

# THE CURRENT

## *St Bede's On Tour*

From somewhat near Paris to Berlin!

## *What's On?*

Roving reporter reveals all

## *Culture*

What you should be wearing,  
watching and wondering  
about this summer





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# EDITOR'S NOTE

From school trips to the world of fashion, our new Sixth Form newspapers aims to entertain, enlighten and empower.



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Student voice is vital - students have plenty to say. *The Current* is *the way* to communicate what's been going on, what's still to come, and what really matters. Moreover, we want it to bring a sense of belonging to our school and our Sixth Form.

Our small team of writers and editors seek collaboration with students, staff and subjects across St. Bede's. We champion the core values of our school whilst simultaneously striving to embody its identity.

We believe that this newspaper should bring you both what is new and what is news. We uphold the spirit of journalism by articulating thoughts without fear and speaking truth to power.

The editorial team have put in hours of work over the past few months to present what you are about to read. It has been a labour of love.

Take your time and enjoy *The Current* stories that our wonderful students have to share. It is nothing short of a celebration of life in our school.

The Editorial  
Team



**St Bede's**  
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& Sixth Form College

Here at St. Bede's we are deeply committed to forming the whole person.

We actively provide students with opportunities within, and outside of the classroom to develop their gifts and talents, either supported by staff or as independent learners.

Reading about baking, our school show, a visit to a museum or an international trip to Berlin, I feel really proud, not only of these opportunities, but of our students' ability to develop their written and visual communication skills through producing *The Current!*

Mrs Hammill,  
Headteacher





# PLACES TO GO PEOPLE TO SEE...

## FREE ENTRY MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES IN NEWCASTLE

The city of Newcastle is a culture-rich area famed for its nightlife and football team. With many great attractions such as the seven iconic bridges, the Quayside, and city nightlife, it is no wonder why it is so engaging.

Newcastle is evidently a city of art as well. This is what I am going to explore in this article!

I wanted to discover the different museums and galleries around the city centre, and the best thing is everything is free entry, meaning I had an entertaining day at little cost.

I gave myself the challenge of exploring as many exhibitions as I could in one day. Let's go...



3. LAING ART GALLERY

The Laing Art Gallery has a permanent display of 'Newcastle in Watercolour'. The display takes us on a journey, revealing how Newcastle changed from a medieval walled town to a industrial Victorian city.

Local artists, growing contemporary artists.

I visited the Hancock Museum first.

Permanently on display here is a full sized t-rex skeleton and fossils, ancient Egyptian artefacts (including a real mummified human)! The living planet and Hadrian's Wall galleries are likewise excellent permanent features.

It is very entertaining with engaging exhibitions.



4. BALTIC GALLERY

The site of this year's Sixth Form Ball.

All contemporary, temporary art. FREE Hot drinks and FREE Wi-Fi in the front room, with a great view of the riverside.

Hatton Gallery-founded in 1925.

Compromising of 3,000 different sculptors, paintings, prints and drawings.

It is a good way to learn about different artists, such as Francis Bacon, as well as some of the work from students at Newcastle University.



2. HATTON GALLERY

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BY LUCY WILKINSON

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Newcastle Castle 'Summer Movie Nights' - £12
- Durham Miner's Gala: 9th July
- Kubix Festival: 22nd July
- Durham Fringe Festival 26 July - 30 July
- Kynren: 6th Aug - 10th Sept (Saturdays)
- Wolsingham Show: 3rd - 4th Sept
- North Pennines Stargazing Festival: 20th Oct - 5th Nov
- Durham Lumiere: November 16th - 19th Nov.



## ⇒ CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Celebrated in Japan during April, cherry blossoms symbolise birth and death, beauty and violence.

Part of the tradition is called '*Hanami*', involving viewing the cherry blossoms and picnicking beneath them - the best way to welcome spring.

Look out for cherry blossom in our area in April!



## ⇒ DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL



Celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese calendar.

Dragon boats are used for religious purposes as a way to appease the rain gods. The paddles symbolise the claws and the pounding of the drum symbolises the beating heart.

*Zongzi* is traditionally eaten on this day. They are sometimes described as Chinese tamales. Instead of corn masa its filled with sticky rice, and instead of corn husks bamboo leaves/reeds are used.

## ⇒ MARDIS GRAS

Translated into French it means 'Fat Tuesday' and the name fits as they eat rich, fatty foods.

It marks the close of the pre-Lenten season. It starts on 6th of January and ends at midnight on fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. We know that day as Pancake Tuesday!

There is a tradition to wear costumes in the colours of purple, green, and gold, and to wear long beads that you've caught from previous parades.

It is traditional to eat 'king cakes'. These cakes all have a tiny baby inside, which is now usually plastic, however, it did used to be porcelain or gold. The lucky person who receives the slice of cake with the baby in will have to host the next 'king cake' party.

Krewe members on the floats will throw handfuls of beads and homemade trinkets. Each float has its own 'signature throws', this often includes hand-decorated items that represent the theme of the float or the year.



BY KATE RICHARDSON

## ⇒ SAN FERMIN FESTIVAL

La San Fermin Festival is a festival that honours the first city's bishop and patron saint- Saint Fermin. The festival is celebrated as Saint Fermin was arrested and put to death because of his faith.

During the festival, there is the 'Running with the Bulls'. This starts on the 7th 'till the 14th of July in Pamplona, Spain. The origins of this festival began when the bulls would be transported from the fields outside of the city to the bullring.

During this, many of the locals run and jump amongst the bulls in a display of bravado. ¡Qué Masculino!

They weave through the narrow streets of Pamplona and run all the way to the bullring. To run with the bulls, it is traditional to wear all white with a pop of red in a scarf and waistband.



The fun does not stop with the bulls! The 'Giants' and the 'Big Heads' parade through the streets to and from the city every morning throughout the festival.

There are 3 sets of big heads called *Zaldikos*, *Cabezudos*, and *Kilikis*. These 'Big Heads' will walk through the streets and shake the hands of the adoring public.

The *Zaldikos* which are paper mache horses which are carried by young men dressed in red and gold suits. But beware! These horse men will have no mercy and will chase you with a soggy sponge!

The next set of big heads are called *Cabezudos*. These are the more serious ones as they represent the good people of society, like the mayor. Saving the best for last, the *Kilikis* represent the bad people in society.







SNAPPED!  
PROM 2023

Monday 26th June was an eventful night at the Riverside in Chester-Le-Street. Stunning outfits, dazzling dance moves, and even Mr Rourke in a suit (not pictured).







**SNAPPED!**  
 Bede's Ball takes the Baltic

The party continued into the next day as our wonderful Sixth Formers gathered for their final hurrah. The Baltic plays host to some great contemporary art, yet the art was a mere second best compared to Y13's finery.



Crossword answers:  
 Across: 4. James  
 Cameron; 6. Hamlet; 10.  
 Artabella; 12. Harrison  
 Ford; 13. Pamplona; 14.  
 Harry Kane; 16. Ores; 17.  
 School of Rock; 18. Stools  
 Down: 1. Stasi; 2. Harry  
 Hewitson; 3. Berlin; 5.  
 New York; 7. UCAS; 8.  
 France; 9. Mardl Gras; 11.  
 Hancock Museum; 15.  
 Elton John







# THE MET GALA '23

WHAT IS IT?

BUT, *MOST IMPORTANTLY*, WHAT WERE PEOPLE WEARING?

The costume institute benefit or more commonly known as the. The Met Gala is a fashion and annual fundraising event which is held at the metropolitan museum of art's costume institute in Manhattan New York. This event doesn't have a sole purpose of debuting fashion, which is a common misconception by many, its primary purpose is the fundraising for the museum but also officially opens the annual fashion expedition.

This prestigious and spectacular event has been active since the year of 1948 until the present year 2023. Many people also don't know the figures that allows an entry to this event, which is a whopping \$50,000 per seat which is one of the foundations this institute runs on.

Eleanor Lambert an American fashion publicist was the founder of this institute, and her career inspires us all to the present day by becoming a founder of some of the most extravagant fashion events in not only nationally but across the globe. These events consist of things like New York fashion week, the international best dressed list, the council of fashion designers of America and obviously the Met Gala.



Halle Bailey: All white on the night



Jared Leto: Meowwwww



Lily James : Back to Black



# WHAT'S ON

From trips to tickets, we'll let you know what's gone on round school this year, and what is yet to look forward to!

## MUSIC AND SHOWS

The return to live performance at St. Bede's was kickstarted by *St. Bede's Live* on 9th November. Highlights included Mr Lambert's Elvis impersonation, singing "Devil in Disguise", and Mr Beaufort-Jones - AKA The Rocket Man - performing "I'm Still Standing".

Christmas was soon came around and was celebrated in true St. Bede's style with performances from our talented orchestra, choir, guitarists, string group, brass band, and soloists.

Both have been fantastic events and a welcome return to fun filled evenings celebrating our talented students (and not quite so talented staff...)!



## WORD ON THE STREET

The RE department have been on two excursions this year; to Lourdes and to Scotland (read more about the Lourdes trip on page 14). Closer to home some Y13's have achieved their John Paul II Award - a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18.

This year in **Science**, Mrs McIntosh organised a pharmacy workshop with Newcastle University for budding scientists. Students have also had lessons in pyrotechnics AKA "Bonfire Lessons" while STEM Club have been getting creative making rockets, crystals, egg parachutes and sherbet.

In **Woodwork**, they have made a statue plinth for the chapel and Y10's have just made some stools. Fun fact! The plinth has a hidden selfie of its makers.

In **Maths**, students participated in the Newcastle University maths challenge, with several receiving certificates/prizes. In Y8, Miss Kinnel has been running a Maths Murder Mystery.

**English** students watched a production of *A Christmas Carol*. This was likewise offered to Y10 **History** students who took to the West End to see it during their visit to our nation's capital.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Ever walked through the tech block and instantly become hungry? Here's what might have got those taste buds tingling:

### Easy Muffin Recipe

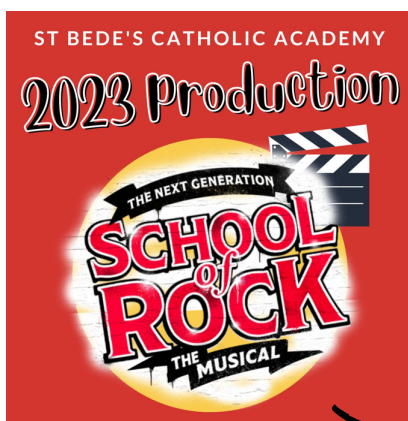
- 225g/8oz self-raising flour
- 1tsp baking powder
- 28g/1oz cocoa
- 115g/4oz muscovado sugar
- 1 egg
- 170ml/6flox milk
- 70ml/2.5flox sunflower oil
- packet of chocolate chips

### Method

- 1) Sift dry ingredients together
- 2) Beat in egg, milk and oil
- 3) Mix in choc chips
- 4) Preheat oven (c. 200°)
- 5) Prepare a 12 tin muffin tray
- 6) Spoon out
- 7) Bake for 15-20 mins



WRITTEN BY ROSI BIASI



## ...AND STILL TO COME

To conclude the year, the school are producing "School of Rock". Based on the hit 2003 film, Andrew Lloyd Webber's show follows Dewey Finn, a failed wannabe rock star. Finn leads a class of students to perform in Battle of the Bands. However, he needs to do this without knowledge of the school's principal, Rosalie Mullins. Along the way, Dewey finds romance, self-worth, a proper job, and, most importantly, he teaches the children and their parents the beauty of rock!

The shows will be held on Tuesday 18th July and Wednesday 19th July. Be sure to see **both** if you can as the show is **double cast**, so you have **double the chance** to support all involved!



# ST. BEDE'S ON TOUR





# A BREATHTAKING WEEKEND IN EUROPE'S FINEST CITY



## REICHSTAG ROOFTOP

In February, thirty students embarked on an expedition to the cultural hotspot of Berlin. Upon landing at Brandenburg Airport, we took a short bus journey through the centre of Berlin to our accommodation (reviews to follow!).

We passed cultural hotspots such as the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate, both of which we saw on our evening walk around Berlin later that day.

## STASI SECRETS

Perhaps the highlight of the trip for some - the teachers - came early on as we visited the Stasi Museum in east Berlin, a memorial centre of the East German secret police, the Ministry of State Security – one of the most feared institutions in Germany at its peak.

Surprisingly well-furnished, the museum housed many former Stasi uniforms and even some contemporary firearms, but it was the personal stories from high-ranking members of the East German secret police and public which really captured the imagination. It was an unforgettable visit for anyone with an interest in Post-War Germany.

It especially highlighted the unrelenting state regime of oppression, which ruled the lives of East Germans until 1990.

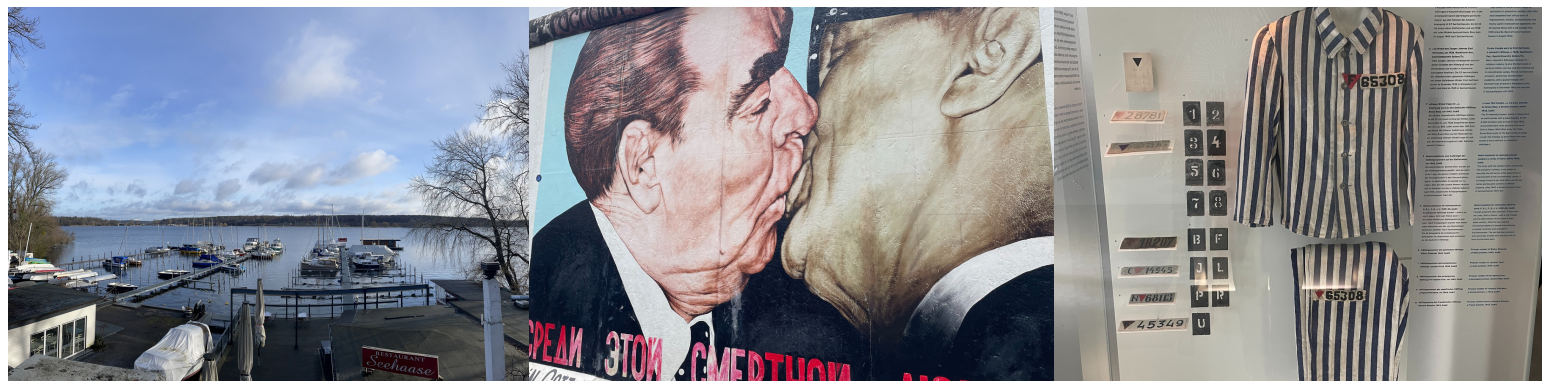
On the second day, we were accompanied by Tom the tour guide, who showed us around Berlin and its many points of interest. Despite the weather, his charisma and personality shone as we journeyed from Alexanderplatz to the Royal Palace (Berliner Schloss). After reaching the palace, which was once home to the German Kaiser, we took a packed bus-ride to a more solemn area of Berlin, a memorial dedicated to the Jews who lost their lives during the Holocaust, an architectural masterpiece erected in 2005.

We eventually reached the Reichstag, home to the Bundestag (the German Parliament). Before entering, each person must go through the security procedures, including showing your passport or other identification. Despite the unfortunate weather, the German police showed no mercy as they searched us and confiscated our rubber ducks. Once we gained entry to the Reichstag, we went up multiple stories in a lift until we reached the iconic dome on the top, from which we could see a scenic view of the entirety of Berlin.

As we ascended the dome with our audio guides, the obscurity of Berlin sharpened, so that we had a full panoramic view of iconic landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate, the Charité Hospital, and the infamous television tower- the Berliner Fernsehturm. Nothing could spoil the moment-except Miss Proudlock's fear of looking down; cue a frantic sprint to the ground and some squished tourists.



# STILL A BREATHTAKING WEEKEND IN EUROPE'S FINEST CITY



## SPY MUSEUM

After the explosion of a hotel aquarium in December, not only were fish sent flying, but so were our plans to visit an incredible exhibit on life behind the Berlin Wall! The History Department did what they do best: adapted and overcame, and booked us into the Spy Museum.

Despite being an initially unplanned event, the Spy Museum was an exciting addition to our trip. It provided an insight into the equipment used to spy on the population of East Berlin, as well as general apparatus employed by secret police forces around the world.

Perhaps two of the most exciting activities were the tunnel network and laser maze, which saw many failed attempts by sixth formers, including Emma McMahon – who was, despite her short stature, unable to make it through the doorway. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to try out the laser maze due to an altercation with two German women in the line for the lie detector test.

## WANNSEE AND SACHSENHAUSEN

On the third day, we visited the House of the Wannsee Conference followed by the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

Both locations showed us different sides of Berlin. Standing austere and majestic on the shores of Lake Wannsee, the house is the location, where in January 1942, twelve leading members of the Reich met and decided upon, the 'Final Solution.' We were given a guided tour - which was so good that we collected other visitors, desperate to hear some history.

Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp lies hidden in the midst of a sleepy suburban village, which only serves sharpen the and focus on the mind on the atrocities committed there.

It was a moving and sombre day which opened our eyes to the many tragedies which befell Germany during the 1930s and 40s.



### STASI TERMS

"BETRAYOR"

"VERMIN ACTIVITY"

"FOREIGN TO SOCIALISM"

"HOSTILE-DECADENT"

"DISSENTERS"

"PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT"

"DEVIANT"

"HOSTILE TO SOCIALISM"

"HARMFUL"

"PROCESSING"





## PARTY HARD - SLEEP TIGHT

We stayed at A&O Hostels Hauptbahnhof in the centre of Berlin – less than a ten-minute walk away from the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate.

The prime placement of the hostel meant that travel was easy. The rooms consisted of bunk beds and were very spacious. The food supplied was sufficient.

## DAS FOOD

### Day 1

Breakfast: Scrumptious pancakes (made from an automatic machine that took up most of the morning).

Lunch: Teachers go for rooftop buffet while students sit in the rain eating fast food.

Tea: 'Party' meatballs with many different types of drinks, fizzy or non-fizzy.

### Day 2

Breakfast: Same again!

Lunch: Burger on the shores of lake Wannsee (lovely when washed down with antihistamines- Lucy)

Tea: Out and about for tea, at Der Alt Fritz for Currywurst, a dish originating from Germany (also lovely when washed down with antihistamines- Lucy)

### Day 3

Breakfast: Pancakes... again.

Lunch: Airport food. Hana had chunky mango drink, "Nice but unexpected," and also spent 40 euros on chocolate. Emma had a really nice spag bol, rated 9/10. Lucy stuck with a plain Margherita pizza out of fear of a third allergic reaction.

## AWAY DAYS

During the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games, Jesse Owens famously shocked the world to claim a gold medal in the 100m sprint in front of Adolf Hitler himself.

However, to the surprise of nobody, in the Berlin Olympic Games of 2023, Oliver Wilson beat Daniel Pine in the 100m sprint through Alexanderplatz underground station.

Can you match the captions to our pictures?  
All images courtesy of Hana Madeley  
'Charlie's Angels'  
'Mission Impossible'  
'Ducks on tour'  
'She doesn't even go here'

WRITTEN BY DANIEL PINE





# LIVE, LAUGH, LOURDES

WRITTEN BY EMMA MCMAHON

Earlier this year, in April, a small group of students travelled to Lourdes in France on a pilgrimage. For our week away we were partnered with a group of disadvantaged children from London.

My imagination had painted Lourdes as an extremely religious and solemn place. However the whole experience was the complete opposite. Whilst there were moments like this, the majority of our time was spent with hundreds of young people enjoying treasure hunts, games, music and more.

The tat competition was a definite highlight! Rules of the game: We all were given 5 Euros to spend on the worst (or best!) piece of tat that you could find.

The winner of this competition was the tackiest purple bag I've ever seen - aubergine themed! Some close runners up were: a Jesus ashtray, diffuser oil that smells of Mother Teresa, and back scratchers.



Another part of the trip for me was the Torchlight Procession (or the Marian Procession). This has existed since 1872, wherein every night, thousands gather to sing and say prayers while carrying a candle. The effect is **stunning** – whether you take part or are just watching. It is impossible not to be blown away by the thousands of candles flickering in the moonlight.

One of the days we went to Gavarnie, which Google describes as being '*extremely scenic, surrounded by waterfalls and towering cliffs*'. In reality, we went on a day that was so foggy we couldn't even see the end of the street! I'm sure Gavarnie is beautiful in summer, but I wouldn't recommend going in a snowstorm.

All in all, Lourdes is an amazing place and everyone should take the opportunity to go. And, if you're wanting a week that is more fun and exciting than solemn and prayerful, then the Easter holidays is the perfect time to go.





## PREMIER LEAGUE: SEASON AWARDS

The 2022-2023 Premier League season has been undeniably spectacular from start to finish with a dramatic title race, a tense relegation battle and many surprising results. Some signings have excelled while others have failed to impress. The 22-23 Premier League season has certainly been memorable.

## BEST TEAM OF THE SEASON Man City

When Manchester City were taken over by the Abu Dhabi group in 2008, even the most optimistic of fans wouldn't have envisaged the eventual accomplishments of the club: 7 league titles, including 5 in the last 6 seasons and 3 in a row, equalling the record set by Manchester United in 2008. That alone has certainly been incredible. However, becoming the second English side to win a treble is stupendous. Much of the credit has to go to Pep Guardiola, who has won it all since being appointed in 2016. The signing of Erling Haaland has been a huge success, with the Norwegian scoring 36 times in the Premier League, with over 50 in all competitions. Only the Carabao Cup is missing from City's trophy cabinet, where they were ironically beaten 2-0 by Nathan Jones' Southampton, a side that came 20th in the league.

In terms of league form City have been relentless. In particular, Haaland has ripped up the record books in terms of goalscoring, scoring 36 goals in 35 league games and 52 in all competitions, including 6 hattricks. However in mid-February, City and Haaland were struggling, and were 5 points off leaders Arsenal after losing 4 and drawing 4 of 24 league games, which by their standards was poor. After a disappointing 1-1 draw to Nottingham Forest, Guardiola's side went on an incredible run, winning 10 games in a row and going unbeaten until the final day of the season. It was crucial in their treble chase as they overtook Arsenal in the league and beat Manchester United in the first ever Manchester Derby FA Cup final. Despite this the Champions League remained the main objective for City and has been for many years.



After many years of failure, the 22-23 season has proven to be their year. It began with a comfortable group stage and then an 8-1 aggregate win over RB Leipzig where Haaland scored 5 in 1 game. In the quarter finals City met German giants Bayern Munich, which appeared a tough tie. It was anything but as goals from Rodri, Bernardo Silva and Haaland meant they took a 3-0 lead to Germany. A 1-1 draw there saw them qualify for the semi-finals where they had an even tougher task ahead, against holders Real Madrid who knocked out City in dramatic fashion in the previous season. A tight game in Spain saw 2 stunning goals from Vinicius Jr and Kevin De Bruyne. The second leg was a massacre with City reaching the final after a stunning 4-0 win.

Inter Milan were the only side left between Guardiola and City winning the ultimate prize in club football. In a tight and cagey final, City scored a decisive goal on 68 minutes as Rodri fired past Andre Onana in the Inter goal. The treble had been achieved, surely Guardiola's finest achievement as a manager and for City, it was surreal. A rich and competent ownership has been the key, as they laid the foundations for players and managers to build the club.

The huge investment on and off the pitch shows the benefits of Middle East ownership, delivering success to supporters, despite ethical issues. A cloud over the success of Guardiola's side has been the infamous 115 charges filed against them by the Premier League for allegedly breaking their rules over a 10 year period. While the case will rumble on, something that can't be denied is the sheer quality and ruthlessness from Pep's squad, a joy to watch and undoubtedly one of the best in the history of English football.

## HONOURABLE MENTION Newcastle

Newcastle's turn in fortunes has been remarkable since the Saudi backed takeover in October 2021 has been remarkable. Many expected the Toon to improve under the new ownership but they have succeeded remarkably ahead of schedule, finishing in the top 4 comfortably. Shrewd recruitment such as Nick Pope, Kieran Trippier and Sven Botman coupled with superb coaching from Eddie Howe, has seen the Magpies defy all expectations. Howe's side only conceded 33 goals, the least in the whole league, winning 19, drawing 14 and only losing 5 to finish 4th. They also reached the Carabao Cup final, a chance to end their long trophy drought. Despite the defeat to Manchester United there was a real sense of pride and hope for the future under the new ownership. The question now is how will they adapt to playing in the Champions League. Signings are undeniably needed to strengthen the squad's depth so Howe can rotate more often to maintain competitiveness.





# SPORT

## WORST TEAM OF THE SEASON

### Chelsea

The Blues have been undeniably the shock of the season, finishing in the bottom half after a dreadful period under Graham Potter and then Frank Lampard. From a side that won the Champions League in 2021 to barely reaching 40 points, it's truly incredible how far Chelsea have fallen. The bizarre sacking of Thomas Tuchel was met with scepticism as the German had just spent over £200 million in the summer transfer window. It was a radical move by new owner Todd Boehly who then appointed Brighton manager Graham Potter to replace Tuchel. Potter's reign couldn't have gone much worse as he suffered numerous embarrassing defeats such as 4-0 to Man City, 4-1 against Brighton and losing twice to 20th place Southampton. The Blues were 11th by the time Potter left after a dismal 2-0 loss to Aston Villa. Fortunes didn't improve under interim manager Frank Lampard who lost his first 6 games before eventually winning 3-1 at Bournemouth. It has been an undeniably horrible season for Chelsea in which they've spent around £500 million. The main worry is the sheer size of the squad, with there being too many players for the dressing room at Stamford Bridge. Plenty has been spent on the squad such as World Cup winner Enzo Fernandez arriving for over £100 million, and Ukraine winger Mykhailo Mudryk for £85 million. Not many of the signings have impressed with the 8-year contracts given to many leaving Chelsea with little choice to persist with them. Many players will still need to be offloaded as the Blues have the task of rebuilding a squad worth over £1 billion. Boehly has appointed Mauricio Pochettino to replace Lampard at the end of the campaign. The incoming manager certainly faces a tough task to return the club to previous success.



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## HONOURABLE MENTION

### Liverpool

After an exhausting 2021-22 season in which Jurgen Klopp's Reds were close to a unprecedented quadruple they have failed to meet expectations this campaign. As a consequence of poor results, they've missed out on Champions League football. This is despite winning 7 of their last 9 league games! In terms of other competitions, they were beaten 5-2 by Real Madrid at Anfield in the Champions League, while also losing away at Brighton in the 4th round of the FA Cup. It has not been easy for Klopp and his players this season. A rare highlight that will be remembered forever is the 7-0 thrashing of Manchester United in March as the Reds ran riot. Aside from that, it has been a season Liverpool will hope to move on from, finishing trophyless with Europa League football next season. A huge rebuild is needed - one certainty is that Klopp is the ideal manager to orchestrate it.

## MANAGER OF THE SEASON

### Pep Guardiola

One of the greatest managers ever, Pep Guardiola continues to dominate English football. A 3rd consecutive league title, an FA Cup and the illustrious Champions League has marked 22-23 as one of Guardiola's best. The treble has only been achieved once before, by Manchester United in 1999, showing the difficulty of winning 3 major trophies in a season.

## HONOURABLE MENTION

### Eddie Howe

While other managers have impressed this campaign, Howe's overachievement with Newcastle, guiding them to a surprising top 4 finish, is arguably the biggest surprise of the season. Not even the most optimistic Newcastle fan could've predicted their incredible season. Howe deserves huge credit, having improved many players such as Miguel Almiron, Joelinton and Joe Willock, along with recruiting smartly in the transfer window. Pope, Botman, Trippier and Burn have all helped transform the defence and Alexander Isak has played his part upfront. A fantastic first full season from Howe as the optimism has returned to Saint James' Park.

## PLAYER OF THE SEASON

### Erling Haaland

With 36 goals in 35 league games, breaking the record set by Mo Salah in 2018, Haaland is the undisputed player of the season. From scoring a hat-trick in the Manchester derby to bullying Bayern Munich, he has been crucial in City's success this season. A stunning debut season that will probably never be matched by any signing in history.

## FLOP OF THE SEASON

### Richarlison

No words needed...

## UNsung HERO

### Gary O'Neil

Gary O'Neil has done an incredible job with Bournemouth, having joined in August following a humiliating 9-0 loss at Anfield. He embarked on a surprising 6 game unbeaten run to steer the Cherries away from the relegation zone. The next few months were tough, with 4 losses in a row before the World Cup and then 9 without a win following the break. However, stunning wins over Liverpool, Fulham and Tottenham all but guaranteed their safety.

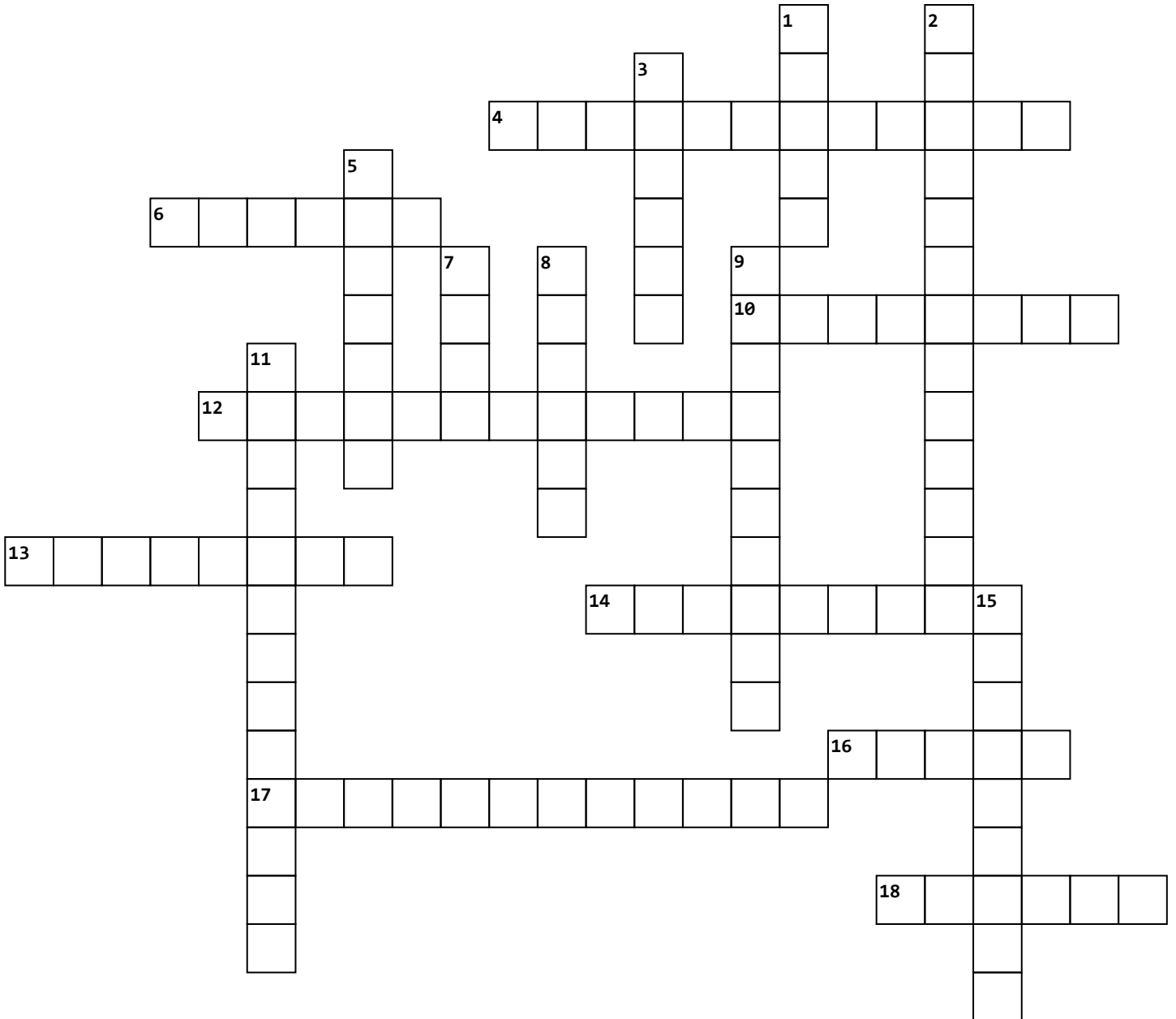
## HONOURABLE MENTION

### Unai Emery

It was initially looking like a bleak season for Villa. They were 17th after 11 games as Steven Gerrard was sacked before form picked up under new manager Unai Emery with memorable wins over Manchester United, Chelsea, Newcastle and Tottenham highlights of a stellar start to the Spaniard's era. Their form was that impressive that they would've been in the top 4 had the season begun when Emery joined. A final day win over Brighton sealed a place in the European Conference League, an incredible achievement, especially when considering their position prior when Emery arrived.



# The Current Crossword



## Across

4. Who directed the film Titanic?
6. "To be or not to be" is spoken by which Shakespeare character?
10. 'The Mask of...'
12. Who stars as Indiana Jones?
13. Home to the running of the bulls
14. All time leading England goalscorer
16. "Iconic, best with milk" according to experts
17. What is the end of year summer show?
18. Year 10 woodworkers made these

## Down

1. East German Secret Police
2. Who is our Sports correspondent?
3. Which city did sixth form historians visit this year?
5. Home of the Met Gala
7. Which organisation sorts out university applications?
8. Where in the world is Lourdes?
9. 'Fat Tuesday' celebration in New Orleans
11. Where Lucy saw a dinosaur!
15. Which 'legend' played Glastonbury this year?

Answers on page 7 (not that you'll need them...)



# IF YOU LIKE THIS, YOU'LL LIKE THAT...

Music, books and film - paired for your perusal

## WHERE WORDS FAIL, MUSIC SPEAKS

### IF YOU LIKE...

Artist: Jeff Buckley  
Genre: Hard rock/folk rock  
Song of mention: Last Goodbye

Buckley's only studio album 'Grace' has a range of complex guitar pieces, sweeping vocals, and a wide use of dynamics, which are evident in his song 'Last goodbye'.

### YOU'LL LIKE...

Artist: Rufus Wainwright  
Genre: Rock/ indie pop  
Song of mention: Memphis Skyline

Wainwrights 'Memphis skyline' was written about Jeff Buckley after his tragic passing. They share a similar style in the music they create, with very theatrical vocals, although Wainwright is more pop than rock. Even if you don't know the artists, you will know their covers of 'Hallelujah', both of which made the song famous.

### IF YOU LIKE...

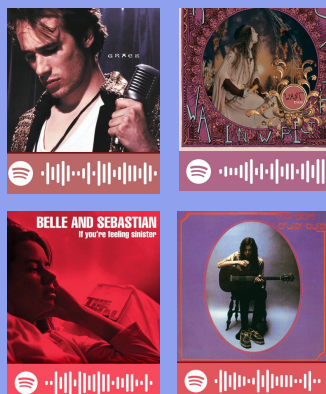
Artist: Belle and Sebastian  
Genre: Indie pop/chamber pop  
Song of mention: Mayfly

Belle and Sebastian are a Scottish indie pop band formed in 1996, who use catchy

### YOU'LL LIKE...

Artist: Nick Drake  
Genre: Folk-pop/ Folk chamber  
Song of mention: Northern Sky

Nick Drake's music could be seen as ominous but has a comforting, nostalgic feel to it. There is a bittersweet tone, especially in 'Pink Moon'. It is likely that Belle and Sebastian took inspiration from Nick Drake. Their album, 'If you're feeling sinister' sounds very similar to Nick Drake's 'Bryter Layter' but with a more obvious upbeat tone.



## HAVING FUN ISN'T HARD, IF YOU'VE GOT A LIBRARY CARD

### IF YOU LIKE...

'The Picture of Dorian Gray' is a book about a young man who values his beauty above all else, and finds a way to preserve his looks and age in a painting. 'The Secret History' outlines the desire to live forever, and the longing for picturesque at any point. Each book includes a dark and gothic atmosphere, a delve into art and literature, and murder.

"If it were I was who was to be always young, and the picture to grow old!"- Dorian Grey

### YOU'LL LIKE...

In *Nevermore*, Morrigan Crow is told all her life that she is cursed and is blamed for all misfortune in the city. She is doomed to die on her 13th birthday but before this can happen she escapes into Nevermore. In order to remain there and avoid death, she must complete a set of trials to enter into the exclusive Wondrous Society. Only 9 are admitted, so the pressure is on to discover her special skill and pass through the trials.

The *Mask of Aribella* takes on similar themes. On her 13th birthday Aribella discovers that she has a unique power, she can shoot flames out of her fingers. She flees to the Cannovacci, she joins the masked group (all with powers too). This was not such a safe escape when they have to protect Venice from the evil rising from the Island of the Dead.

## BIG SCREEN DREAMS

### IF YOU LIKE...

Murder On The Orient Express – 2017  
Starring – Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp

What begins as a relatively normal train journey takes a turn as a passenger is found murdered and they are stranded by a snowstorm. Famous detective Poirot must solve the case, but the victim was found with twelve stab wounds and the door locked from the inside, so it's a race to discover the culprit before they strike again.

### YOU'LL LIKE...

Knives Out – 2019  
Starring – Daniel Craig, Ana de Armas, Chris Evans

A prestigious family gather to celebrate the 85th birthday of their patriarch, however, it's a not-so-happy birthday as he is found dead in his study. It is presumed to be a suicide but detective Benoit Blanc suspects foul play so begins to uncover the family secrets.

### IF YOU LIKE...

The Man From Toronto – 2022  
Starring – Kevin Hart, Woody Harrelson  
Teddy has to act as a hit-man (and team up with one) to try to stay alive when his romantic getaway with his wife gets off to a rocky start with him discovering a hostage.

### YOU'LL LIKE...

Ghosted – 2023  
Starring – Chris Evans, Ana de Armas  
After their first date, Cole is head over heels for Sadie but before arranging a second date, he finds out that she is a secret agent and he gets caught up in her current mission.





# ST. BEDE'S TOP 5\*



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## → BISCUITS



**First Place...  
Shortbread Fingers**  
BEST THING IN THE WORLD

**First Loser...  
Bourbons**  
Controversial, but they are quite enjoyable and it's chocolate

### Notable mentions...

**Oreos**  
Iconic, best with milk

**Jaffa cakes**  
They ARE a biscuit, not a cake

**Biscoff cookies**  
Just nice aren't they

## → WALKS - KEEP ON MOVING



**First Place...  
Derwent Reservoir**  
Beautiful sites with the occasional fisherman

**First Loser...  
Beamish Woods**  
Lovely for a springtime stroll

### Notable mentions...

**Causey Arch**  
A walk that will blast you back to the past

**Hownsgill Viaduct**  
A walk for those who like the thrill of heights

**The Old Transformers**  
A calm walk for those who like the quiet

## → FILMS



**First Place...  
The Iron Giant**  
A story with a curious boy and childish metal man

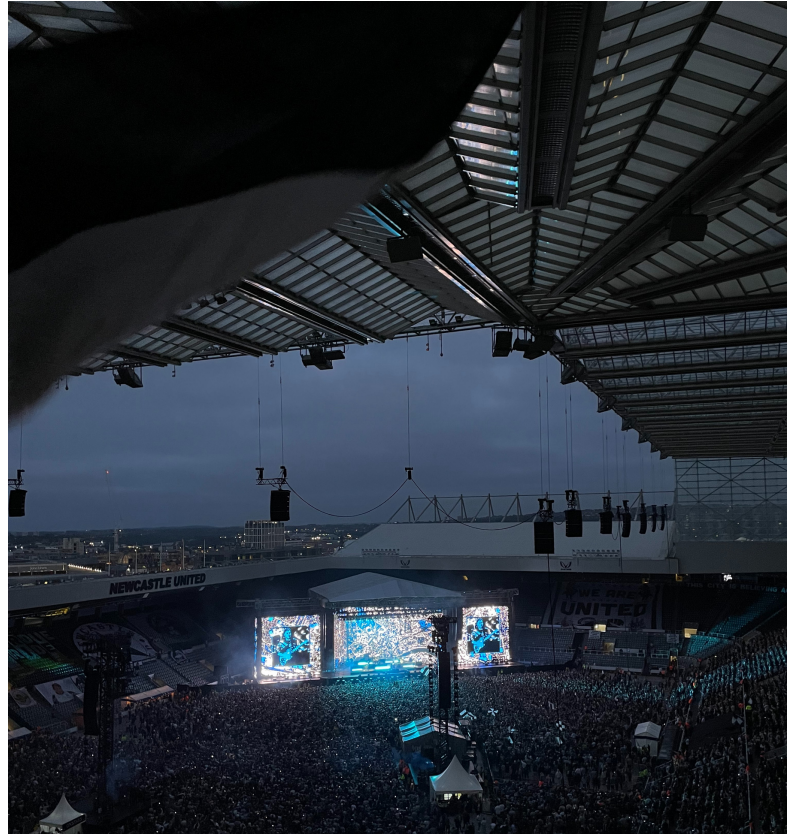
**First Loser...  
Big Trouble in Little China**  
An adventure worth experiencing. 15+

### Notable mentions...

**Fight Club**  
An enthusiastic, thrilling movie with a special twist. OVER 15s only, please.

**Bullet Train**  
Action packed with twists in every scene. Again, kindly only OVER 15s

**Ratatouille**  
A meaningful story for all



# LOCAL LANDMARKS

## Stadium tours...

### Newcastle United Stadium

The iconic stadium does not often host those of us who are not football crazy, football mad HOWEVER it opened its turnstiles for a special event this June.

Local hero Sam Fender took to the pitch for a once in a lifetime performance. The two-day spectacular attracted 100 000 fans, Ant, Dec, Kieran Trippier, and ACDC legend, Brian Johnson, to the stadium. Not to mention two St. Bede's celebrities - Miss Henson and Mr Springett!

This was a true geordie weekender with the Blaydon Race taking place as well.

Were you a part of the sea of black and white? 'Up the toon'!

### Stadium of Light

On weekends Wearside wears P!NK.

P!NK got the party started at the Stadium of Light to similar sized audiences who dressed almost as iconically as Harry Styles' following.

*You can't do a stadium tour without hitting one of ours!*

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