

Welcome to...

THE CHARTER CHRONICLES



Coordinator: Miss Carter

“A newspaper is the centre of a community”

- Michael Connelly

When asked to lead an extracurricular activity prior to launching the ECA, I couldn't have opted for a better choice

than a whole school newspaper club. From previously writing for my student newspaper at university to running a club at a previous school, I know firsthand how invaluable journalism skills are for our students and the whole school community. Under a plethora of diverse roles that The Charter Chronicles encompasses, from writers, editors, designers to photographers, as well as a range of leadership opportunities, our students are extending their academic talents and gaining invaluable skills that journalism promotes.

This is more than a newspaper; this is a community. Our students are responsible for supporting the needs of their whole school audience and play a crucial role in representing them and the issues that they care about. Communicating news and views effectively requires commitment, dedication and most of all teamwork. I want to thank all of our contributors for giving just that and making not only this issue but a place where students can recognise their achievements, learn about important international issues and appreciate what goes on behind the 'front stage' of school life. The Charter Chronicles aims to culminate and celebrate a community of academically successful, critical, responsible and internationally minded students.

Acknowledgements

There are several people we would like to thank for their invaluable support and contributions:

- ECA Assistants - Dr. Starost + Kru Guide; for your continued support in running the club
- Head of Design - Kiwi; for always going above and beyond and coming up with the format for this entire paper

And, most of all, we would like to thank the entire Charter Chronicles team for all of their hard work and dedication - this paper is only possible because of you! You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for all of the effort you've given in putting this edition together.

We can hardly believe that our first-ever edition is finally here! We hope you enjoy reading it just as much as we enjoyed writing it. We welcome you to read on and enjoy what our team has created, just for you.

- Miss Carter & Proud



Editor-in-Chief: Proud

As Earl Nightingale once said, “Everything begins with an idea.” That is exactly how this paper was started: an idea. One that would bring the school community closer together, encourage creativity and foster a love for reading and writing in our students.

It really is amazing what a single idea can become when given the space and freedom to flourish. When I first suggested the idea of a student newspaper, I never expected so many people to be interested or for this paper to become such a big operation. I am truly humbled by all of the support and enthusiasm this newspaper received from the very beginning. Watching everything unfold over the last few months has been an incredibly surreal experience, one that I am very grateful to have been a part of. It is a pleasure and privilege to get to work with so many talented and creative students, and I am eager to have this opportunity to showcase Charter's amazing writers with the launch of this first edition.

I hope that this publication will spark imaginations and form the soil from which many more creative ideas will sprout. I look forward to seeing this paper grow and where this may take it, and I hope that this edition of the Charter Chronicles will be the first of many more to come.



COMMUNITY BOARD

See what's going on in the secondary school community!

Look out for Edition 2!

- New STEM section
- More student photography
- Various student-led events
- Sports day feature
- University and careers guide

Korean Culture Club

Ran by Y12s - June, Hyun and David. They aim to create a welcoming environment where students have the opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the Korean culture. Whether you come from a Korean background or not, anyone who is interested in Korean culture can join. Look forward to their upcoming events!

EcoClimate Society

Y12s - Proud, June and Hyun. A student-led global organisation that aims to raise awareness about climate change and inspire our generation to take action against it. Look forward to the articles, posts and videos uploaded on their website and social media page.

Website: <https://ctang3200.wixsite.com/ecoclimate-society>

Instagram: @ecoclimatesociety
(or scan the QR code)



TERM 1 RECAPPED

Take a look at what's happened so far this year...

- 12 Aug. Mother's Day
- 21 Aug. school start
- 27 Aug. the newspaper club launched

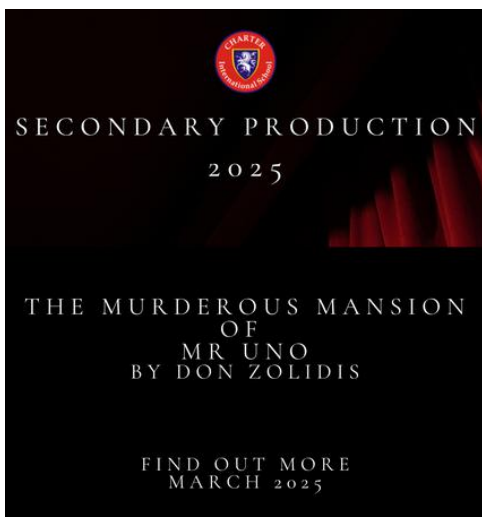
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August 2024

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- 26 Sep. Korean Club's Kimchi making event
- 27 - 29 Sep. Thailand F1 National Finals

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September 2024

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Don't miss the biggest event of the school year! More information is coming after the new year; be sure to purchase your tickets!



THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN!

If you'd like to be a part of our next edition, please contact Miss Carter (ecarter@charter.ac.th) or Proud (proudr@charter.ac.th) or come along to the ECA club on Tuesday afternoons.

THE NEW 6th FORM COMMON ROOM

By Julia Year 12



Charter's new common room, which was launched in the first half-term, has created a common space for the sixth-form students located next to Mr Erick's room. The main purpose of the study area is to give our sixth form students a place they can call their own and a positive working environment. After the end of the half term break, all the required furniture had arrived and is now in use and thoroughly enjoyed by all. You have perhaps noticed the sofas, tables, bean bags, white boards and bookshelves for everyone to utilise.

Nampetch, Y12, noted that the new area is "very comfortable and the best place to study." Additionally, teachers have also commented on the space, such as Kru Guide, Thai, stating that the room is "good for hanging out and working." Despite the positive feedback, some students have requested "more colour" and decoration.

- 14 Oct. Substitution King Bhumibol Memorial Day
- 10 - 20 Oct. half-term holiday
- 23 Oct. Chulalongkorn day
- 31 Oct. Student Council Halloween event

10 October 2024

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- Secondary Residential Trips
- 22 Nov. TISAC So You Think You Can Dance
- 21 Nov. PAWS Rescue Service Project

11 November 2024

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- 5 Dec. Father's Day
- 13 Dec. Term 1 ends (half-day)
- 14 Dec - 5 Jan. Term 1 holidays
- 4 Dec. Sports Day
- 10 - 11 Dec. Student Council Christmas event

12 December 2024

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Y7 Fundraising Event

Responsible Citizens: Year 7 P.A.W.S. Rescue Service Project



A huge congratulations to Year 7 for hosting the incredible Paws Fair! With 14 vibrant, student-led stalls, the event showcased outstanding teamwork, creativity, and initiative. Students across KS2 and secondary enjoyed two hours of fun, filled with engaging activities, delicious treats, and plenty of excitement.

The fair was a resounding success, raising significant awareness and funding for PAWS Rescue in Hua Hin, a cause close to all our hearts. Special thanks to Mr. Moxey, Ms. Carter and Mr Schofield for their dedicated guidance and support in making this event such a memorable experience. Well done, Year 7 – your hard work truly made a difference! 🐾🎉

- Mr. Schofield
Lead for Service Work



CULTURE SPOTLIGHT

Wai Kru Ceremony



By Proud Year 12



Wai Kru at Charter 2024

The sound of The Third Grace filled the Lily Theatre as the student representatives walked on stage carrying Paan Wai Kru (flower arrangements). They approached the teachers seated on stage before them, knelt down and presented their Paans and paid their respects.

The tradition of Wai Kru has become a unique part of Thai culture, and is considered an important day to show gratitude and appreciation for our teachers. What I think makes Wai Kru so unique is the strong bond between teacher and student that is prevalent throughout the ceremony; from the music to the Paans, this ceremony perfectly encapsulates the essence of Thai culture that is interwoven with respect, gratitude and humility.

Wai Kru History

Wai Kru was first introduced in 1956, and has since been celebrated on the first Thursday of the school year. Wai Kru is only celebrated on a Thursday as the Thai word for Thursday (Wan Paruehad) is named after the planet Jupiter, which is considered to be the planet that represents teaching and knowledge.

The Paans that we work so hard to make during Thai class are presented to our teachers as a symbol of respect and gratitude. Traditionally, there are 4 floras that should be included, each symbolising a different quality that students should possess:

- Needle flowers (dok khem); symbolises sharp wit and intelligence that mirrors the flower's pointed petals
- Eggplant flowers (dok makuea); this flower bows downward, symbolising humility and respect
- Bermuda grass (ya praek); symbolises resilience as this grass is very hardy and quickly grows back even after being stepped on
- Popped rice (khao tok); symbolises patience and discipline in overcoming challenges as it takes time and effort to cook popped rice properly

Contrary to popular belief, no, the teachers aren't trying to torture us with lessons that are impossible to understand or mountains of homework we can never finish; all of these things are preparing us for the real world, which (and any adult can confirm this) is a lot harder than school. The teachers do so much for us without us ever knowing - while cracking dad jokes and making it look easy. Wai Kru is our turn to do something for our teachers; a way of saying "thank you for everything you do for us".

If you ask me, the role of a teacher is incredibly underappreciated (and underpaid). Not everyone can teach, and even fewer can inspire those they teach. So, to all the Charter teachers, past and present, thank you for everything that you do for us. As the final line of the Pajera prayer goes:

“ปัญญาคุณเกร เต เต ทินโนวาเท นมามิถัง”
(panya wut-ti karae te te tinnowatae nama-mihang),

which means “I humbly and gratefully pay my respects to my teachers who give me knowledge and wisdom”, we are truly grateful for all the time and effort you put into teaching us each and every day.



วัฒนธรรมทั่วโลก

พิธีไหว้ครู

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Thai translation



Translated by Kiwi Year 12



พิธีไหว้ครูประจำปีการศึกษา ๒๕๖๗

เสียงเพลงพระคุณที่สามคลอเบาๆ ปกคลุมไปทั่วหอประชุมโรงเรียนนานาชาติชาร์เตอร์ ในขณะที่ตัวแทนนักเรียนเดินขึ้นเวทีพร้อมกับถือพานไหว้ครูในมือ ก่อนที่นักเรียนจะค่อยๆคุกเข่าแล้วยื่นพานไหว้ครูให้คุณครูอย่างนอบน้อมเพื่อแสดงความเคารพ

“การไหว้ครู” เป็นหนึ่งในประเพณีของวัฒนธรรมไทยอันเป็นเอกลักษณ์ และถือเป็นวันสำคัญที่ศิษย์ทั้งหลายจะได้แสดงความเคารพต่อบรรดาคุณครู ถึงแม้ว่าในประเทศอื่นๆเอง ก็มีวันที่ระลึกถึงครูเช่นกัน ทว่าธรรมเนียมการปฏิบัติ รวมถึงกิจกรรมที่นักเรียนทำให้นักเรียนนั้นแตกต่างกันออกไป เหตุผลที่ฉันคิดว่าการไหว้ครูมีเอกลักษณ์เฉพาะตัว คือ การที่ประเพณีไหว้ครูสามารถแสดงความผูกพันอันแน่นแฟ้นระหว่างครูและลูกศิษย์ได้อย่างเด่นชัดตั้งแต่เพลงไปจนถึงพานไหว้ครู จึงทำให้พิธีนี้ถือเป็นแก่นแท้ของวัฒนธรรมไทยที่ผสมผสานกันอย่างลงตัวด้วยความเคารพ ความกตัญญู และความอ่อนน้อมถ่อมตน

ความเป็นมาของวันไหว้ครู

วันไหว้ครูเกิดขึ้นในที่ประชุมครูทั่วประเทศครั้งแรกเมื่อปี ๒๔๙๔ และนับตั้งแต่นั้นมาก็มีการจัดงานวันไหว้ครูอย่างเป็นทางการ โดยวันไหว้ครูมักจะจัดขึ้นในวันพฤหัสบดี เพราะถือกันว่าคำว่า“พฤหัสบดี” มาจากดาวเคราะห์พฤหัสบดี ซึ่งเป็นตัวแทนเทพที่ส่งเสริมวิชาการและความเฉลียวฉลาด

พานที่พวกเราทำกันอย่างขมักเขม้นในคาบวิชาภาษาไทย ถูกนำไปมอบให้คุณครูเพื่อเป็นสัญลักษณ์แห่งความเคารพและความกตัญญูต่อครูบาอาจารย์ ซึ่งพิธีไหว้ครู จะประกอบไปด้วยดอกไม้หลักทั้งหมด 4 อย่าง เพื่อให้ความหมายในการระลึกถึงคุณครู

- ดอกเข็ม สื่อถึง สติปัญญาเฉียบแหลมคม ดังชื่อของดอกเข็ม
- ดอกมะเขือ สื่อถึง ความอ่อนน้อมถ่อมตน และความเคารพ เพราะดอกมะเขือนั้นจะคว่ำดอกลงเสมอเปรียบเสมือนคนที่ก้มหัวลง
- หญ้าแพรก สื่อถึง การเรียนรู้ที่รวดเร็วดูหญ้าแพรกที่ โตเร็ว ทนต่อการเหยียบย่ำ และ ความเจริญงอกงาม เปรียบเสมือนปัญญาของนักเรียน
- ข้าวตอก หมายถึง ระเบียบวินัย การรู้จักควบคุมตนเอง และรู้จักการเอาชนะความเกียจคร้านของตัวเองได้ เพราะหากไม่รู้จักควบคุมตัวเองก็จะเป็นเพียงข้าวเปลือกที่ถูกคว่ำแต่เป็นข้าวตอกไม่ได้

สิ่งที่นักเรียนหลายๆคนอาจเข้าใจกันอย่างผิดๆ เช่นการที่คุณครูมักจะชอบทรมานนักเรียนด้วยการให้บ้านที่ไม่มีวันจบสิ้นหรือบทเรียนที่ยากจะเข้าใจ ทว่าในความจริงแล้ว สิ่งเหล่านี้ที่ได้กล่าวมาข้างต้น คือการเตรียมตัวให้เราร่วมสำหรับโลกแห่งความเป็นจริงอันโหดร้าย เพราะฉะนั้นพระคุณของครูบาอาจารย์จึงยากที่จะเปรียบเทียบกับสิ่งใดได้ เพราะเหตุนี้เองจึงอยากจะทำให้คำขอบคุณดังบรรทัดสุดท้ายของบทสวด



“ปัญญาวุฒิกร เต เต ทินโนวาเท นมามิหัง”

แปลตรงตัวแล้วหมายความว่า ข้าพเจ้าขอนอบน้อมคาราวะ ผู้ให้อิโฉวาก และ ผู้ที่ทำให้ข้าพเจ้าเจริญพร้อมด้วยสติปัญญา ข้าพเจ้าขอกราบไหว้ ครู อาจารย์เหล่านั้น ด้วยความเคารพยิ่ง





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Korean translation



Translated by June Year 12



Wai Kru at Charter 2024

학생 대표들이 Paan Wai Kru (꽃꽂이) 를 들고 무대에 오르는 동안 'The Third Grace' 의 소리가 릴리 극장을 가득 채웠습니다. 그들은 무대에 앉아 있는 선생님들에게 다가가 무릎을 꿇고 꽃(판)을 바치고 경의를 표했습니다.

와이 크루는 태국 문화의 특별한 전통의 한부분이며, 선생님들에게 감사와 감사를 표하는 중요한 날입니다. “와이(Wai)”는 두손을 연꽃모양으로 모아 인사하는 태국식 인사를 의미하고 “크루(Kru)”는 태국어로 선생님이라는 뜻입니다. 매 학기 초에 함께 공부할 선생님들께 존경을 담아 인사드리고 직접 만든 꽃(판)을 드리는 행사입니다. 행사 전반에 걸쳐 널리 퍼져 있는 교사와 학생 간의 강한 유대감은 와이크루를 더욱 특별하게 만듭니다

음악부터 꽃(판)까지, 이 의식은 존경, 감사, 겸손이 얹혀 있는 태국 문화의 본질을 완벽하게 보여줍니다.

Wai Kru History

와이 크루(Wai Kru)는 1956년에 처음 생긴 이후 매년 신학기 첫 번째 목요일에 열립니다. 목요일을 뜻하는 태국어(Wan Paruehad)는 가르침과 지식을 대표하는 행성으로 여겨지는 목성의 이름을 따서 이름지어져 이 행사는 꼭 목요일에만 열립니다.

차터에서는 태국어 수업 시간에 학생들이 직접 열심히 만든 판은 존경과 감사의 상징으로 선생님들께 선물합니다.

이 판에는 전통적으로 꼭 포함되어야 하는 4가지 식물이 있으며, 각각은 학생들이 가져야 할 4가지 자질을 상징합니다.

- **바늘꽃(독 캄):** 꽃의 뾰족한 꽃잎을 반영하는 예리한 재치와 지성을 상징합니다.
- **가지 꽃(독 마쿠에아):** 이 꽃은 아래로 고개를 숙이며 겸손과 존경을 상징합니다.
- **버뮤다풀(야 프랙):** 튼튼하고 밟혀도 금방 자라는 회복력을 상징하는 풀입니다.
- **튀긴쌀(카오톡):** 밥을 제대로 짓기 위해서는 시간과 노력이 필요하기 때문에 어려움을 극복하는 인내와 규율을 상징합니다.



선생님들은 일부터 어렵게 가르치거나 해낼 수 없을만큼 많은 숙제로 우리를 괴롭히려고 하는 것이 아닙니다. 이 모든 것들은 우리가 사회에 나갔을때를 대비하도록 준비시켜 줍니다. 사회는 학교보다 훨씬 더 어렵습니다 (어른들이라면 너무도 잘 알고 있겠지만). 선생님들은 우리가 모르는 사이에 우리를 위해 많은 일을 하십니다. '아재 개그'를 풀어주고 쉬워 보이도록 해주시죠. 와이 크루(Wai Kru)는 우리가 선생님들을 위해 뭔가를 할 차례입니다. “우리를 위해 해주신 모든 일에 감사드립니다”라고 말합니다.

선생님의 역할은 믿을 수 없을 정도로 과소평가되고 있습니다(그리고 급여도 적습니다). 아무나 학생들을 가르칠 수 있는 것은 아니며, 가르치는 사람에게 영감을 줄 수 있는 사람은 더욱 적습니다. 과거와 현재의 모든 차터 선생님 여러분! 저희들을 위해 해주신 모든 일에 감사드립니다. 파제라 기도문의 마지막 줄을 보면.

“ปัญญาวุฒิการะ เต เต ทินโนวาทะ นามามิหัง”
(panya wut-ti karae te tetinnowatae nama-mihang).

라고 합니다. 이는 "나는 겸손하고 감사하며 선생님들께 존경을 표합니다. 저에게 지식과 지혜를 주소서."

매일 우리를 가르치기 위해 들인 모든 시간과 노력에 진심으로 감사드립니다.





Translated by Sophia Year 12

2024 Charter 拜師節



“The Third Grace” 歌曲的旋律在礼堂里回荡，学生代表们手捧拜师节花盘走上舞台。他们走到坐在舞台前方的老师面前，跪下来呈上花盘来表达他们对老师的尊重。

拜师节的传统是泰国文化的一个独特部分，是让我们向我们的老师表达感谢，老师与学生的感情也在教师节庆祝活动中增长。从音乐到花盘，这个仪式完美展现了泰国文化的精髓——一种与尊重、感恩和谦逊交织在一起的文化。

拜师节的历史

泰国的拜师节是1956年开始，是每学年的第一个星期四。这是因为星期四的泰文名字以木行星命名，木星是象征教学与知识的行星。

- **针花** (ดอกเข็ม Dok Khem)：象征智慧与聪明，就像针花尖锐的花瓣一样。
- **茄子花** (ดอกมะเขือ Dok Makuea)：这朵花向下弯曲，象征谦逊和尊敬。
- **假雀草** (หญ้าแพรก Ya Praek)：象征坚韧不拔，因为这种草即使被踩踏也能快速生长。
- **米花** (ข้าวตอก Khao Tok)：象征耐心和纪律，因为烹制米花需要花费时间与努力。

虽然老师给我们很多的功课和作业，但是这是为了我们好，是在为我们走向现实世界做好准备。因为现实世界比学校要难得多。拜师节是我们向老师们表达感谢的机会，感谢老师们为我们所做的一切。泰國的教師節有一首詩，詩的最後一句

“ปัญญาคุณเกร เต เต ทินโนวาทะ นามิหัง”
(panya wut-ti karae te te tinnowatae nama-mihang)

意思是“我向给我知识和智慧的老师们致敬”。我们由衷感谢您们每天在教导我们上所付出的所有时间和辛苦。



CULTURE SPOTLIGHT

Korean Club Sells Kimchi!



Photo credit: FREEPIK



By June Year 12

KIMCHI: Korean fermented cabbage 김치



Illustration by Kiwi

For a fun and tasty way to explore Korean culture, students rolled up their sleeves and learnt how to make kimchi!

On Thursday 26th September, the Korean Club hosted their first event of the year: Make your own Kimchi! This beloved dish is not only a staple in Korean cuisine but also a delicious gateway into the traditions and history of Korea.

Kimchi, a traditional Korean side dish, is a fermented vegetable dish consisting of napa cabbage and radishes, seasoned with chilli pepper, garlic and ginger.



Illustration by Kiwi

From historical texts to modern day gatherings, the process of making kimchi, also known as “kimjang”, was originally developed as a method of preserving vegetables during the harsh winter months. Kimjang is traditionally a communal activity, where families and friends gather to prepare large batches of kimchi. This practice not only ensures a vital food supply but also fosters a sense of community and togetherness. Kimjang is even recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage, highlighting its importance in Korean society.

The Lily Theatre was packed during lunchtime. After making their own kimchi, students gathered to enjoy their creations. The hands-on workshop not only taught students about kimchi but also emphasised the joy of sharing food - a central part of Korean culture.



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Global Lens

Climate Change: A Global Crisis



By Proud Year 12

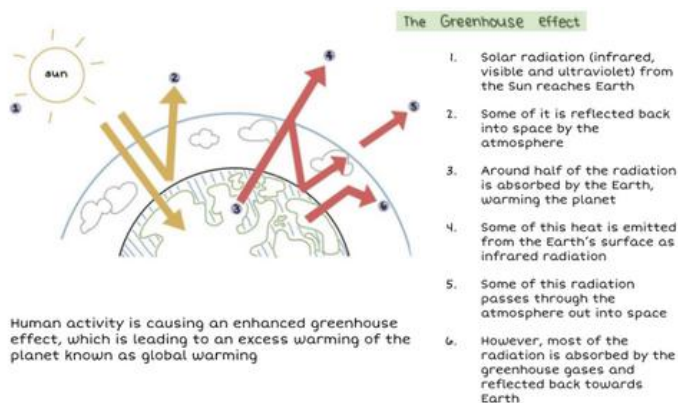
Understanding the basics of climate change

We've all heard the term "climate change" before - it's currently one of the most discussed topics in the world, and one of the biggest problems too. But what exactly is climate change? And why should we even care?

First of all, let's establish two terms that often get confused: "global warming" and "climate change". These terms actually go hand-in-hand and so are often - but not always - interchangeable; global warming is the term we use to describe the actual numerical increase in global temperatures, while climate change is talking about the changes in the Earth's climate that we're experiencing as a result of global warming.

So, if global warming is causing climate change, then what's causing global warming?

That would be something known as the "greenhouse effect". You might have come across this term in Science class. Here's a diagram of how it works:



These rising temperatures are in turn disrupting all sorts of natural systems, especially the water cycle. The Earth's climate changes in response to these disturbances, hence the name "climate change". In Thailand, the most obvious examples of climate change would be the extremely high (and rising) temperatures, changes in rainfall patterns and the consequently worsened droughts and floods.

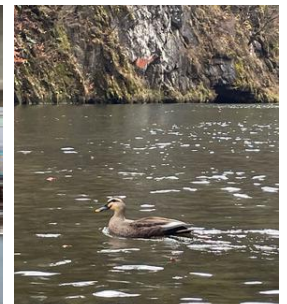
If you ever need a reminder, just switch on the news. There are real people, facing real problems, right now. Climate change is very real, and it's a problem that we can no longer ignore. Of all the current generations being impacted by climate change, ours is by far going to be the most affected. Now isn't the time for bickering or arguing, because we're ALL to blame for the current state of our climate. We're also the ones responsible for determining the future of our climate. We have the ability to save it or make it worse, and it all comes down to the choices we make today.

Key to this entire process are a group of gases that display heat-trapping properties. These are known as the greenhouse gases, which are naturally found in small amounts in our atmosphere. The main and most harmful greenhouse gases are:

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- Methane
- Nitrous oxides (a group of compounds containing only nitrogen and oxygen)

Other greenhouse gases include fluorinated gases, water vapour and ozone.

It's a common misconception that the greenhouse effect is a bad thing, but it's actually a natural process that has been happening since before humans even existed, let alone started polluting the Earth. In fact, without the greenhouse effect, average temperatures on Earth could plummet as low as -18°C - far too cold for any living thing to survive! The only reason that the greenhouse effect is becoming a problem now is because humans have significantly increased the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, which is causing too much of the greenhouse effect to take place. This means that the atmosphere is trapping more heat than it naturally does, which is why temperatures are rising (AKA global warming).



Psst... this article is actually a rewritten version of the original! Aside from writing for the Charter Chronicles, Proud also writes for the EcoClimate Society, a student-led global organisation dedicated to raising awareness about climate change and promoting climate activism amongst students like you! To read the original version of this article and other climate change-related articles, check out EcoClimate Society's blog: <https://ctang3200.wixsite.com/eco-climate-society/blog>



Photo credit: India Today



By Torfun Year 9

Former president Donald Trump wins 2024 US election

On September 15th 2024, a man named Ryan Wesley Routh attempted to assassinate Donald Trump in a golf club following the failed first attempt by Thomas Matthew Crooks in a Pennsylvania rally.

Although the motive behind the second assassination is still under investigation, authorities believe that Routh was strongly against Trump's policies.

Trump is now considered the US president with the most assassination attempts, as past presidents were always successfully killed after the first attempt.

Kamala Harris and Joe Biden expressed concern about the attempt, and emphasised the need for action against violence related to politics. The incident led to the FBI heightening security measures for Trump.

Although no further attempts have since been made on Trump's life, the build-up to the presidential election on November the 5th saw increased tensions on whether Trump would return to office or the US would get its first female president.

The world held its breath in anticipation as the votes were cast and counted. Trump and the Republican party emerged victorious, with 312 electoral votes. Meanwhile, his Democratic opponent Kamala Harris gained 226 electoral votes

"God spared my life for a reason. And that reason was to save our country and restore America to greatness. We will fulfill that mission together," says Trump during his speech after the election.



Photo credit: ABC



Global Lens ♀ Reintroducing 97Percent

Photo credit: Instagram



By Alena Year 13

Charter takes a step to help end gender-based violence



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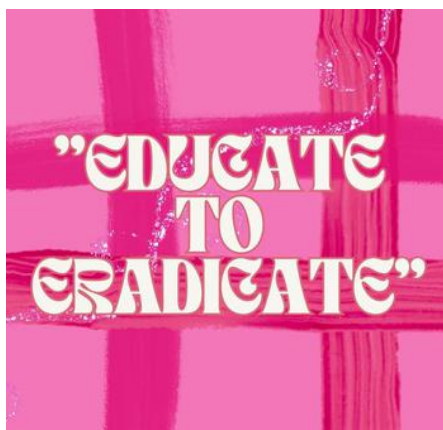


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Photographed by Alena

In today's world, addressing gender-based violence and fostering a culture of consent has never been more important. At Charter, we're proud to reintroduce 97Percent, a student-led branch of a nonprofit organisation, introduced by Alena from Year 13, working to create safer communities for all by raising awareness about sexual violence and promoting positive change through education and advocacy.

The organisation's name reflects on reality: 97% of young women have experienced sexual harassment. This statistic is global, highlighting the need for initiatives that tackle gender-based violence and encourage safer communities.

Founded this academic year, our 97percent chapter at Charter has already left a mark on the school and community, with our current and upcoming initiatives.

One of our most impactful initiatives so far includes the winter clothing drive that took place during the first half of term. Our chapter is leading an effort to collect second-hand clothes—especially winter apparel—for children near the Myanmar-Thai border. Partnering with White Elephant, we aimed to raise funds by giving these donated clothes to White Elephant, who passed them on to those who are less fortunate on the Myanmar-Thai border. In return, we received funds, all of which we then donated to the Mae Tao clinic that provides health care resources for underserved communities. This initiative not only supports vulnerable children but also highlights the intersection of social justice and gender equity.

We encourage students, parents and staff to get involved with 97percent; every small action contributes to a safer world. Together, we can lower the statistics that inspired our name and work towards a future where gender-based violence is an offence of the past.

Trending Now

Inside a Gamer's Mind



By Sophia Year 12

Photo credit: Google

E-sports, which stands for electronic-sports, is a form of competition using video games. The players are in teams of 5, practising and competing in tournaments around the world against other teams.

League of Legends



Picture credit: esports.gg

Americas Challengers Primer [ENDED]

6 of the best teams within America competed at the **CBLOL Arena in São Paulo, Brazil** for the pool prize of \$75,000; the winning team represented America to go against players from other countries (14th - 21st September).

Teams were gathered from the areas before the knockouts commenced from 18th - 20th September. The competitive final commenced on the 21st September; the game can be found on: [YouTube](#).

The winner from the Americas Challenger Primer will compete at the World's Champions 2024.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS 2024

The World's Champion started on 25th September - 2nd November.

20 teams were invited, including:

- 4 from Korea
- 4 from China
- 3 from EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa)
- 3 from North America
- 2 from Asia-Pacific
- 2 from Vietnam
- 1 from Brazil
- 1 from Latin America

Place	Team	Prize
1st	PNG	\$30,000
2nd	FXS	\$15,000
3rd	FUE	\$12,500
4th	VKS	\$7,500

BRAZIL	LATIN AMERICA	NORTH AMERICA
PNG	VAP	DSTL
VKS	FUE	FXS

Picture credit: LOL Esports

Place	Team	Prize
1st	T1	\$450,000
2nd	Bilibili Gaming	\$360,000

\$ 2,250,000 was spread amongst the teams

3rd - 4th	Weibo Gaming	\$180,000
	Gen.G	

Play-In Stage: In Berlin (Sept 25-29), Swiss Stage: Oct 3-13 Knockout Stage: In Paris (Oct 17 - Nov 2), Grand Final & Opening Ceremony: In London (Nov 2)

Valorant

Place	Team	Prize
1st	2Game Esports from Brazil (Qualified to play in the VCT Americas of 2025)	\$35,000
2nd	M80 from Canada	\$25,000
3rd	All Knights from Argentina	\$15,000
4th	Galorys from Brazil	\$10,000

VCT Ascension Americas 2024

The amazing skills of the players impressed everyone on the continent, but only one team can achieve the dream of ascending to the ranks of **VCT Americas in 2025**.

The best 2 teams from 4 different regions: **Americas, EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa), China and LatAm (Latin America)** met at Monterrey Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

The competition started 10th - 21st September.



BLAST Premier World Final 2024

Place	Team	Prize
1st	G2 ESports	\$500,000
2nd	Team Spirit	\$250,000
3rd - 4th	Astralis	\$85,000
	Team Vitality	
5th-6th	FaZe Clan	\$25,000
	MOUZ	
7th-8th	Team Liquid	\$15,000
	Natus Vincere	

The event started on October 30th and it ended on November 3rd. The prize pool amount was spread amongst the competitors. There were 8 teams participating in the finals:

1. Team Spirit
2. G2 ESports
3. Natus Vincere
4. Team Vitality
5. FaZe Clan
6. MOUZ
7. Astralis
8. Team Liquid

Play along!

Lots of you are pros on your devices, but how well would you do in a good old-fashioned wordsearch? Put your skills to the test below...



GAMER’S WORDSEARCH

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Photo credit: Vector Stock

The End of Memories



Photo credit: YouTube

Tenz, also known as Tyson left the Sentinels on September 15th, 2024



Photo credit: x.com

Following Tenz’s retirement was Sacy, who also left the Sentinels on the same day.

- Honkai Star Rail
Apex Legends
Valorant
Fortnite
CSGO
- Genshin Impact
Minecraft
Among US
Roblox
PubG
- Wuthering Wave
Overwatch
TheSims
Aimlab
FIFA

Trending Now

Fashion Fits



By Lydia Year 8

Photo credit: Google

How to dress to match your skin tone

Ever wonder if you're styling your clothes right? If you're wearing the right clothes that fit your body shape? Or perhaps struggle with matching outfits?

Don't worry, this fashion page is here to help you understand more about it! In this issue, I'm going to share some advice on how colour matching your clothes to compliment your skin tone can create lots of benefits for you!

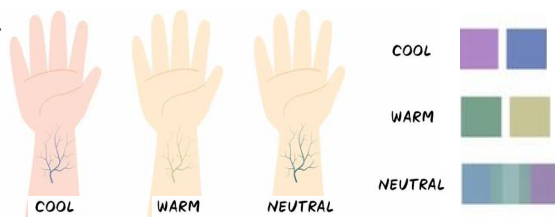
Why is it good to wear clothes that match your skin tone?

Why is it good to wear clothes that match your skin tone?

Wearing clothes in the right colors for your skin tone can make you look healthier, highlight your face color, increase your confidence, make your outfits look better and will encourage a more natural look!



HOW TO CHECK UNDERTONE



Picture credit: Lemon8

1. Cool undertones: If your skin has a pink or blue tint, you have cool undertones. Good colors for you are:
 - Bright colors like blue, purple, and green
 - Light colors like icy pink and lavender
 - White and light gray
2. Warm undertones: If your skin looks more yellow or golden, you have warm undertones. Colors that look great on you include:
 - Earthy colors like orange, yellow, and warm red
 - Creamy white and warm browns
 - Coral and peach
3. Neutral undertones: If your skin has a mix of both cool and warm tones, you have neutral undertones. You can wear:
 - Soft pinks and light browns
 - Warm gray and true blue
 - Many earthy colors work well too

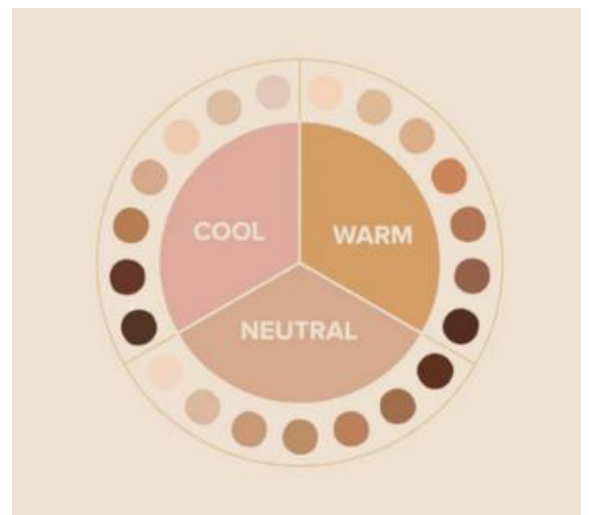


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Top tip! For you to figure out your skin tone, you just need to check your veins! Look at your veins and match the colour to the meaning...

- Blue or purple = cool skin tone
- Green = warm skin tone
- A mix between the two means that you might have a neutral skin tone



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Trending Now

The Nation's Sweetheart

Photo credit: Vogue



By Naomi Year 13

Meet the internet's new favourite hippo



Photo credit: NY Times



Photo credit: Wikipedia



Photographed by Naomi



Photo credit: KQED

Moo Deng, a baby hippo in Khao Kheow Open Zoo (Si Racha, Chonburi), has become so popular that visitors are limited to spending just 5 minutes with her! The adorable baby, who is only four months old, has flooded social media and the feelings of all who crave to meet her in person. Born on 10th July, she became a popular celebrity after the zoo began posting social media videos of her eating and running around, and just generally being too cute for words!



Photo credit: Sephora



Photo credit: Refinery

The biggest makeup retailer, Sephora, has posted a “Wear your blush like a baby hippo” post!

A sad reality

Unfortunately, it's not all smiles and rainbows. Harmful zoo visitors have thrown shells at Moo Deng and sprayed her with water because they want her to be active during their visit. Due to this, visiting times were restricted. It's important to note not to throw trash or water at any animal for the purpose of your entertainment; animals should be respected. What is really important for you to know is that Moo Deng's breed, the pygmy hippo, is an endangered species, with only 2,000-2,500 mature individuals left as of 2015. Sadly, their numbers continue to decline, as they are hunted for bushmeat and their habitat is destroyed.



Photo credit: Pattaya Mail

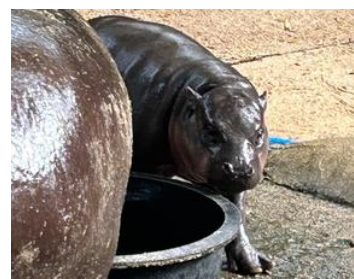


Photo credit: Facebook

Exactly how popular is she?

A TikTok page dedicated to animals at the zoo has over 2.7 million followers and has been sharing Moo Deng videos, while hippo fan videos have received millions of views on Instagram. Viewers and fans frequently share their own memes, such as ‘Which Mood Deng are you today?’ amongst their Moo Deng loving group-chats.

Moo Deng's popularity has grown, as have the zoo's social media accounts. It has over 50,000 followers on X, over 400,000 on Facebook, over 200,000 on Instagram, and over 2 million on TikTok. Ever since her birth, the number of visitors to the zoo has been x12. The number of visitors had risen to 10,000 on Saturday compared to the usual 800- 900 on weekdays.



Photographed by Miss Carter



Photo credit: TheSkilli

Trending Now

Fantastic Fantasy Fiction



By Sara Year 8

Photo credit: Google

Sorcery of Thorns by Margaret Rogerson

Picture Credit: goodreads



Genre: Fantasy

The Sorcery of Thorns
By Margaret Rogerson

World Wide Rating:

Personal Rating:

All Sorcerers are evil.

Elisabeth has known that for as long as she can remember. Raised in one of Austermeer's Great Libraries, Elisabeth has grown up among magical grimoires that, if provoked, transform into monsters of ink and leather. When the library's most dangerous grimoire is released, Elisabeth is blamed. With no one to turn to but her sworn enemy, the sorcerer Nathaniel Thorn, she finds herself entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy. As her alliance with Nathaniel grows stronger, Elisabeth starts to question everything she's been taught. For Elisabeth has a power she could never imagine.

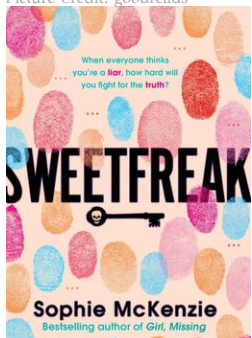
Summary:

Sorcery of Thorns by Margaret Rogerson details a world called Austermeer, a place where books are alive and can be used for good or transformed into horrific monsters. When Elisabeth is accused of a crime, she must put aside her fears and trust a sorcerer and his demon to help her uncover the truth and save the world.

A fantasy book where Elisabeth has to fight her way through society regarding her as a traitor who murdered Director, Irena, even though she was killed by the most dangerous grimoire. She is then forced to leave The Great Library of Summerhall and into the capital where someone took her in for the time being only for Elisabeth to find out that the very same person was associated with a demon! Not only that, he, the demon, was the one who let loose the grimoire and killed Irena! When she escaped from his clutches, she didn't expect to become so hopeless and in desperate need of help. Both start to bond and have to trust and rely on each other to survive the dangerous traps that have been set just for them... will they survive and bring down the bad guys? Or will they fall apart?

SweetFreak by Sophia McKenzie

Picture Credit: goodreads



Genre: Thrilling

Sweet Freak

By Sophie McKenzie

World Wide Rating:

Personal Rating:

Carey and Amelia have been best friends forever. Then Amelia starts being trolled by SweetFreak, a mysterious and hateful online account, and Carey is accused of being behind the vicious comments. Shut out by her other friends and shunned by Amelia, Carey is determined to find out who's really sending the messages. But as the online threats spill over into real life, events start spilling out of control... Can Carey expose the real SweetFreak before it's too late?

Summary:

A thrilling YA book that displays how many rumours can escalate and turn someone's life upside down. Join the journey of Carey and how she deals with policies, her own mom not trusting her and her annoying sister who seems to want to have nothing to do with her- even if that mean she has to watch Carey get involved in a dangerous situation. As Carey is on the run she starts to suspect everyone by the slightest hesitation and that makes her more and more desperate to get to the bottom of this. Will she find out and put an end to this? Or will she be shocked to the core when she finds out the real culprit and realised how close she was to him/her?



Photo credit: Base Camp Live

Trending Now

Best Bites Review

Photo credit: Google



By Red & Stephi Year 11

The Best Burgers in Bangkok

Smizzle Burger: Uncle Sam

The Uncle Sam burger is the signature burger of Smizzle Burger. It is a double beef patty smash burger made with Premium Charolais 300-day-grain fed beef, toasted brioche buns, double cheese, sliced onions, dill pickles and house made Smizzle sauce.



Photo credit: Facebook

฿260 (BEEF) / ฿250 (PORK)



📍 Central Embassy - Phloen Chit Rd, Pathum Wan, Bangkok, 10330

This was a good smash burger that gives you the perfect blend of flavours and texture. The perfect patty width gives it a juicy element on the inside but thin on the sides for a crunchy crust paired with soft, pillowy buns. An irresistible aroma that draws you in with an indulgent rich taste in every bite.

Daniel Thaiger: Double Mr Steve

The juicy beef patty, 3 slabs of cheese, the perfectly toasted buns, the special Thaiger sauce and cheese all melts in your mouth perfectly. The buns are a buttery shimmer brioche which means it's soft, fluffy and fragrant. The attention to detail in this burger is unreal. The vegetable didn't add much to the burger; as it was overpowered by the strong beef, cheese and sauce.



Photo credit: Wongnai

฿260 (BEEF) ฿250 (PORK)



📍 419, 1 Phetchaburi 47 Alley, Lane 3-4, Bang Kapi, Huai Khwang, Bangkok 10310

The burgers are handcrafted, chargrilled, greasy and buttery. The 'fresh never frozen' beef is seasoned with salt, pepper and a bit of worcestershire sauce. This food truck gained global recognition when Mark Wiens (famous youtuber), labelled Thaiger burger's as the best in Bangkok.

No Drama Burger: Double Smash Cheese

The Uncle Sam burger is the signature burger of Smizzle Burger. It is a double beef patty smash burger made with Premium Charolais 300-day-grain fed beef, toasted brioche buns, double cheese, sliced onions, dill pickles and house made Smizzle sauce.



Photo credit: Lemon8

฿270



📍 1st Floor, Mega, 1228, 39 to Mega Bangna Bang Kaeo, Bang Phli District, Samut Prakan 10540

This was a good smash burger that gives you the perfect blend of flavours and texture. The perfect patty width gives it a juicy element on the inside but thin on the sides for a crunchy crust paired with soft, pillowy buns. An irresistible aroma that draws you in with an indulgent rich taste in every bite.

Shake Shack: Shackburger Double

Although they are pricey, Shake Shack burgers prove to be one of the best in the field of fast food.

Although nothing in this burger excels crazily: its consistent and high quality nature helps it stand out in the field of fast food chains. The buns are a standout compared to the it's competitors. The soft, buttery, flavourful buns prove to be one of the best among other chains.



Photo credit: Shake shack website

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📍 1st Floor, Mega, 1228, 39 to Mega Bangna Bang Kaeo, Bang Phli District, Samut Prakan 10540

The beef is high quality and given in large quantities. The burger's vegetable is noticeably fresh. The overall texture of the burger was complimented by the beefy crunchiness paired with the buttery softness of the buns. However the high quality ingredients don't stack as well compared to proper burger restaurants; additionally the high pricing of the burger is also quite unreasonable.



Trending Now

Hot Hits Bangkok



By Nadia Year 11

Photo credit: Google

Louis Vuitton Unveils Iconic Museum: A New Era of Art, Fashion, and Innovation



Photo credit: Google

The Louis Vuitton Museum located in Gaysorn Amarin. It is free to enter however booking online is required (you can book in the Louis Vuitton website). Inside there are various rooms which includes some of the brand's products and its has descriptions of its history.

“Reimagining the Maison’s legacy through a captivating immersive experience, the Visionary Journeys exhibition celebrates Louis Vuitton’s innovation, savoir-faire, and spirit of travel. The singular showcase takes each visitor on a spell-binding voyage, revealing a series of unique rooms and enticing displays.”



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Tales Unfolded

Rosemary Manor: A Short Story Series



By Torfun Year 9

Photo credit: Proantic

“This is my house. This old, old house. The house where stairs creak with forgotten footsteps of its previous owners, where the hallway is adorned with paintings and sculptures that tell endless stories. Where the nursery once echoed with laughter of children at play. Where the kitchen and dining room were once filled with the warmth of reunions and chatter. This is a house full of history.

I am old now, and I have seen the house slowly wear away; I have seen how the stairs slowly dissolved into fungus and rot, how the paint on the nursery walls faded and peeled away, how the works of art in the hallway crumbled and broke, and the wooden furniture of the kitchen and dining room grew weaker and weaker un-”

Adelia Burns folded what was left of the letter. The paper was crumbly and yellow, and the ink was so faded she could barely see the last sentence. If Adelia Burns was to be described by anyone who has heard of her, they would call her a lonely, curious girl. A young brown-haired girl that everyone sees, but ignores. A curious girl who would be eager to learn anything new, but wouldn't be showered with compliments and attention. A girl who is too kind and honest to everyone, but has no real friends. Hence why she earned herself the nickname “The Lonely Curious Girl”. She yearned for someone or something to see her, unlike most people around her.

An old country manor stood in front of her against the moonlight. A sign over the door read, “Rosemary Manor: Property of Edward Burns.” Edward Burns was her great-grandfather. He was the founder of Burns Private Banking who earned enough money to buy Rosemary Manor as his family's new home. It was a holiday home for a rich lord, so naturally it stood out from most houses.

When Edward bought the manor, the first thing he and his wife Agatha did was to paint it delicate pink and warm mint-green. The colours matched the weeping willows and the tranquil pond in the back garden. The majestic rolling hills and green fields were in front of the manor, so Agatha said it resembled a large Monet painting.

But after ten years of living happily in their home, the war broke out. The family didn't think much about it, but every so often there would be news of a friend's death during events of heavy bombing at the battlefields.

One day, an official government letter showed up at the front door; only Edward understood what it was. The next day, he dressed in his best clothes and headed to the town centre, head down and trying to suppress his turmoil of emotions to the best of his abilities.

The last that the family saw of him was in a photo in the newspaper. No longer was his head held high, nor did he have his usual spring in his step. In fact, he wasn't walking at all. He was lying on a stretcher, left arm and leg twisted and broken. His expression was ever so still and pale. The photograph showed the twisted remains of a battle.

After Agatha saw the photo, she wept until her daughter, Rosaline, thought she would drown in her own tears and sorrow. It was so serious, so serious to the point that she couldn't sleep. Even if she could, she would refuse to even touch the bed, but she would laugh or wail hysterically and talk to Edward as if he was still alive. But during the day she would walk out of the manor in the early morning and sprint to the top of a nearby hill. There, she would stare soundlessly down at the beautiful rolling landscape. After staying there for a long time, she

would trek slowly back to Rosemary Manor and spend the rest of the day sobbing.

On Rosaline's birthday, Agatha never came back from the hill. It had already grown dark outside. Charles, the eldest son, quickly realised what happened and sent James, the younger son, and Rosaline to a boarding school in the city.

He didn't want their innocent childhood to be tainted. After they were gone, Charles slowly walked up the hill and peered over the edge. Agatha, wearing her wedding dress, was lying down ever so peacefully. A week later, Charles mustered up the courage to host a funeral for his beloved mother.

Many years later, Charles could no longer care for Rosemary Manor and soon moved to somewhere distant over the hills, for nobody knew where he went. Over time, the now deserted manor grew messier and dustier until people eventually forgot about it.

But not Adelia.

Adelia was determined to find out if the description of the letter matched the manor and if the other half of the letter was still inside there. It might provide clues to why her parents seemed so unhappy for her whole life and so distant, clues to why the banging and scraping noises at night that so often disturbed her somehow became louder, clues to why she could never get along with people. Clues to why, why she was seen as a bad omen by many.

Adelia breathed in the musty cold air that smelled of fate and stepped in front of the crumbling front porch. She grasped the faded brass doorknob and turned it. As the door slowly creaked open, she thought to herself, At last, I can finally know the answers.

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Wildlife Watch

Animals of the World

Photo credit: Instagram



By Charlie, Pooh & Sung Gi Year 8

Cluck Cluck Goes the Chicken

Chickens are animals that live out in the wild. There are many mysteries about them that nobody knows yet. In this article, we'll dive deep into the mysteries of chickens and uncover them. Before we dive deeper into the world of chickens though, we have to understand the basics of them. Chickens are very simple animals on the outside, but are very complicated on the inside. They have a complicated past going all the way back to the dinosaurs. There are many unanswered questions and mysteries about the chicken, such as "Did the chicken or the egg come first?". In this article, we will explore these kinds of questions and unveil the mystery of chickens. The main thing we will be focusing on for this article is the external anatomy of chickens.



Illustration by Lydia



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The external anatomy of chickens are the things you can see from outside, like their head, their beak and much more. The comb, which is the top of the chicken's head, can come in various shapes and is more prominent in males. The wattles are located below the chicken's chin and help regulate body temperatures.

The beak of a chicken is sharp with a pointed tip and is covered in keratin, a type of protein, allowing it to remain durable throughout the chicken's lifetime. The beak can be used for many activities such as feeding, grooming, socialising and is an all around tool for the chicken to use.

Chickens have large, forward-facing eyes which give them a wide field of vision to spot other chickens and predators. They can see a wide range of colours, even including ultraviolet light, which allows them to detect colour variations in food.

Chickens' feet and legs are a part of their body that they cannot part with. Their legs are strong and scaly, being able to support their body weight while standing and walking. At the bottom of their legs, they have three forward pointing toes and one backward pointing toe which helps them in stability and perching. Their claws are adapted for scratching the ground to find food and other things they might need.

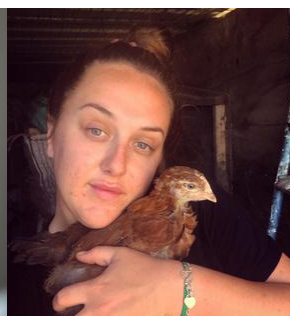


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Miss Carter and her chicken, Nora Carter

In summary, chickens are very complicated and have adapted to live in an environment where they can find food by digging into the ground, use their eyes to spot predators and food, and use their body combs and feathers to keep themselves warm. Although, whether they came before the egg is still an ongoing mystery...



Illustration by Kiwi



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Wildlife Watch

Why is Pesto the Penguin so Popular?



By Isabella & Porjai Year 7

Who is Pesto?

Pesto, a baby penguin that currently lives in the Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium, has also gone viral in TikToks posted by aquarium visitors, which have racked up millions of views in recent weeks.



Photo credit: SeaLife



Photo credit: SeaLife

Why is Pesto so popular?

Whether he's waddling around or just standing normally, Pesto's round figure and fuzzy brown feathers set him apart from the other penguins. At just nine months old, Pesto tips the scales at a whopping 21 kg, equivalent to 20,000 donuts, thanks to his hearty appetite of 25 fish a day. He's officially the largest chick Sea Life Melbourne has ever seen, making him a huge hit with guests and fans around the world.



Photo credit: SeaLife

What does the future hold?

Pesto has begun to shed his feathers and will soon have the more recognisable yellow, white and black colouring of an adult king penguin. Most king penguins grow around 70-100 cm tall as adults but Pesto who is only 9 months old is 90cm, already towering over his elders.



Wildlife Watch

Soi Dogs: The Misconceptions

Photo credit: Google



By Nampetch Year 12

What are soi dogs?

Soi dogs', the term originating from the Thai word 'soi' meaning 'street' or 'alley', refers to the large and commonly found population of ownerless, free-ranging dogs across the country. However, despite their widespread recognition, both internationally and within the country, there are still negative stereotypes and misrepresentations of them that exaggerate their aggression and dirtiness suppressing their true nature.



Photo credit: Rescue Paws



Photo credit: Rescue Paws

Why are they so common?

There is an estimated number of over 10 million stray soi dogs, most of which are classed as Thai Ridgebacks, but others just mixes of various breeds. Their population has grown significantly due to one key reason: the lack of widespread spaying and neutering (the act of removing certain reproductive organs from animals to prevent reproduction). The majority of dogs in Thailand are not neutered or spayed by their owners or breeders either due to high cost or lack of awareness. This creates a problem for around 800,000 dogs who then get abandoned by their owners as this means that with the combination of feeding from the surrounding community as an act of kindness, they have an increased survival rate and eventually succeed in having offspring causing millions more dogs being born into the streets each year.

What has been done?

To try and reduce the number of them, dogs were sent to kennels and shelters. However, these were often underfunded and overcrowded making it difficult to house and care for the sheer number of dogs in need of assistance. The Thai government and local municipalities also implemented multiple laws and regulations such as mandatory registration, bans on feeding stray dogs in public places, fines to owners who abandoned dogs, and even the cruel practice of euthanasia (a painless killing practice stopped in the 2000s), where 200 dogs were put down a day. Yet, despite all these methods and attempts, they did not all succeed or make a big difference. The mandatory registration rule even increased the number of strays due to the price that came with it. The Department of Livestock Development continues to work towards reducing the number and has stated that if they do nothing, Thailand will have as many as two million stray dogs in the next three years.



Photo credit: Rescue Paws

What is being done?

Many NGOs also work towards this same goal and focus on the more sustainable approach of sterilisation and vaccination programmes but these require significant funding and public cooperation. Charter also aims to support one of these NGOs called 'Rescue Paws'. Rescue Paws is a non-profit animal welfare organisation in Thailand aiming to improve the quality of life of animals through this focus on sterilisation, adoption and education to communities. They rehabilitate, rescue, sterilise, vaccinate and provide food for stray and low-income pets. It was founded in 2013, based in Hua Hin and people can adopt, visit, sponsor or volunteer there. 100% of donations there go towards the project and directly benefit the animals, funding medical supplies, food and individual projects. They have made a major impact on the stray animal population in communities with 11,509 sterilisations, 44,272 vaccinations and parasite treatments, 14,961 wound and skin treatments and 632 adoptions. Charter's Year 7 are supporting them and have raised over half of their 60,000 baht goal in their fundraiser. However, one of the issues these NGOs face is the stereotyping of these dogs which increase the difficulty of gaining the public's support.



Photo credit: rescue Paws



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Why is there bias?

One of the main misconceptions about them is that they are dangerous and aggressive, likely due to the numerous media reports and personal experiences highlighting instances of dog bites, territorial pack behaviour and rabies making it seem like they're a threat to human public safety. These wrongful representations create more fear and hostility towards these dogs from the public and while these cases of aggression are real, they're usually due to the fact that their life has been full of hunger, fear and competition. Most are not aggressive by nature and many are wary of humans and tend to avoid confrontation, some are even friendly and socialised, often fed and cared for by locals.

Another stereotype about them is that they're diseased and/or neglected. This is partly due to the visible signs of poor health such as mange, malnutrition and injuries in stray dogs but it is inaccurate to assume that they are all in such a dire state as their health status is dependent on various other factors such as location, access to food and the presence of a supportive community or animal welfare organisations. This assumption of disease, such as rabies, while a legitimate concern as some may indeed carry this virus, ignore those who try keep the animals in good health and encourages these harmful stereotypes as organisations work tirelessly to vaccinate thousands of dogs annually to control the spread so reducing these dogs to mere carriers of disease.

What is the impact?

These distortions have an impact on animal welfare as they have been the reason for harmful practices in the past like euthanasia of Soi dogs because they were viewed as a problem to be wiped out rather than animals with feelings, deserving of care because of the co-existence and toleration of the dogs as their numbers began to grow causing people to view them as nuisances or pests. It becomes increasingly difficult to gain support for humane solutions that these NGOs work so hard towards like sterilisation, vaccination and other community-based management programs. It also reduces adoption efforts and creates hesitation, amongst those who are looking to adopt, to adopt soi dogs due to fears of behavior and health even though the animals can make loving and loyal pets under proper care. They are viewed as lesser than other dogs or as unfit as pets.

The issue of Soi Dogs is complex and deeply rooted, with many difficulties related to animal welfare, public health and safety and societal attitudes. While efforts by NGOs and some government initiatives have made progress in managing their population, there's still a lot to be done. These dogs can coexist peacefully with humans when properly managed and must join society in a humane and sustainable way. Their misrepresentation as diseased, aggressive or undesirable acts as a significant barrier to improving their welfare and managing their population. By both addressing these issues and challenging the misconceptions by promoting understanding, both the lives of countless animals and the overall health and well-being of society will improve in shifting the societal attitudes and creating a path for more compassionate and effective solutions. It is not just about changing perceptions, it is about ensuring that the dogs are seen, respected and cared for as valuable members of the community.

Teacher Feature

Nature on Our Doorstep



By Mr. David: Head of English & Drama



Each weekend as a young boy I would clamber over the old wall rebuilt by my great grandad that separated the house my family had lived in for over 300 years from the field full of thistles, cows and adventure known simply as 'The Castle Field' (by virtue of having the 1200 year old ruins of Harbottle castle in it). My brother and cousin and I knew every one of my uncle's fields like the back of our hands. We'd grown up playing there in every season and every weather. We knew the whole sacred area off by heart - the woods, hills, rivers and hidden pathways. At night, in dreams, I could continue adventures that had begun in the daytime and still be pretty sure where I was going. And the best thing about my 'home' was the fact that it was remote. Very remote. Beyond my tiny village the hills opened out for 25 uninterrupted kilometres to the Scottish border - itself just an imaginary line over the desolate and windswept heather and crags. You could walk all day long and never see anyone or get within sight of one of the isolated farms where we'd go to meet friends and make tree houses or ziplines or crash motorbikes into ditches and streams. All you might encounter would be sheep, cattle, a fox, Red grouse, Meadow pipits, Kestrels and Buzzards or - if lucky - a wild goat. Beyond the border was another 25 kilometres until you found anywhere large enough to have a church and a pub.

As I grew up, my love for my beautiful, wild, uninhabited region grew too. Every time I returned home from university or abroad, one priority was to get out there and retrace the pathways of my childhood. The funny thing about journeys initiated through nostalgia is that they become new journeys in themselves. Many years later I would look back on 4 am spring treks over the hills in search of Peregrine falcons, late summer bilberry picking, autumn walks through red and orange hued woodland looking for badgers and red squirrels, or midwinter trudges through snow to find foxes or otters as reborn starting points for new adventures... with my camera.

Stranger still, I found that when living in France and Mexico I was also immediately drawn away from suburbia and into nature, running each morning over foreign hills before breakfast and work. And so the same has been true here in Thailand, where I find myself in what, for me, is one of my worst nightmares - living in a big city. But what I love about Bangkok, perhaps the only thing, is that within a few hours you can be in some wonderful places. People think of the stunning beaches and islands, but for me, the greatest treasure is National Parks like Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan - both within 3 hours drive of Charter. But when you can't drive (as I suspect is the case for most Charter students!), it isn't easy to just nip out to Thailand's biggest National Park (Kaeng Krachan covers 3000 square kms!) and set up your tent like I do - sometimes with Mr Schofield, sometimes alone - and head out before sunrise into thick jungle to find elephants, bears, leopards, and numerous birds, then out again after dark to look for snakes and insects. But that's a story that I'll save for another time.



What is easy, though, is to head to one of the many beautiful parks or natural areas near or in Bangkok itself - you might be surprised how many there are right around the corner! Gems like **Rama 9 Park**, **Nong Bon** and **Suan Rot Fai** harbour a huge array of wildlife. No, you're not going to see a Gaur, Great Hornbill or King Cobra at Rama 9 Park, but you will find many beautiful birds, small mammals, a variety of snakes and many other interesting creatures such as turtles and monitor lizards. And at certain times of year, city parks are an oasis for migrating birds: crowds of photographers suddenly set up shop in the hope of seeing some rare

visitor passing through! And if you can ask your parents to drive you just 30 mins south of Charter to the coastal mangroves of **Bang Pu**, **Samut Prakan**, you'll be able to walk through miles of 'jungle' pathways and have the chance to see a range of birds, from tiny Kingfishers to huge Purple Herons and Painted storks. At certain times of year you may even encounter rare visitors such as the Narcissus Flycatcher (from Korea!) or Van Haselt's sunbird. The other week I stood in the same spot for one hour photographing birds and NINE snakes crossed the path within 10 metres either side of me - one almost over my boot! Tip: Around sunrise and late afternoon is always the best time for wildlife.

Be it in one of our nearby parks, the mangroves of Bang Pu or the rice paddies of Minburi, you'll have the chance to reconnect with nature within half an hour of school and feel like you're a hundred miles away. And if you know where to look, are patient and bring with you a splash of luck, you might see some interesting and stunning wildlife. We weren't born to stay in cities; make the most of the amazing places on our doorstep - we are truly privileged to have them.

See you out there! Check out my Thailand wildlife photography videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/@davidcmmmon6710>



Kingfisher, Bang Pu.



Coppersmith Barbet, my condo (Pattanakarn Road).



Rare Red Avadavats, Minburi rice paddies, past the airport.



Painted storks, Bang Pu.



Black-winged stilt, Bang Pu.



Monitor lizard, Rama 9 Park.



(Very rare) Narcissus Flycatcher, Bang Pu.



Common Iora, Nong Bon.



Rama 9 Park (Suan Luang).



Ornate sunbird, Rama 9 Park.



Treeshrew, Nong Bon.



Nong Bon Water



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By Alice & Hyun Year 12

Beyond the Score

Iconic Moments: 2024 Paris Olympics

What are the Olympics?

The Olympics, an international sports festival in which over 200 countries participate, is held every four years. It's the largest world-wide sporting event where every country competes for a chance to win a medal and pride for their country.

The Paris Olympics wrapped up on Sunday, August 11th, with a wondrous closing ceremony at the Stade de France - the baton was passed to Los Angeles, where the next Olympics will take place in 2028.



Photo credit: Google

History of the Olympics

The modern day Olympics have been heavily influenced by the ancient Olympic games which were first held in Olympia, Greece. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded in 1894, which led to the first modern Games in Athens in 1896.

The Olympics feature summer and winter sports competition with over 10,000 athletes joining from all over the world. The Olympics happen every four years, with summer and winter Olympics alternating every two years since 1994.

During the 20th and 21st centuries, there were numerous new changes including the Winter Olympic Games for snow and ice sports, the Paralympic Games for athletes with disabilities and the Youth Olympic Games for athletes aged 14-18.

Did You Know?

- 11.3 million tourists came to watch the Paris Olympics
- 31 world records were broken in the Paris Olympics 2024
- It took roughly 8.7 billion euros to host the Paris Olympics 2024, making it the 5th most expensive Olympic Game in the world

Without further ado, the Charter Chronicle presents the most honourable and iconic moments during the 2024 Paris Olympics.



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Panipak Wongpattanakit or ‘Tennis’ managed to retain her title in women’s taekwondo 49kg division. She is the first Thai athlete to win two consecutive gold medals for Thailand and she was the only gold medal Thailand won in the Paris Olympics.



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Lebron James and Stephen Curry celebrate after their comeback against Serbia on August 8. Curry scored a game-high 36 points and made nine 3-pointers. The game ended 95-91, with America winning.



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Remco Evenepoel’s victory in the Olympics was nothing short of spectacular. The 273 kilometer race across France took him roughly 6 to 7 hours, and despite suffering a puncture in the final stretch that required him to replace his bike, he maintained his lead. As shown in the image, he managed to cross the finish line without any other competitors in sight marking a legendary moment in cycling history.

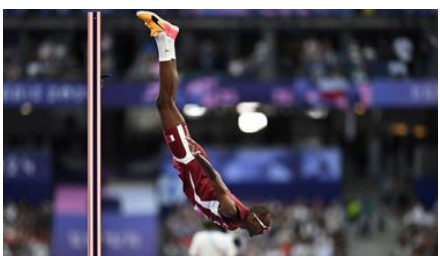


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Qatar’s Mutaz Essa Barshim competed in the high jump final on August 10. He finished with bronze three years after tying for the gold in Tokyo. A total of 4 Olympic medals in his whole career.



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Kim Yeji, a South Korean pistol shooter athlete, captivated the public and social media with effortless skills and performance at the Olympics. Her nonchalant attitude and posture, described by many as ‘main character energy’ spread rapidly online. These pictures also brought attention to her prior competitions which also went viral.



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An extraordinary scene in which a whale was seen in the background during the surfing semifinals in Tahiti on August 5. A natural phenomenon captured during the Olympics.



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Imane Khelif went viral for many controversial allegations regarding her gender. She was all over the Internet and social media sparking up many heated debates online discussing topics of fairness and inclusivity in sports.

Despite, all arguments against her, she managed to battle her way to victory earning a gold medal for Algeria.



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South Korea’s Seo Chae-hyun, 21, climbed during the boulder and lead semifinal on August 8. She finished 6th place at the Paris Olympics 2024.



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Brazilian surfer Gabriel Medina leapt from his surfboard and raised his finger in the air as he celebrated a near-perfect 9.90-scoring wave on July 29. It was the highest-scoring wave in Olympic history.



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Turkish shooter, Yusuf Disec, went viral all over social media for winning a silver medal in the Olympics without using any special equipment. Many refer to him as a ‘hitman’ for his calm and collected performance, showing up and easily earning a medal as shown by his relaxed posture with one hand in his pocket.



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The Charter Cookery.



By Torfun Year 9

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How to Make Breakfast Toast Cups

These crispy treats get their name from the fact that they're inspired by the famous breakfast: bacon, eggs and toast!

A simple recipe that everyone is guaranteed to enjoy!



SERVINGS: 2

PREPPING TIME: 3-5 MINS

COOKING TIME: 5 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 slices of wholewheat bread
- 2 eggs (small-medium)
- 4 slices of bacon
- Some sauce of your own choice
- Muffin tray
- Chopped spring onions

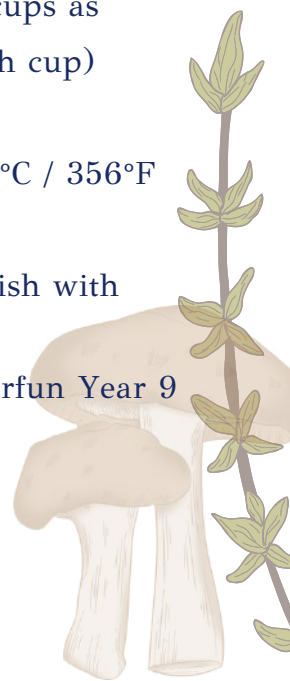
TIP:

If you partially cook the bacon before, this prevents it from overcooking during baking and make sure the bread is at room temperature so it can easily be shaped inside the tray.

DIRECTIONS

1. Fry the bacon until slightly brown (without using oil or butter)
2. Lightly grease the cups of the muffin tray with the melted bacon fat and then press 1 slice of wholewheat bread into each cup
3. Lay the bacon strips across the cups as shown in the photo (two for each cup)
4. Crack an egg into each cup
5. Bake the cups in an oven at 180°C / 356°F for 5 minutes
6. When the cups are cooked, garnish with spring onions

By Torfun Year 9



MEET THE TEAM

Teachers



Miss Carter

Coordinator

Hello, everybody! If you don't already know, my name is Miss Carter. I'm from a countryside town in the north of England called Glossop (it's in-between Sheffield and Manchester if you've heard of those cities). Besides from journalism, I love reading, swimming, socialising with friends, travel, sending cute videos of cats to my sister & binge-watching reality TV series! Some people may not know that I had an allotment in the UK (they're not just for the elderly!) or that I lived in Spain for part of my childhood! My passion in life is anything to do with supporting young people to increase their life opportunities! I didn't always dream of becoming a teacher but life guided me to this role and it's something I can't imagine not doing.



Kru. Guide

ECA Assistant

Hi, I am Kru Guide, a Thai teacher who teaches Thai to non-Thai students. I come from Sukhothai, the first capital of Thailand, which is rich in history and culture. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, cooking, and spending time with my pets, including my fish and dog. Sharing Thai language and culture with my students is my passion.



Dr. Starost

ECA Assistant

Hi Charter, I am Dr. Starost, a Physics enthusiast. Apart from reading, I am an avid sports fan and play as many as I can, with skiing, football, and cricket as my favourites. If I'm not doing Physics, playing or watching sports, I'll be drumming, socialising, or diving into something new and exciting! My ambition is to continue doing as much as possible. I joined the newspaper to share my passion for Physics, sports and exploring curious and thought-provoking articles. A fun fact is about me is that I've lived in England, Scotland, Germany, Italy, USA, India, Thailand, Switzerland, and Egypt.

Student Leaders



Proud (Year 12)

Editor-in-Chief, Writer

Hi! I'm Proud from Year 12. If I'm not in Miss Carter's room, I'm most likely in the common room, one of the libraries, or the biology lab. I love reading, creative writing and all things Harry Potter, Snoopy and Disney. A perfect day for me is simply getting to sit down with a good book, a cup of tea and some Disney piano music.



Kiwi (Year 12)

Head of Design

Hi, my name is Kiwi! My hobbies are drawing and listening to music. My favourite subjects are chemistry and biology and my dream career is research and development of food science.

Writers



Torfun (Year 9)

My favourite things: British shorthair cats, Samoyed dogs, food, travelling, art, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, school trips, books and Dress To Impress.

I joined the newspaper because writing is my passion and I think it will help me in the future somehow. My ambitions are to become a writer or something to do with science or if all things fail, 711 or McDonald's employee is the last resort for me.



Charlie (Year 8)

Hello friends, I am Charlie the awesome and I kinda joined the newspaper club for the food but I still really care about what we are doing because I am mature and responsible and awesome. I like dogs and other silly animals like the blobfish. My favourite colour is yellow because it makes me happy. I have a dog named Gooby. I love minecraft and I think voting the phantom was really unacceptable. Thank you very much for reading my epic about me section and I hope you have a nice day.



Isabella (Year 7)

I like to play games with friends.



Red (Year 11)

I love researching and writing texts for subjects that I am interested in. I am a future gazillionaire and I want to travel more.



Pooh (Year 8)

Greetings my distinguished guests, I am Pooh. You may know me from the student council or from somewhere else. I am definitely a human and not an alien. I joined this club to add something to my portfolio. Thank you for reading and I hope you have a nice day.



Lydia (Year 8)

Hello, My name is Lydia, and I'm from South Korea. I am very interested in art and design which I find very exciting. I also have a dog named IQ who makes me very happy everyday. I joined this club because I was curious about how the Charter Chronicles club works.



Sung Gi (Year 8)

Greetings my people, my name is Sung Gi I am a really cool, funny person who likes sports. I am part of this newspaper club because I want to let people know what is happening at Charter and other stuff.



Porjai (Year 7)

Hi there fellow humans, you might have seen me before in dance, student council or just walking past you in the hallway. I love writing stories so that's why I joined newspaper club!



Julia (Year 12)

- Age:16
- Year 12
- South Korean
- A level subjects: geography, history, travel and tourism
- Hobbies: drawing, singing, playing the flute and watching K-Pop



Stephi (Year 11)

Hi i'm Stephi from year 11. I joined the school newspaper because I want to test my photography skills and also help the school build this newspaper together. I like dogs, even though I am slightly allergic to them. I want to travel a lot when i'm older.



Alice (Year 12)

Hi, I'm Alice from Year 12. I'm interested in sports such as basketball and football. Through the newspaper club, I hope to keep up and learn more about important issues around the world. I look forward to bringing new engaging stories to our newspaper!



Sophia (Year 12)

I'm Sophia, just a normal girl living my normal life. My favorite "things" are playing Valorant, taekwondo, volleyball, badminton, eating and binge watching TV series!

I joined the newspaper club because I thought why not join a club irrelevant to sports. I also wish for students' opinions to be heard. 🗣️

My unachievable dream is to reincarnate into an anime character.



Sara (Year 8)

Hi, i'm Sara. I joined the newspaper to improve my writing skills and to have something else to do. My hobbies when I'm super lazy are just eating, sleeping, reading, writing and more reading.

Fun fact: I can probably read forever if I could. 😊



Nadia (Year 11)

Hello, I am Nadia and I joined this club because I have an interest in photography and may be pursuing film/media for university! I enjoy playing instruments, sports, watching movies and exploring nature. In the future, I would like to travel to many countries.



Alena (Year 13)

Hi, I'm Alena from Year 13. I decided to join the student newspaper as I have a keen interest for writing and current events. Having had my work published on simplifying psychology case studies for other students online, I've developed communication skills and a deep appreciation for writing through the process. I believe that being part of the newspaper club will allow me to expand my writing abilities beyond geography 20 mark questions.



Naomi (Year 13)

Hey I'm Naomi. I joined this club as I have previous experience in journalism on raising awareness for farmers in developing countries for my international award. I've written and published articles that aim to encourage change within our community. I'm also keen on photography as it can preserve memories of my last year at Charter.

My interests include: playing really bad tennis, sleeping in and taking long walks to the fridge.



Designers



June (Year 12)

Hi, I'm June and I'm in Year 12.

I am interested in learning new things such as subject topics and instruments. I hope to learn and improve my writing skills through the newspaper club.



Hyun (Year 12)

Hello, I'm Hyun from Year 12.

I'm passionate about playing sports and my instruments. I'm so thrilled that our schools newspaper is back, I can't wait to start writing and designing!



Nampetch (Year 12)

Hi, I'm Nampetch and I'm in Y12.

My favourite things are my dogs, sharks, marine life and listening to music. What I love most is learning about other people's passions, whether it's reading about someone's unique experiences and interests or writing about my own, I find a lot of joy in it which is why I joined the paper.



Jaosua (Year 11)

Salutations fellow sigmas, My name is Jaosua. I love designing and joining this club is nothing more than fulfilling my creativity cravings. For me, the newspaper club is a newly discovered way for me to express myself and overall it has been pretty fun for me.

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