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### *Editor's note*

Undeniably, it has been a very difficult time for every year group, but instead of focusing on the difficulties this year has brought, I think that it is finally time we celebrated the positive changes that now face us.

We now have a new student council that is raring to go; everyone seems so excited to do their part and I think we have a very promising future ahead of us! I would like to say a huge congratulations to those who were successful in their application to the council and everyone truly deserves their position. I look forward to working with each council member and seeing the events and activities they will organise to make the Sixth Form even better than it already is.

As well as this, I would like to give a warm welcome to the new Year 11s who are looking to join the Sixth Form! It really does not feel that long ago that I was in your shoes. It may seem a bit overwhelming at first, but it is honestly such a great experience. I will stress that you need to find that right balance between working hard and enjoying yourself, but equally, value this time because it goes so fast!

In this magazine, we are aiming to welcome any Year 11s hoping to join the Sixth Form as well as introduce readers to the new council, to which there are 7 sections: the presidents, the vice presidents, the sports reps, the magazine editors, the social reps, the welfare reps and the fundraising reps. I will leave a list of who is involved with which part of the council and I would encourage anyone with questions to get in touch!

If anyone would like to get involved in any future editions (regardless of whether you already attend Sixth Form or are joining us in September), feel free to contact myself with any articles or ideas for an article at [018389@turton.uk.com](mailto:018389@turton.uk.com). I would also like to thank everyone involved in this edition for their effort and enthusiasm- you are all amazing to work with!

Raechel Duddle

## *A Message to the New Year 12s from an Old Year 13*

When you arrive in Year 12 you'll undoubtedly hear two conflicting characterisations of yourselves. The first is that you are Year 11s in your own clothes and the second is that you are mature young adults. In reality, you all start out as a mix of both, the distinction is up to you more than anyone else. It really is a choice if and how you grow whilst in Sixth Form and, whilst people may try and sway you, advise you, and guide you, it is up to you how far you take said advice. In this sense Turton is truly a fantastic place to develop your independence to become capable of facing whatever may come in the future. You will be swayed, advised, and guided but ultimately you have the power of choice, and you will learn more about yourselves and your own capabilities than you ever thought possible through these choices.

In a personal sense, the two years I spent in Sixth Form have helped me to grow in how I've managed to direct my personality in a more mature, moderated way. Most people who know me can attest that I have always been a confident person, even so far as arrogant and I rarely had difficulty making myself heard, I'm sure many prospective Year 12s will be similar in that sense. I won't pretend that I have entirely lost any semblance of that arrogance but one thing I have to thank Turton for over the past two years is helping me to direct it in a more collected manner, to refine it. I will still happily speak in front of just about anyone, make myself heard, and am confident in my own ideas but only when necessary. Sixth Form has taught me to stop, think, and listen. To use my confidence to uplift others' ideas or offer constructive criticism when needed. Whilst this personal story won't apply to all of you the message remains the same. As we grow from teenagers to adults we all need to learn how to direct any negative aspects of our personalities into constructive pursuits and, ultimately, how to adapt into new surroundings, Sixth Form being the most dramatic change in surroundings many of you will have experienced in 5 years.

New surroundings of course mean new people. For those who have come to Turton Sixth Form from Turton High School, you may think that nothing much will change in the coming months in regard to who you interact with. For those coming from outside Turton, you may also be worried that this is the case and that you will struggle to make friends amongst various existing cliques and groups. I can confidently say that this is not the case. Whilst of course existing friendships will remain, that is no boundary to new relationships being built, friendship is not a finite resource. When I arrived at Sixth Form, I had a very definite group of friends and hardly expected to speak to anyone outside of them. This couldn't be further from what happened. Not only did I soon build relationships with people in my classes who, in many ways, relied on each other, but I built relationships all around school. This was certainly helped by my participation in various school events as well as me being Student Council President in Year 13,

nonetheless, I have yet to meet a student who has not made or strengthened long term relationships with people they had never dreamed of interacting with before.

To briefly mention the student council, I think they are one of the most integral parts of the Sixth Form when it comes to developing oneself, especially when it comes to the matter of choice. In High School, whilst prefects, head boys/girls, and sports captains are certainly important, they are also rather limited in what they can practically do. In Sixth Form the student council has a lot more power than you may expect to change your lives. From 'socials', to charity events, to sporting competitions, to the very magazine you're reading right now, all of this is done through them. Watch what they do, they are the people that make sixth form what it is. Without them it would feel like just an extension of high school. Ultimately, they are there to listen to you, represent your opinions, and make Turton an exciting and vibrant place to be. More importantly, help them out, soon it will be your turn and you'll appreciate all the hard work they put in to make the sixth form a lively place to be. The same goes to all the teachers that spend hours of their lives for you. No matter what you may believe they care about you and only want the best for you.

Moving on from that point, if I could give one piece of advice to everyone going into year 12 it would simply be to do more. I think the phrase 'you get out what you put in' rings true when it comes to life in school. If there's a magazine don't just read it, write an article, if there's a charity event don't just give, volunteer as well, if there's a social don't just attend, help to organise it. These kinds of things help to make the Sixth Form a vibrant, lively place and by helping out you feel more involved, appreciate them more, and gain valuable life skills. At the same time, look out for number 1, you have to say no sometimes. It may seem like a contradiction but for most people this isn't a huge problem. However, if you force yourself to do too much then you may end up overwhelmed, try and find a balance. Do what brings you happiness and don't be afraid to change anything that doesn't.

I appreciate I may have waffled slightly but allow me to make a final reflection; you can't live on your own. I have a tendency to try and be overly independent and whilst some independence is good, you have to work with and build relationships with other people, relationships that will last way beyond college. The world is built on good people doing good things together, together being the key word.

Apart from that, enjoy yourself in college. For a lot of you, these will be some of the best years of your life, appreciate them and appreciate those who work hard to make this time enjoyable, whoever they may be. Most importantly, never apologise for who you are and never be afraid to feel more.

Joe Earnshaw - Student Council President 2019/20

*Who in your year group is most likely to...?*

1. Who is most likely to become Prime Minister?
2. Who is most likely to win the X Factor?
3. Who is most likely to become a millionaire?
4. Who is most likely to become a teacher?
5. Who is most likely to break a world record?

Charlotte Fearn



*Student Council 2020-21*

Role	Name
President	Charlotte Fearn James White
Vice presidents	Abbie Sedgwick Lucy Marshall
Sports representatives	Tom Duxbury Jack Beck Maya Bali Abigail Lees
Magazine team	Raechel Duddle Grace Lavin James Seddon
Social representatives	Alex Byrne Holly Hilton Megan Delaney Tom Honeywell
Welfare representatives	Sam Grogan Comfort Adeoje Sulaiman Zakir Hussain Abbie Sedgwick
Fundraising team	Ruby Horrobin Elle Mulvaney Sophie McKenna Amy Bostock



## *About the Social Representatives*

The intended role for the social reps at Turton Sixth Form is to organise any social activities that may take part in college or outside of college for example the socials that have recently been held at the Last Drop Village with themes such as festivals, Halloween and Valentines. Recently, the teachers at Turton selected us (Alex Byrne, Holly Hilton, Megan Delaney, and Tom Honeywell) to be the 2020/21 Turton Sixth Form social reps, and we are all grateful for the opportunity.

Our intentions for the upcoming year are to bring new activities and ideas to the social life at the Sixth Form; we want to be able to include the students as much as possible because it's them who will be taking part and enjoying the events. We have already discussed new themes for the socials such as festival dressed, 70s/80s disco and retro, film night, and many more. We want to be able to allow students to vote for a theme they want out of the suggested ones during the upcoming weeks to the social so that they can have their say. The socials are a great way to be with your college mates without being surrounded by work and it is also a great opportunity for the new year 12s to get to know their year 13s. The reps have also looked into carrying out social activities within the college next year at breaks, lunches and after school so that students can participate in activities such as yoga classes, either to have a break from college work or to just have a laugh.

Overall, within the next year, the social reps aim to bring more fun and new ideas to the social life at the college with the input of the students and teachers at the Sixth Form.





### *About the Sports Representatives*

Hi, my name is Maya Bali and I wanted to become a sports rep because of my love for sport, ever since I was little, and I enjoy playing netball outside of college. Not only do I love getting involved but I also like to encourage others to do the same, and so I hope that the sports reps and I can inspire more of the Sixth Form to join in.

Hi, my name is Abi Lees and I am one of the sports representatives. I applied for this role as I love sport and played lots of netball outside of college. I am looking forward to planning interform for this term and next year and hope it will be as much fun as last year's and that everyone will be excited to get involved.

Hi, I'm Tom Duxbury and I decided to put myself forward for a sports rep as I love sport and have had plenty of experiences in it with my swimming. I also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the interform this year and wanted to be part of the team to make sure that next year's interform is just as fun if not better. We are aiming to get as many people involved with sport throughout the year, including the duration of lockdown.

Hi, I'm Jack Beck and I am one of the sports reps. I wanted to apply for the role as sport is a big part of my life and I really enjoy it. I am excited to begin organising interform and other sporting events within college, and hope that everyone will enjoy taking part.



## *About the Welfare Representatives*

My name is Comfort Adeoje Sulaiman and I am part of the wellbeing team. For those who don't know me I am Spanish (yes, I can speak Spanish and one of my A Level subjects is Spanish). I consider myself someone helpful, friendly and organised. I am currently studying History, English Literature, Government and Politics, and Spanish at Sixth Form and I hope to study Law in the future. I applied for the wellbeing team as I thought it would be a way I could help people and put smiles on people's faces. As well as, I consider wellbeing a fundamental part of life.

Hello everyone. My name is Sam Grogan and I will be one of your welfare reps this year, just so you know me a bit better, I take History, Government and Politics as well as English Literature. By very definition welfare is the 'health and happiness of a person or group ' and this is what primarily motivated me to apply for the role of a welfare representative, as I believe health and happiness should be of paramount importance. Students should feel free and able to talk about any problem no matter big or small and get the right help they need, whether this is from a fellow student or teacher.

Hi, my name is Abbie Sedgwick and I'm currently studying Biology, Psychology and English Literature at the sixth form in the hope of studying Paramedic Science at university. I would consider myself to be approachable and organised (to some extent) and hope to make a difference both now and in the future, which is why I applied for a role on the wellbeing team.

Hi, my name is Zak Hussain and I am a member of the student welfare team. I applied for this role for lots of reasons, but mainly because I believe the welfare of students and staff is one of the key things at Turton Sixth Form. Over the next year, I would like to increase the awareness of different mental health disorders around college. Thank You.

So, that is the team and now, this is what the welfare team has planned over the coming weeks. We would love to create a compliment wall to give praise to students that deserve it and to help to brighten up people's days. We also would like to run a creative competition for students to show their more arty side. And finally, we want to create a worry box, in which students can anonymously write their worries down and we will find any way we can to help. Thank you for reading. We hope you are all doing great in quarantine and keeping positive, stay safe.

## *About the Vice Presidents*

Our new Student Council has many different roles, which college students have fabulously taken up. Congratulations to everyone who applied and is now a member! I spoke to both of our new Vice Presidents, Lucy Marshall and Abbie Sedgwick, who have both recently taken up their roles on our Student Council. I asked them to answer some questions on their interest in the role and their aspirations as well. Here's what they both had to say...

What does your role entail?

"This role entails providing support for all aspects of the council and helping with the organisation of events inside and outside of college."

Why did you apply for the role?

"We are both very passionate about the impact that student activities can have on the college experience and how important it is to represent our peers and their ideas. We also wanted to do something that was outside of our comfort zones and will allow us to develop our leadership skills."

What would you like to achieve as vice president / do you have any current plans for our college?

"Our main aim is to help relieve as much pressure as possible in college."

Well done to everyone on the Student Council and let us look forward to having this council next year!



## *About the Fundraising Team*

Hi everyone, my name is Ruby Horrobin and I am part of the fundraising team for this year's student council. I am currently studying Geography, English Literature, and Environmental Science at Sixth Form, and enjoy them all equally. I would consider myself to be a friendly, approachable, and organised person. So, if anyone needs anything or someone to talk to, I am always here to help. I applied to be part of the fundraising team as it is something I've always wanted to do. I think raising money for different charities is such a big achievement, especially with what is going on at the minute. Our team have spoken about raising money for the Black Lives Matter movement, the NHS, and even smaller charities. Raising money for charities like these would put a huge smile on people's faces, whilst making the Sixth Form come together to raise the money. I am looking forward to returning to college so we can start with our ideas planned and raise money for the organisations that could do with that extra little support.

Hi! I'm Amy Bostock and I'm a part of the Fundraising team this year for the Student Council. I'm currently studying Art, Sociology and History, and in the future I would love to work in something creative like media, make-up or fashion. In my spare time, I love going to concerts, listening to music, and creating makeup looks - and if you know me well enough you know I'm obsessed with celebrities (Harry Styles if we're being particular). I wanted to be a part of the fundraising team as I love helping people and giving back to the community - I've previously raised money for very important organisations, and taken part in multiple charity fundraisers before, and I loved every second of them.

Hi, I'm Elle Mulvaney. As most of you may know I am really into acting and have been on a show for ten years now! That takes up most of my time, but other than that I love travelling, making friends, and baking. I currently take Drama, Business and French at A Level - all of which I love! I wanted to be on the fundraising team as I have always loved raising money for worthy causes, and just doing my bit for charity. In high school I often did bake sales, sponsored walks etc so I hoped to carry this on into college and I was lucky enough to be selected for the fundraising team! I am so pleased to be giving more back to our community, and to work with the other amazing members of our team who I know are just as determined to raise money as I am.

Hi, I'm Sophie McKenna. I'm doing Government and Politics, History and English Literature and have no idea what I want to do in life! I wanted to join the fundraising team because I knew it would be fun and I could enjoy myself whilst raising money for a good cause.

This term we have been quite limited with our ideas, seen as though we aren't in school. However, we have come up with a brilliant idea in how we could raise money. When discussing ideas for next term's fundraising, everybody was on the same page

in deciding that the Black Lives Matter movement should be our first charitable cause to donate to. It is a prevalent topic in the media currently, and we all felt strongly about doing our bit as a college. We have decided on an online challenge called 'Bake 5, Donate 5, Nominate 5' to raise money for the Black Lives Matter Movement. This was done a few weeks ago although instead of bake, it was 'Run 5(k)'. So, we decided to switch it up for the students who don't enjoy running! The money we raise for doing this online activity, we have decided to donate to a smaller charity. We have researched into 'Kids of Colour', a Manchester-based organisation, which was founded in 2018. They aim to fight racial injustice and provide a safe space for people of colour to share their experiences and educate others. We hope to get as many people involved as possible, so everyone can take part in this fun activity, whilst also raising money for a very important organisation!





## *Recipe*

This is a recipe that the welfare team are planning to use:

Ingredients:

- 150g of soft butter
- 80g of caster sugar
- 120g light brown sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 225g plain flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 200g chocolate

Mix in order of the ingredients list. Bake in the oven at 180 degrees for 10-12 minutes and keep an eye on it!

Elle Mulvaney



## *Premier League Update*

It is now official, after Manchester City's loss to Chelsea on the 25th of June, Liverpool have been crowned the champions of the Premier League 2019-2020 due to the massive point difference between Liverpool and Manchester City (who are currently second) and the games left that City have in order to catch up not being enough. It is now impossible for City to win the league. However, there is still competition within the league to finish in the top four. This means teams such as Manchester City, Leicester City, Wolves, Chelsea and Manchester United will all need to remain focused during their last 6 or 7 games of the season with hopes of finishing within the top four. Since the Premier League resumption on Wednesday the 17th June, there has been nonstop football everyday with usually two or more games being televised on a daily basis. On Wednesday the 24th of June, for example, there were 5 Matches: Manchester United beating Sheffield United 3-0, Newcastle United drawing with Aston Villa 1-1, Everton beating Norwich 1-0, Wolves beating Bournemouth 1-0, and Liverpool beating Crystal Palace 4-0. Since its resumption, the Premier League and its clubs have constantly been trying to make up for lost time (when the Premier League was postponed in late march due to the COVID –19 pandemic).

As it stands the Table for the Premier League looks like this (top ten):

1. Liverpool, played 31, Won 28, Drawn 2, Lost 1, Points 86
2. Manchester City, played 31, Won 20, Drawn 3, Lost 8, Points 63
3. Leicester City, played 31, Won 16, Drawn 7, Lost 8, Points 55
4. Chelsea, played 31, Won 16, Drawn 6, Lost 9, Points 54
5. Wolverhampton Wanderers, played 13, Won, 13, Drawn 13, Lost 6, Points 52
6. Manchester United, played 31, Won 13, Drawn 10, Lost 8, Points 49
7. Tottenham Hotspur, played 31, Won 12, Drawn 9, Lost 10, Points 45
8. Sheffield United, played 31, Won 11, Drawn 11, Lost 9, Points 44
9. Arsenal, played 31, Won 10, Drawn 13, Lost 8, Points 43
10. Crystal Palace, played 31, Won 11, Drawn, 9, Lost 11, Points 42

James Seddon





## Film Reviews

### Film Name = *The Dead Don't Die*

Where to watch = Amazon Prime/iTunes/Microsoft/Google Play

Synopsis = Unusual occurrences begin to unfold in the small and uneventful town of Centerville, from animals behaving oddly to irregular periods of daylight. However, the most unexpected event proves to be the most serious as corpses begin to leave their graves to attack the townspeople. The town's fight for survival is helmed by a cast of recognizable faces in filmmaker Jim Jarmusch's genre-bending horror comedy film.



Review = Zombie apocalypse has always been a tough genre to get right.

Many zombie films seem to follow a similar pattern, which can lead them to melt into one another, becoming forgettable and repetitive. Personally, my favourite zombie films have taken this genre and expanded on it. This is seen through *Shaun of the Dead* or *Zombieland* with the inclusion of comedy, or even *Anna and the Apocalypse* which (unbelievably) incorporates large musical numbers in the darkest moment of the film. When a movie tries something new and bold, and uses it brilliantly, then it could become a classic.

I was really hoping to see something fantastic in *The Dead Don't Die* from the second I had finished watching the trailer. Bill Murray and Adam Driver seemed like a perfect match at first glance, and they are the main saving grace of this film (despite Murray being the voice of Garfield, which is a bit disconcerting). Their slow, dry comedy pairs well together, and both deliver great performances, especially in the first half of this film. The first half of the film consists of character development which has the capacity to work, yet somehow feels rushed with certain characters, making them seem unimportant and at parts I actually forgot some characters existed, which I think the director did as well, particularly towards the end of this film.

The second half of this film takes everything I liked about the first half of the film, belittles it, and then makes it pointless to the overall plot. While I'm on the subject of the plot, if anyone can explain the hidden messages that are thrown at the audience, I would be most thankful. In this film, things happen and are never explained, yet are meant to be meaningful, which barely ever works. This film does attempt something new for this genre, but it just isn't strong enough as an overall product. This led to confusion in the themes this movie was trying to explore, and then just irritation as this film had just built up to something that could've been brilliant, only to knock it down into something meaningless and frustrating (like Boris Johnson knocking the 2 metre rule down into the...2 metre rule?). There's so much I'm not mentioning in this review like Tilda Swinton's *Kill Bill* character, or the occasional fourth wall breaks, but (unlike *Space Jam*) I am not going to tell you to see this movie to discover what else it offers.

Overall, I really wanted to like this movie, but a weak plot, pointless characters, and an abrupt ending weigh this movie down like a brick. Murray and Driver are the only reasons this film isn't a complete failure, and despite Jarmusch's attempts, this futile film will just bleed into the other weaker films of this genre, destroying its hoped originality.

Verdict = D+

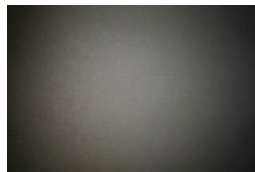
**Film name = *The Invisible Man***

Where to watch = Amazon Prime/Microsoft/Google Play

Synopsis = After staging his own suicide, a crazed scientist uses his power to become invisible to stalk and terrorize his ex-girlfriend. When the police refuse to believe her story, she decides to take matters into her own hands and fight back.



Review = Other than a few exceptions, I have not seen a remarkable horror film. They all seem to defy what makes a horror film good by creating frustrating, powerless characters and jump scares instead of actual scary content. The villains are forgettable and typically unstoppable beings of myth or from a book (yes. One of the last horror films I saw was *Goosebumps 2*. Don't knock it until you've watched it alright?). The films may make money at box office and be entertaining, but they fail to provide a story that fully engrosses an audience whilst making the audience feel actual emotion for characters. The last horror film that I saw was *IT: Chapter 2* and in all honesty, it was a 3-hour joke that wasn't funny (much like one of my own!) However, this curse was finally lifted when I watched the *Invisible Man*.



The premise of the film is refreshing as the villain (see left) cannot be seen which allows for some brilliant cinematography as the camera pans around the room, forcing an audience to become fearful of what may be standing before them. From the very beginning of this film, a tense atmosphere is created, which grows steadily as the film progresses, until it reaches a shocking climax.

The main character, unlike most other characters in horror films, acts like a normal person would. She is deeply affected by her past relationship, and how far he will go in order to torture her mentally. She is played expertly by Elisabeth Moss who amplifies her increasing fear and complete mental breakdown so well, that it truly makes the audience uncomfortable. Music is further used to make the tense atmosphere shine. The film knows when to be silent and let the audience hold their breath in a cruel anticipation, and when to play loud, deep music that builds angst in both the characters and the audience at home.

My only fault with this film is the other characters. They are in the film but are forgotten about due to the battle between the antagonist and the protagonist. It would've been nice to see some development in her friends and family, so we felt more emotion towards them during the scary bits. Additionally, the film has a few faults here and there in the overall logic, but even so, they are quickly forgotten about due to the greatness of this film.

Overall, I would recommend this film and implore you to watch it in a dark room, alone (so you don't have a family nervously talking throughout!)

Verdict = B+

Charlie Wright

## *Anonymous Lockdown Diary*

**Monday-** obviously the youngest is back in school so I did assume that the rages in this thing would calm down a bit. However, luckily, the middle has decided to take one for the team and chip in with a pretty impressive contender for rage of the season. We took the dog out for a walk today around Last Drop right and he was already annoyed because my dad took his Nintendo Switch off him as all he does is play that all day. As soon as we arrived the dog went to the toilet and a row ensued about who was to carry the poo bag around with them. He lost and began to sulk. Then he walked off around Last Drop pretending to go home and proceeded to follow me and stalk me from about 20 feet away for the rest of the walk. Then the prodigal son returned, and the youngest was on top form. Inevitably, he was unhappy about what was for tea, so much so that he relentlessly moaned until we had all finished and then was forced to sit at his place on the table until he had eaten. To which he responded, "don't care, I'll just sleep here all night, I'll be comfy and put the TV on." Hard to deal with him properly because he's actually pretty funny sometimes. He then said, "I promise you dad when you fall asleep, I'm going to get up and watch TV on the couch".

**Wednesday-** ended up getting a takeaway today right from some random Thai place that I can't remember the name of. Never really been a massive fan of Thai food if I'm honest. Also find that there's too much sauce, ratio of sauce to meat is like 5:1 a lot of the time. Parents made the conscious decision to exclude the youngest from the takeaway business just to save us all from the moaning. So, we get the takeaway and we're eating and then we hear a rustling near the stairs. Turns out he had seen that the middle one wasn't in bed and tried to come back downstairs and get his toys from the front room. When he realised we were eating without him, he was pretty fuming and ultimately it took half a packet of basmati rice from the cupboard and some Thai curry to appease the beast. Film review: *Ali* (2001) with Will Smith. Absolute upper echelon standard with some top-class bangers from Sam Cooke weaved in there. It's long but worth it. 2 reviews in one edition for those loyal 3 people who read this each week, Bobby Kennedy for President. It's on Netflix and re-watched it again this week. It's about Kennedy and his time as Senator, his time in the Kennedy administration as Attorney General, his campaign to be President and his assassination. Top quality TV... Koller and Bali will be fans if they watch it, I reckon.