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Punishment for Ghislaine

Former British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of Robert Maxwell, a former member of Parliament and fraudster was finally found guilty of sex trafficking in her Manhattan federal court trial last Wednesday afternoon after being charged with the involvement of sexual abuse of teenage girls with ex-boyfriend Jeffrey Epstein. Whilst first arrested in July 2020, she had to wait until December 2021 to receive a court trial.

She was convicted of sex trafficking, guilty of conspiracy to entice young teenagers to travel in interstate commerce with the intention of engaging in illegal sexual activity. Damian Williams, the Manhattan US attorney claimed, 'a unanimous jury has found Ghislaine Maxwell guilty of one of the worst crimes imaginable: facilitating and participating in the sexual abuse of children'. She will face up to 65 years in prison once sentenced. For the individuals that fell victim to Maxwell and Epstein's inhumane actions and intentions, this sentencing will hopefully have brought them the justice they deserve, following Epstein's presumed suicide in 2019 after first being arrested.

So, what happened?

was upended after her father suspiciously vanished on his yacht, named Lady Ghislaine, and was left without her adored father. Some say her later romantic relationship with Jeffrey Epstein was a way to fill the missing void. Furthermore, being known as more of a socialite than a businesswoman, their relationship was no doubt mutually beneficial. She could introduce him to her wealthy and powerful friends; in turn, he had the capital to fund her expensive lifestyle she had hoped her father would provide. Yet, behind this media friendly couple lay a dark secret, kept hidden for years. Ghislaine, as documents and evidence alleges, lured underage girls to be groomed by Epstein.

Virginia Roberts Guiffre, one of the survivors, claimed Maxwell lured her into Epstein's orbit as a teenager under the guise of offering work as masseuse.

This was the most common way Jeffrey and Ghislaine managed to prey for young girls. A disturbing story for sure, however for the survivors and for the public who have been following the story, it is a relief to know Ghislaine Maxwell has received justice for her actions and will serve a suitable sentence to punish her wrongdoing.

Olivia Faircliff - Editor

Salesian Voices

There are a number of Filipino students here at Salesian, but for this interview, I spoke with: Vincent, Angelica, and Jade.

Before Christmas, you rehearsed a Cotillion during enrichment, as a 'debut' dance for Angelica's 18th birthday...can you describe what this is?



A 'debut' is a party held for a Filipino girl's 18th birthday (21st for young men) – to celebrate their ascension to adulthood. In a debut there are: 18 candles - representing the best wishes of the debutante's 18 closest female friends and family. There are 18 roses gifted to the debutant to represent a preparation for romance. Traditionally, friends or family will prepare a Cotillion dance for the occasion. To those who haven't seen one before, it's a choreographed slow-dance where pairs dance together. For Angelica's debut, we danced to Moonlight by Arianna Grande.

Can you describe Filipino culture?

There are many different dialects spoken in the Philippines. Different parts of the country were colonised by different countries at different times, such as Japan, China, Spain and America, resulting in a really diverse culture. The Filipino students at Salesian come from all over the Philippines, from Ilocos in the North to Zamboanga in the South – and our mother tongues would be completely different. In the Philippines, family is everything. For example, it's common to raise one's own family in one's



After a troubling childhood with a dictatorial father experiencing abuse and severe mental health issues, it is perhaps not surprising her future turned out the way it did. With an excellent education and a rich family, her life



parents' house – resulting in lots of generations all living together. In terms of cuisine, the most commonly eaten dishes are adobo (a sticky, meat dish cooked with soy sauce and served with rice) or halo halo (a dessert of jackfruit with crushed ice, jelly and ube ice cream).

What should people expect visiting the Philippines?

Most of the Filipino students at Salesian were born in Britain but have spent plenty of time in the Philippines. The Philippines is made up of thousands of islands. The climate is extremely hot and humid. There is a vibrant, street-food culture across the country and the streets are packed with jeepneys (colourful bus-like vehicles) and tricycles (3-wheeled motorcycles with a sidecar). There are regular typhoons and volcanic eruptions because of the geography of the country. The beach and rainforest areas are very popular with tourists. Karaoke is hugely popular there and people take it very seriously; it's often massively competitive. Music is very important to Filipino people – many have a talent for singing, dancing or playing an instrument (or all three!)

SATIRICAL REVIEW

By Holly Grammer, Zoe Mudd and Katie Culf

2021: 1 STAR slow-paced, boring, and eerily similar to 2020 2021 was not exactly a year like no other and more so a tragic continuation of the tiring events of 2020. Here's why we'd give it a 1 star.

Immediately, 2021 started off with a bang, with cancelled GCSE and A-Level exams which were to be replaced by teacher assessments - here begins 2021's new year's resolution to stir the pot even more than 2020. Ex-Prince Harry and Meghan Markle had similar resolutions and decided to leave the royal family, assuring the British public that they achieved this resolution after they appeared in an interview with Oprah Winfrey. Piers Morgan decided to follow this trend and stormed out of Good Morning Britain, never to return again... The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip, also passed away. What would have really uplifted the hearts of the nation was a successful result from the Eurovision song contest. Unfortunately, a man singing and bobbing up and down in front of styrofoam trumpets failed to deliver and Great Britain received nil points. In Eurovision, the Italians emerged victorious, much like they did in the Euros after beating England – another crushing defeat. But England will hopefully hop on their inflatable unicorns into the World Cup next year.

As the second half of the year began, June gave the British public quite the shock as a video of health secretary Matt Hancock kissing government advisor Gina Coladangelo was released. As if simply having to witness

the embrace wasn't bad enough, this video also came at a time where social distancing measures were in place for the British public, serving yet another slap in the face to England from the government. In August, a lawsuit was (finally) successfully drawn up against Prince Andrew, and, with a win that Britain was starving for, we gained a new starlet in September in the form of US Open winner Emma Raducanu. Following the trend of good news, in November, Barbados was finally granted its status as a republic, gaining congratulations and well-wishes from the Queen. Bringing a record-scratch style conclusion to this happy news streak, the government strikes again, this time with news of a scandalous Christmas party that took place in 2020 whilst most of the South of England commoners were under strict social distancing and anti-mingling rules, leaving many people alone last Christmas. Finally, as December hurtled towards us, we concluded the year with the saddening news that chief Golden Girl Betty White passed away on New Years Eve- we can only hope this is not a precedent for the luck that 2022 will greet us with.

Overall, 2021 was a rollercoaster of downs and deeper downs. What happens in 2022 remains to be seen, but one thing is almost for certain – there isn't really anywhere to go but upwards from here and remember to be thankful there was toilet roll on the shelf this year!

White Lodge: A Charity Close to Home

Just one mile from Salesian College lies the warm and welcoming White Lodge, a charity which provides disabled children and adults with new opportunities. Approaching its 60th year anniversary, White Lodge offers a range of activities for people aged 4-25 such as swimming, baking and artwork, which they can experience on the premises, as well as external activities such as bowling, playgrounds and taking residents to restaurants. This provides disabled people with the opportunity to socialize with others their own age as well as giving their parents/carers a chance to relax and ensure their children are in safe hands. It costs White Lodge £2.6 million a year to provide the facilities and staff necessary for: physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, specialist nursery, hydrotherapy, sensory rooms and overnight stay.

There are a range of different staff needed at White Lodge such as volunteers and maintenance workers, Play and Youth Club Workers and Treetop staff who support and

organise overnight stays. I currently work as a Play and Youth Club Worker at the weekends ensuring children are in a safe and fun environment away from home. We aim to make all activities inclusive to all types of disabilities, including physical and neurological. My work days are extremely varied as I can work with children aged 4 one week and adults aged 25 the next, whilst this job can be difficult I find it very rewarding.



Overall, White Lodge helps over 2,500 individuals on a regular basis providing support for families across Surrey, offering respite for parents and opportunities for children.

Amy Maloney
(Year 12 and White Lodge employee)

'New Year, New Me'

It is January. Diet culture booms false economies, Televised weight loss cries wolf.

Viewers lounge around, reduced to hapless guilt; Scales dusted, tape measures splayed like tapeworms on the kitchen worktop.

The fasting books are on sale, star of the supermarket limelight.

Tonight, I will stand in the mirror: Stripped, bare, unadorned, vulnerable. Warned by Double glazed windows and the faint tang of fossil fuels torching my heart.

I will wonder if I should become a sheep in all this wildfire Crossing out the 'self-love' resolution in my notepad, Pretending I am like the rest of them.

I hope February comes soon.

Olivia Burgess



Macron's 'Le Covid' Strategy

Three months ahead of the French general elections, President Macron added another notch on his 'championship belt' of controversies. In an interview with a French newspaper, he stated that he really wants unvaccinated people to go out of the country. His language was predictably 'colourful'.

The French National Assembly was brought to a "standstill" with opposition delegates complaining about the language used by Macron and describing the words used by the Leader as 'unfit for a President'.



France is home to 5 million unvaccinated people, and the French Gendarmerie is known to police the unvaccinated people in France, and foreigners who have come from abroad (even if they are fully vaccinated) in a relatively heavy-handed way.

As much as many people believe in the value of vaccination, Macron seems to be creating conditions where the unvaccinated are treated as second class citizens in France. With the elections right around the corner, the last thing Macron needs on top of all of his leadership controversies, is a divisive argument about vaccines.

Utku Bicer and Robert Walsh

DICTIONARY CORNER

In the year 1707, The Acts of Union caused the Scottish and English parliaments to join as one. Scottish English was significantly different to regular English, causing a discrepancy between the two dialects. This may have been caused since Scotland is further north, and as

a result, would have had different influences such as Nordic.

This proved to be problematic, as The Acts of Union joined the parliaments, meaning that their laws would have to be outlined in the same dialect of English. Furthermore, the primary language of education was Latin and was used in novels. Given that law-makers were writing in a language that was not their first, they would not be able to express their ideas as well as they would in their mother tongue. Additionally, England wanted to be on a par with Italy and France, who had recently created dictionaries of their own.



In June 1740, a group of London booksellers approached Samuel Johnson, offering him 1,500 guineas, the equivalent to £250,000 now, to produce a definitive English dictionary. It took him seven years, as he approached the task singlehandedly. Johnson's dictionary was used for 173 years prior to the creation of the Oxford dictionary that we use today. This was the first attempt to stabilise the rules governing the English Language, creating a common understanding of both the spellings and meanings of words. The dictionary was huge – 18 inches in height. It was famously satirised in an episode of Blackadder – with Johnson forgetting to include the word 'Aardvark' at the beginning!

Nancy Scott

VOTING AGES

As young people gain more independence and freedom, the question of voting age is apparent. It is currently 18, however, conscription and marriage are legal at the age of 16 which leads to the question of whether the voting age should be lowered. As many of us are near or able to vote it is interesting to consider the power that voting is to us and the decisions to make when deciding whether to vote and who to vote. Positives of utilising your voting right allows for a larger turnout and will encourage young people to get into the habit of voting. Furthermore, young people's opinions will be heard and I think in the modern world this would have a positive impact on the future. Young people today have demonstrated through protests which students at Salesians have demonstrated their interest in through the climate change

march that was attended by many college students, petitions and widely contributing to society and learning about ways to make society better. It is interesting to think that for many young people the prospect of voting is not one that they want consider however with the opportunity to voice your opinion and contribute to the running of society it is potentially a decision that you want to consider.



Alisia William



Spider-Man: I Wish I Stayed At Home

Spider-Man No Way Home was just fine. For me, the MCU films feel factory made, uninteresting and a stain on the integrity of cinema as an art form. However, I've always felt that the Spider-Man films were a rare exception to that.

With the Tobey Maguire films, there was a splash of fun, which is probably due to the fact they were made without the MCU machine that started with the first Iron Man film. The Andrew Garfield Spider-Man movies were poor but still had heart, again due to it being separate from the tyrannical clutch of the lifeless movies the MCU was creating. The Tom Holland productions have been a mix: the first was powered solely by a performance from acting veteran Michael Keaton and the second was slightly more formulaic. So, with this in mind, I came into Spider-Man No Way Home with muddled expectations. Will the MCU destroy the soul of the other Spider-Man films, or will it live up to the fun of the Maguire flicks?



The answer is... it has aspects of both. Willem Dafoe and Alfred Molina bring their talent and Tom Holland is an acceptable Spider-Man granted the films he's been given. Alas, most of the action is dull, uninteresting CGI with stakes that are so outlandish yet dull that the whole time one wonders why anyone would or should care. The personal interactions are what saves the film, the action is what ruins it. I'd like to say I loved the film, as hating something that everyone gets behind feels attention seeking, but I just wonder why people believe this is what deserves to be seen more than soulful new films like 'The Last Duel' or 'Boiling Point.' Overall, I believe that Dune was the better of the big two films of the year and I would only recommend Spider-Man to those who can stomach the repetitive MCU formula. For me, it was a five out of ten; worth the money but not the time.

Conor Allen

Winter Blues

For the lucky few, winter is a time of dressing warm and cosy whilst snuggling up to watch Christmas movies. However, for others winter causes an impending sense of exhaustion. 14% of the population experiences the so called "winter blues", but for a further 6% that manifests itself as a more intense condition – Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). But why is this?



The impact of winter on your circadian rhythm may cause symptoms of depression. This is due to the reduced levels of sunlight, as your body cannot detect when it is day, due to the shorter days associated with winter. Within the body, there is an internal clock called the "superchiasmatic nucleus" which detects sunlight on the skin, allowing for the circadian rhythm to be upheld.

Lower levels of sunlight may also cause:

- During winter serotonin levels may drop, as there is less sunlight. Serotonin is the chemical which affects happiness, and the drop in serotonin may cause symptoms of depression.
- The change in seasons may cause levels of melatonin to drop, as in the morning when you feel sunlight on your skin it suppresses your melatonin production by signalling for your body to wake up. Too little light during the day causes the production of melatonin to be disrupted, causing an individual to feel constantly tired. "Hypersomnia" is a symptom of SAD, causing patients to sleep on average 2.5 hours longer during winter.

What can be done to prevent this?

One treatment is phototherapy: phototherapy boxes mimic sunlight in order to generate a chemical reaction in the brain, promoting serotonin levels and therefore improving mood.

Similarly, "dawn simulators" are proven to help people with SAD. They are alarm clocks which help to wake you up slowly rather than abruptly – they produce a gradual increase in light intensity, simulating waking up with light through the curtains.

Vitamin D deficiency may be a risk for those

who struggle with SAD, as you get vitamin D from sunlight. Vitamin D supplements may alleviate some symptoms of SAD if a patient is deficient.

Nancy Scott

The Party Is Over For the PM

After news broke of a second government party during lockdown, this time hosting 100 staff members in the Number 10 garden, attendees apologised whilst Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer accused Boris Johnson of being a "pathetic spectacle of man who has run out of the road", emotively calling for his resignation. A day after this news broke, Boris Johnson alleged that, whilst he was at the party, he "believed implicitly that it was a work event" that he attended to thank his staff for their hard work during lockdown. However, despite Johnson's admittance that there were "things we simply didn't get right", many are doubting how genuine his apology is.



In the invitation to the party, an email sent by Martin Reynolds reads, "it would be nice to make the most of this lovely weather and have some socially distanced drinks", urging staff to "bring your own booze!" Whilst photo evidence proves that this party was liberally social distanced, the focus now lies more on Johnson's claim that he believed this event was a work party, with the language of this email clearly suggesting a more informal, relaxed party than a work party.

Many believe Johnson is lying about this misunderstanding and, disregarding this, people are upset that this work party was proposed at a time when the rest of the country was only allowed to meet one person outside, socially distanced. It is no surprise that, after two lockdown party scandals and past discontent with his leadership from some, many are calling for Johnson's resignation, including some from his own party. The future of Johnson's career as Prime Minister has irrefutably been permanently altered by these scandals, but whether he will resign remains to be seen.

Zoe Mudd