



Is the canteen food too expensive?

Exclusive Poll Result INSIDE.

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Editor's bit!

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Evening, Hello!

Welcome to the FIRST EVER Issue of *The Broadstone* Hornchurch High School's Student Newspaper. Written by students for the students!

Here at Hornchurch High School we have so many talented and creative students. So what better way to celebrate this by having a monthly newspaper to showcase student's achievements and creativity? In each issue you'll find: articles about topics to do with our school that students think definitely deserve to be talked about, creative writing, art and journalism submissions from students and some news about what's been happening at Hornchurch High School.

We are always looking for students to submit their work to be published. If you are interested speak to one of the student editorial team or Miss Scales in the Library.

Now, sit back, grab a tea, juice or chocolate milk and enjoy our newspaper!

Top Story: Is the canteen food too expensive?

Exclusive Poll Result

The issue of canteen food is a controversial one. It was mentioned in one of our newspaper meetings that the school canteen food is too expensive. The editorial team were curious to find out if all students thought this. So we sent two of our inquisitive journalists to find out more!

86% of Students said that the food was too expensive.

‘We shouldn’t have to pay for sauces!’

‘The pasta is too expensive!’

‘The sandwiches are too expensive!’

‘The school canteen make a real effort to cook food from different cultures!’

‘Since Aspens took over we have had a lot more healthier food.’

‘I think we should have paper cups in the canteen to help the environment.’

Make sure you read the March Edition of *The Broadstone* to see what controversial school topic our inquisitive journalists will be researching next time! Well done to Chloe Watkins and Momina Ahmed for gathering everyone’s views!

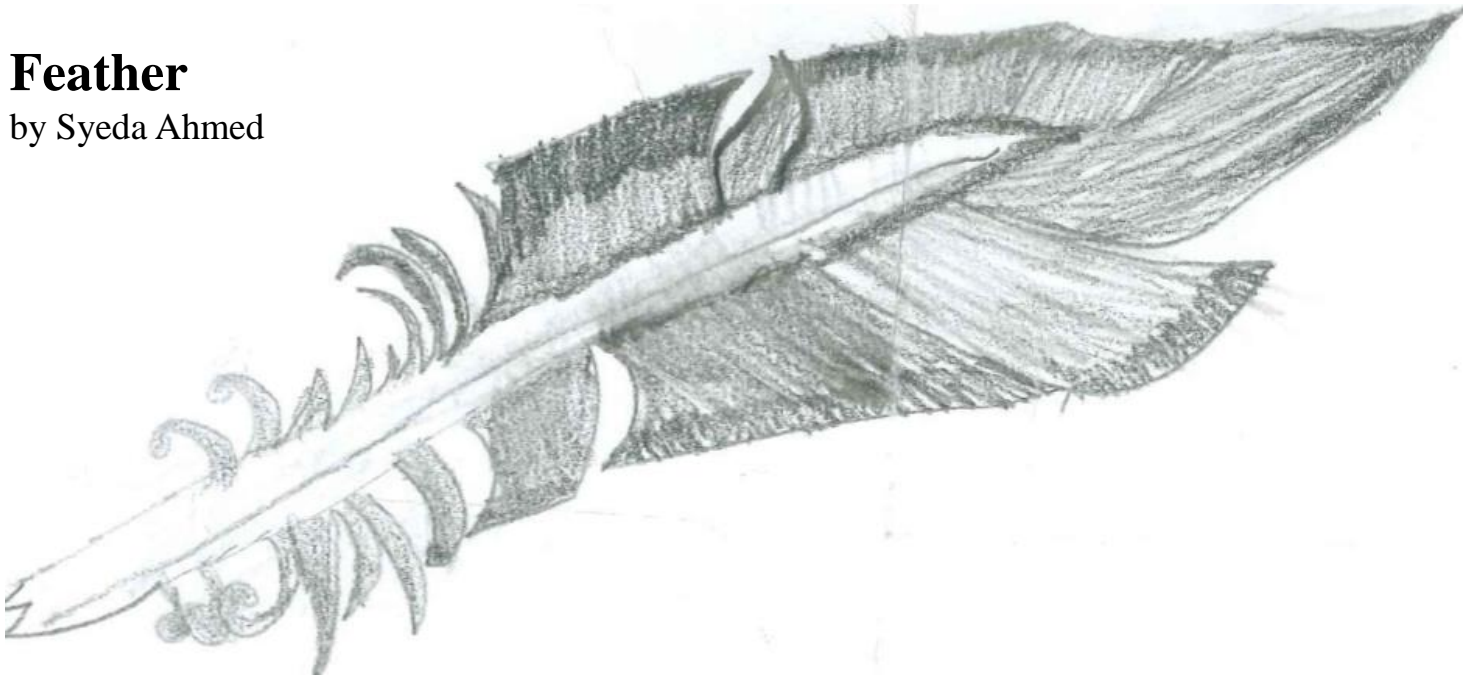
This months'

Art submissions:

Beautiful pictures Syeda and Angelie!

Feather

by Syeda Ahmed



By Angelie Bahamon



If you would like your art work to be published in the March Edition of *The Broadstone*, remember to give your art work to Miss Scales in the Library!

This months'

Creative Writing submissions:

The Alien

By Teddy O'Leary - Year 7

One-day Teddy was off school. He was on a farm when an alien crash lands in the barn whilst Teddy was in there!

BANG!

'What was that?' he said shaking.

'That hurt my head,' said the Alien.

'Ahhhhhhhhhh! ReeEEEEEEEE!'

'What the hell are you?' said Teddy.

'Life form 878923,' said the weird lime green Alien.

'W....W...Who are you?'

'I am an Alien as you life forms calls us.'

'Okay so how can I understand you?'

'I have a universal translator so you can hear me.'

Suddenly! The CIA send a bomb to the barn. BOOM! The barn exploded. The ship picked up Teddy and the Alien up, getting trapped for eternity in the spaceship.

THE END!

The Purple Hand Got Caught

By Beth Martin - Year 7

Once there was a criminal going around the town of Boldville and it was getting worse. He never leaves any evidence but this one time he did. The way he killed this man was gruesome and he had purple paint on his hand because the man who got killed was painting his daughter's room purple. He fell and his hand went in the pot of paint. He went out the window and left a handprint. The police found him 3 days later and put him in jail.

Well done Zain for your excellent short story. Remember to see Miss Scales in the library to collect your prize!

The Haunting of Hill House

By Zain Alam – Year 9

A group of dare –devil friends went to explore Hill House (an abandoned mansion). I was dared to go into Hill House first because I lost to a bet, so as I dragged my feet into the house, a sense of fear entered the chambers of my heart. I stepped inside only to hear a demonic giggle of a little girl, my heart raced 1000 beats per second. I was trapped. My other friends came in after and started exploring, this resulted in me being alone. I was walking through the lonely corridors and I felt a gust of cold wind touch my shoulder, at least I thought it was until I looked into the mirror and a little girl wearing a long white dress with long black hair covering her face was standing behind me. I looked back to only hear the same giggle as I first heard, no one was behind me. I carried on walking through the empty corridors until a door to a room was open and the lamp was flickering. I dragged my helpless body in there. The light turned off. The door shut. The same giggle came from the corner of the room and then...

Then the same insidious girls (wearing a white dress and long hair covering her demonic face) came out of the corner of the and my body let out the most ear-piercing scream. My friends heard it so they came into the room and suddenly, the lights turned back on. I didn't know if this was an illusion or if it was real. They asked me what was wrong but I shouted, 'no!' in a demonic voice. Was I possessed? I didn't know. Anyway, we still explored the house but we stuck together. We decided to go upstairs and explore in the most haunted room (where the doll Anabelle stays and whoever goes in there will never come out). I dragged my helpless legs into the room called 'the death'. I heard that demonic giggle of a girl again, the door locked itself and the only lamp was flickering. From inside the cupboard that satanic girl (holding Anabelle) walked out of the cupboard, pointing at me and she screamed so loud the windows shattered into tiny pieces. My friends fell to the floor but it looked like they were dead! But I was still standing face to face in front of her, she looked me in the eye and...

Those boys were found dead in a bloody bath (with massive scratch marks on their necks), in the bathroom of Anabelle 'the death'. All of this evidence was written in the diary of Sebastian Hawkins, where all the details were found. Those boys were buried in a cemetery near Hill House. Later on, Priest came to the house and cleansed the house with sage and verses from the Bible. The terrifying thing is that the Priest never came out of that house. Since then, no one even dares to look at the house whilst going by it because some people say that, if you look at Anabelle's smashed window, you can see a petrifying little girl that points at you. The case of Hill House is now closed.

Ground-breaking journalism: Thoughts from Year 7s

Year 7 can be a difficult year. One minute you're the oldest in your familiar primary school and the next you're the youngest in a strange new secondary school.

New subjects,
new teachers,
new corridors and
new bells!

We asked some
students what they
liked and disliked
about Year 7...

Being in Year 7 is pretty fun! My favourite subjects are drama, arts and music. I enjoy drama because I enjoy stepping into someone else's shoes to become a character with more understanding. In drama we have looked at an introduction to drama for half term 1, Darkwood Manor for half term 2 and for half term 3 we are looking at bullying.

I like art because I like using my creativity to create a piece of art. In art for half term 1 we have looked at observing a piece of art and drawing it. For half term 2 we did weaving and currently we are using basic shapes to create a bird as a sketch.

I enjoy music because I love to sing/play instruments. In Music we have been looking at the structure of music for half term 1, African drumming for half term 2 and currently we are focusing on playing 12 bar blues on the piano.

Ellie Wenman

I like the library because reading is fun and they have computers so at break you can play games and homework cube. BUT the break is too short! I think the school should make it longer and I think they should improve the PE department by adding a winter list. Another improvement is to put more money towards the science department so you can add more practicals.

Teddy O'Leary

A bad thing about Hornchurch High School is that the school lunch is too much money. Hash browns are 60p each that's too much. I like the library, I get to go in at both breaks and you get to use the computers. You can also take a book out which you get to keep for two weeks! To improve the school, I think there should be longer breaks because 30 minutes is not long enough!

Mitchell Pike

My Year 7 experience has been very stressful because my friends have changed and I have had a lot of homework. My favourite subjects are drama and maths. This is because in drama I get to explore different types of thought tracking and it's really fun. My least favourite subject is English because there is a lot of writing and I don't like writing. My favourite teacher is Miss Noble because she is so supportive and she is a very good teacher.

Eryn Ratty

I like PE because it keeps you active and it doesn't feel like work. It is fun! One thing that would be better is that we should have it three times a week! I think there should be more computers in the school because so many of them don't work properly and we have to work together in computer science.

Jaison

Monthly Round Up: What's been happening in our school?

Our sporty students competed in a netball competition on **23rd January**.

There were also Year 7 rugby and basketball matches!

On the **16th and 17th January** we had some Chinese exchange students visit our school.

There was an inter-school Debating Competition on **29th January**. Team A comprising of Year 10s won round one and Team B comprising of Year 7s and year 9s won round two!



Some of students took the Mensa IQ test this month. With several of them scoring in the top 2%!
WELL DONE!

School Library News

New Graphic Novels!

Now the new library system is up and running we are working to expand the amount of books in the Library. Graphic novels can be either fiction or non-fiction. They are a great way to learn about a new topic or get into reading if you don't like long books. Why not check out our Graphic novel selection in the library!



New Genre Stickers!

(Almost) every fiction book in the library now has a new genre classification sticker on its spine. This is so it is easy for you to find the book you want to read. Why not set yourself a personal challenge to read a new book from a new genre each month? By the end of the school year you would have read a book from every genre in the library!

Remember if you can't find the book you want to read on the shelves ask Miss Scales the Librarian to help you. If we don't own the book in the library you can always request a copy to be ordered!

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Thank you to them and to all the students who submitted a piece of work for this month's newspaper!

Next Time...

Top Story: Should the school day be shorter?
Exclusive poll results and interviews.

How to Survive Your GCSES!

Creative Writing Submissions

Art Submissions

Problem Page

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

So make sure you read next month's issue of
The Broadstone!

Creative Writing Task!

If you could hire a celebrity to work at Hornchurch High School who would you choose and what subject would they teach?

Write your ideas and give them to Miss Scales in the Library!
Best response will win a prize!