracted from reading due to the advancement of technology.

Teenagers now have constant access to their cell phones, video games, or social media accounts.

Dharany Nakularajah is a grade 9 student at R.H. King who thinks that there is a perception that teens are reading less as a result of tech.

"I think that teens are distracted from their cell phones due to increasing interests in social media," Nakularajah says.

There are also many people who think that youth are just reading in different ways.

Supriya Vasanthakumaran is a student at

R.H. King who believes that there is more than one way of reading.

"When people think of reading, they automatically think about a novel or a magazine but nowadays, most teens are reading things on their phones such as an article or an eBook online," Vasanthakumaran says.

There are many ways of reading, however, as reading someone's Instagram caption is not the same as traditional reading methods.

Other forms of reading can include Twitter feeds or Instagram captions, something that many may not view as reading in the traditional sense. If one believes that the web is a valid source, however, then teens may be reading more than ever before.

"I think teens are distracted from their cell phones due to increasing interests in social media."



## Upcoming hot albums



**Wildness**  
Snow Patrol  
May 25



**Dirty Computer**  
Janelle Monáe  
April 27



**Voicenotes**  
Charlie Puth  
May 11



**Cinematic**  
Owl City  
June 1



**Pray for the Wicked**  
Panic! At the Disco  
June 22

# KING

## THE SECRET LIVES OF TEACHERS

Finding out their secret lives has led to students finally finding out what some of your teachers really get up to when they leave their classrooms! Many staff at King lead double lives as performers, authors, painters, soldiers, and more!

By Sarah Mangaru, Kaleigh MacMillan, Saadia Zahra, Aarti Patel and Timur Islam



**MS. MOH**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**  
**SECRET: PAINTER**

"I find it very relaxing and rewarding with your brush."

"I love how you can start with a few start again."

"Art in general helps me with my students who are visual learners."



Everyday teachers live double lives with many students and their other talents, commitments, and experiences. Teachers

"I have been in Jermyn to hit that bull's



**MR. JERMYN**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**  
**SECRET: DOES ARCHERY**



**MR. HOEKSTRA**  
**HISTORY TEACHER**  
**SECRET: ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE MILITARY**

...ghanistan, which was my I was stationed at Baghdad for 6 months." "For instance, you fire various types of guns in your civilian life, but in the army you're firing nades, you're doing arm maneuvers, you're flying get to do as a civilian."



**MS. SHAW**  
**MUSIC TEACHER**  
**SECRET: PERFORMER**

"As a professional performer, I was also an en- ness, 'Wedding Belle,' where I used to sell my singing skills at wedding ceremonies." "I will be dancing at this year's Luminato 'Le Continental' in late June."

"On the day before my son Battledoors"



**MR. WILKINSON**  
**LIBRARIAN**  
**SECRET: AUTHOR**

"I've actually recorded four solo Google my name and Band Camp. It's a digital thing so I'm sure people can find it if they're interested."



**MR. SNYDER**  
**HISTORY TEACHER**  
**SECRET: GUITAR PLAYER & RECORDING ARTIST**

...writing gives me the chance to express self in a way that most don't get to do."





## Horror stories that haunt R.H. King

By Vaidehi Trilokia

There's something about a good old tradition of passing down stories that makes things more exciting... even more so when they're about the school students go to.

R.H. King has had a reputation for being haunted for years. Even big newspapers like the *Toronto Star* have published articles linking the school to spooks. Within the school, the older students tell the younger ones the tales and the cycle continues every year.

Mr. Tufford, an art teacher at King, has been teaching in the building for 12 years and knows all about the stories.

"I have no direct experience with any kind of ghost stories here at King, I've heard many of them," says Mr. Tufford.

One horror story was passed onto Mr. Tufford. It is about a caretaker at King who was working during the night.

"In gym 3, a caretaker heard someone dribbling a basketball late

at night, after everyone had left. He thought someone had stayed behind and was running around the school. When he went in to check, he found the gym to be completely empty and a basketball just sitting in the middle of the gym floor. And he never found anybody," Mr. Tufford says.

Even though Mr. Tufford only has a 20% belief in ghosts, he would not want to stay back at King during the night by himself.

"You never know what's roaming around at night," he says.

It's possible that the basketball incident was a prank conducted by students. "Student's have heard ghost stories and are keen on creating a practical joke or continuing with something," Mr. Tufford says.

There are myths that D floor is the scariest and also very haunted. At the beginning of the school year, grade 9 students are told not to go up there alone. Anytime the lights flicker up there or the door happens to close automatically, it is jokingly said that the spirits of former students room are roaming around.

Other potentially para-



Mr. Tufford searches the dark and mysterious parts of R.H. King for any potential signs of the supernatural.

normal incidents have been talked about over the years. A former vice principal came forward to ask Mr. Wilkinson if there had been someone in the library the previous night during a parent meeting. When he said 'no' she looked quite embarrassed as she asked if he had ever noticed anything 'unusual' in the library before. When he asked what she meant she said she thought she saw someone walking in the stacks. Of course she went to check, but there was no one there.

Whether it was a trick of

the light, the reflection off a window, her eyes seeing something, or an actual ghost, the vice principal said that was the last time she was going to be alone in the library at night with the lights off.

Is the school haunted? Well, that all depends on what people believe. After all, if someone was alone in a building like King, parts of which are more than 90 years old, they're likely to hear noises from the heater or animals scratching in unseen places. Don't be scared, though, it's just part of what makes King fun!

"...you never know what's roaming around at night."



and even their colleagues, in the dark as to what secret lives after school!

Photos by Rafael Zoto

## The Arts Banquet: Night Under the Lights

By Alexandra Vidal

The time for the student body has come to put their best foot forward, and step into the annual Arts Banquet. It takes place on Tuesday evening on April 24 at the Estate Banquet Hall, featuring the theme of "a night in lights."

Last year, the Arts Banquet had great success by being inclusive and fun for everyone. In a nutshell, the event recognized the talented arts at King by featuring performances, awards, and exceptional food. It was a night to remember.

Oishee Syed, is one of the planners of this event and a co-president of the King Visual Arts Council (KVAC) and is busy trying to pull everything together ahead of the event.

"First, we're trying to get as many people involved as possible because this is one huge event to plan. We already contacted all the arts councils at King such as Music, Drama, Tech and KVAC, of course. Now we're just slowly planning the small details of the night

such as decorations and performances. It's a really long process, but I am very excited," Syed says.

The Banquet looks at things that influence the academic, athletic, or artistic aspect of the school.

"I think art serves a really important social function because it brings people together in a way that does not divide them... but it draws people together because there's a mutual sense of appreciation and enjoyment," says Ms. Hussey, an English, Dance and Drama teacher at King.

School is a reflection of society. Oftentimes, art is placed in the wayside in favor for academically or athletic advancements.

"I think it's actually important to have things that are equal in the types of celebrations, the demand, the same type of venue... It allows for the same level of respect and celebration for different aspects and facets of our lives, and art is a huge facet of our lives," Ms. Hussey says.

She explains that art is used as an emotional out-

let, a relatable message and a statement that does not rely on words. Art unites everyone and anyone with a common message that constantly changes society.

"Art, to me, is the opportunity to grow and see the world in different ways. I think that creativity and imagination plays such an integral part of being a

human. See the world artfully," Ms. Hussey says.

To ensure the success of the Arts Banquet, it takes a dedicated team of arts students and King's council members along with the support of staff and the student body, to make sure this event goes on without a hitch.

Students are highly en-

couraged to come to the Arts Banquet because it is a night full of fun and positivity. Not only does it showcase talent, but it appreciates both the talent and the contributions of the artists at King.

At a night of lights, everyone, shines in a 'Night Under the Lights.' Tickets are still on sale until April 20.



King students performing at last year's Arts banquet; an overall inclusive affair.

Alli Javeed

# VIDEO GAMES

## Upcoming releases



**Spider-Man**  
PS4 - September 7

This upcoming release introduces game features never before seen in a Spider-Man game as Peter Parker struggles to balance his personal life and his superhero life.



**Anthem**  
PS4/XB1/PC - Early 2019

You and a team of four players with the courage to leave your civilization and explore the landscape will face the dangers you find. Customize your gear and gain new abilities to fight off your enemies.



**Soulcalibur 6**  
PS4/XB1/PC - Late 2018

The latest in the fighting series, *Soulcalibur 6* returns with new characters and new fighting mechanics that the developer hopes you'll enjoy.



**Dark Souls Remastered**  
PS4/XB1/PC - May 25

*Dark Souls*, a popular role-playing game from 2011, is being remastered and will allow you to explore the open world and battle the enemies you find to your heart's content.

## The fantastic rise of Fortnite: BR



Courtesy

Epic Games' free Battle Royale game exceeded expectations, with millions of dedicated fans.

By Adib Chowdhury

Among the multitude of *Battle Royale* games flooding the market, *Fortnite* has made its way to the top, with a record of 3.4 million concurrent players, dethroning *PUBG*, a worldwide phenomenon in gaming.

Arafat Syed, a grade 11 student at King, considers *Fortnite* to be his favourite game.

"I'm just glad there's something different. A rehashed *Call of Duty* game gets old after the tenth iteration," Syed says.

Traditionally, "battle royale" is a term referencing a fight with many competitors, battling until one person remains standing.

In *Fortnite: Battle Royale*, 100 players battle against each other on a large map with a variety of weapons and strategies until one player remains standing. In a matter of months, it's become one of the most popular video games in modern history.

The free-to-play title has spurred hundreds of YouTube and Twitch channels dedicated to the game, and it's become a household name in the entertainment industry.

*Fortnite* has proven that formulaic shooter games may not always be the answer. Of course, games

such as *Call of Duty* and *Battlefield* have grossed hundreds of millions of dollars, but many players feel that the gameplay has become repetitive and borderline unplayable.

Not everyone loves it, though. Tyler Hong, grade 11, is an avid gamer and tech enthusiast doesn't believe *Fortnite* deserves its praise.

"There's nothing to work for when it comes to *Fortnite*. You enter the game, and in 15 minutes you're out. You either win or you lose, and there's nothing in between. I can't really complain, though. It's a free game, and it's

fun for the first hour."

Many believe that *Fortnite*'s mechanics are too simple and doesn't provide enough content. Others believe that it provides an unmatched experience.

"It's a rush. When you beat out the other 98 people and it's just you and the other guy, you can feel your heart pounding in your chest. You feel a real sense of accomplishment," Hong says.

Beyond the criticism of *Fortnite*, Epic Games' F2P title doesn't show any signs of slowing down. Beyond the video streaming, it has also worked to create a merchandise industry built on the support of more than 3 million users in the span of 7 months.

"A rehashed *Call of Duty* gets old after the tenth iteration."

## Video game films are usually bad

By Aarti Patel

For years, the film industry has done a poor job at making movies out of popular video games and even though the latest offering, *Rampage* starring Dwayne Johnson, did its best, it still fell short.

On Rotten Tomatoes, the film is currently scoring at 51%, putting it in the 'rotten' category. *Assassin's Creed* also made a bid for the big screen, but got a measly 18% rating on the site.

"Often, video game films lack a substance. I noticed that there is a lot of time put into making the appearance of the characters, but people forget that video games are more than their visuals," says Arafat Syeda, a grade 11 student at King.

Out of 29 or so films adapted from video

games, every single film scored less than 51% by Rotten Tomatoes.

Jimmy Zhang, is a grade 11 student at King, who did not like the film *Hitman: Agent 47*, which was based on the video games series. It was rated a poor 8% by Rotten Tomatoes.

"*Hitman: Agent 47* was a bad movie. In an attempt to make the movie more entertaining, they filmed many pointless and overdone action

scenes. It failed to keep the authenticity of the original series," Zhang says.

*Resident Evil* is another popular video game series that also received negative criticism from some viewers.

"Honestly, Milla Jovovich acted a semi-superhuman Alice, but she is a character who is not even that important in the games. They even switched up Chris Redfield, which was

"...people forget that video games are more than their visuals."



Courtesy

*Rampage* is a science-fiction film directed by Brad Peyton, loosely based on its video game series by Midway Games.

not a good decision," says Arafat Syed, a grade 11 student at King. Filmmakers Paul W. S. Anderson and Jeremy Bolt have six *Resident Evil* films, despite every film having a rating between 22% to 35%

by Rotten Tomatoes. Syed believes that filmmakers could make better movies out of video games if they had a better understanding about the video games and kept more of their original content.



# The Nintendo Labo expands the Switch

By Jasleen Toor

Nintendo has created an add-on for the *Nintendo Switch* called the *Nintendo Labo* to inspire young gamers to be more creative and tactile.

Dia Sanyal is a student at R.H. King who thinks that this is a very innovative idea.

"I think the *Nintendo Labo* is a really cool innovation and I applaud the makers. It's awesome because they combine gaming and construction skills. It introduces kids to STEM, and that's really cool," says Sanyal.

Children can build things like objects like pianos, backpacks, and controllers to play with their Nintendo Switch. Every kit that is purchased includes cardboard cut-outs and a package of instructions to build each toy. Players can connect it with their Nintendo Switch and have an ultimate gaming experience.

Although Sanyal says that this is a great idea, she also

points out that the price tag for this item is unreasonable.

"The price is extremely steep, and \$70 for a piece of cardboard, in my opinion, is not worth it," Sanyal says.

Other students including Saqif Abrar, in grade 11, have mixed opinions about the Labo.

"I believe the concept of Nintendo Labo is interesting, as it can spark up the 'inner creativity' in children. The mini games such as the music set or the toy house can

really allow kids to explore the different functions the Switch has to offer while having fun,"

Abar says. However, Abrar did not find the price for the gaming device reasonable for many parents.

"Nintendo Labo uses cardboard boxes play the interactive mini games for absurdly high prices. These activities only keep children entertained for a while, meaning that Nintendo Labo is financially unreasonable. If it is supposed to



Courtesy

The Labo allows kids to build Joy-Cons to combine with the Nintendo Switch by bringing Makerspace thinking to the video game world.

bring creativity into the youth, there are better alternatives that can be educational and fun, but signifi-

cantly cheaper," Abrar says. Nintendo deserves credit for trying to push gaming in a new direction once again.

It can be purchased online and at gaming stores for \$89.99 when it is released on April 20.

# The League of Legends craze at King



Courtesy

Over 27 million users log in to League of Legends on a daily basis, making it the most popular game available on the PC.

By Gogilan Selvarajah

On top of ISUs, tests, and extra-curriculars, many students dedicate themselves to playing *League of Legends* relentlessly for a competitive edge.

*League of Legends (LoL)* is a free MOBA game on the PC. Since its release nearly 10 years ago, LoL has become the most popular game in the world with more than 100 million active players each month.

The prevalence of video games in society holds true within R.H. King as hundreds of students are active play-

ers, dedicating several hours a day to ranking up and remaining competitive.

Mateo Lolzji, a grade 11 student, is a dedicated "summoner," within the 98th percentile of players.

"I play at least 4 hours a day. There's no better thrill than obliterating the enemy laner," Lolzji says.

One major component of LoL's success at R. H. King is its accessibility and appeal. Unlike many traditional video games, LoL has a huge female community. Dove Bhuiyan, a grade 11 student, finds the platform a great escape.

"School can be so stressful. There is nothing nicer than coming home, playing with friends, and grinding for Elo," says Bhuiyan.

The escapism is a huge component to LoL's appeal. Although video games are viewed as a waste of time by many, good students also spend a fair time on *Summoner's Rift*.

Despite being very busy with school, Brian Chan, a high achieving grade 12 student chooses to prioritize LoL over school work at times.

"It's mentally stimulating, and requiring players to

have quick reactions and play mind games," Chan says.

Another factor to LoL's success is its lore and connections to history. Matthew Lu, a literature student currently studying ancient heroes, sees comparisons between LoL champions and their origin stories that connect to ancient Greek heroes such as Perseus and Heracles.

"It's pretty cool. The classic ideas of unnatural births, thirst for adventure, and isolation from society still hold true in today's protagonists, even in *League of*

*Legends*," Lu says.

Along with its widespread popularity, the game comes with some problems.

"I'm here to have a good time and win some games, but the attitude some players have are a real turn off," Bhuiyan says.

The monumental impact *League of Legends* has at King portrays the passion for quality video games. Students are looking forward to taking their dedication to the next level, by starting clubs and competitive teams at the school.

*League of Legends* is available for PC play online.

# MOVIES & TV

## What to watch right now:

By Sarah Mangaru



### Altered Carbon - Netflix

A sci-fi television show about a man who gets frozen for 250 years and wakes up to solve a crime for an extremely wealthy man in a world so different from what he used to know.



### Everything Sucks - Netflix

An American comedy/drama that revolves around students at Boring High School, Oregon in the year 1996. The students in the A/V and drama clubs at the school join forces to create a movie based on their take on high school.



### Seven Seconds - Netflix

Tensions run high after an African American teenage boy is critically injured in Jersey City by a police officer. Citizens are outraged by the unimpressive response.



### Queer Eye - Netflix

This show is about five homosexual men who give fashion advice to heterosexual men. A reboot of the original, Queer Eye is uplifting and a really fun show to enjoy... and it has fashion to boot!

## The impact of Undercover High



Courtesy

**Undercover High is a show where adults disguised as students get an inside view of issues in high school today. The results are both entertaining and eye-opening.**

By Saptarshi Dutta

A new documentary making a splash follows a group of strategically picked adults from different backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses, going undercover as high school students.

The show, *Undercover High*, takes place at Highland Park School in Topeka, Kansas, and it is the first project of its kind in a US high school.

Last semester at R.H. King, Shane Feldman, the founder and CEO of Count Me In (a worldwide organization, the purpose of which is to help youth everywhere, made possible by other youths through leadership and commitment to giving back to the global community), visited the school to deliver a motivational assembly. He spoke about the documentary as he was a part of it.

Feldman says the pur-

pose of the documentary was to get an inside view of issues among teens today in secondary school that they don't share with adults.

Seemingly, most of the participants' goals were to look into concerns with students that they themselves went through during their own high school experience.

To avoid suspicion about the camera crews, students were told that they were doing this to compare Topeka Public schools to other school systems.

The most prominent root of all problems in Highland Park was the obsessive cell phone use. One of the castmembers was Daniel, a 23 year old. He observed students who were on their phones constantly, even during lessons which was, in his own words, "a huge distraction."

Even though the school in the show had firewalls in

place to make social media inaccessible (much like the TDSB), students had workarounds to the block, making it void.

Also on the show, Lina, 22, quickly became the "cute new girl," and discovered that guys from the school had group chats where she was talked about in crude and sexual manners, while one boy who doesn't even attend Highland Park, made rape comments about her.

He probably would not have voiced something like that if the illusion of being protected by the internet were not present.

Daniel speaks to the social media crisis by saying, "When I was in high school, we used to promote ourselves through our personalities and now social media does that."

Other undercover adults also encountered situations that were blasts from their

own pasts.

Siblings Lina and Jorge noticed that the Hispanic community was not as well represented as African-Americans; their new friend Emily had a hard time fitting in due to her poor English after arriving from Mexico, much like Jorge and Lina saw challenges when they were refugees arriving to the country.

The participants saw everything from cell phone addiction, racism, financial issues, bullying, sexual harassment and of course, drug use.

While not all of these are completely new concepts, they are faced by students in some worse ways than previous generations.

That is exactly what *Undercover High* is trying to portray to adults who think kids don't have it quite as hard these days.

*Undercover High* shows on A&E in Canada.

## The death of Prime time television

By Thureka Gopalasingam

In more recent times, fewer people are watching TV because of the simplicity and cost-effectiveness of streaming services.

Prime time television is the period of time where most people are watching their favourite show. Typically it is around 8 pm until 11 pm. However, thanks to online streaming services, Prime time may be a thing of the past.

"You can watch shows whenever you want on Netflix, you might miss it [on tv]. You can pause the shows on Netflix too," says grade 11 student, Varsheeka Varratharajan.

People used to plan around show timings to watch their favourite shows, and if they miss one episode, they can only hope there is a rerun or they have to purchase the DVD boxed set. But now with various

streaming services, it is very different.

More youth prefer to use the streaming services and can easily binge-watch with streaming sites such as Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime.

"A lot of popular shows go on Netflix and not as many go on regular TV," says Varuni Jegaraj, a grade 11 student.

With streaming services, there is an established cost, on the other hand TV subscriptions are based on specific channels.

If one family members love sports while others prefer watching their ethnic serials live, these packages become costly really fast.

"On Netflix, you can re-watch your favourite movies and shows whenever you want and when you compare it to regular TV it may be more preferred because it only costs a fixed rate," says grade 11 student

Sathana Mohanrajah.

With convenient technology and streaming services at youth's disposal, watch-

ing TV live may be a thing of the past, especially now that viewing habits are so different.



Kaleigh MacMillan

**Prime time television is dying due to the rise of Netflix and other streaming services.**



## Opinion: is violence in media bad?

By Vaidehi Trilokia

*The Walking Dead, Stalker, The Following...* are these popular television shows to blame for increased violence around the world?

There are some who believe that the readily available violence in media is either directly or indirectly the cause of some mass shootings, murders, or fights amongst teenagers. With the number of incidents on the rise, including the Parkland shooting and the movement to end gun violence that followed, people are looking anywhere and everywhere for the cause.

When it comes to televi-

sion, it's possible that viewers are more conscious of what they watch in their free time as it could make an impact on their behavior and lifestyle.

In the short term, changes in behavior aren't necessarily going to be revealed, however it will be interesting to see if in the long run there is an impact.

Rhonda Rushton is a teacher at R.H. King Academy who doesn't like much of what she sees. "I don't watch TV because it makes me feel anxious. They glorify it so much it doesn't even look like reality," she says.

It's not just television and films making an impact, as

many law makers and interest groups tend to point fingers in the direction of video games as the source of much of the anger and violence that gets expressed in society.

According to the *New York Times*, the students who opened fire at a high school in Aurora were video gamers who seemed to be acting out a dark digital fantasy, or at least that's the narrative that was spun. Many are also quick to point out that no formal connection between games and behavior has ever been accurately proven.

But the potential for a negative impact is there,

regardless. Although these violent video games are rated M (Mature) and A (Adult), they are still played by children who are under the age limit. Parents should be encouraged to better monitor what kids are playing or what shows they're watching.

There is some sign that shows are going too far, however. Recently, *The Walking Dead* came under fire when two popular characters, Glen and Abraham, were brutally killed on screen. Viewership actually dropped off after that episode prompting showrunner Scott Gimple to make a rare statement of contrition.

Maybe it's time for a change that could benefit people positively much in the way they may have been impacted negatively. What about some types of shows that include physical fitness, mindfulness and achievement ideas? Why not try to focus more on the best that humanity has to offer instead of the worst?

The problem may be that in a ratings-driven industry, the violence is good for business even if it's not good for the people.



Courtesy

Is violence in popular culture causing more aggressive behaviour?

## Queen Padmavati inspires courage



Courtesy

Padmavati has inspired young women to take control of their lives.

By Aarti Patel

*Padmavati* is a Bollywood film that highlights the strength and bravery of Rajput women during medieval times in India.

The story is about a king named Jalaluddin Khilji from Afghanistan who is very eager to own every precious item that exists on the planet. When he hears rumours about the most beautiful woman in India, Queen Padmavati of Rajput, he plans to attack her Kingdom and possess her.

Throughout the film, Queen Padmavati protects

her Kingdom during tough and violent times.

Diksha Tandon, grade 11 student at R.H. King, felt empowered by Padmavati's character.

"Padmavati shows that women are not entitled to one role, her character is a mosaic of my qualities and abilities, which is very empowering for us viewers" Tandon says.

Tandon explains that one of the obstacles Padmavati faced is that her husband, King Maharawal Ratan Singh, was captured by the evil Khilji. Padmavati took leadership by directing the

soldiers in her kingdom with a plan to bring back the king. As queen, she developed war strategies such as disguising her soldiers in costumes of royal women because it allowed them to sneak into her enemy's fort and attack their premises.

"Padmavati did not need a man to guide her during the absence of the king. A queen can save her king too," Tandon says.

It was remarkable to see an Indian film showcase the theme of gender equality, to show that women can strategize, work under pressure, persevere, and make a

legacy. Nabeel Ali, a grade 11 student at King, is also inspired by Padmavati's character.

"Padmavati always spoke from her heart and was honest with others. She said that life is not worth living if you're not remembered after death," Ali says.

Padmavati's wisdom inspired all the other women in her kingdom to protect each other and fight for justice. Ali explains that the film ends with Padmavati and her royal women committing to a "jauhar," which is a self-sacrifice that many royal Hindu women did when they wanted to avoid being captured, enslaved, or raped by any foreign invaders during a defeat in a war. Unfortunately, Padmavati learns that her king is murdered, so she avoids being captured by Khilji by walking into a fire with her royal women.

"Padmavati valued her love for the king and her people. She knew that her life was meant for greatness and loyalty for one ruler in the kingdom. So her sacrifice preserved all of her values in life," Ali says.

Diksha Tandon also believes that Padmavati's unfortunate life's ending instilled bravery and justice in her kingdom.

"In order for one to be selfless, people must be brave, and take the toughest decisions in life."

## Upcoming hot movies

By Quinn Keenan



### Incredibles 2 June 15

In the sequel to the original, *The Incredibles*, tensions arise in the Incredibles family when Bob Parr (Mr. Incredible) and Helen Parr (Elasticgirl) reverse their roles from the first film. As a new villain emerges the family must find a way to work as a team and save the day.



### Avengers: Infinity War April 27

The Avengers face their largest challenge yet when a new enemy arises: the Mad Titan Thanos.



### Deadpool 2 May 18

Deadpool battles ninjas, the Japanese mafia and aggressive dogs while embarking on his latest adventure.



### Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom June 22nd

Four years after the fall of the Jurassic World theme park, former park managers dedicated to the survival of the remaining dinosaurs on the island try to rescue the dinosaurs from an impending volcanic eruption. Naturally, things go wrong. That's where the fun is!

# FEATURES

## The Cape Town drought affects millions



Mr. Wilkinson

Citizens in Cape Town are hoping to narrowly avoid disaster as a crippling drought threatens to run the city dry.

By Luna Cardenas-Ibarra

Cape Town is one of the most rapidly growing metropolitan cities in all of South Africa with a population of nearly 4 million. Currently it is facing a scary crisis: the worst drought in over 100 years.

Experts were predicting the coming of 'Day Zero', a time when the taps would run dry and citizens would be without water as sometime this month. According to TheBulletin.org, thanks to extreme measures to save

water it looks as though disaster has been staved off for now, though the largest reservoir is only at a scary 10.4% capacity.

The city had to implement strict rules to conserve the little water left. The situation has somewhat improved and at least there is now reportedly bottled water available in stores.

For months, citizens had been told to take 90 second showers and has stressed citizens take common sense measures and avoid things like filling up swimming pools

or washing one's car. Water use has been cut down to less than 50% use compared to pre-drought usage.

If the situation had not improved, the government warned citizens that they would have been forced to turn off taps in homes and businesses. The water would only continue to flow for critical infrastructure and for emergency facilities like hospitals.

For a time, citizens were forced to queue in 200 emergency water stations the city prepared. Each

which will facilitate around 20,000 people. The wait times were long as a result of the demand.

All of these precautions only solve the small immediate problems but are overshadowed by another looming threat: climate change.

One of the biggest mistakes officials have made is assume that rainfall patterns from the past will translate in the future, but this drought has proven that times have changed.

It's the sort of phenomenon that has left the world

anxiously and worriedly, observing. Drought-prone cities like Sao Paolo, Brazil will no longer be able to relax and expect the yearly rainfall to supply all of the drinking water but will instead be forced to look for alternative sources- water that doesn't fall from the heavens.

Many in Cape Town, however, are focused on the future and learning from the actions that lead them to this point. There is a feeling of hopeful optimism that the worst is behind them.

## The student struggle with procrastination

By Connor McGee

The high school population across Canada is facing personal disaster right now that many can relate to: procrastination.

Students have tried countless ways to halt the stalling but have failed to stop procrastinating and getting down to work.

87% of high school students are procrastinating on long term assignments and goals, according to online tool network, Study mode. Just under a quarter of these students have had marks lost just because they could not finish in time.

Students think procrastinating is normal behaviour and are forced to learn to deal with it though they don't always like the consequences.

Grade 9 student Vi-pooshan Maheswaran explains how he has a hard time prioritizing his work and asks others for help.

"I get my parents and friends to make me finish my work on time," he says.

Other students claim they can put it as the first priority or are not worried if they get the work done.

Teachers are not convinced though. "They cause me a lot of stress when they forget to hand in assign-



Saadia Zahra

Students are experiencing issues with finishing school work due to procrastination.

ments," says Mr. Lee. He thinks most people grow out of procrastination, though it can take a long time.

Procrastination can affect mental health in serious ways because of additional stress on top of a normal workload. Chronic procrastinators can develop depression and severe anxiety. These students may feel constantly under pressure to get things done and may become so distressed that getting anything done at all becomes a challenge.

If you are concerned your bad habits will cause problems, don't worry! You can end your procrastinating today by changing your mindset.

When you get an assignment now, don't say I don't feel like it or I will finish it later. If you are already on a time crunch, studies say take very short calming breaks at your work station so you don't get distracted. If there are still problems, try to keep all potential distractions in a far away spot.

Try to also tackle one thing at a time rather than trying to tackle the mountain at once. It's easier to solve one issue at a time and to feel like you're making progress. Slowly and steadily, you can beat the procrastination beast.

It's time for a change, and that won't happen unless you change it.

## Launching a new Internet

By Adib Chowdhury

On February 22nd, SpaceX launched a pair of satellites into orbit, which may change the way the world uses the internet.

These satellites would be the start of a global internet system called Starlink with high speed that is reliable and affordable anywhere on Earth.

Normally, launching satellites into orbit is extremely expensive, but the initial cost was massively reduced as it was launched from the Falcon 9 rocket already due for space.

Internet access using satellites can be very effective, as it can cover larger areas more effectively, and Elon Musk's company plans to deploy more than 7,000 satellites in the lower orbit of the Earth.

Many students are ready to make a change away from traditional options. Ishmam Dewan, a grade 11 student at King holds great disdain for his service provider.

"My family pays \$80 per month for unreliable, capped internet. If SpaceX internet goes mainstream, I'll be thrilled with the lower prices and faster internet," he says.

Recently, ISPs such as Bell, Rogers, and other American ISPs have been increasing their internet prices with no

return. SpaceX's projected plans will drastically undercut other ISPs.

Shehtaz Ruslan, a third-year engineering student is waiting patiently for the release of Musk's internet.

"I spent most of my childhood in a third world country, where internet was a luxury. I believe the internet is a necessity and it looks like SpaceX's program will perform a great service to the world."

SpaceX has set itself apart from other satellite broadband services by placing their satellites in a much lower orbital position, with the intent to speed up its services over time.



Elon Musk

'Tintin A' is the first new SpaceX satellite.



# The empowering Girls Group at King

By Nishat Chowdhury

The new Girl's Group Club at King creates a supportive and empowering network of female students from all grades.

Every Tuesday, meetings are held in C61 where students have discussions on various topics such as gender equality, eliminating stereotypes and female leadership in a respectful and safe environment.

"To empower girls, we need to first hear their voices and understand the issues that affect them personally and understand that girls have valuable solutions to offer our society. Our girls' group is King's first step in recognizing and working through some of these solutions," Ms. Cousins, one of the two teacher supervisors of the Girl's Group says.

"I believe in the power of women to change this world, and it is my duty to support these young women in their journeys. I have learned so much from these ladies, and I respect them immensely. I'm so impressed with the initiative and leadership that these girls have

demonstrated," she says.

Siena Kunanec, is a grade 11 student and leader of the Girl's Group Club at King. She helped get the club together in the first place and has talked about how vital it is that girls have a chance to get together and talk about the issues that they all face. Topics can involve anything and everything near and dear to those in the club. One of the discussions in the club includes the lack of women in parliament.

"Women are less likely to go into politics because of stereotypes, which make them believe that they won't be able to do it or it will be more difficult," says Kunanec.

Some headway has been made in this arena. In the 2015 election, for the first time in Canadian history, fifteen women took positions in the very first gender-balanced cabinet which has 31 members, including Justin Trudeau himself. However, Kunanec believes that there still needs to be a greater support for women in leadership roles because women still occupy only 26

per cent of the seats in the House.

"There are jobs that are still considered 'manly' and 'girly.' This belief exists not only in the federal parliament, but in other workspaces as well. We need to stop calling men leaders and

women bossy. For our future generation, it is a dangerous way to portray leadership," Kunanec says.

To diminish the gender gap in all areas and fields, whether in politics, law, science or technology, students are encouraged to

check out this club and hopefully join and contribute to the conversation. The purpose of Girls Group is to keep encouraging their members to work hard and then accomplish their goals while pursuing any career they like.



Aarti Patel

The Girls Group at King gathers every Tuesday at lunch to empower each other to discuss gender equality issues and create a network to support one another.

# How to stop being broke as a high schooler

By Yumna Khan, Timur Islam, & Aarti Patel

Most high school students are desperately searching for ways to earn money but finding places that are willing to hire teenagers with limited work experience seems to be a challenge.

"I applied to so many jobs and it is very hard to get accepted since many companies aren't willing to hire teens," says Hafsa Saajidh, a grade 10 student.

Young people struggling to find work is often an issue and students are often left scratching their heads wondering what to do when everywhere they've applied has rejected them.

While it may seem like there is no hope for those looking to find work, there is a wealth of opportunities that students can take advantage to help them get that foot into the door.

In fact, the Government of Ontario hires from as young as sixteen for certain positions, providing students with experience working in government settings and team-building skills. Through a program called "Youth Job Connection," students can possibly earn at least 60 hours paid training, a job for up to 6 months, mentorship, job-coaching and help with the transition for ongoing

employment. More info is available on their website.

Another way high school students can earn money is by simply emptying out their closets. Particularly at King, students have many shirts, sweaters and pants that they just never wear due to the school uniform. Well, it's time to pay a visit to "King Exchange," a place where people can sell their clothes and buy clothes at a discounted price. It is located in downtown Toronto on Queen Street. Of course, there are also many local thrift shops too where students can make money by selling their old clothes.

For students who like teaching, tutoring is also a great way to earn money and practice their skills. Particularly, speaking other languages besides English like French or Spanish can be really useful in Toronto as more people are looking for language tutors. While professionals can make \$35 to \$40/hour, students can definitely try and take advantage of the beginner language learner market through friends and family to make money through their own private tutoring sessions.

Having a talent in music can also pay great money as students can give their own music lessons to children. Either at a local com-



Timur Islam

What does it take to make cash in high school when it seems like no one is hiring? The best solution is to take your skills and experience and put them to work!

munity centres or at home, students can teach playing instruments like guitar or piano at a good rate.

For someone who is more independent, starting a small business is always a good way to make some money. For some, starting an E-Commerce store on sites like Etsy or District Lines can net some fast cash for those that can create their own unique products and market them.

Also, a great way for students to seek out a grant for a start-up is to apply for the summer company program. Successful candida-

tes can earn up to \$3000 from the government of Ontario.

King Students should also look into internship opportunities as it's a great chance to learn about a career that you might want to go into without committing to one too early. It's a great way to see whether or not the career you've been dreaming of is all that it is hyped to be. It is possible to earn money on top of it.

For those who have good video editing skills, making money off of editing videos for other people can be a good business as many peo-

ple don't have the time or don't want to bother how to learn how to edit. Through friends and family, future videographers can set up a good network to profit from.

Having a good eye for a picture is also beneficial for being a part-time photographer. Students can easily take pictures at family events, parties or weddings, and earn some cash along the way.

Finding opportunities to make money for teenagers can be daunting but it's important to focus on honing your skills and finding the job that suits you.



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Restless - By Sara



## King Things - Word Search

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