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## Keeping You Up To Date

All The News You Need To Know To Keep Aware - By Soha U

With a new year finally here, people look to fresh starts and hope that 2021 will be even just remotely better than the-year-that-shall-not-be-named. Only 6 weeks in and we already have a lot to cover! In case you haven't been bombarded with BBC News alerts and notifications on daily briefings, keep reading for a fill-in on the first few weeks of 2021!

## COVID-19 PROGRESS

Of course, we have to start with the very thing that has consumed every aspect of our lives since last year – the coronavirus. With the anniversary of the first case of Covid-19 in the UK past us (31st January), it seems we still have a lot to learn from this pandemic. With the devastating milestone of 100,000 coronavirus-related deaths reached on the 26th January 2021, the ongoing lockdown measures and the South African variant reaching our area, it is quite difficult to even imagine we are making any progress.

With the passing of Captain Tom Moore on the 2nd February, we must remember and honor not only his memory, but also the memories of the loved ones lost over this year. Although coronavirus has seemingly taken a lot from us, we must work together as a community to stop the spread, not only for ourselves, but also for the people we may have lost too.

I find it relieving to focus on the very precious moments of positivity and optimism during this pandemic. For example, as of the 3rd February, over 10,000,000 people have now received their first dose of the coronavirus vaccine!

The number of positive cases is now dropping along with the daily deaths. We must keep following these restrictions to not only ourselves, but other members of our community too!



## WORLD NEWS

It seems that, not only has there been a lot to catch up on locally, but these first couple of weeks have been eventful (to say the least) internationally. From Biden's inauguration to the farmer's protests in India, it can be quite hard to keep up. Here's a recap of some of the news around the world

## North America: The Presidency

If you thought all the news in January would be about Trump leaving office, you were wrong. On the 7th January 2021, pro-Trump supporters stormed the US capitol, showing they would not accept Joe Biden as their president. Many were members of the "Stop the Steal" group, formed in retaliation of the 2020 US presidential election results. Many agree that this was fueled by Trump's numerous claims that the election was "stolen", and that he should've won. Five people lost their lives during the siege, with one Capitol police officer among them. At least 13 people had been arrested by the 9th January due to the riots.

Consequently, this riot led to the second impeachment of Donald Trump, making him the first ever president to be impeached twice (14th January 2021). Finally, on Wednesday 20th January 2021, President Trump left the White House. President Joe Biden was sworn in along with Vice-president Kamala Harris, making her the first woman of African and South Asian descent to achieve this title. The new president and vice-president got straight to work, to lift the 'Muslim ban' put in place by President Trump, as well as other policies.





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## South America: The Oxygen crisis

On the 15th January 2021, hospitals in Brazil, specifically the city of Manaus reported "severe oxygen shortages", which is vital in treating Covid-19 patients. Consequently, the city has now seen a significant increase in deaths and infections.

Oxygen is needed in many ways – it is used for ventilators that keep extremely sick patients alive, as well as helping people who may not be as ill to breathe. Without oxygen, people are more likely to die of the disease, as it attacks the respiratory system and makes it impossibly difficult to breathe, even if you are not vulnerable or immunocompromised.

In some places, staff have had to resort to manual ventilation in order to keep patients alive. Although resolutions have been put in place, such as the air force transporting hospital supplies to the city, there is still a major shortage of oxygen.

## Asia

There is a lot to catch up on in Asia, from farmers' protests in India, to the condemning of China's treatment towards Uighur Muslims, an important Tamil war monument being taken down in Sri Lanka and the military coup in Myanmar.

On the 7th January 2021, China's US embassy published a tweet claiming that Uighur women had their minds "emancipated" by Xinjiang's policies. This came after an article claiming that women were no longer able to have children due to the ill treatment of the women in the Uighur region. It has been reported since 2017 that China has been keeping Uighurs, who are mostly a Muslim minority group, in 're-education' camps. Although China has denied these claims, there have been many survivors/escapees of these camps, which have told their story. Twitter deleted the original tweet on the 10th January, after it was said that it "violated" the app's rules. Both the US and UK governments have come out to condemn reports of the treatment of people in these camps.



## India

Since the 26th November 2020, many farmers in India have been on strike in protest of the recent laws that the Indian government has put in place. They fear that these laws will weaken their bargaining power and increase their chances of exploitation by big companies. Although the Indian court suspended the laws on the 12th January 2021, the farmers continued to protest and rejected this, pushing for the laws to be repealed.

On the 26th January 2021, Indian farmer's clashed with police in Delhi. Nearly 200 people were detained the day after due to this protest. Then, on the 2nd February, both Rihanna and Greta Thunberg tweeted about the protests, linking an article that had said that India cut Internet around New Delhi due to the clash with police. This brought global attention to the protests, bringing both supporting and opposing opinions from people.

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## BREXIT

As the clock turned to midnight on the 31st December 2020, not only did we enter a new year, but we also entered a new era in which the UK was no longer a part of the European Union. I'm sure the GCSE Citizenship students reading this are probably getting flashbacks to their lessons on the EU and Brexit, and are now remembering all of advantages and disadvantages of Brexit. Regardless if you were for or against it, you would've heard the term Brexit repeatedly since the referendum almost 5 years ago. What David Cameron had promised in his manifesto in 2015 has now come to life, but how does it affect us? Here's how it may affect you:

- Now to study or work abroad, you will most likely need a visa if you stay longer than 90 days
  - Before making any trips, you'll have to make sure you have 6 or more months left on your passport
  - We no longer have the benefit of health insurance and free data roaming in the EU... Yikes
- Although this may not seem like a big deal now, these changes to the European travel rules will definitely affect British citizens living abroad or even your nice little end-of-term holiday.

Although we will not be doing as much travelling at the moment, the European travel rules have changed. If you didn't already know, being a member of the EU meant you were able to move to any country in the EU to study or work without the hassle of applying for a visa. You can still travel to these countries without a visa, as long as you leave before 90 days and you have 6 months left on your passport. However, we no longer have the benefit of health insurance and free data roaming in the EU.

## Competition Time

*Who Will Be Our Lucky Winner?*



Here at The Tudor Rose Times, we like to treat our readers, however with reward comes a risk. We are holding an art competition so the best drawing, painting, ect, you feel best showcases your talent with the theme of **unity** gets thier piece hung up in school. If you earn it we'll give you a shot at being the next Banksy. Creatiivity is a beauty so don't waste it. No art is bad art. Have fun, be brave and most of all be you. I mean all of this not in the teacher-type-corny way. I just want you to be the best version of you, you can be.

Email a picture of your peice to Iman B

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## *This Sucks... But It'll Be Okay. Five Reasons I Was Happy During Lockdown*

Just Your Average Positivity Article – by Giovanna B

Ever since December most students had been confined to their homes as the number of Covid-19 cases continued to rise and it became too much of a risk to continue going to school. We have now since been told GCSE and A-Levels exams won't be going forward as planned and we returned back in school in March. But thanks to the effort and dedication of the teachers and staff, we haven't fallen too behind and have continued our studies through Online Learning.

Now, I won't sit here and say that lockdown was amazing and the best thing that ever happened, especially for those of us who get easily distracted, or have a house full of people that love to make noise while you're in lesson, or when you really cannot be bothered to sit there and pretend you understand why  $x = 5$ . And there was definitely many more technical issues than now too, now it might have been the board is frozen or the projector doesn't work properly, but then we also had to deal with teachers constantly cutting out, or the screen sharing option just not working – hence why our lessons usually start with “can everyone hear and see me?”

And don't even get me started on when the teacher asks a question to the whole classroom, like “how is everyone” and there was just that painfully uncomfortable silence where no one knows what to say or if they should say anything at all, or having to unmute at 8.45 in the morning and barely managing to mumble a “here” in the sleepiest voice possible (because let's be honest, most of us were definitely still in bed by then).

It sucked having to stay at home and not being able to go out with your friends, or just through a walk in the park without having to worry if the police are going to come up to you and ask why in the world are you outside without at least 3 masks and two litre bottles of hand sanitizer. But everyone knows how much it sucks, so I'm here to remind you of some of the reasons I was happy about, there's only 5 reasons on this list, but I bet there were many others too, they might not even be related to school. Without further ado, here are 5 reasons I was happy during lockdown:

1). You were not out in the cold. Then it didn't matter whether you had to stay in school until 2.15 PM or until 4 PM, we all have to wake up early and be at school by 8.30 AM or we had half an hour detention after school. Getting out of a warm, comfortable bed to the sound of your alarm (or one of your parents or siblings) screaming at you to get up and go outside, and sitting in those cold rooms where you have to take off your coat and pretend like you definitely want to be there... It's an absolute nightmare!

2). We didn't wake up as early anymore. Now I don't know if this is true for everyone, but because we didn't need to get ready or go anywhere, or even turn on our cameras most times, there was no need to wake up at like 7 AM – which to someone who usually goes to sleep sometime after midnight, was a dream.

3). There were no late detentions anymore! My tutor knows how much I struggle with that one, rushing into form at 8.34 AM with 3 seconds to spare, but then since I just needed to join a Teams meeting, which I could do from my phone, I was could have even been the first one there – not that I was, I still joined at about 8.47 AM, but I could. And instead of racking up those behaviour points and getting longer and longer detentions each time, I could just sit back and not have to make a sound the whole time.

4). We didn't need to sit in the uncomfortable, stuffy classrooms that sometimes smell. We could have our lessons wherever we wanted. I could literally sit in my bed, under the covers the whole day in my PJs and watch my lessons comfortably – I wouldn't exactly recommend it because we are meant to be focused and working hard. but on a particularly cold day that you probably wouldn't have gone into school anyway, you could.



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5). Okay, this might not resonate with everyone, but home cooked meals every day. Sure, the canteen's food is okay, but there's nothing that compares to a hot, free meal that you didn't have to stand in like a 10-minute line for with people cutting in.

As one of the people whose exams got cancelled this year and even though it's already Easter term, we still have no idea how we'll be assessed for our final grade, stressful is definitely a word I'd use. It's definitely been difficult to find the motivation to keep working sometimes, or to look forward to anything at all, and I'm usually quite a positive person. Unfortunately, I'm not an oracle and I cannot tell you what will happen, because all I know is what I've been reading on BBC News, but I can say this: it'll be okay.

Things are definitely be different, and we'll all have a new definition for "normal," but the time for mourning what we lost has past, this a new world we live in and we have to adjust. I can't promise to be here for all of you because I've no clue how many of you will have gotten this far into the article or bother to contact me, and my email inbox can only take so many emails, but someone will be there to listen.

If you don't want to go to anyone close to you, because you don't want them to know or if you feel like a burden, this is my school email (which I check regularly) so you can feel free to contact me there: 14giovannab@carshal-tonggirls.org.uk (just remember I'm not a professional therapist nor do I have any idea how to solve your problems, but I'm good at listening and sometimes I say the right thing and help you look at things from a different perspective).



## Revision Tips

A Guide To Effective Revision By Tina G

Revision in my opinion can be one of the most difficult tasks to do especially when leading up to an exam. So, here is a revision technique that works well with the idea of time management:

The Pomodoro technique was developed by the one and only Francesco Cirillo. The idea behind the technique is that you work on a task for 25 minutes, known as a Pomodoro then take a 5-minute break. You keep on doing this until you have either finished that piece of work or you have done four Pomodoros (4x25 minutes) after which you should take a 30-minute break. Then you can start again with 25 minutes (Pomodoro) and a 5 minute break.

The idea behind this technique is that using 25 minutes can help with the motivations to complete the task and reduce the chance of procrastination and distraction. Good luck with your revision!

An interesting fact to add, Francesco Cirillo, named the technique after his tomato-shaped kitchen timer.

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**PROTECT**  
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**SAVE LIVES**



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## Iman's Top 10 Animated Rated Movies Of All Time

She's Very Appreciative Of The Walt Disney Enterprise - By Iman B

These are just some of my favourite animated films of all time. The nostalgia cartoons bring me are just impeccable so for the majority when I think of them, I have the greatest memories. Beware of some spoilers.

1). **Big Hero 6** – This film took me on such a journey. The character development was just so amazing I really don't know how it was purely aimed at a young audience; Pixar really did something here. After the death of his brother Tadashi (not a spoiler it happens like 10 minutes in) Hiro finishes his invention, Baymax and later joins a team of tech heroes. The film is basically as if Marvel had a baby with the whole Pixar industry.

2). **How To Train Your Dragon** – Hiccup just represent us all. I'm sure there was a time where we all felt like we didn't fit in and Hiccup proves that, sometimes that's alright and even makes you shine brightest. During the Viking era, the town strives to kill dragons, Hiccup proves that it is not the way and instead they can work with them. Each film in the series is pure magic.

3). **Monsters Inc.** – There is not a clear reason to why I like this film it's just a must watch. In a universe where scaring children is needed for survival, professional scare-masters Mike and Sully end up breaking the rules and accidentally take a child into their world, they struggle to send the child home whilst not getting caught by their superiors. The film is hilarious and sweet and gives a much different perspective on life.

4). **Despicable Me** – Gru is a villain yet you really like him? The producers were really trying something new here and I like it for this exact reason, it's not your average animation. Gru is a supervillain who has a passion of trying to steal the moon but once he takes in 3 children unintentionally, he finds a new passion – fatherhood. The film gives you laughs and is definitely a family-favourite.



5). **The Bee Movie** – If you have not seen The Bee Movie you are living under a rock, either that or you were sleeping in your science lessons. The film I'll admit is super weird as we have a bee falling in love with a human but if we move past that, it's still great! The film shows Barry, the bee, fighting for bee rights as humans steal his families' hard-earned honey – Again, yes, it's a super weird film but very entertaining.

6). **Toy Story** – The whole Toy Story series I'm sure is something we've all grown up with. Each movie in the series adds a new perspective on life and it's just a pleasure to watch. The Toy Story series for those who don't know, follows the story of the toys, of a child named Andy, which come to life and get into all sorts of mishaps and what happens to them as Andy grows up. It is also the first feature length film to be made through purely computer-generated imagery.

7). **Zootopia** – This film was such a clever concept. It was funny especially when you understand the ironic jokes for instances, the mouse community's resemblance to the mafia. The story follows Judy Hopp and Bunny who joins the police academy in the animal-only city known as Zootopia. She quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law especially when working with a fox who is a predator to her. It a really is an interesting film which everyone can enjoy.

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8). **Shrek** – This film is iconic! It's only lower down the list as the last films in the series just felt like a let-down to me, however 1 and 2 were pure magic. The Shrek films have formed so many memes and it's just great comedy.

9). **Madagascar** – I don't think this one is talked about enough. Alex, the popular lion, goes on a journey back to his 'roots' and it's just a very interesting tale (I also get compared to Melman quite a bit but I would rather be Marty – Chris Rock is a legend).

10). **Cars** – This is also a very underrated film. Don't bother watching the sequels, but the original is very good. Lightning McQueen after coming from a professional car racing environment gets lost in a small town where he learns new lessons about life – he also needs to try and get fixed in time for his big race.

If you've gotten to the end of this article then you must be a big Disney fan like me. This might seem very very sad or strange but if any of you ever want to discuss more or want me to share my reviews on another category be sure to email me on :  
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## Childhood Baking Memories

Ingredients Are Key To Excellent Baking - By Amtul A

When I was younger, I loved helping my mum in the kitchen, even if I had no clue what I was doing, those moments are definitely my favourite from my childhood.

The first time I made cookies was when I was 5, and I still remember it to this day. It was all very exciting and I remember stepping on a stool, trying to reach the kitchen counter, as I watched my mum gather all the ingredients and equipment we would need. And as you can imagine for a 5-year-old, patience was not a virtue I possessed yet, I kept talking and jumping around, pestering my mum to start already. She gave me my first task of putting the ingredients into the bowl, as she passed me them. Nothing was too out of the ordinary, just butter, sugar (which I did try, like every kid, but it definitely tastes off), flour, etc. and everything was coming together quite nicely.

I sang along to some random song as I mixed the ingredients. Soon the cookie batter was ready to be put in the oven and the wait was killing me! I couldn't wait for the cookies to come out of the oven so we could start decorating them... And boy, was that messy. In the end, there was icing and sprinkles everywhere, which meant I had to clean up before eating the delicious cookies I craved all afternoon. After what felt like an eternity, it was finally time to try out what I thought would be the best, most delicious cookies, which I had not-so-patiently waited for. Being the youngest in the family meant I had the honour of trying the first cookie and it made me feel really special.

One bite was enough to know something had gone wrong, the taste was the exact opposite of what you would expect from a cookie, it was so sour. It was like trying a lemon with bits of chocolate in. "What if we messed up?" My 5-year-old brain immediately felt like crying because it meant I couldn't have the cookies anymore. My mum didn't take nearly as long as me to figure out what went wrong – we had used salt instead of sugar! I still had no idea of what was going, all I cared was that I wanted good cookies and I wanted them then and there. I really didn't understand why my mum was throwing away our afternoon's hard-work in the bin, which made me angry. In an attempt to calm me down, my mother explained the ones we made weren't good, but we could give them another shot. With a new-found attentiveness to the ingredients we used, we tried it again and thank God, those came out delicious"

Here's a little tip from one amateur baker to another: ALWAYS check the ingredients you use!



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## Games Page

The Theme is Easter.. Go Wild

### Word Search

Words to find:

-FAMILY    -LENT    -FREEDOM  
-EASTER    -APRIL    -CHOCOLATE  
-EGGS    -HUNT    -FOOD  
-BUNNY



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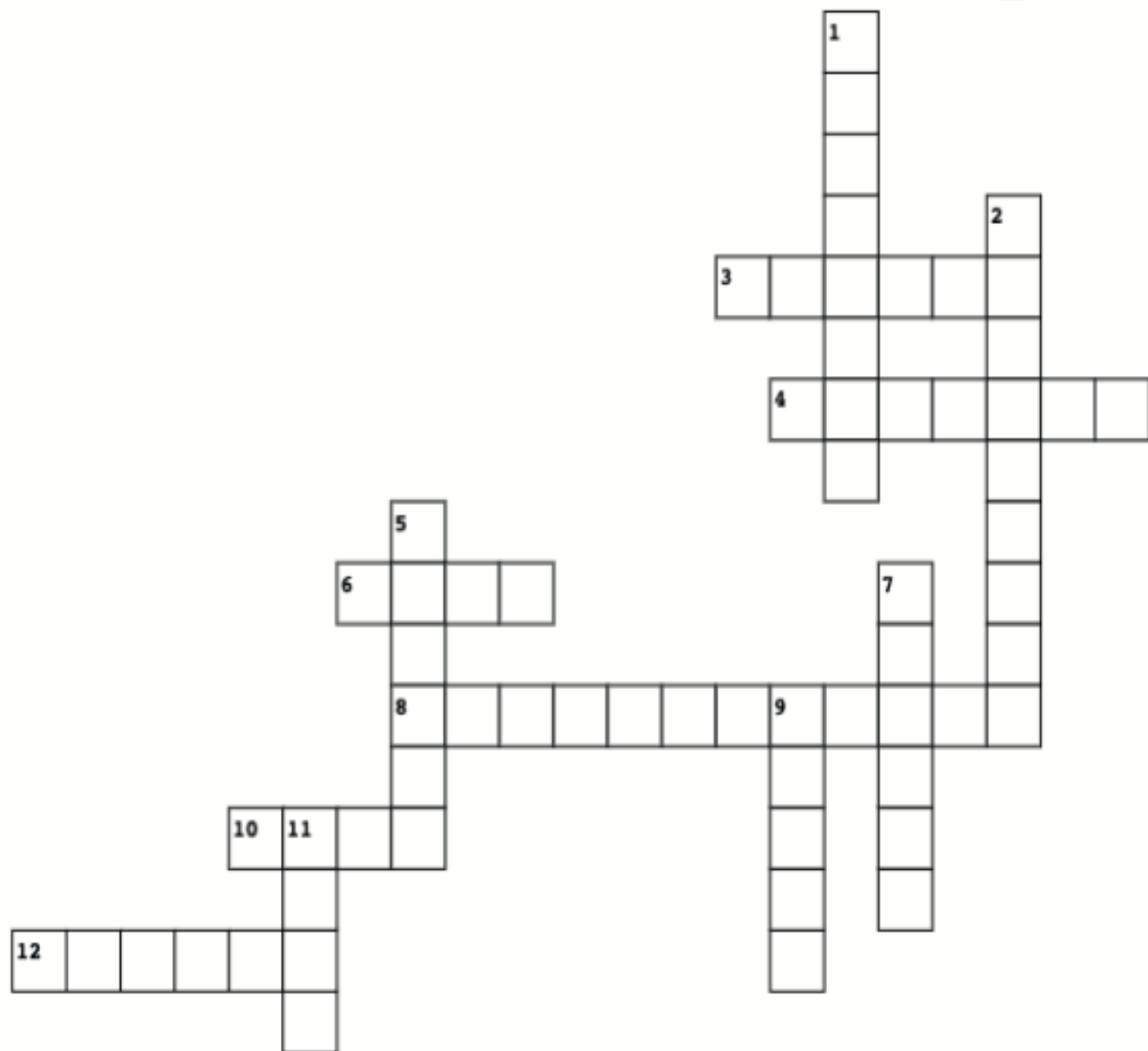


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## Cross Word

I've been quite cheeky with this Easter theme.. wrack your brain



### Across:

- 3). this even is coming very soon
- 4). another word for Easter Break
- 6). never forget this when you leave the house
- 8). it would make you a ghost
- 10). christian's observe this 40 day period
- 12). rain rain go away come back here another day

### Down:

- 1). you should remember to do this during the break
- 2). families have their own during celebrations
- 5). makes you see in the dark
- 7). that one tragic Rebecca Black song
- 9). and hope to die
- 11). I like mine scrambled