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Abdullah (Abs) Mallah 2004-2022



It's said that grief is the price we pay for love. The College, last week, was completely shaken and devastated by the tragic passing of much-loved Year 13 student Abdullah Mallah. Abdullah (Abs to his friends) joined Salesian from Thamesmead for Year 12 and his warm smile, kindness of spirit and quirky sense of humour and fun allowed him to make incredibly strong friends with students he knew for a relatively short time.

Abdullah was a very bright young man and really enjoyed college life at Salesian. His teachers loved teaching him – just as his friends loved his company – because of his easy charm, wonderful humour and giving attitude. He was just as likely to solve an extremely complicated intergration equation in an A Level Maths lesson as he was to make a

silly noise to make his friends laugh in the LRC. On Tuesday afternoon, Year 13 students, staff and members of Abdullah's family gathered to remember and pray for Abdullah. It was a real gift to share 2 years with Abdullah at College. After releasing balloons with messages of remembrance and praying together, the rain arrived. To say the 'heavens opened' would, perhaps, be more appropriate.

College is not, and will not be the same without him.

We love you Abs. God Bless.



The Rich on Sea

Below Deck Review

To many, the month of May is the month of the Virgin Mary, to others it is known as Love Island Eve. Trash TV connoisseurs must anxiously await the trash TV pinnacle of the year but in the meanwhile we must preoccupy ourselves while we wait. The amuse bouche to the Love Island main course is of course Below Deck.



Follow the twists and turns of trying to appease the gluttonous, disgustingly rich customers and the crew who vie after a generous tip. For those of you subscribed to Netflix, will find Below Deck Mediterranean accessible and a good starting point for the black hole that is Below Deck. The series is formatted so that you delve into the lives of the stewardesses (or stews), the deckhands, the chef, and the captain.

The array of characters on this yacht provides a volatile environment: a pedantic chief stew and a lazy, inexperienced stew, and a deckhand in love with a stew who is in a committed relationship. Now imagine these situations if everyone is conventionally attractive (bar the captain): chaos ensues. This show is reminiscent of Love Island as its central plot is fuelled by haphazard relationships between individuals who are completely in love with themselves more than their respective partner. The show is also nostalgic of the Love Island Golden days (before HR got involved) as that the yachters are allowed to smoke, drink, and of course fight after the charter is complete. Similar to Love Island, the viewer gets to enjoy what someone who is too rich throws their money away at and their attitudes towards cultural foods such as the exotic moussaka.

Overall, this series does not require much critical thinking or investment, just a pair of eyes and a TV.

Holly Grammer

Welcoming Pride Month

Pride month is a month that promotes confidence, diversity and equality- it is a time to revel in the joys of unrestricted self-expression. With June soon to commence and pride month set to begin once again, there is no better time than now to endeavour on a brief tour of the interesting history of pride month.

It all begins at the Stonewall Inn in June of 1969, where members of the queer community took part in a demonstration in response to a police raid earlier that morning. At the time, tensions were incredibly high between the New York City Police and the queer community, exacerbating the exhaustion of the queer community that felt they were being consistently overlooked by the government- this spurred the protest on further. The Stonewall Riots have since been cemented in important queer history, with its importance in proving the heart and spirit of the queer community never being forgotten.



Following Stonewall, yearly marches had occurred to commemorate the event, however, in the 80s, these marches made a notable shift from being dubbed 'liberation' or 'freedom' protests to being renamed 'pride marches' in an attempt to create more of a community spirit. This is when pride marches as we know them today truly began and the celebratory spirit that pride month is renowned for fully blossomed.

The importance that pride month holds for many queer youths globally is incredibly clear, with students in America even dubbing April 'Gaypril' as their colleges are not in session during June. Regardless of your sexuality and gender orientation, pride month is a time for community spirit and celebration for all, so as we welcome June let's hope we can also embrace the joyful spirit of pride.

Zoe Mudd

TIP OF THE FATBERG

There is a spectre haunting the sewers of England: the spectre of the fatberg. Nothing was more concerning to 9 year old me than the discovery of the 15 tonne fatberg lurking in the sewers below Kingston-Upon-Thames. Roughly the size of a bus, this fatberg discovered in August of 2013, consisted of wet wipes, nappies and fat irrevocably changed the trajectory of my life.

Every single time you flush wet wipes down the toilet or carelessly throw oil down the



sink you are inadvertently feeding a fatberg. The lipids found in oils undergo a process known as saponification, which essentially causes them to congeal and glue together the other ingredients of the fatberg: cotton buds, sanitary pads and nappies. These resulting lumps are as hard as concrete and block sewers causing major obstruction to our infrastructure. Millions of pounds every year are dedicated to the removal of these beasts and hours of workers' precious time.

The most prolific English fatberg was nicknamed 'Fatty McFatberg'. In September of 2017, this undisputed champion of fatbergs was discovered in the Victorian sewers beneath Whitechapel. Weighing in at a whopping 130 tonnes this monstrous fatberg inspired nationwide action. After taking the government 9 weeks to remove to the tune of £2.1 million it was clear things needed to change. Policies cracked down on advertising of wet wipes and in the food industry, strict laws were placed to prevent the accumulation of cooking oil in the sewers. Marine conservation organisations also took a stand and campaigned against the use of wet wipes.

It is clear the biggest menace to society has been under our feet and in our home all this time. Watch out for the return of the fatberg.

POET'S CORNER

Dinner's on Me



Alone in the kitchen,

Chopping butternut squash for roasting. My back turned,

You are asking me questions about art block, snacking on Costco chocolate chips.

I shrug, knowing I'll probably write a poem about this very evening later. Later

Being after the squash, after the risotto, the evening of perpetual happiness.

After a new wave of art block comes and goes. You don't mind.

The memory sits tight, warm, like a pebble heated gently by the sun.

Olivia Burgess

MONKEY POX

After two years of being stuck inside because of a virus, you'd have thought we'd received our cosmic justice and would be able to get back to life as normal - i.e, virus-free. However, this doesn't appear to be the case, as yet another virus has just arrived in the UK. With 71 UK cases of monkeypox, it appears to be starting out similar to COVID. However, also similarly to COVID, there are misconceptions about how the virus started. Monkeypox is not a new virus, with the first cases being found in 1958 in research monkeys. The first human case was found in 1970 in the DRC, and in 2003 the first outbreak outside of Africa happened in the US. While this is a new outbreak, the UK Health Security Agency assures the public that, with appropriate contact tracing and symptom awareness, monkeypox should not pose a threat like COVID.

Monkeypox can be developed through contact with an infected person or animal (mostly rodents), or through sharing materials (eg. clothes or bedsheets) with someone who is infected. It enters the body through broken skin, or through the respiratory system. Symptoms of monkeypox include rashes, fever, muscle aches, and skin lesions. However, the smallpox vaccine is reportedly 85% efficient at preventing it.



It is important to be aware of the symptoms and methods of transmission of the virus, so that we can help prevent any further cases. Hopefully, increased awareness of the cases in Western countries help us to also prevent future cases in African countries and help to eradicate the virus altogether.

Katie Culf

