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EDITORS NOTE:

It has been a whirlwind ride to produce these daily articles, with lots of highs and a few delirious lows but I hope you enjoyed reading them just as much as we enjoyed writing them.

Fairwell for the final time.

All the best,
Elena and Elspeth

xoxo



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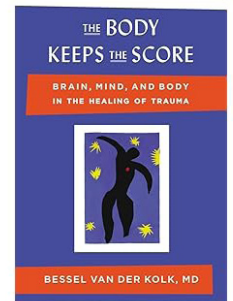
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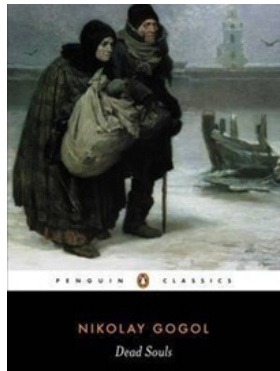
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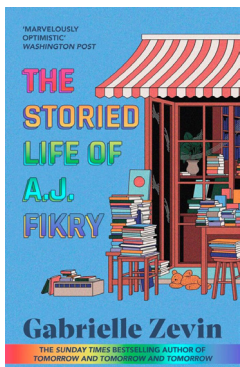
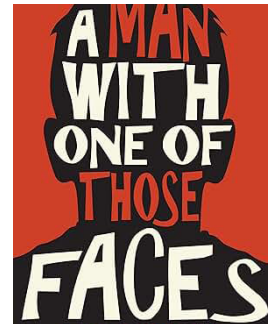


The Body Keeps the Score: by Bessel Van Der Kolk, is a psychological book which explores trauma responses and its effect on the mind, brain and body. The book's psychological perspective explores a poignant depiction of the detachment of soldiers from their families following their return from the war. It further encapsulates the means by which the brain heals itself from the devastating effects of trauma in an insightful and meaningful way. - Elena



Dead Souls: by Nikolai Gogol, an unfinished novel that explores the wealth divide in 1830s Russia through the ridiculous perspective of a con artist and his interactions with aristocrats across Russia as he tries to escape the consequences of his actions. His use of satire and the grotesque to criticise Russian society stands out, mocking government officials through gross caricatures for their disconnection from the lower classes in a way that echoes through history and remains highly relevant even today. It's a staple of Russian literature, being widely considered one of the best Russian novels (although the author is Ukrainian) despite the second part of the manuscript being destroyed before publication. - Jakob

A Man with One of Those Faces: by Caimh McDonnell. I chose this book as it was free of charge on Kindle at the time, and the description was intriguing. It was a lucky find and is an excellent read. The basic idea might seem a bit strange: Paul Mulchrone, our main character visits old people who are living in care homes and have lost their memory. He pretends to be their son and just spends time with them, listening to their stories. We enter a crazy world in Dublin, meeting Bunny McGarry, a former detective and manager of a junior hurling team, who helps straighten out wayward youth and criminals using unorthodox methods. This is a crazy mixture of crime and humour and will make you laugh out loud. - Mr Whiteley



The Storied Life of AJ Fikry: by Gabrielle Zevin, is my favourite book possibly of all time. It is such an uplifting and heart-warming book with such a clever plot line. Each chapter begins with AJ Fikry, the novel's main character, recommending a book to his daughter Maya, creating such a personal opener to each chapter. Furthermore, the chapters are each named after the book that he is recommending and their plots and titles are subtly referenced in each chapter. I don't believe that you could ever regret reading this book, even if it isn't as revolutionary for you as it was for me, there is no denying its infectious positivity and mood boosting power. - Elspeth



Differences in Japanese and British Architecture

1, BUILDING MATERIALS

Japanese:

Using natural materials such as wood and thatch

British:

Emphasizing durability and insulation with stone and brick



2, Adaptation to the environment

Japanese:

Adapted to Japan's heavy snowfall and humid climate

British:

It is designed to withstand rainy and windy weather.

3, Roof Shape and Snow Countermeasures

Japanese:

The angle is steep to allow snow to slide off.

British:

Many roofs have moderate slopes designed to handle rain.



Japanese “Convenience Stores”

—What things are convenience stores in Japanese selling?

**JAPANESE
CONVENIENCE STORE
“LAWSON” WITH
MT. FUJI**



Japanese Convenience Stores

Japanese convenience stores sell almost everything. They offer a variety of items such as rice bowls, bento boxes (ready-made meals), instant noodles, and even stationery and cosmetics. This means that if we go to a convenience store, we can get almost anything we need.

Additionally, convenience stores in cities and the countryside are different in many ways. For instance, city convenience stores usually don't have parking areas, whereas local stores often have very wide parking lots. Moreover, in big-city convenience stores, there are usually no toilets.

In this way, even Japanese convenience stores have their own characteristics depending on the location.



SEVEN-
ELEVEN



Family-Mart



Mini-Stop

WORDS FOR 'RAIN' IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

A selection of translations from around the world.

Great Britain has a bit of a reputation for being wet and rainy and today (Monday 20th October 2025) the weather gods have not disappointed us!

Here we have a list of the word for 'rain' as spoken by our delegates. In our research, we learned that in the Georgian language, there are 64 terms for 'rain'.

If you see one of the Georgian delegates - see how many they can tell you...

**French: pluie
Spanish: lluvia
German: Regen
Italian: pioggia
Japanese: (ame)
Dutch: regen
Greek: (vrohi)
Irish Gaelic: báisteach
Georgian: (ts'vima)
Romanian: ploaie**

THE HISTORY OF MUN

Now that we're wrapping up the 43rd annual MUN conference held at Royal Russell School, it's time to look back on the history of Model United Nations as a whole.

Despite the United Nations being formed in 1945, the first recorded conference of the sort can be found at the University of Oxford, 1921, when students modelled committees from the League of Nations. Over the next few years, multiple schools hosted events modelling the League of Nations and onto allied countries in World War 2, debating topics such as nuclear power, immigration and refugees, and post-war reconstruction – topics that are still widely debated in conferences today.

In 1947, the first known model United Nations conference took place at Swathmore College. Over 150 students from 41 school took part in it. From then on, MUN in schools, colleges, and universities grew in popularity. The Hague Model United Nations was founded in 1968, leading to a rapid increase in fame across the world and continues to be one of the largest MUN conferences globally.

Royal Russell was the first school in Britain to set up an annual MUN conference and is one of the only few British conferences affiliated with THIMUN.





Bonus Birthday Calvet!



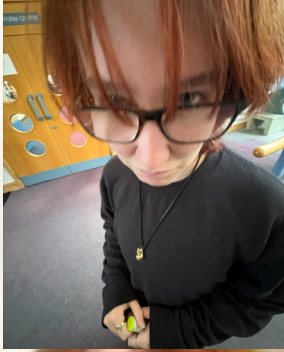
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THANKS FOR A GREAT CONFERENCE!

HAPPY NEWS

Landscaping the hills of Vermont has never been easier with a new initiative to release a flock of goats as an eco-friendly option.

No more rude awakenings to the sounds of lawnmowers for the residents of Jay Peak Ski Resort in Vermont thanks to the new 'Chew Crew'. The 'chew crew' is the name coined for the 150 ruminants keeping the vegetation in check on the ski slopes during off-season. They help to slow the rate of weed growth, reducing erosion and simulating natural seed dispersal. The greatest part is they don't require fossil fuel for the manufacturing or upkeep of these machines and so are an innovative eco-friendly and people-friendly option.

A Stronger and Easier to Recycle Plastic Can be Found in Bamboo

Dawei Zhao at Shenyang University of Chemical Technology in China has developed a method that allows the conversion of cellulose found in the bamboo into a not only sturdy but biodegradable plastic that because of bamboo's rapid growth rate it is a highly renewable source. This new source of plastic could transform industries and even dampen our negative impact on the world, slowing the rate of global warming.

STEM CORNER



Carbon monoxide is the silent killer, responsible for 28,900 deaths in the whole world. This tragic statistic, however, is set to improve with the recent discovery of a cure. A recent study published by the University of Maryland School of Medicine, revealed the development of a new engineered protein-based therapy called RcoM-HBD-CCC. This absorbs all of the carbon monoxide from the blood and it is derived from natural proteins found in bacterium which it to sense carbon monoxide levels in its surrounding environment. Furthermore, it is highly selective and will only absorb CO without interfering with oxygen or other important molecules.