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Edition 4

NORTON COLLEGE

Music Corner

I listen to music on SoundCloud because I prefer to listen to remixes. My favourite remix is 'Would You' by Alchemist. I like this song because it has a good, solid beat throughout it. Baddadan, also on SoundCloud, uses the same song to create a remix, but I don't like this one as much because the two songs don't go together that well. I have tried to mix music before but it is a hard skill to learn. I like listening to music because it distracts me from all the stuff that's going on.

By Norton's Agony Aunt

You got 99 problems, tell us 1

My friend has recently started smoking cannabis. I am worried for them. What should I do?

I would advise them to stop and explain the effects of taking drugs. That includes paranoia, nausea and many others. If they don't stop, maybe ask for advice from someone like a trusted adult, a relative you trust or even ChildLine! In the meantime, I'd make sure they know I'm here for them and always someone they can talk to.

I am being peer pressured to vape by kids that are older than me, help!

Tell somebody! They shouldn't be doing that to anyone and they will probably get in trouble for it. Tell any of the teachers and don't worry that you'll get in trouble because you won't.

By OM

Bullying VS Banter

Bullying is repetitive verbal or physical abuse, for example commenting negatively on someone's weight, or physically hitting someone. Banter is also typically between good friends and mutual. I think most banter is okay but it can sometimes be used to mask bullying. Personally, I think I cross the line too often, especially when I'm annoyed.

By OM

Staff Guess Who

How long have you been working here?

2 years.

What do you like about working here?

The environment. It is varied and welcoming, never stood still!

What was your previous job?

Teaching in another school.

What did you like about your previous job?

It was very physically demanding.

Would you go back to your previous job?

No, this job is far more interesting.

What is your most memorable moment while working here?

Teaching Rosie to skateboard in the meet and greet.

What's your hobbies outside of college?

Rugby, motorbiking and walking the dog.

Give me one weird fact about yourself:

I am a leftie, but I use my right hand for other things too, such as badminton.



The Earth Element

By DL

Quetzalcoatlus

Nicknamed the 'Quetz' living during the late cretaceous period, the Quetzalcoatlus Northropi could grow to a staggering wingspan of 36 feet! Roughly the same size as a city bus. Early scientists estimate that this species of bird weighed roughly 200-500 lbs or 200-250 lbs.

Similar to the giraffe but 70 million years later, along the Rio Grande River in Texas, a more impressive and scarier creature walked the marshes. The 12 foot tall dinosaur known as the Quetzalcoatlus.

With a 37-40 foot wing span, it was the largest and most terrifying bird on earth. Recent evidence shows that the Quetzalcoatlus has similar feeding habits to that of the modern stork, combining scavenging for carrion with preying on small animals such as small, dead dinosaurs but also on carcasses of titanosaurs Sauropod, such as Alamosaurus.

Interested in chess?

The chess team is now challenging other local schools!

Talk to Todd



What's hot in the kitchen?

Gingerbread tres leches cake

4 eggs

200g muscovado sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

200g plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

1 and half ground ginger

1 tsp ground cinnamon

100ml milk

410g can evaporated milk

200ml sweetened condensed milk

300ml double cream

Step 1. Heat oven to 180C/ 160 fan/ gas 4. Oil cake tin that's at least 6cm deep and line with baking paper. Put egg whites in large bowl with pinch of salt, beat using electric whisk until foamy. Slowly add 150g of sugar, spoonful at a time, whisking until thick.



Step two. Mix egg yolks, remaining sugar and vanilla together in a second bowl for two mins or until pale and foamy. Add flour, baking powder, spices and milk. Fold together using spatula.

Step three. Add large spoonful of whipped egg whites to cake batter, beat, then fold through the remaining egg whites using large metal spoon. Pour this into tin, smooth the surface and bake for 40-45 minutes. Combine evaporated and condensed milk with 50ml double cream.

Step four. Leave to cool for 10 mins, take out of tin and leave to cool for further 10 mins.

Step five. Pour quarter of milk over the top. Let the cake absorb. Do this until you run out of milk. Chill overnight.

Step six. Spoon cream and condensed milk over the milk and add a pinch of cinnamon.

Bon Appetit

By BH

What are you playing?

By HB

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Hunter Call of The Wild

By OH

Hunter Call of the wild is an open world where you can hunt wild animals in some of the most beautiful national parks around the world. In this game, you can hunt hundreds of species, you can set up outposts across the different maps so you can restock and discover the map with watch towers.

I personally love all the gun designs. There bows, shotguns, rifles, revolvers, pistols and many other guns to choose from. There's also a skill tree.



This is a Dungeons and Dragons inspired game. You go around a map and fight monsters and loot chests. This can be played with up to 4 players. Anything you can think of, you can fight. From zombies to wizards, and rats and gools. You

Complete dungeons to level up and unlock different avatars. My favourite avatar is the wizard because his powers are simple to use. I unlocked the wizard skin by levelling up. I liked this game originally because I like the original Dungeons and Dragons game. I like it now because it is easy to play, you can just sit back and chillax and talk with your friends while playing. The only bad thing in the game is

It can be glitchy which is annoying as it can reset the dungeons.

By EC

My dream Car

The Audi Sport Quattro S1, with a wheel base of 2.224, and weight of 1.090; this is the legendary car of 1985. Lets start simple. Both variations of the S1 (meaning E1 and E2 alike)

similar all-aluminium 2.1 litre turbo charge five cylinder engines strapped underneath their hoods. But, with vastly different power outputs, and visual appearances.

Of course, both iterations were with Audi's Quattro all-wheel-drive system. But the E2's wheelbase was even shorter than the original E1, coming in at just 86.8 inches to reduce the amount of understeer experienced with the initial S1. The first generation powertrain produced up to a whooping 444hp of torque. But when the second generation arrived, it received a completely redesigned turbo charger. This allowed the engine to pump out almost 600hp in its most vivid state.



By JJJ

Sports Corner

I support Liverpool. We are currently top of the league after beating Crystal Palace 2-1 on the 9th of December. To defend our lead we will play Man United on the 17th. We have done well so far this season because of Salah who has got many goals and assists. I went to watch the Liverpool VS Wolves game last season

It was pretty enjoyable (but probably because we won), so of course I would go again this season if I could.

Second in the league is Arsenal and we play them on the 23rd of December to defend our first place position once again.



PSHE debate: Should we transition away from fossil fuels?

Go Karting Review

By JS

Go Karting is a fun, no contact racing sport that consists of racing on a decently large track that could take up to 20– 40 seconds to complete, depending on the driver.

Recently Ethan, Henry, Keelan, Lewis, Reece, Lucas and me went go karting together at Stour-bridge. We had lots of fun. Ethan came first in both rounds, I came second and Henry came third.

Why should you go?

Go Karting is very fast pace and exhilarating . It can also be very competitive. Sessions normally are 15-30 minutes each and time goes fast! You get racing suits, gloves, a neck brace, helmet and balaclava.

Maths Quiz

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NCT's horrible History

By CRZ

On the day of 911, the Al-Qaeda terrorists' plane, which had 19 hijackers as well as passengers on board, crashed into the twin towers in New York City after being hijacked. The plane was hijacked over New Jersey. They hit the North tower 17 minutes before hitting the south which went down much quicker. The North tower took 46 minutes to finally crash down, killing 2997 people including 43 firefighters and 13 paramedics. When the plane hit the towers they had between 14000 to 19000 people inside of them.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

The Chaos Cyclone

AKA the 'omen of ends' is a giant tornado made of curse magik, feeding on the souls of the dead. It is said that the cyclone was a cursed gift to the plant of Athem by the god of destruction, Magdella. At the centre of Regnvaft, there is an object known as Magdella's eye which is a large flaming vessel full of deity magik, guarded by cursed guardians. If Magdella's eye is destroyed, the storm calms for a year to recharge. The eye itself is cursed chaotic energy that's piled up and created an immortal vessel.

Need a safe space with like-minded people?

The Rainbow Room club meets every Monday

Talk to EF for more details

By JW



Interested in joining D and D club?

Talk to JW

D+D Glossary

Reborn spirits– lace of spirits who have inhabited the body of a child before birth. They gain unique talents due o their circumstances.

Giant or Half Giant– large creatures made of rocky flesh. Not the smartest but they are incredibly strong and slow.

Eldritch Born– are a race of people that were failed sacrifices.

Want to write for the school newsletter? Talk to your English teacher for an English tick!