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## In memory of Sazzad: one of our own

By Kingsley Voice Team

Sazzad Hossain was one of us. A bright, empathetic and dedicated grade eleven student. A member of our King family. And now, sadly, he has passed away.

"Sazzad was a bright spirit in life. He was going to change the world by making people care about the Earth the way he did. Sazzad's heart was tremendous and only surpassed by his ability to help and support. He cared about everyone and everything. We all cared deeply about him and miss him every day," Ms. Kanerva says.

What Sazzad leaves behind is a legacy of love and caring. He has impacted the lives of many and shared lasting memories with those who called him a friend, student, and family member.

Sazzad was heavily involved in school life at R.H. King. He was a leading member of the King Law & Society Council, King Food & Nutrition Council and the King Environment Council where he was slated to be on the executive the next year. Similarly, he was a shining star for the Kingsley Voice where his exceptional work was noticed and he was going to be

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offered a senior editor position in time for the 2019-2020 year.

"His articles and his talent were all over the Kingsley Voice. He was always ready to make the paper the best it could be," Mr. Wilkinson says.

More than his involvement at school, Sazzad was a loved and trusted friend and respected student who went out of his way to tutor others who needed help. He was selfless. He was also committed, dedicated, caring, helpful, a hard worker, and a person who cared deeply about the well-being of his friends.

"Every time he came into that class he said hello with a big smile and sat down in the front, ready for whatever needed to be done. His enthusiasm was infectious, often drawing in those around him. When we passed in the halls he always went out of his way to smile and say hello. He helped his friends and cared deeply for them, often sacrificing his own time to make sure they were taken care of," Mr. Tufford says.

Sazzad was an important member of the R.H. King community who cannot be replaced, though all here will do their best to honour him and the positive impact during his



Lavinia Auhoma

Sazzad Hossain is honoured for being an outstanding student, caring friend, and a leader in the community.

time with us.

Sazzad, all of us here at King are lucky to have known you and we will miss you forever. Wherever you are now, we hope you find peace and comfort in knowing you were loved and will always be. You made a difference, and you

will always have a place in our hearts. While these words cannot replace Sazzad or encapsulate what he meant to us, we hope that these words will offer some comfort to those who may have not known him. Sazzad's family asks that you pray for him.

## Letter from the Editors

Hey, King!

Thank you for picking up a copy of the Spring 2019 edition of the Kingsley Voice. From our team of aspiring journalists, photographers, cartoonists and layout editors, we're very proud to publish our last newspaper for this year.

In this edition, there are some interesting articles such as online radicalization and the lack of support for Canadian content in the media. But as always, there is a great focus on this newspaper on events happening here like King's powerful Walkout and King's outstanding athletic achievements. Giving King students a voice is what fuels our drive here at the Kingsley Voice.

Unfortunately, this is our last time to be Co-Editors-in-Chief of our council, as we both will be graduating and attending university along with Thureka Gopalasingam and Alexandra Vidal. Being on the Kingsley Voice has been a great opportunity and experience ever since we started in Grade 10. We both joined this council to

make some friends and learn something new. Little did we expect that we would have been promoted to leading this council as Co-Editors-in-Chiefs for two years, and every moment was worth it.

Without the help of our mentor, Mr. Wilkinson, we would not have ever been able to take this leadership role. His words of encouragement, careful criticism, trust, patience, and enthusiasm guided us and pushed us beyond our limits. We learned how to expand on our ideas in our writing and become role models for students on our council. And now, we will pass on the torch to our newest leaders, Lia and Sarah.

Being a part of this team has given us incredible opportunities to be at the forefront of what is happening not only at King, but in our community as a whole. We need to thank our council members who have always worked tirelessly to ensure the newspaper is the best that it can be no matter how tight the deadline may be. Although there were some challenges, our team always comes together



Evan Chen

Your Spring 2019 co-Editors-in-Chief, Aarti Patel & Timur Saiful Islam!

er to make a paper that we're proud of. We have full confidence that the council will be stronger than ever in the coming years and the legacy of the Kingsley Voice will always continue.

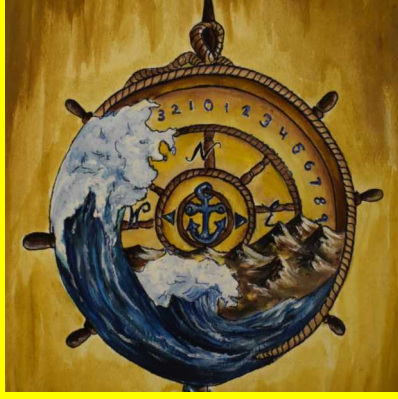
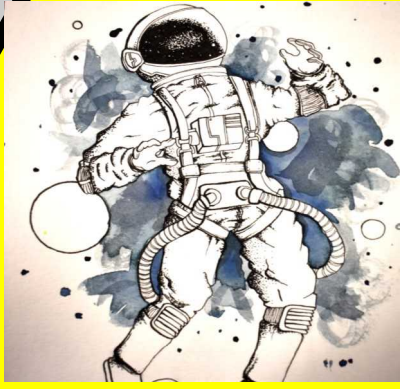
Additionally, we are sad to also acknowledge the passing of our very own Sazzad Hossain who was a consistent contributor to the Kingsley Voice. We hope these kind words will give an idea of the strong and incredible person he was, behind the words he has written.

Thank you, King, for your support. Without all of you, the Kingsley Voice would never be possible.

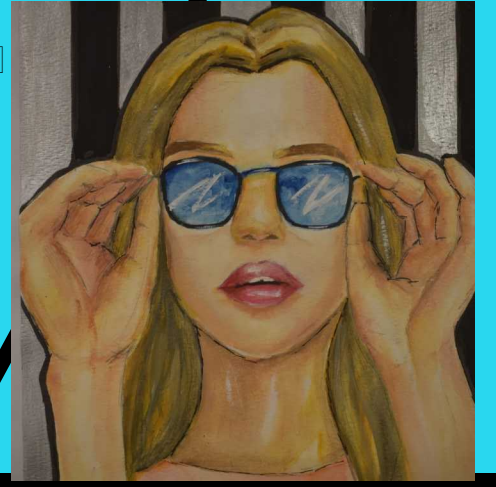
Sincerely,

Aarti Patel & Timur Saiful Islam

# SPOTLIGHT



Umaima .M ☐



Tasnim. B ☐

Lashvi .P ☐



## I am a woman. ☐

I am a girl whose body is labeled with the words society has adorned me with ☐  
 I can break the glass ceiling that the 45<sup>th</sup> president has stabilized ☐  
 My identity is not something in which I reveal with pride ☐  
 As I scrutinize myself of all the flaws that bounce back at me in bolded letters, ☐  
 My mother's voice ringing in my ears "You are unique, intelligent more than beautiful" ☐  
 But mom, it's your words against the thousands, the millions that say otherwise ☐  
 It's not about the inner beauty, emotional intelligence or the things we accomplish, the things that we work hard for its about the things that actually should matter, the things that we should hold as our mantra. Believe the people that told you that all that women can be is a pretty face ☐

Diksha. T ☐



Shamiya. M ☐



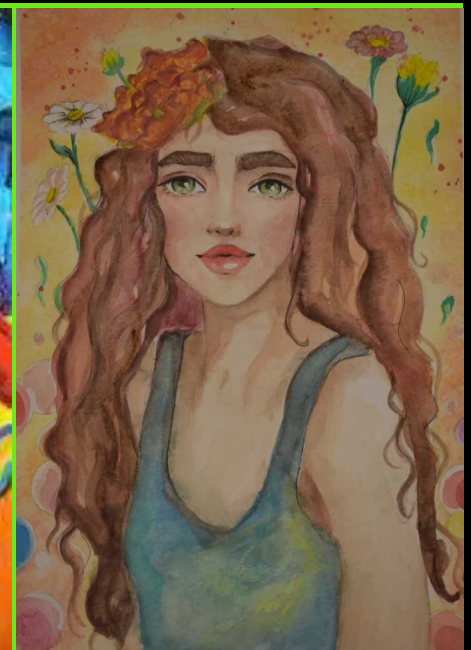
Umaima .M ☐

## Chocolate ☐

My father always dresses nice/ because he likes to be/ recognized as the teacher he is/ but often his tie is the only thing that makes him look educated/ But not enough to keep him from being discriminated/ His skin is a beautiful dark chocolate/ The type of dark chocolate that gets easily mistaken for a janitor/ The type of dark chocolate that gets/ pulled over by the police/ because he looks like a lawbreaker, a troublemaker/ a thief.

When in reality/, he is the best dad I know/ Kind and devoted. A teddy bear/ but sadly the world isn't quite so fair/ So I guess lucky me that I inherited my mom's pale skin/ Somehow I feel duller/ Even though society tells me/ I was born the right colour.

☐ Anonymous ☐



Abrar . Q ☐

# FEATURES

## What should be done about the EQAO?

By Lily Santon

Each year, more than 100,000 grade ten students across Ontario partake in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. However, according to the Education Quality and Accountability Office of Ontario, the success rate for students is barely 80%. So is it justified to call those who fail incapable of written communication or is it a failure of the test itself?

Preparation for the test begins in grade nine and builds on the assumed prior knowledge of students from previous grades. The study for the first two years of high school is rigorous, as students continually practice writing mundane literature in a variety of forms, analyzing banal texts, and taking part in literacy boot camps.

With a passing grade of 75%, successful completion of the OSSLT is required to graduate high school. Yet, with a relatively high failure rate of approximately 20%, this qualification may be more difficult to come by than many may have realized.

It does not make any

sense to deem 20% of students illiterate after successful completion of both grade nine and ten English courses. As such, it seems as if it is not the fault of the students, nor the teachers, but the test itself.

In appearance, the Literacy Test is quite similar to CASI, and previous EQAO assessments of the elementary grades. The questions are hollow and oddly specific, while the articles are forgettable. Instead of attempting to stimulate the minds of students, and listening to what they may have to say, the Provincial Government of Ontario instead has decided to assess baseline proficiency.

Time constraints have also been a problem for students in the past. With just two and a half hours to complete five reading passages, forty-one multiple choice questions, and eight written response activities.

These also include two long answer questions, typically consisting of an essay, a newspaper article, quick thinking, and fast hand-writing are key components to successful pass-



Timur Saiful Islam

Effectively conveying well-supported thoughts is challenging on a time crunch, especially with some topics.

ing of the test.

Overall in the OSSLT, an ability to endure strenuous boredom, patience, an ability to appeal to the masses, quick thinking, time management, and rapid hand-writing are essential, making the Literacy Test less about student's literary abilities, and more about the aforementioned skills.

In a time when money

seems to be the focus for the Provincial government, it is worth noting that scrapping the EQAO would save an approximate \$35 million a year for high school alone and a total of approximately \$100 million a year across all grades. Given the subjective nature of the test, this seems like it would be supported by students and teachers alike.

Mr. Gillies is the teacher in charge of running the literacy test. "Standardized tests are never perfect, and finding effective ways to use the data collected can also be a challenge. But, until this literacy requirement changes, teachers at R.H. King will continue to do all they can to support their students. That's something we take very seriously," Gillies says.

*"I think it's hard to find reading and writing tests that are engaging for such a large audience of grade ten students."*

## Impact of student walkouts on government



Umaima Mehbuba

Students at R.H. King participated in the province-wide walkout against the funding cuts to education by the Ford Government in early April.

By Anthony Popov

With the student walkout successfully carried out on April 4th, in protest of cuts to Ontario's education by the Ford government, there is one underlying question in on the minds of both staff and students: do walkouts really work?

The answer to this question isn't as simple as a definitive yes or no. Whilst many

people are on board with these protests, they are not one hundred percent certain about how much of an impact can be made.

"I support the walkout and the purpose behind it, but I'm also not sure whether it will be effective in convincing the government to

reverse their decision," Mer-sum Khokhar, a grade 10 student at R.H. King says.

This is a common sentiment shared by many who question whether the walkout will be successful in persuading the govern-

ment to change their position, and based on previous experiences, people have good reason to be skeptical. The previous walkout on September 21st against the Ford government's rollback of the sex-ed curriculum produced mixed results. While the government did cave to pressure over some aspects of what would be taught in the future curriculum, they did not reinstate

the updated curriculum and continued with their plan to use the one from 1997.

"I think walkouts are successful in getting youth involved in civics. They may not be fully engaged at first but it definitely starts the conversation. These student-led protests are almost like a form of pressure group," says Ms. Goncalves, a grade 10 civics teacher at R.H. King.

This is one area where walkouts do seem to be successful, however, by encouraging a new generation that is otherwise disconnected from politics to get involved and make their voices heard. The two walkouts over the past year have proven that students will stand together to fight for issues that matter to them, such as making sure Ontario's education is funded properly and consent is taught in the sex-ed curriculum. By the time the next provincial election rolls around in 2022, these students will be eligible to vote and will play a significant role in deciding which party forms government.

While it remains to be seen whether the walkout will prove to be effective in persuading the government to end their reforms to education, these protests have, and will continue to show the government that students will not be allow themselves to be silenced.

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# Canada vs. Finland: who nails education?

By Berlin Ogglesby

Canada's education versus one of the best in the world: Finland. It's an interesting topic.

Comparing and contrasting the two will show how the Finnish are potentially making more of school and why they have an outstanding education system. In fact, they have one of the top-rated systems in the world, with Canada not far behind. But what puts Finland ahead? Does that mean Finland's way of teaching has harnessed something that the Canadian system hasn't? There are

many differences between the two countries, like the amount of time for which students go to school, the amount of homework, and more. In Canada, most kids start school at the age of four, but children in Finland are not required to attend school until they are seven years old. Not to mention they are not assessed on work for their first six years of school; the work they complete doesn't count until they are 13. □

In Finland, the students only have to complete one standardized test, at the very end of their nine-year compulsory system. Ontario, in

comparison, has four standardized tests that happen during grades 3, 6, 9, and lastly in grade 10.

Bethany Hoang, a grade 9 student at R.H. King, believes updating the school systems and taking opinions of students into consideration would be a step in the right direction.

"[In doing so] I think kids will be more interested in their learning. But the new changes Doug Ford is making, I do not agree with and do not like at all," Hoang says.

But the Ford administration is not the only thing holding Canada, or rather

Ontario, back. The ratio of teachers to children in Finland is much larger than in Canada, which allots more time for one-on-one development. On the topic of teachers, Finland's are the best of the crop. To become a teacher there you have to graduate in the top 10% of your class. Canadian teachers are similarly highly qualified and must complete university and have specialized in the subject they are teaching. Who is allowed to teach is important because they play a huge part in how

students are prepared for the future.

In other areas, in Finland the amount of people to attend and finish post-secondary school is approximately 69% and in Canada the number is about 57%. A big factor is that Finnish children attend less school throughout their lives, so they are not as stressed and "fed up" with school when they reach a certain age. □

In addition, post-secondary degrees are very expensive in Canada.

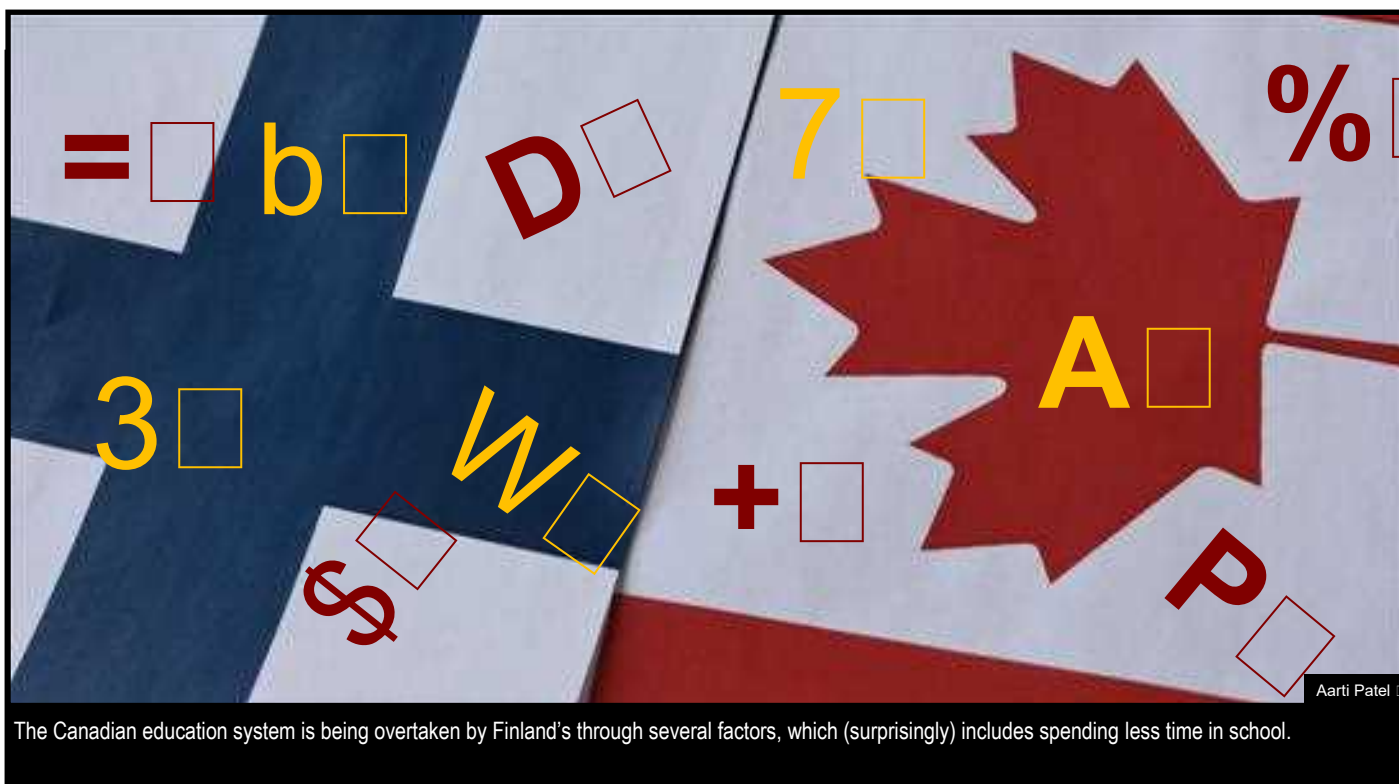
You have to pay for tuition, textbooks and sometimes dorm rooms. However, in Finland, it is mostly free. You can get a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree for practically no cost.

Canada's education system is more de-centralized which allows provinces like Ontario to enact community service as a mandatory aspect in order to graduate unlike in Finland.

While Canada still maintains itself as the most educated population in the world. □

Finland is ranked higher in the education system standards than Canada, which could imply that they are doing something right, and maybe there is something Canada can learn from them. Even though both countries are successful at educating their youth, Canada and Finland could learn a lot from each other's education systems.

*"Finnish children attend less school throughout their lives"*



# "Passing" does not mean learning

By Saptarshi Dutta

When students eat, sleep and breathe the idea of "passing" as opposed to actually diving deep into a subject and gaining a personal understanding of it, the curiosity for learning seems to get lost amongst the mountain of work. □

The primary focus of students lately is taking a shift towards memorizing the material, with the sole purpose being tests and evaluations. While the ability to retain information is important, not taking the time to fully comprehend what one is being taught makes it unlikely they will be able to apply it in the future. □

According to The Learning Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Active engagement is the process of constructing meaning from text that involves making connections to lectures, forming examples, and regulating your own learning." (Davis, 2007). Hence, reading for the sake of committing to memory

will only serve short-term which, habitually, will follow students into university or later life. □

Moreover, when the standard for receiving a course credit depends on a relatively low number, does it really encourage developing a fascination for certain topics? All that is needed is a satisfactory grade, albeit not everyone strives for the bare minimum. □

Anushka Kaiser, a grade 10 student at R.H. King, certainly believes so. "When a student passes with 50% they only acquire half the knowledge. Then they go onto the next grade with partial understanding," Kaiser says. "With a weak foundation, it's hard for these students to add onto more complex skills." Additionally, subjects such as Math and English leave a foundation of skills which are carried all throughout a per-

sons lifetime. Not as a result of knowing formulas by heart or recognizing what an onomatopoeia is, but

due to the substantial use of reasoning and applying the methods taught to them. The more someone puts to work the information they have acquired, the more insight they get on their practical strengths and weaknesses. This is a bonus that memorization cannot provide.

The bigger picture demands students to be able to derive all that they can from their education and use it effectively. Which means universities, colleges and the workforce is in need of people who can direct their own projects and developments, not mechanically recite instructions. And so, it may be beneficial for courses to emphasize more project-based learning and encourage creative and critical thinking. □

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The mindset of memorizing to pass takes away from actual learning.

Kaleigh MacMillan

## King's councils providing opportunities

By Ishrat Sikder

Every year, students and teachers of R.H. King Academy organize various events which run throughout the year and annually as well. These events not only showcase the creativity and amazing capabilities of the students, but also come to the aid of the community.

The leadership councils and clubs at King all have unique activities such as the King Community Involvement Council's We Scare

Hunger, King International Council's Multinight, King Visual Arts Council's Arts Banquet and King Library Council's Poetry Coffee House. They bring the staff and student body of King together.

Traditionally, students join councils in order to receive leadership points, but students gradually grow a liking to the council that they have participated in.

Most of the events that take place usually require all of the students to be

involved. In order to achieve this, both involvement and support from the students is crucial. As more students take part in the making of an activity or event, more students become encouraged to support the event and continue to do so. But what is it that motivates King's students to be more involved in their school's events?

Fatin Noor, a grade twelve student at R.H. King sees the benefits. "As a freshman in grade nine, it is

mostly a mandatory task that leadership students must do for points. However, I always loved being involved in different groups and activities. And that is also how the leadership interview in grade eight works as well - checking what a student does both inside and outside of the classroom in order to encourage students to continue being involved inside school and in our community and as well as improve certain skills," Noor says.

Aside from this, with the gradual passing of time, students tend to build a deeper connection to some of the events of councils and clubs and become the leaders in charge to improve it for the better.

"Being a part of councils is almost like being a part of a family. When you find the right fit, you want to continue being there until you graduate. I eventually became an executive member because there is nothing I love more than taking charge and make things happen. The graduation certificate proves nothing much about you; it is the work and reputation you leave behind that truly matters," Noor says.

On the other hand, for the rest of the students, it is up to their choice on whether to take part in the events and activities. Those who enjoy always trying something new and different consistently look out for events that happen at school, whereas for others, it depends on their schedule.

Aisharja Chowdhury, a grade eleven student at King, believes that it is hard to attend events when having a busy schedule. "Events such as Kings Got Talent, The Musical and Improv Shows are very fun to watch with friends, especially when we see our friends perform on stage. However, often our priorities of academics can become an obstacle as it becomes difficult to manage time efficiently," she says.

It is important to participate in school events as much as possible, as one can benefit from that by learning new skills everyday.

In the end, it is evident that King students try their best to involve themselves in school and often have a great time doing it. This is a great way to motivate others to do the same for the betterment of the school and for themselves.



Sumaiya Nabihah

King Community Involvement Council (KCIC) has taken a lead in connecting students to opportunities that raise money for charities in the community. Muntaha Marjia and Faiza Robbani are both members who assisted with the "Daffodils for Cancer" event at the start of April, which raised funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

## The benefits of a late start in high school



Yumna Khan

Without late starts to the school day, students feel exhausted and concentrate less in class, as they do not get enough sleep the night before due to homework and assignments from school.

By Vaidehi Trilokia

Late starts are enjoyed by almost all King students because they are able to sleep in and finish any homework left incomplete from the previous night.

Research has found that there are numerous benefits of having a 10 AM start every day. It has been discovered that not only do teenagers need sleep in order to function properly, but they also need it to function better in the early morning.

For starters, there is a much better student attendance and concentration at school. Students are more

likely to succeed in academics when they attend school regularly. Some studies, like the National Sleep Foundation, have shown that later starts to the day often shows an improvement in a student's performance.

For the students who somehow do show up to school, it is definitely difficult for them to concentrate as they are sleep-deprived. Many students at King also travel long distances to get to school every day, so it is often that students are late to school for an 8:50 start.

Jashweny Vijayakumar, a grade 10 student at King,

believes that late start days turn out to be quite beneficial for her. "Personally, I see a big difference between a normal day and late start day. I feel much more energized on a late start because I've gotten the sleep I need. I am also more productive during the day and after school," Vijayakumar says.

"There's always a possibility of starting at 10 every day. It had been tried at Eastern Commerce about ten years ago. It was a high school in the TDSB that had a late start. Their day would end at around 4 PM," says Mr. Halliday, the head of

Leadership at R.H. King.

From a survey at King, it is found that five out of seven King students of all four grades agree that King could benefit from a 10 AM start every school day.

There is a possibility of having a late start at King. "It was about five or six years that things were put in place to get to the modified school year. The idea of doing this for September, probably won't happen. If it's something that in the long-run be of benefit for students, then this would be a beneficial plan," Halliday says.

Since there are many

stakeholders in this idea, it could potentially take a long time to make this a permanent schedule. R.H. King's teachers and administration have been good at listening to new suggestions to make a better place for both students and parents, so a concentrated effort by students could actually see this idea gain some traction in the future.

It is hard to judge the positives right now of King's current late starts since King usually only has one late start on the last Wednesday at the end of each month along with a few other scattered dates.



## Homework and moratorium at King

By Jasleen Toor and Saptarshi Dutta

Students find the workload at R.H. King too heavy, especially during moratorium, due to the large amounts of work given to students from class to class.

Homework and moratorium is something that is valued at King, but is the latter being upheld to its full potential? Although these are beneficial for preparing students to perform better in class, moratorium week is not something that all King students feel is consistently honoured. In fact, seventy-five percent of students surveyed believe that teachers may not be accurately following rules on no tests or major assignments before and after the break.

Individual perspectives on this issue differ from student to student.

"[Teachers] never enforce the rules that are set in place for a reason and it affects students' performance negatively," says Catriona Leiper, a grade 11 student.

Other students have simi-

lar opinions. Himasha Karunathilake, a student in grade ten, believes that the moratorium should be optimized to be more helpful for students. "I don't think it's fair for students to be expected to memorize more information the week leading up to exams. During the few weeks before exams, we should be able to prioritize our work based on the subjects we need the most help in during clinic," Karunathilake says.

Although students are encouraged to relax during breaks, some of the ongoing work that may have been previously assigned can leave them stressing about what is to come as soon as school resumes.

Nevertheless, others believe that the homework given to them is manageable if communication is maintained with teachers.

Yusra Anwer, a grade ten student at R.H. King, believes that the work given by the school can be managed if students speak to teachers about their schedule. "I think the workload is not that hard because

teachers understand and are lenient once they're told about other work given from other classes," Anwer says.

Whether or not students find the workload at King too packed, it is evident that students do appreciate the work and time that is given to them. The true concern is not so much as the time allotted, but paying attention to when tasks are

being assigned, which can dramatically turn around how kids feel about them in the long run.

Managing work around moratorium may also be challenging for teachers who only have a set amount of time to get through the curriculum and are doing their best to balance learning and overall student workload.



Students become more stressed due to the overload of work given in class.

### Kingsley's Advice Column!

...with Michaud & Wilkinson



My girlfriend thinks coming to pick her up on my tricycle is not classy. Thoughts?

**Mr. Wilkinson:** Depends on the tricycle. Is it a Big Wheel style or a tiny one? Is there room to stand on the back? It's these little touches that will show that you care.

**Mr. Michaud:** As long as you don't have any ravioli stains around your mouth when you show up I fail to see the problem. At least you're not showing up in a rusty civic with rims that cost more than the car.

In your lifetime, what did not live up to the hype?

**Mr. Wilkinson:** Crystal Pepsi. Man, what a let down.

**Mr. Michaud:** High school students.

What are some tips for students who want to look Gucci and fresh?

**Mr. Wilkinson:** Shower often and with great care. Treat yourself!

**Mr. Michaud:** Get your priorities in order and stop saying "Gucci."

Prom is coming up and I'm really nervous, how do I slow dance?

**Mr. Wilkinson:** Think of every video you've watched on YouTube of a good dance routine, and then stumble through it as though you've just emerged into bright sunlight. Then watch as you, yourself, are then put up on YouTube as an example of dancing. Danceception. Nothing could possibly go wrong.

**Mr. Michaud:** Ideally with another person or three... who am I to judge?

What is the craziest thing I can pull off at King before I graduate?

**Mr. Wilkinson:** Show up in uniform. That'll confuse 'em!

**Mr. Michaud:** Vaping in the boys bathroom outside the dance studio. That would be super cool and crazy because there's no way anybody would have thought of doing that before and I'm sure the rest of the staff won't read this column and start paying closer attention.

## Preparing for life beyond R.H. King



Students tend to look for advice from supportive teachers like Ms. Condon so that decision making can become easier when preparing for post-secondary education, jobs and a career.

By Sarah Mangaru

Making decisions that can dictate our future may get really overwhelming and confusing. However, with some advice from trusted adults, the choices we make can be clearer to make this daunting experience easier.

From working tirelessly to get good grades to choosing where to go after high school, it feels like a never-ending battle! This struggle can create an immense amount of stress for students and can affect their decisions when choosing a post-secondary school.

Momtahina Rashid, grade eleven feels stressed. "Mostly because of the feeling of not knowing if

what I [want to] go into is what I should go into. I always question if I'm making the right choice, if I'll be happy with my choice," Rashid says.

Rashid describes a common struggle high school students face.

A basic step which can help alleviate some common struggles, is deciding where to go after high school, in terms of furthering education. However, before making this decision, it is important to note the differences between the two major routes, university and college.

If students prefer a more hands-on training in order to learn, then college might be a potential option for students. It's job-ready feature is ideal for many students and is also a cheaper option.

Additionally, in terms of class size, they are typically smaller than a university, and also their admission process is more open in terms of academics. It's truly the better option if you are

*"Find something you're passionate about, and match that with the appropriate education necessary to explore that passion"*

interested in finding a job placement earlier rather than later.

Universities are more oriented towards theory-based learning and is less practical, but it does depend on the program you are applying to as some offer co-op programs. The main difference between college and university is that university offers graduate programs which can lead to a master's or doctoral degree. Additionally, if you want a flexible degree that can be suitable for a wide range of careers, universities are great for that. However, class sizes are typically larger than college, and academic standards are a bit more competitive when it comes to initial acceptance to a variety of programs.

Some advice from Mr. Podur, one of the guidance counsellors at R.H. King, also gives some insight on options other than going the university route.

"University is an excellent pathway, but it is by no means the 'better' pathway. And more often than not, people find themselves doing programs in multiple educational settings before settling into a career. Find something you're passionate about, and match that with the appropriate education necessary to explore that passion," Podur says.

For more advice, please contact Student Services as they can help guide you.

# MEANWHILE...

# SPOR



King HPE & ATHLETICS TWITTER

Preparation, camaraderie, and dedication have fueled the Girls flag football team to unheard of heights in the history of King Athletics.

## Girl's flag football team domination

By Kayla Wong, Laura Milton, & Timur Saiful Islam

R.H. King has always had strong sports teams that take home championships and it has made a name for itself within the TDSB as a school that supports sporting excellence.

All of our teams gave it their all this year but one team in particular worked hard to stand out from the rest: Girls flag football.

Girls 12vs12 Flag Football has been a popular sport for Girls at R.H. King for years. King has won five city cham-

pionships thus far and is aiming to secure another one this year.

This team goes way beyond playing a sport as players say it has built a family and bridge between different grades and allows many girls to find a place where they can be themselves and not have to worry about being judged. Many girls on the team describe it as their "football family."

King's flag football team is like no other as they are currently on a 19-game winning streak and have never given up a point to any other team

in the past season. The team has been so successful that it is the only sports team in R.H. King's history to have back-to-back championships.

Dave Warrenner, the team's coach says the key lies in the preparation.

"We're constantly practicing. The season doesn't start until May but we're already on the field in September. There's also a genuine love for the game. The girls have completely bought into it and they're always ready to give it their all. We like to say we're humble enough to practice but confident enough to per-

form because we've already won through preparation."

Kayla Wong, the quarterback has been on the team for three years and is proud of the camaraderie on and off the field.

"Our camaraderie is what leads us to victory, no matter what grade you're in, everyone has a place on the team and we all feel like we belong," Wong says.

What the future will hold for the Girls Flag Football team remains to be seen but more championships and winning games are sure to be on the horizon.



Toronto Raptors Twitter

As the only NBA team in Canada, the Raptors have a lot of fan expectations to live up to. With all the changes in recent years, that may be a challenge.

## Changes in the Toronto Raptors

By Yumna Khan

The beloved Toronto Raptors basketball team recently underwent some serious changes leaving fans feeling uneasy.

Torontonians have followed their pursuit of reaching the playoffs. Only to be disappointed four years in a row losing to LeBron James' former team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, at the Eastern Conference semifinals. This was the start to a butterfly effect shaping the current Raptors team today. The start of the changes

began with coach Dwane Casey. Last season, Casey was nominated as coach of the year right before he was fired as the Toronto Raptors coach. Assistant coach, Nick Nurse, took over and became the new Raptors coach eager to prove himself to the team.

Adored superstar, DeMar DeRozan, was next to leave the team. After playing for the Raptors for nine years, fans were appalled when he was drafted to play for the San Antonio Spurs. When the Spurs faced off against his former team, Torontonians

gave him a standing ovation in appreciation of his time with the team.

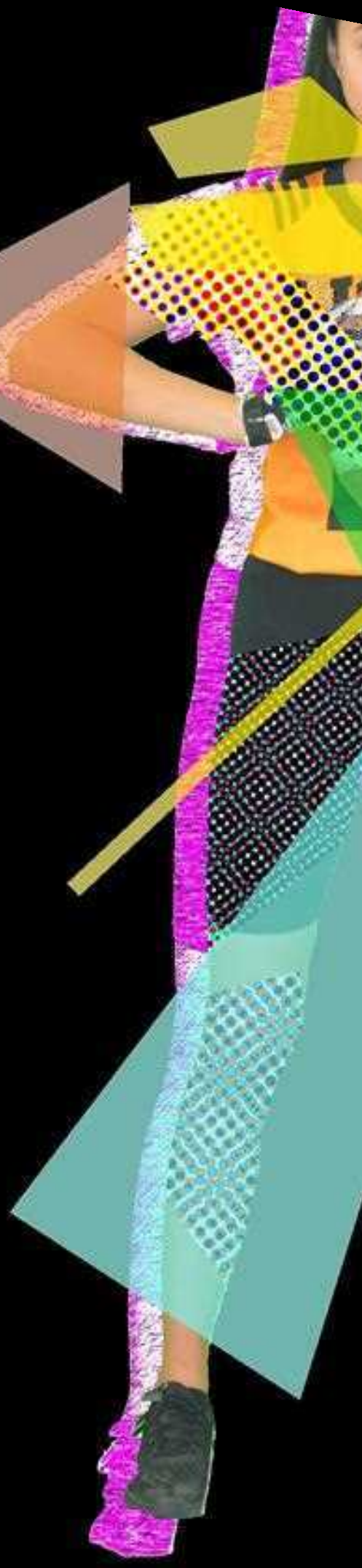
Arriving in his place is Kawhi Leonard, one of the best players in the NBA with Raptors fans are betting on Leonard to carry the team to the playoffs and hopefully finally clinching a championship for Canada's only NBA team.

However, the Raptor's Game 1 Performance against Orlando Magic where they lost 104-101 has raised concern amongst fans with Kyle Lowry one of the Raptors' top players failing to

score any points. Lowry told the media post game that "I'm a guy that plays basketball the right way. Me not scoring any points doesn't mean I didn't affect the game."

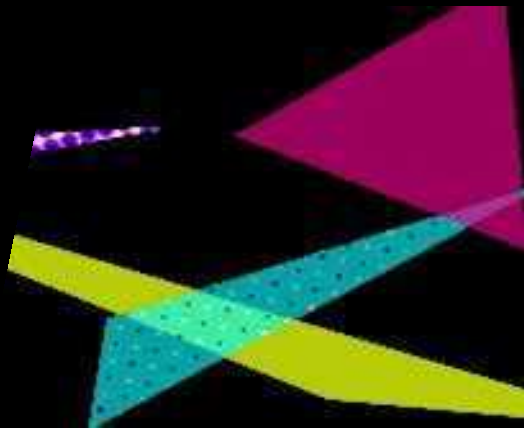
While fans may fear that the Raptors are not the team they knew in the past, many hope that they are finally becoming the powerhouse that Toronto deserves in order to be taken seriously during Eastern Conference games.

The Raptors are working hard and bouncing back after losing their first game.





SPORTS



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# KING 2019 ATHLETICS

JR	CROSS COUNTRY	JR. GIRLS EAST REGION CHAMPIONS	JR. BOYS EAST REGION CHAMPIONS
JR	VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL	EAST REGION FINALISTS → CITY PLAYDOWNS	
	GIRLS GOLF	EAST REGION FINALISTS	
	CURLING	CITY CHAMPIONS	EAST REGIONS CHAMPIONS
	GIRLS HOCKEY	SEMI FINALS	
JR	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	EAST REGIONS CHAMPIONS	
SR	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	EAST REGIONS CHAMPIONS	
	INDOOR SOCCER	FIRST TIME AT KING	
JR. SR.	SWIMMING	KATELYN HUME → OFSAA for 100M	
	GIRLS CRICKET	FIRST TIME AT KING	
JR.	BOYS VOLLEYBALL	QUARTER FINALISTS	
SR.	BOYS VOLLEYBALL	TIER 2 EAST REGION CHAMPIONS	
JR.	BOYS BASKETBALL	TIER 1 SEMI FINALS	
JR. SR.	BOYS HOCKEY TEAM	EAST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS	
	BOYS GOLF	SILVER MEDAL AT EAST REGIONS	
	7'S RUGBY	3RD AT EAST REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS	

## King's athletic achievements

By Timur Saiful Islam

King has been dominating on the athletic field over the past school year. The number of teams that have won games, advanced to semi-finals, and gone on to the finals themselves goes to show just how strong our athletic program is here at the school.

Brian Chetwynd, part of the coaching staff at King explains why King's teams are so successful. "Our teams are filled with talented and dedicated athletes. Through hard work, determination, and coordinated leadership we have found a way to be successful," Chetwynd says.

While student athletes are often the stars and should be recognized for their hard work, it also important to recognize the coaches who volunteer their time and effort to make King's teams the best they can be on and off the field. The goal of sports at King is being able to build transferable skills that will benefit student athletes all throughout their lives.

"As a coaching staff, what we see is all of those skills really translating outside of their sports in their lives. We use sport as a tool to develop skills that will help them advance in their professional lives," Chetwynd says.

One of the key aspects of King is the wide array of sports that the school has been successful in. There are many schools that are athletically focused and others who excel within a certain sport. However, it seems as though whatever sport the Lions put their minds to, they dominate it with full force. What makes King stand out from the rest? Mr. Chetwynd explains that King's athletes are well-rounded students who find success in all aspects of their lives.

"What is different is that we have students who are successful not only on the field but also in the class, which takes a ton of organizational skills," Chetwynd says.

It's time to celebrate the athletes at King who put their full effort in making sure that King continues to stay at the top!



# BOOKS & MUSIC

## Advice - how to get published

### Upcoming Concerts in Toronto



14 May, 2019  
**P!nk**  
 "Beautiful Trauma World Tour"



28-29 May, 2019  
**TWENTY ONE PILOTS**  
 "The Bandito Tour"



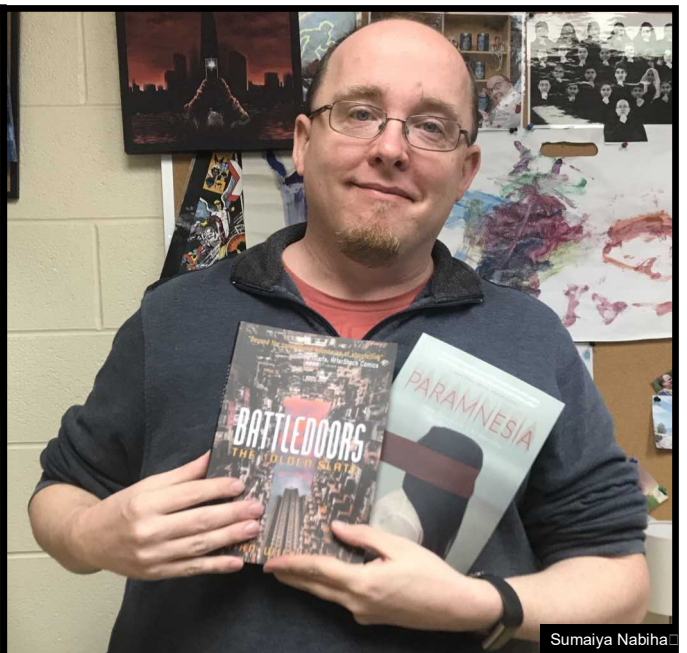
26 June, 2019  
**Ariana Grande**  
 "Sweetener World Tour"



7 July, 2019  
**Jennifer Lopez**  
 "It's My Party Tour"



17 July, 2019  
**Backstreet Boys**  
 "DNA World Tour"



School librarian Mr. Wilkinson has experience in publishing, having written two YA books has advice for other aspiring authors just starting out.

By Anthony Popov

Books play an important role in people's lives and can be found around us at all times, but it takes a lot for these bundles of paper made to serve our every purpose to hit the shelves in the first place.

This is often an aspect of books that people often overlook - the time, care, and effort it takes to create these stories that have such a profound impact.

For many aspiring authors the most daunting part of writing a book is getting it successfully published, otherwise the months of time, care and effort put into writing the book would all be for nothing.

"I am interested in writing a book someday, but I'm not really sure where or how I would even get it published after it's written," says Miriam Pili a grade 10 student at R.H. King.

This is a reality for many people who have ever considered writing a book, however the process of getting published isn't as difficult as people perceive it to be.

The process often begins with finding a literary agent who will be able to submit your work to a publisher.

Having a literary agent isn't necessary, especially in a smaller world market like Canada, but they do have the connections within the publishing world, and the knowledge to negotiate

contracts are an asset to anyone serious about getting published.

The next step is to write your query letter asking a publisher if they are interested in your work, however it is important that you have completed your synopsis and sample chapters before submitting a letter in case the publisher is interested.

It is also important to include the necessary contact and background information in your letter.

After your letter is submitted, all that is left to do is to wait for a response that is usually either a rejection, a request for sample material, or a request for the entire manuscript.

Librarian Mr. Wilkinson

had two young adult books published last year called *Battledoors: The Golden Slate* and *Paramnesia*.

"My advice on getting published is to not worry about getting published. It could be a long tough haul to get there. For me, it took more than seven years of sending out pages to publishers and having them returned with very friendly letters saying thanks but no thanks. In the end, if you were writing because you love the work then you'll be a lot more satisfied," he says.

This advice speaks to the very of core of why many people choose to write books in the first place, because they are passionate about writing.

## World without contemporary books

By Sumaiya Nabiha

The contemporary genre is all about the amazing books that have changed the way human beings react towards the world despite not being a classic.

These fresh stories are known to be set generally after World War II up until now. Though often overlooked in some circles, these have proven that in this world a story doesn't need to be a "classic" in order to gain acknowledgement.

Just like classics, many great contemporary stories dig deep into the issues happening that are tied to this modern world.

Talking about issues such as poverty or tackling today's social media, contemporary novels are loved by teenagers today who make connections to the stories as they related to what the main characters are experiencing.

These are the books that need to be read as they show people how the world has progressed and changed. Classics on the other hand, can be a bit dated and not as relevant to younger readers.

There are a number of great books out there for teens to read and get interested in. Just a few include *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, *The Monkeyface Chronicles* by Richard Scarsbrook, or books from series like *Harry Potter*, *Game of Thrones*, or *The Hunger Games*.

Books like *The Kite Runner* or *The Book Thief* not only highlight the struggles of teenagers in an authoritarian country but also give a glimpse into the history of it as well.

Therefore contemporary provides a different perspective as well as the reasons tied to events through culture and the people.

"These are stories that give us fresh eyes on problems both new and alike. The best way to learn about ourselves is to see the world through the eyes of those who are both like and unlike us," says Mr. Wilkinson, the head librarian at R.H. King.

In terms of presenting possible futures, the contemporary books sometimes show readers an incredible range of possibility. For example *Debt Of Honor* by Tom Clancy foreshadowed the events of 9/11, *2001: A Space Odyssey* by Arthur C. Clark utilized iPads and video messaging and *Brave New World* depicts a society blinded by psychological manipulation and commercialism.

"We constantly see examples of books, films, and TV shows influencing the course of human history," Mr. Wilkinson says. "There's even

talk of making book concepts like the ones in *Jurassic Park* an actual reality."

Many classics in the past were also controversial but now are a part of our literacy world and our history. It is safe to say that many of these contemporary books when written well will eventually become our "classics" as they inspire generations to come.



Just a few contemporary books that everyone should get a chance to read.



## Opinion - Reggae is really awesome



Chronixx is one of the influential artists who have created and spread reggae music by taking it to the next level.

By Sumaiya Nabiha

From the Jamaican band The Wailers to Chronixx and Popcaan, reggae has never failed to convey the importance of life through spontaneous music.

Reggae has grown to be new and different yet is still close to its roots. This is a popular style of Jamaican music characterized by strong rhythms and powerful lyrics that can have an impact on anyone.

Reggae evolved through

musical styles ska and rocksteady but with a slower tempo. Among all other forms of Jamaican music, reggae became the most popular due to the influence of Bob Marley and his famous song 'One Love.' Marley was not only a singer but also a political activist and through his music conveyed themes of love, kindness, humanity, freedom from oppression, slavery and equality.

In this song, Marley sings a powerful line, "One love, one

heart let's get together and feel alright."

Many of Marley's lyrics are about love and life. "Don't gain the world and lose your soul/wisdom is better than silver or gold." He would convey them in his music which strongly reflected his beliefs.

Before Marley, The Wailers, who formed in 1966, contributed to the creation of reggae. The purpose of the music was to promote peace expressed through the Rastafarian religion.

What makes Reggae so special is that after emerging it spread quickly, particularly in Europe and America.

However, it grew to change quite a lot and so have artists. It now includes newer styles and spin-offs such as hip hop and rap along with dancehall and fusion.

Compared to old school reggae, many might argue that modern reggae has become more superficial. Despite that, it still manages to grab the attention of

many teenagers of our generation. A slight change in style and sounding of music has, in fact, made it more likeable and relatable.

Taking up the modern mantle of reggae are people like Chronixx, the golden boy of reggae, who conveys strong messages tied with culture. For example, his song 'Smile Jamaica' allows people to learn more about Jamaica and how it carries with it a rich history filled with deep struggles.

He sings "Never you cry/ here am I/I'm here for you Jamaica/dry your eyes/girl smile."

Many of his other songs talk about how the youth in this world have the strength and power to make differences despite being young.

In his song, 'Here Comes Trouble,' he sings an impactful line, "Here comes trouble/welcome the danger/welcome the savior/welcome the rasta youths."

This is something worth listening to as it always gives depth and strong feelings that sound nice. If you haven't given reggae a chance, try out some classics and new stuff. You might just find that you like it!

*Reggae music is not something people listen to, it's how people live, learn and grow through its understanding.*

## Gangster rap: persona or personal?

By Aasiah DeBerry

Many gangster rap artists today produce music that causes controversy. This controversy is because of the messages in their songs and whether or not they should be held accountable for the impact and negative influence that it potentially has on young listeners.

The genre of rap music has become mainstream

tion of gangster rap which can have negative repercussions amongst young people.

Although the genre of rap music is so wide and consists of many different types of lyrics, artists and videos, the songs that are most popular tend to be about similar topics. These include money, crime, violence and narcotics.

In the past, rappers would

student said "In order to gain views and likes many rappers today lie about things to do so."

Often, the listener is not aware of the lies these artists are telling and promoting. Younger people especially tend to be more vulnerable

gaging in behaviour that they think is cool but is actually quite harmful.

Gangster rap music has been proven to make the artists a lot of money which is most likely why they refuse to switch their message. They are funded based on streams and views and ticket sales.

If the public ever decides that they are ready for positive, motivational messages then they can use their purchasing power to show the artists and music companies that they want a more positive message from them that promotes good.

Dharany Nakularajah, a King student, believes in the power of the consumer. "If people stopped listening to music with negative messages then rappers will no longer make this music," Nakularajah says.

Although gangster rap music promotes many negative things, rappers cannot not always be accountable for listeners actions based on their music, nor does it mean that the music itself isn't brilliantly crafted. Listeners are ultimately responsible for their actions and for the messages they allow to be promoted to them. It's important to recognize that negative examples of certain gangster rap songs are not representative of the diverse and engaging genre that is rap.

*"if people stopped listening to music with negative messages then rappers will no longer make this music"*



Lil Wayne, a known gangster rap artist, at one of his concerts which sold out and was attended by many teens.

amongst the public due to its captivating rhythms, beats, and lyrics. But unlike in the past where there was a clear difference between types of rap music, this is no longer the case. The lines between types of rap such as motivational, conscious and gangster has become quite blurry due to record companies heavy promo-

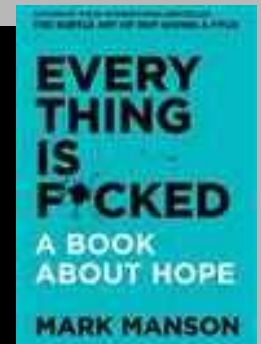
rap about such things based on their realistic surroundings and struggles. These rappers were favored for being relatable in their struggles. This is not the case today and is shown with a big amount of rappers who falsify their lyrics about their lives 'on the streets' in order to gain more fame and fans and money.

As Faiza Iman, a grade 10

and when listening to these songs and can be negatively influenced by them. They also have a harder time differentiating between a gangster rappers persona as opposed to their real lives.

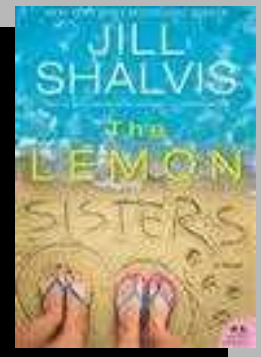
Listeners of this music can mimic these musicians by engaging in activities such as violence which has negative consequences or en-

### Upcoming Books



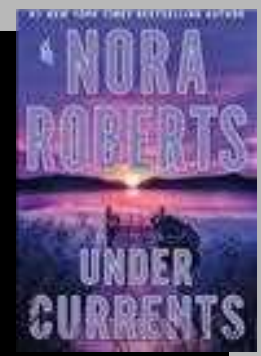
May 14

A book that offers insights about hope and happiness



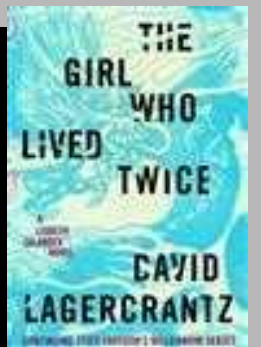
June 18

Full of humour and the importance and understanding of sisterhood



July 9

A book about the power of family to harm—and to heal



August 27

The sixth book in the series follow the life of Lisbeth Salander

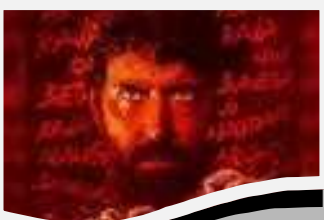
# MOVIES & TV

## Upcoming Bollywood Movies



April 17, 2019  
**Kalank**

A woman dying of cancer wants her best friend to keep her husband company but problems arise when another man enters the picture.



July 26, 2019  
**Super 30**

The film is about a math genius who wants to prove that no matter where you come from, you too can succeed.



May 24, 2019  
**India's Most Wanted**

This action thriller follows the chase of India's most wanted criminal all across the subcontinent.



May 17, 2019  
**De De Pyaar De**

The movie is a family film that revolves around a love triangle and teenage children.

## Reclaiming Canadian content pride



*Kim's Convenience*, Canada's latest hit show about a Korean family in Toronto, is finally making its mark in the American entertainment industry.

By Thureka Gopalasingam

The MADE | NOUS campaign was recently launched by the Canada Media Fund to celebrate Canadian content. The 60-second clip features successful Canadian bred shows such as *A Handmaid's Tale* and *Orphan Black* and game companies like Ubisoft.

With recent awards, such as Sandra Oh winning Best Actress in Drama series or the short film *Bao* winning an Oscar for Best Animated Short Film, it is time to recognize Canadians have amazing content too.

Oviyaa Vara, a grade 12

student found the campaign to be riveting.

"[The ad] told the truth. There is all this Canadian content yet it is pretty obvious there's barely enough recognition," Vara says.

The western entertainment industry is centralized around the United States. Oftentimes Canadian are overshadowed and thought to be American when it isn't. Shows such as *Kim's Convenience* only gain attraction after airing in the United States.

"A lot of films are American based and so even Canadian content is assumed to also be American. America being the more trendsetting country even our actors seem American too," Vara says.

*Riverdale* is a popular teenage show that is shot in Vancouver, British Columbia. When the show is aired though, it is portrayed as if the show is in a small town in the United States.

In the CMF press release,

Valerie Creighton, the President and CEO of CMF is proud of the Canadian productions.

"Canada's creators, storytellers and artists stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in the world. They're made in Canada and thanks to their extraordinary talent, they make some of the best content out there. It's time we all take pride in the exceptional work of our creative community," Creighton says.

There are many exceptional Canadian shows. From *Degrassi* to *Murdoch Mysteries*, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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## Latest changes to Marvel Studios

By Lily Santon

Over ten years in the making, *Avengers: Endgame* is set to hit theatres on April 26. With 21 films of build up, this epic conclusion is under immense pressure to set the stage for the future.

*Avengers: Endgame* will most likely prove to be the final chapter for many characters that fans have grown up loving over the years such as Captain America and Iron Man. On the other hand, this will open the door for new heroes such as Black Panther to take the stage.

Although the transition may be bitter-sweet, the future of Marvel Studios seems to be all the more exciting. Despite the fact that Marvel Studios, has yet to announce any films post-*Spider-Man: Far From Home*, there are several movies currently in pre-production, set to hit theatres between 2020 and 2021.

Furthermore, it is rumored that a new, more diverse cast of heroes are not far from reaching their



Marvel Studios is soon to release its *Avengers: Endgame* and then make some changes to the main leads.

big screen debut. Marvel has announced that they are moving forward with a film focused around hero Shang Chi, potentially making it the first superhero film to feature an Asian lead. This change is set to bring greater diversity to the Marvel Cinematic Universe, as well as superhero movies in general. This may spark the

idea of adding more women too.

A long-time superhero fan, Deborah Joseph, a grade 9 student at King thinks that adding more women to the Marvel Universe is essential. "In this world there are both men and women, so it would be fair to show both genders portrayed. Adding more

women shows what they are capable of, and will be a good example for movie makers and the audience to look up to."

Hopes are that Marvel Studios is able to incorporate these ideas. Now that they have the rights to franchises like the *X-Men* and *Deadpool* audiences have a lot to look forward to.



## The end of an era for G.O.T. fans

By Yamrot Girma

A beloved TV series, *Game of Thrones*, is coming to an end as the last season began airing on April 14.

*Game of Thrones* is a well known TV show that millions have watched.

Even though many individuals are both excited

and sad for the last season to arrive, everyone is curious to know how the story ends.

Jordan Williams, a grade 10 student at R.H King Academy, explains how she feels about the upcoming new season. "I am really sad that *Game of Thrones* is ending because over the many seasons the viewers have

become attached to the characters. Personally, my favourite character was Daenerys Targaryen and I'm sad to see her go. I wanted to see her evolve a little more as a character," Williams says.

Daenerys Targaryen is one of the most popular characters in the show. She

was shown to be a powerful woman and also known as "Mother of Dragons."

Many King students share the same feelings.

Now in its final season, the first episode aired 8 years ago on April 17, 2011. The producers of this series have decided that season 8 will be the last season as they do everything they can to bring the story to a satisfying conclusion.

*Game of Thrones* has had many plot twists leading to many deaths of characters (poor Hodor!). The world that author George R.R. Martin built is still ripe for exploration and it is rumored that there are several spin offs of the series waiting in the wings of the HBO network.

Oishe Paul a grade 10 student at King, is very satisfied with the ending of the show.

"I am really looking forward to the last season, as it comes at the perfect time to wrap up the story and leave viewers pleased," Paul says.

Even though it is the last season, many students at R.H. King are excited to watch and see happens in the end, once and for all. Will Jon Snow claim the throne? Will the Night King take over all of Westeros? Winter is here!



Game of Thrones has aired its last season. Viewers aren't too disappointed as there is still a lot to happen.

## Upcoming Hollywood Movies



May 6, 2019  
**Rocketman**

The film is a musical fantasy about Sir Elton Joh's breakthrough years



May 9, 2019  
**The Hustle**

A foreign actress faces challenges while trying to make it in the film industry



June 13, 2019  
**Men in Black: International**

The classic movie series is back again with the newest installment aimed at fighting aliens all across the globe.



May 16, 2019  
**John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum**

John Wick has to find his way through New York when he is made the target of the world's top assassins

## Disney against Netflix for streaming



The two media giants go head to head, Disney and Netflix, who will win in this battle of the streams?

By Berlin Ogglesby

Netflix is a 3.7 billion dollar streaming service that has taken the world by storm, but that success has proven enticing for other entities that want to cash in on the market.

Disney is in the works with a streaming service containing all their exclusive content, which is to be called Disney+.

The streaming service is set to include new Marvel and Disney content as well

as old content formerly shown on Netflix. A few of the popular shows could potentially include *Iron Fist* and *Jessica Jones*.

Disney+ is to come out on November 12, but Disney isn't the only new streaming platform Netflix should be worried about.

Apple TV+ is another new streaming service coming up soon. It is supposed to include Oprah Winfrey's content and has the support of Steven Spielberg.

With new competitors like

Disney+ and Apple TV+, Netflix is going to have to work hard to hold onto its position in the home. The CEO of Netflix, Reed Hastings, remains optimistic. "Netflix doesn't want to focus on any one competitor," Hastings says.

EMarketer analyst, Paul Verna, told the BBC that he doesn't agree with Hastings. "If any company can catch up to Netflix, it's Disney," Verna says.

Streaming services are looking to become the new

"cable." In today's day, even adults and seniors are using these apps to get all their daily views.

Disney+ is looked to be pointed to children, teenagers, as well as *Star Wars* and *Marvel* lovers. Shows have already been announced for characters like *Loki*, *Falcon*, and the *Winter Soldier* while *Iron Man* director Jon Favreau brings *The Mandalorian* series from the *Star Wars* universe to the service.

On the other hand, Apple TV+ will have a more sophisticated adult approach. Bethany Hoang, grade nine student at King, believes that many people can't wait for these apps to hit the internet, and to binge these new shows.

"I am looking forward to getting Disney+ and I think it may become more popular than Netflix, but I mean we will have to wait and see. I can't wait to watch it though," Hoang says.

The amount of new content will be sure to keep users busy, though whether the market can bear so many streaming services along with other competitors like Amazon's Prime Video and Bell's Crave TV remains to be seen. Disney+ is likely to cost approximately \$9.99 CDN a month or \$99 for the year.

# VIDEO GAMES/TECH

## Future Technology



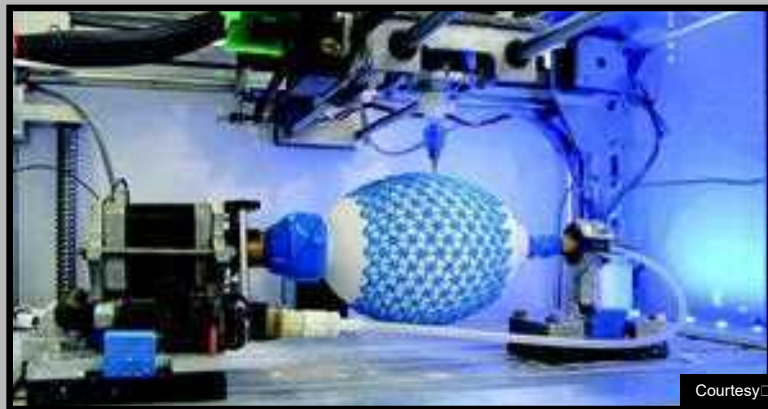
Oculus Quest

Play your favorite virtual reality games anywhere! Grab ahold of the controllers and hack and slash through enemies inside your living room, or anywhere you wish. Set to be released in Spring 2019.



Organ Printing

Scientists are now using 3D printers to their full potential. Not only can 3D print organs and biological tissues, but also prosthetic limbs and surgical instruments. Organ printing can aid the organ donation shortage greatly.



4D Printing

4D printing allows for 3D printed objects to transform over time due to external energy such as light or temperature. Imagine if your cereal box could fold itself after you finish it all. How convenient!



Self-Driving Cars

Traffic lights might become useless if every car is self-driving and less dangerous due to every car weaving between each other. But how long will that take? Will future generations ever even need to learn how to drive?

## Social media or social trap?

By Sandana Ganesh

It is nearly inevitable in this day and age to have a social media account, but under the optimistic and friendly face of social media lies a rather dark side.

Social media is only becoming more relevant as time passes. Whether it be to post a stunner photo or create awareness for a worthy cause, social media plays a massive role in influencing many of our decisions.

However, social media has shown correlation to poor mental health. Imagine scrolling through your Instagram feed to see the "ideal" woman, with slim bodies, cinched

waists, and the most jaw-dropping perfect makeup look you've ever seen. Scroll some more and you see the "ideal" man, with defined jawlines, muscular bodies, and a sleek, trendy hairstyle.

Now you look at yourself. Flaw after flaw, you take note of every single imperfection about you through comparison, and within minutes, your feeling of happiness diminishes.

This is the reality many teens face on a day to day basis. Ms. Humes, a teacher at R.H King, shares her perspective on modern expectations for adolescents. "Students feel unrelenting pressure from the images

they see - and they can never escape them because they have their phones with them 24/7."

Cyberbullying is another issue regarding social media. Internet trolls and predators can hide behind anonymous profiles, which allows them to target and hurt their victims without getting caught.

A recent Instagram poll taken suggests that out of 135 respondents, 60% say that social media has caused them to feel depressed with 19% saying they have gotten suicidal feelings due to it. Ruhma Tabassum, a grade 10 student, understands why there is an increase among mental health issues.

"Social media causes people to feel less than and not enough, and this mentality affects people through a variety of mental health issues like depression," Tabassum says.

A recent article on Forbes.com talked about the varying ways in which social media can be damaging. The article discusses how it can be addictive, leads to sadness, impacts overall well-being, and can trick users into the delusion that the messages they are constantly seeing can help.

Withdrawing from social media, or at the very least taking it with a grain of salt, is a good place to start if students are concerned. What social media presents is little more than a snapshot of a moment in time and is not a norm students should chase.

## Opinion: Open world or not?



Follow a designed story or create your own? That is the question.

By Quinn Keenan

Do you prefer to follow an exciting pre-made adventure or to create your own path? King students are split on this issue, at least when it comes to video games.

Open world games allow the player to do whatever they can think of, relying on the player to create fun challenges for themselves. A notable example could be *Minecraft*, one of the best-selling games of all time.

Story-based games allow the player to experience a story and pre-made challenges, but don't allow for the player to explore the game themselves. A notable example could be the *Uncharted* series.

The question still remains though: what type of games do King gamers prefer? As it turns out, the school seems to be pretty split be-

tween the two. Out of 37 people who were polled, 19 preferred open-world games and 18 preferred story-based games.

If one enjoys both, some games offer the best of both worlds: a captivating story and a free roam mode. *Insomniac's Spider-Man* or the long running *Fallout* series are good examples. However, some students are critical about the quality of these games.

"*Spider-Man* didn't have the best story," said Noyal Chowdury, a grade 11 student at King. "The open world aspect of free-rom/story games tend to be better than the stories," Chowdury says.

If you want to game, you can buy whatever game you want and if you want more control over your experience, you can buy an open world game where you are free to do whatever you want.

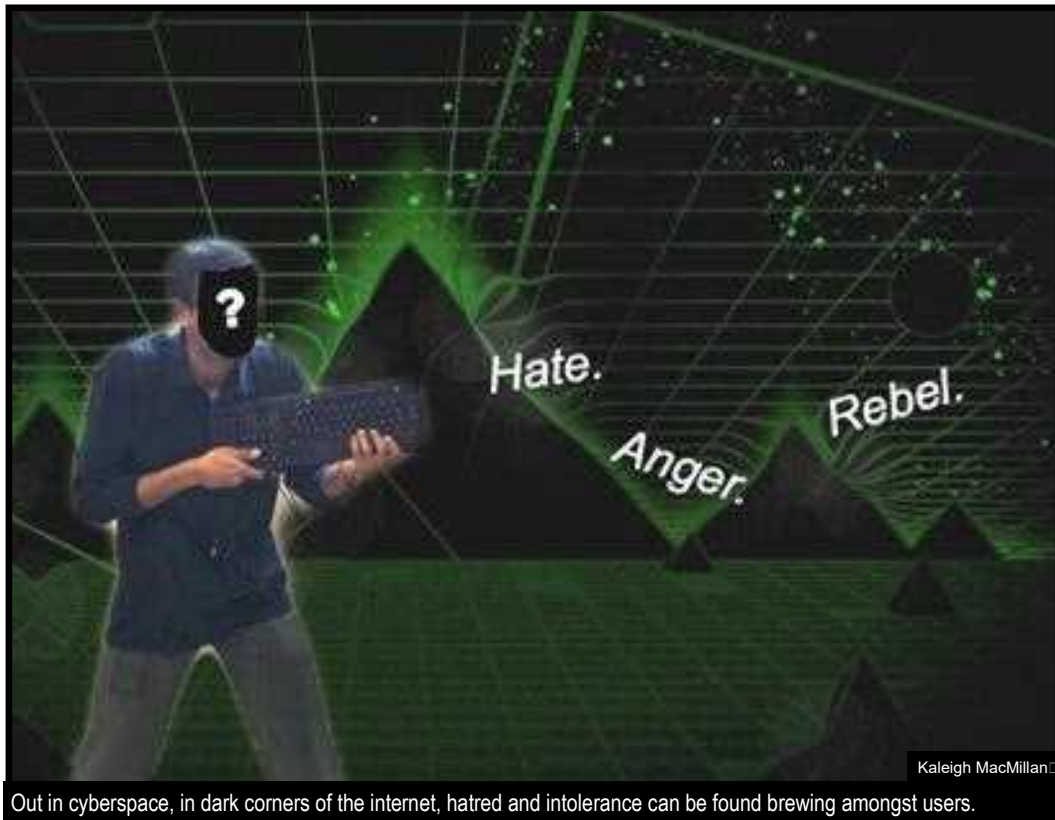


Kaleigh MacMillan

Really, in the end is it really worth it for 100 views on your Snapchat?



# Fighting online hate on our keyboards



Out in cyberspace, in dark corners of the internet, hatred and intolerance can be found brewing amongst users.

By Timur Saiful-Islam

The internet has transformed the way the world communicates to each other, and the thoughts of everybody around the world have become available at the fingertips of the average person.

Unfortunately, this availability of information and in-

teraction has also enabled several hate groups seeking to recruit members into their ranks. They have successfully created echo-chambers where users effectively become brainwashed and blindly follow what they read on these online meeting places such as 4Chan, StormFront, or even through avenues like ISIS propagan-

da videos. Media attention has mostly been focused on extremist Islamic terrorism like those tragically claiming the lives of civilians allegedly in the name of an 'Islamic state' such as the tragic events in Paris, Nice, Manchester, amongst many more. However, there is an another angle to the terror

threat. Far-right terrorism is on the rise and events such as the tragic Quebec City and Christchurch shootings have brought this new crisis to light.

The Christchurch terrorist released a 73-page manifesto where he laid out his justifications for attacking the mosque. The contents show that he had been influenced by online white nationalist forums that are present online.

"Multiculturalism for any western country is a massive issue. The lack of integration, the increase of crime, violence, and mistrust in society, the segregation created due to mass immigration, these are only the beginning phases of something I fear will almost certainly get more worse and violent," Lauren Southern, a right-wing pundit once stated.

Soon enough people are in an echo-chamber where others reinforce twisted and inaccurate beliefs on race and global politics. People begin to live this reality as they're constantly exposed to it on a daily basis and soon enough they will lash out much like any other radicalized person.

It's important to understand that anybody can be radicalized. The person does not have to be 'mentally unstable' or 'vulnerable' in

any sense. Everybody is vulnerable to propaganda and when falsehoods are perpetrated on a daily basis it's only a matter of time until somebody completely subscribes to them and unleashes that horror onto others.

While these are all concerning aspects of the online world. It is essential to stay optimistic as numerous social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Reddit have taken action to combat against spaces where people can meet and are doing their best to prevent these ideas from spreading.

Additionally, Twitter has been preventing many of these radicalization influencers from having a platform on Twitter by completely banning them. An example is Milo Yinnapoulos, a pundit who has been often criticized for his speeches where he referenced race and has shown support for those with a far-right slant. As a result of his ban, Milo Yinnapoulos has lost his platform and has sunk deep into debt into the millions of dollars.

De-platforming those who instigate is a viable solution. Online hatred can be fought and it'll take everyone to pressure companies to ensure that people are not fed news that they want to be true but instead are only given accurate information.

## Upcoming Video Games



**Rage 2**

Taking place 30 years after the original Rage, defend yourself against mutants and other factions as you explore the open world. Set to be released on May 14, 2019.



**The Sinking City**

Solve the mystery of what brought New England to its knees after it suffers a massive flood in this mystery-horror game. Set to be released on July 29, 2019.



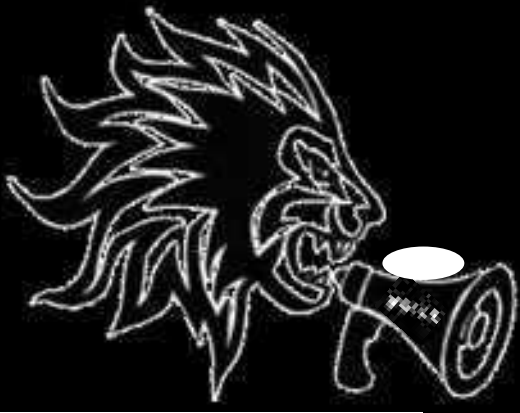
**Crash Team Racing Nitro-Fueled**

A remastered version of cartoon animals racing. What's not to love? Set to be released on June 21, 2019.



**Total War: Three Kingdoms**

Become the ruler of China by leading your chosen faction to war against rivals. Think long and hard, because strategy is key! Set to be released on May 23, 2019.

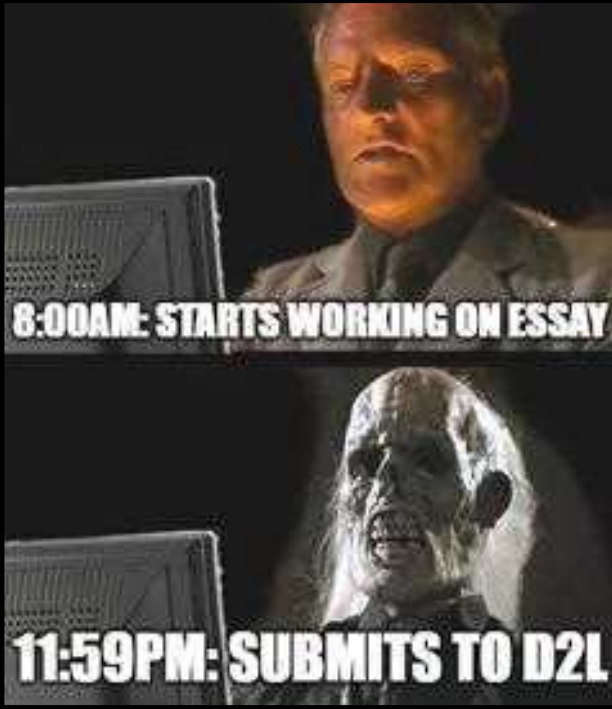


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