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Thank You!

By Ma'ayan Werner

Hi everyone, this the last issue of the KD Chronicles from me and my team.

I would like to thank everyone that has contributed articles and helped to make it such a success this past year.

I'm happy to say that Joey Levene is going to be taking on the role as editor. Please feel free to message him with any contributions, or ideas of things you'd like to see in the newspaper going forward.

I hope you enjoy this issue, Happy Hannukah and good luck in your winter exams!



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LOU'S VIEWS: TRUMP V BIDEN

By Louie Leventhall

The results of the 2020 election are in. Projections indicate that Creepy Joe has a majority in the electoral college and the largest number of votes that any Presidential Candidate has ever received. With such an impressive mandate it would surely seem that the Trump Administration would bow out gracefully.

But no. Trump and his campaign have refused to concede. Whilst no law requires a President to do so, it creates a great stain an already tarnished Presidency. Trump has risen to the status of being the only President who was impeached, lost the popular vote, and lost a second term. What a waste of 4 years!

Yet, Trump and his supporters have fabricated an excuse for this historic loss, electoral fraud. “dead voters” who share the same name as their live children and “voting irregularities” which are system glitches that are easily corrected, are the best they can offer. Even worse is that hearsay and rumour is being used in court as “evidence” for this grand conspiracy of electoral fraud.

Since none of this is based in fact, Trump must be refusing to leave the White House for some other motive. The answer is clear in that when Trump’s term ends, he loses his Executive Privilege meaning he is liable to appear in court. His alleged offences of assault, tax evasion and fraud would be truly open to review by the courts. Trump knows this and the fact that several countries do not have extradition treaties with the USA, meaning he could escape the force of law and be shielded by another nation.

Even if he concedes, a defeated Donald could stifle the incoming Biden administration, reveal state secrets, and pardon his friends of Federal crimes.

But the era of Trump must end, and America must accept their new President; a man who supported mass incarceration and bailouts, illegal interventionist wars and segregation. But hey, it’s the lesser of 2 evils!

EXCLUSIVENESS IN EDUCATION

By Hannah Joels

When first seeing this title, I'm assuming you thought I was going to have a rant about the inequality between private schools and state schools. But I'm actually referring to the lack of diversity in our education system. One of the focuses of the Black Lives Matter movement was the lack of black history in the history curriculum and textbooks. This lack of a crucial part of the history of our country I strongly believe creates a divide between different cultures due to the lack of understanding of black culture and black history. For example, with the belief that black hairstyles are not suitable for the workplace whilst their white counterparts are e.g., an afro which is someone's natural hair, yet a white person would be considered professional with their hair down. This, I fully blame on the government and education authorities who have the power to change this and certainly have the responsibility to make young black people feel valued in the classroom and aware that their history and culture has equal worth to others.

We are educating the next generation, the next generation who will become future leaders and will have the potential to shape society.

My friends and I were discussing this the other day when looking through our Physics textbooks. We noted a clear lack of diversity since there were mostly only photos of white men. It was so uninspiring and frustrating that, even in the 20th century women and other minority groups are still being shunned from an education system that claims to be "fair and equal." Although I understand this is mainly because women and minority groups were shunned out of stem related careers, I believe there should at least be a section on these people highlighting that there is a place in science for women and minority groups. The well-known statement "history is written by the victors" still stands today and hence history has rarely glorified female scientists who deserve to be recognised for their contributions just as much as their male counterparts. Examples of successful female scientists are Caroline Herschel (astronomer), Mary Anning (fossil-hunter) and Mary Somerville (Focused on different areas of science).

There is no excuse for the government or bodies of education to isolate these important parts of British history which could in the future cause more seclusion in society due to a lack of basic understanding of other equally important cultures. Unfortunately, I have only mentioned two of numerous cases. The principle of education is to give each young person a fair shot in the "real world" and provide them with an appreciation and understanding of other cultures so that they will learn to treat those who are different with respect. If what is meant to be one of the fairest systems fails to do this, then they are failing us and our generation.

TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

MRS DANSEY

By Maya Orme

Do you have any hobbies?

I like cooking and I like going out when I can, but I have 2 kids which take up most of my time.

Do you like cooking anything in particular?

I like baking and oriental, Chinese, Thai, that sort of stuff.

What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is red

Any particular reason why?

I support united I think it's a lovely colour I also quite like yellow

If you weren't a teacher what is your dream job?

I'd love to run a tearoom with really nice cakes where I could just rock up and chat with people all day

Do you have any advice to give to your students?

Keep calm, whatever you're stressing about is never as bad as you think, it's never too late to change your mind and ultimately do what makes you happy.

If you weren't a science teacher which subject would you like to teach?

I'd teach food tech. when I first came here, for the first year at KD there wasn't enough science to fill my timetable so I taught food tech for a year and I really loved it so I would like to maybe do that.

Do you have a favourite film?

The breakfast club – a bit of an 80s classic and a bit deeper like the Shawshank redemption.

Have you got a favourite TV series?

I love the good place and I quite like the crown. I quite like Brooklyn 99 and I'm a celeb

What figure from history would you most like to meet – dead or alive?

With my science head on, I'd really like to meet Henrietta Lacks who was a woman in America who had cervical cancer and they harvested some of her cells and they were the cells that made healer cells which went on to do loads of scientific discoveries which is amazing. And then the non-science part of me wants to meet Freddie mercury – I just think he's led a really interesting life and I'd love to have a conversation with him, and I don't know who else. What about you?

Probably a philosopher called Alan Watts or Gandhi

Maybe someone like rosa parks who put themselves out there and stood up for what they believed in

If you could go back to any point in time where would you go back to?

I don't think I would like to go back but maybe to the 50s and see the end of the war, the rationing, that kind of happiness

I'd go to Woodstock. Would you not want to go to something like Woodstock?

I'd go to the hacienda which closed a year before I came to uni in Manchester and I'd love to see the happy Mondays live.

What is your favourite part of being a teacher?

I think the fact that no two days are the same, I love the fact that you can have a rubbish day one day, go home and come back and you have a brilliant day. I love the fact that you do feel like you're making a bit of a difference and the thing I really love is face to face teaching. If lockdown taught me anything it's that I hate being on a screen and the joy of the job for me is being in front of students.

Do you have a favourite class to teach?

I have year 7 top set this year, most of them are fab. I have 9 Yavneh boys who I actually think are brilliant. I love my year 10 dual class and 11 Yavneh girls they're great.

What is something you've most missed during lockdown?

I miss seeing my friends face to face – it's not the same over zoom. I miss going out and socialising and I miss the contact with other people that aren't in your bubble.

What's the first thing you're going to do when lockdown is lifted, and restrictions are removed?

When it's lifted and it's safe, we're going to have a big night out and a really big catchup and hopefully a good holiday.

How are you finding teaching under these conditions?

It's definitely more work and I'm worried for students not in the class. I think there's no replacement for face to face learning.

MR VINCENT’S MONTHLY MATHS PROBLEMS

Tim saw that his oven digital clock was showing 1:23 and noticed that each number was one higher than the number to its left.

He wondered: of all the different clock times from 0:00 to 12:59, how many are like that? And what exactly are those clock times?

How can you get the answer 24 by only using the numbers 8, 8, 3 and 3?

You can use add, subtract, multiply, divide, and brackets.

Answers to be revealed in the next issue

COVID-CAM – LOCKDOWN 1.0

During summer term 2020, the History Department organised a photo project for students in Y7-13 to record their experiences of learning and life under Lockdown V1.0. Over 200+ photographs were submitted and here we have the chance to see a small sample of student photos. If you still have any images for the project, please send to Mr. Leventhall or Mr. Stott.

Many thanks to Mr. Leventhall and Mr. Stott for organising the project.







