



Sallemanac

Recta Sapere "Knowing what is right"

A New Year Ahead



Welcome everyone to the first edition of Salmanac 2019/2020. We as a school are very proud of what happens within the walls of our school and we would like to share with you the incredible things that happen every day. Salmanac like any paper also has lots of other pieces from articles, opinion pieces, reviews, fun pieces and trivia.

Our students do amazing things and we believe that we have created an environment that allows all of our students to flourish. We challenge them to be the best they can be. They climb mountains, help those in need, commit to their education, challenge their learning and have some great times in the process. We as a school are committed to excellence and are delighted that we can showcase the incredible things our school has to offer inside. Thank you to all our TY students whose work



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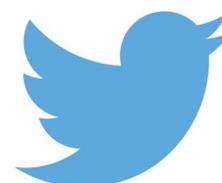
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Events so far



Leaving Cert Results

On Aug 13th last years 6th year students received their leaving cert results. Our students performed admirably in the exams and the large majority have continued to 3rd level education.

What also was extremely impressive was the gratitude that was shown by our most recent past pupils. They were so thankful to their teachers

We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and look forward to seeing them again.

Lourdes Trip

Some of our student prefects visited Lourdes with Mr. Forde. The trip was great fun and the students met all sorts of people from all around the world.

The boys did their school proud and were more than helpful throughout the trip. They took part in various activities and learnt much about the various pilgrimages that people have taken. Well done all involved and thank you Mr. Forde.



6th year ecological trip

The 6th year biology students went on a trip to Dublin Zoo, to do research on the wildlife (inside and outside) in zoo. Using Quadrants and tallies to mark out and plot the kinds of wildlife life around the zoo.





First year trip

The first years went on their first school trip to the fun park Squirrel Scrabble. The first years enjoyed their time greatly, and would like to thank Mr. Cronin for organising.

Past pupil wins awards

On October 7th past pupil Dara Quilty won awards at the IMRO Radio Awards for his radio station *The Big Ride Home*. Speaking about his achievements, *"I hosted the Big Ride Home on 98FM for 5 years, stepping down in Aug to work abroad was a tough decision but winning the double last night was an sensational way to finish my run. I am very grateful to the industry, judges, and team at 98FM."* Quilty now plans to break into America. He is already starring in an MTV show with A-lists like ED Sheeran and Ashley Tisdale.



French Exchange

The annual French exchange took a group of first and second years to Boudreaux in the south of France. They spent the better half of a week, exploring different parts of France, Spain and experiencing the French culture. The students stayed in their with a French student around their age, who will be coming to Ireland near the end of the year

Start of Year Mass

Both students and teachers went to the Good Shepard church and celebrated the beginning of the academic year and recognised our newest students first steps into De La Salle. The school would like to thank the Good Shepherd for hosting the mass.





TY Hike

Starting in Marley Park our TY students hiked over the Dublin mountains on a beautiful late summers day. The hike took over 5 hours and our boys enjoyed the scenery .

First Year Rugby

As the year starts so does a new 1st year rugby team, this year saw many new talented rugby players that wanted to join the first year team. The school would also like to give a massive thank you to Fantasy Lights for sponsoring our First year rugby team



First Year Badminton

Along with the first year rugby teams, the new first year badminton team was chosen, we would also like to thank Supervalu for sponsoring the 2019-2020 team

First Year Basketball

Basketball also started kicked into gear and we now have our U14/16/19 teams up and running. On Thursdays you will find the basketball awash with new players so the future of the game looks bright for the school.



Google is scary

by Eoin Stowe, Professional Idiot

Google is massive. It's so big, that people use it in referral to searching for something on the internet. To many people, Google **IS** the internet. Google owns YouTube, Gmail, Android, Google Maps etc. All of these services are free. *And who can beat the price of free? Exactly.* According to businessinsider.com, YouTube has 1.3 billion users. *So it would be foolish to give this service away for free, right? So how does Google make their money?* Advertising. If you watch any YouTube videos at all, you may have seen an ad placed before, during or after the video. Ok, so Google simply runs advertisements to keep the lights on? Well not quite.

Google collects your data. You should know, it was in that wall of text you *definitely read and agreed to*. *So what kinds of data does Google collect?* Google collects the information you provide them, such as your name, address and location. They also collect information from the searches you make, videos you watch, things you buy and even the things you say to Google Assistant. Google then gets paid money for this information. Doesn't seem sinister at first, until you realise that Google probably knows more about you than your own mother. Google has information on where you're from, what you like, what you want to eat, what you want to watch, what you want to buy, where you want to go, what you want to know about and so forth.

And if they don't know the exact information, they can do a damn good job at predicting it. Have you ever searched for something using Google, then moments later you get an advertisement for the same or related product you were just searching for? If the answer is yes, then Google is collecting your information. Which is fine considering you allowed them to. It was in the fine print of their Terms of Service. A little experiment you can do is watch a YouTube video, and when something specific is mentioned like a car or phone, open the video search and begin searching, one of the first results should be the thing mentioned in the video. It doesn't always work but when it does, it leaves you scratching your head.

Google has been caught red-handed listening to not only the recorded conversations people have with the Google Assistant but also the conversations people **don't** have with the Assistant. What do I mean by this? To trigger Google Assistant to activate and start listening, there is a phrase you have to say (usually OK Google). But according to theverge.com, the Google Assistant sometimes activated without the key phrase being said. Google also admitted to transcribing and analysing 0.2% of recordings. 0.2% doesn't sound like a lot of recordings to analyse until you realise that Google Assistant was predicted to be on over 1 billion devices in January 2019 by digitaltrends.com. Meaning that over 2 million people's private conversations could



be heard by a person working at Google. That is nearly 4 times the population of Dublin.

Google doesn't just do things like web services, even though that is their bread and butter. Google also ventures into things such as artificial intelligence, acquiring the Deepmind Company in January of 2014. The AI taught itself how the best way to simulate walking would be. The AI is also capable of diagnosing 50 different kinds of eye diseases. I mention this because Artificial Intelligence being developed by companies such as Google could possess the ability to put humans out of work. If an optician can make a misdiagnosis but an AI won't, then what's the point in keeping op-

ticians? Not only can humans be made obsolete in terms of competence, companies would prefer Artificial Intelligence to humans because you don't need to pay computers a salary, however you do with a human.

Whether you like the idea of having every bit of information at your fingertips or not, it's crucial to see that Google is collecting mass amounts of data for their own financial benefit. While yes, this does mean you get to do cool stuff like navigate across the country or have items delivered to your house at the push of a button, is it really worth risking your privacy? You decide.

Boris Johnson is the new Prime minister

By Ben Murray

As of the 24th of July Boris Johnson has officially taken over as the prime minister of the United Kingdom after Theresa May struggled to get parliamentary support for the implementation of her deal between the EU and UK.

During his first speech as Prime Minister Johnson promised that the UK would leave the EU by October 31st with or without a deal. On August 28th Boris announced that he had asked Queen Elizabeth to suspend parliament from the 10th of September to the 14th of October. Queen Elizabeth approved of this later on the same day.

On September the 3rd Johnson indicated that he would be calling a general election



under the Fixed term parliament act after conservative MP's voted against the government to control the order of business with a view to preventing a no-deal exit.

In most recent news concerning Boris, It was reported that he had pulled out of the Luxemburg press conference. When he landed he was met with booing and



and jeers from crowds of protesters while meeting EU officials. Later, the EU made an announcement stating that the United Kingdom still haven't proposed a good alternatives to the Brexit backstop.

Johnson has said that the UK will not agree to a divorce deal that includes the backstop.

The latest document that Boris Johnson sent to the European commission president is a big overhaul on the divorce agreement negotiated by Theresa May's party. It has been seen as a good step in the right direc-

tion but leaders have been quick to see some problems with the new document.



Veganism

By Jamie Alvarez

First of all I am going to tell you the difference between being vegetarian (also known as veggie) and vegan. Being vegetarian means a life style based on not eating any meat, fish or any part of the body of an animal. Being vegan means, apart from not eating any part of the body of an animal, a lifestyle which includes not eating anything that drift from an animal, like cheese, milk, honey, eggs etc. Anyway, being anyone of the options implies level of people that take care of the animals. Lots of celebrities as Stevie Wonder, Pamela Anderson, Cameron Diaz or the singer P!nk are vegetarian or vegan. Why don't we eat dogs, cats, elephants, crocodile or horses? It is a question that I cannot answer. Humans prefer eating cows, turkey, chicken, fish or pigs. In our society, we distinct animals without any reason. I

hate seeing people wearing the skin of a fox, snake, squirrel or bear. That is disrespectful and disgusting. Can't you wear a coat of cotton? It is cheaper and doesn't imply suffering. If you know what to eat, it is a healthier diet, but you could eat pizza, a lot of desserts, fries...so you should respect yourself and taking care of you. It is demonstrated that being vegan is healthier, but you may replace the vitamins of the meat and fish with soy milk, nuts, or sunlight. It is an appropriate way to lose weight, but anyway, if you do not eat healthy food, you would not lose a gram. I encourage you to try it, especially vegan because that would mean you have empathy and you (obviously) not wearing any skin of animal and not eating or taking any product (related with medicine, cosmetic...) which has been

proved with animals. For me, being vegan means respect 100% the animals. We are in the era of veganism. How can I say this? Because never in the history has there been such respect for all makes of life.



Ethiopia Review

By Abdul Mohamed

From the first cup of coffee to a nation of festivals, I will tell you the wonders of Ethiopia

As a country in Africa, Ethiopia is situated in an area called the Horn of Africa, known before as Abyssinia, the country is in the northeast of Africa. It is also a landlocked country.

Places to go:

Ethiopia is an attractive country full of amazing places to visit. My experience in The Danakil Depression was amazing.

It is in the northern part of the Afar Triangle or Afar Depression in Ethiopia, an ecological depression that has resulted from the separation of three tectonic plates in the Horn of Africa. It felt like I was walking on crystals. It is such an amazing place you couldn't leave Ethiopia without visiting that place.

An Extra place to visit is the Addis Ababa market it is Ethiopia's biggest market and one of the biggest in the world. You can find a variety of food in the place. The people are really friendly over there and have great hospi-

tality.

Also in Addis Ababa the hotels are astonishing including the one I stayed in was a four star hotel in central Addis beside the airport called holiday hotel I would really recommend to stay In this hotel if you ever plan to go



The Amazon forest fire

By Alex Turner

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical forest that recently has been going up in flames, you might be asking 'how did the fire start?' Well, it wasn't the weather. That has been proven by CNN meteorologist, Haley Brink. She confirms the weather in that area wouldn't be able to create fire, the only cause she says that made this horrific mess is human activity, which is not a surprise at all. At this point we know we are killing our own planet with all the pollution we have produced over the years. Nobody seemed to care, until global warming came along to show us we

have brought our own extinction upon ourselves.

This is the same with problems around the world, people do not care, they just get on with their lives to get through the day, just imagine the difference those people could have made to the planet if they cared about pollution and poverty around the planet. We wouldn't have any of these problems, global warming, pollution or poverty. People only seem to care if any of their celebrities/idols talk about the problem. It shows how much humanity couldn't care less about the planet, people only noticed ama-

zon fire when celebrities tweeted about the cause or posted it on social media to get people's attention. To try and get them to help put this out as soon as possible because the only thing that's making this planet liveable is our tree's and without them, we would have no oxygen and we would all suffocate and die.

The problem is, the fact that it was posted by small pages on social media but from what I have seen, nobody cared for about a week until well known media pages posted about it to tell the people this is a major problem in the world right

now and we should do something about it, we shouldn't just stand there and watch the forest burn to ash, we should act now while we still have a chance to save it.



RAFAEL NADAL

By Alberto Arranz Artillo

Rafael Nadal Parera excellent professional tennis player who, with a lot of effort, dedication and discipline is considered one of the best players in the history of tennis.



PERSONAL DATA:

Rafael Nadal better known as Rafa Nadal was born on 03 June 1986 in Manacor, Mallorca (Spain). Fortunately, he comes from an athletic family for which he can be credited with his success; his parents are Sebastian Nadal and Ana María Parera while his uncles Miguel Angel Nadal, a football player and Toni Nadal tennis player, led him to become one of the most important professionals in the history of the sport. With the latter, he began at the age of three his first racket instructions, although he also went on to

practice basketball, football and other sports.

As you have been able to see Rafael Nadal from an early age had the skills to become a great sportsman, this is how he has managed to prove it over the years, therefore, his professional career begins in 2002 where he started his first tournament disputes.

At the age of fifteen, he faced for the first time the Paraguayan Ramon Delgado, who was ranked 81st in the ATP rankings. The match ended in victory for the Spanish. In 2003 he played the Masters de Monte Carlo tournament, a professional tournament where he won a big win against world number 22, Slovakia's Karol Kucera and then his second match with Irishman Albert Costa clay-court Grand Slam champion.

When in 2003 he won against a TOP10 in the ATP rankings, his dream was interrupted due to the defeat he suffered against Guillermo Coria, however, he managed to enter the TOP100 of the rankings by being the youngest player of the tournament and from there , continued with the tournaments.

ALL THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIS CAREER:

He has won 16 Grand Slam titles from 2005 to 2017.

Also 32 Masters 1000 ATP World Tour title from 2005 to 2018.

1 Olympic Games title, in Beijing 2008.

In addition, 20 titles of ATP500 from 2005 to 2018.

9 titles of ATP250 from 2004 to 2015.

4 Davis Cup titles representing Spain in 2004 with the United States, in 2008 in Argentina, in 2009 with the Czech Republic and in 2011 with Argentina.

RIVALRY BETWEEN NADAL AND FEDERER:

As is well known, these two characters are the greatest rivals in the history of tennis. Roger Federer a little older than Rafael Nadal, had occupied the first places in the world ranking, being sometimes surpassed by Nadal.

Despite the amount of games they have played, they show a deep respect and admiration, outside of sports are also friends. Their matches are worthy of admiration and not to be lost for anything in the world because you can see the skills and differences that each one has and how they show it perfectly when facing each other. Both characters are examples of work, dedication and struggle for many young people who want to go as far as they have.

RAFAEL NADAL AND ROGER FEDERER AFTER PLAYING A GAME

RAFAEL NADAL ALSO KNOWN AS THE KING OF THE CLAY-COURT:

Between 2005 and 2007, the manacorí won 13 consecutive titles. This impressive run took place from the conquest of the Monte Carlo Masters to the Masters of Rome, winning in between Roland Garros, Barcelona, Bastad and Stuttgart. Obviously, that feat served him to obtain the record for the highest number of victories followed on clay-court (81).

Nadal has other practically insurmountable records in this area. Tennis player with more titles on the ground (57), of which 11 Roland Garros (player with more Grand Slams on this surface) and 24 Masters titles stand out. The sum of these great titles on land is 35, the one that has won the most in history. He also presents the absolute record in Grand Slams of clay (11, undefeated in Roland Garros) and Masters 1000 (31).



RAFAEL NADAL FOUNDATION:

Rafael Nadal had the desire to create an organization that would provide help for those children and adolescents who are socially excluded from society. This wish was fulfilled when he decided to create the Rafa Nadal Foundation in 2008, opening the doors to people around the world, so that they find a better future through sport.



The 100

By Juan Del Campo Millan

The 100 is an American television series of science fiction drama after an apocalypse that ends the earth, developed by Jason Rothenberg and is based freely on the series of books of the same name. The series premiered in the United States on March 19, 2014, attracting 2.73 million viewers in the original broadcast.

Some characters are not original characters and do not appear in books. Some also have their personalities changed or shared. The television series is also considered advanced to the book series at events. Many of the events that happen on the television show may not happen in the books.

PLOT

In the past there was a wave of radioactivity that ended the earth, all the countries of the world had to move to a space base. 97 years later they began to run out of oxygen and had to send 100 young people to the land to check if it was habitable. After this the young people of the earth had serious problems since they were not the only ones who were there but had no way of contacting the space base to confirm that it was habitable and that they would come down to help them.

PROTAGONISTS

Liza Taylor as Clarke Griffin, Paige Turco as Abby Griffin, Thomas McDonell as Finn Collins, Eli Goree as Wells Jaha, Marie Avgeropoulos as Octavia, Bob Morley as Bellamy Blake, Kelly Hu as Callie, Christopher Larkin as Monty, Devon Bostick as Jasper Jordan, Isaiah Washington as Thelonious, Henry Ian Cusick as Marcus Kane, Lindsey Morgan as Raven Reyes, Ricky Whittle as Lincoln, Richard Harmon as John Murphy, Zach McGowan as Roan, Tasya Teles as Echo, Shannon

Kook as Jordan Green, Shelby Flannery as Hope Diyoza

SEASONS

Season one, In the past there was a wave of radioactivity that ended the earth, all the countries of the world had to move to a space base. 97 years later they began to run out of oxygen and had to send 100 young people to the land to check if it was habitable. After this the young people of the earth had serious problems since they were not the only ones who were there but had no way of contacting the space base to confirm that it was habitable and that they would come down to help them.

In the second season, Of the group of 100 they manage to survive 49, which are taken by the men of the mountain, since the men of the mountain are a civilization that cannot go outside and need the bone marrow of the land and the 100 to survive. Meanwhile, those in space manage to land successfully to help the 100 survive on earth. To get help to those who are trapped in the mountains, the 100 must ally with the land.

In the third season, After releasing those from the mountain, Jaha releases Ali, an intelligence that controls people when they take a pill but leave them without pain. The only way to stop Ali is to find a nocturnal blood that wants to accept the commander's flame in order to destroy Ali, but this is confirmed since arcadia is directed by pai that his mission is to destroy all the terrestrials but these are necessary to be able to kill ali

n the fourth season, Before Clark destroys Ali, he shows him that in 3 months another apocalypse will occur on earth but more devastating than the first. First they decide to turn the entire population into nocturnal blood since these are the only ones that



can survive the radioactivity but they manage to transform clark. Jaha later finds a 5,000-person capacity bunker but there are 30,000,000 inhabitants and now it is necessary to decide which clan stays with the bunker to survive.

In the fifth season, 6 years later of the 2 apocalypse clark manages to contact those in space to warn them that the earth is habitable. But this communication is also heard by humans who lived in space but stronger and with more technology and they decide to appropriate the only habitable area of the earth. When Clark informs those of the bunker they decide to go out and fight the others for the only green zone but the land ones are led by Octavia and it became much more aggressive and violent

In the sixth season, after 125 years in cryosleep, Clarke, Bellamy, and the others wake up to find out that they were brought to the new habitable world, called "Alpha", also known as Sanctum. After landing on this world, they discover a new society, led by the ruling families, known as the Primes. However, they also discover new dangers on this new world, and a mysterious rebel group, known as the Children of Gabriel.

NBA 2K20

By Carlo Gullucci

The new NBA 2K20 game came out on Friday the 6th of September. It came out for Xbox One, PlayStation 4, PC and Nintendo Switch.

You can get 3 different version of the game, the standard which costs 60 euro gives you only the game, the deluxe edition which is 20 euro more gives you the game, 35,000 virtual currency, 10,000 My TEAM points, 10 MyCAREER Skill boost and 10 MyTEAM League packs [delivered once a week].

The Legend edition is 100 euro and it's aimed at collec-

tors and hardcore fans of the game. This version gives you: 100,000 Virtual currency - 50,000 MyTEAM Points -20 MyCAREER Skill boost -My Player Clothing capsule -My Player Apparel Collection - My Player Shoe Collection - 20 MyTEAM League packs [delivered once a week] -20 Heat Checks packs [delivered once a week beginning at the start of the NBA season] -5 MyTEAM Theme packs [one per team release across the first five releases] - 2 Sapphire MyTEAM Theme Cover Athlete Card.

For the standard edition and for the deluxe edition the

cover star is Anthony Davis while the three time NBA champion Dwyane Wade will be featured on the legend edition.

There are a lot of new things and many improvements.

They made a game mode that you can play with women, it is called WNBA Season mode where you can play with any of the 12 WNBA teams through the 2019 season

2K Games has improved some of the key gameplay features like the quality which include upgrades to the Motion Engine, improved ball handling, better reactions on defense, enhanced rim protection, lots of off-ball improvements including better screens, Badges, new Takeover content and features, and some big upgrades to the AI game modes.

There are many new player ratings with LeBron James and Kawhy Leonard topping the list.



DAZN And KSI vs Logan Paul

By Ben Murray

It was announced recently that the two youtube super stars known as Ksi and Logan Paul will be holding a second boxing match on the 9th of November. This by itself isn't too special but the company known as DAZN has decided to host the event.

This is big news because it means that



events like this are getting mainstream support from big companies. DAZN is one of the biggest sports streaming services available. Sky sports will also be streaming the boxing match. Since this event is being picked up by the mainstream it could do wonders for both

sides here. For example, it helps essentially gives youtube free promotion as these two people are very prominent on the website, and it gives DAZN a chance to show off professional boxing for the undercard fights to whole new community of people .

La Liga: The Best in the World

By Joaquin Holgado

The first division national league championship commonly known as La Liga (It's called the Santander League because it is sponsored by the Santander Bank) is the men's top professional football division of the Spanish football league system. Administered National Professional Football League, also known as the professional soccer (LFP), La Liga is contested by 20 teams, with the three lowest-place teams at the end of each season relegated to the second division and replaced by the top three teams in that division.

The league is made up of 20 teams:

Real Madrid, Barcelona, Atletico de Madrid, Valencia, Sevilla, Real Betis Balompie, Athletic Club, Real Sociedad, Celta de Vigo, Villarreal, Levante, Getafe, Osasuna, Espanol, Alaves, Granada, Valladolid, Mallorca, Eibar, Leganes.

My opinion why the Spanish league is the best in the world

I think the Spanish league (La Liga) is the best because in difference with the English league (Premier League) that is the other top league of football is that in the Spanish league play better football. There is more touch and more plays with a goal finish and I think that is what one type of soccer is better than another.

It is considered the best league in the world according to the official annual ranking of the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS), occupying the first place consecutively since 2010.

It is the national championship with more titles in international competitions with its 6 best teams.

Intercontinental / Club World Cups (11), European Cups / Champions Leagues (18), UEFA Cups / European Leagues (11), European Super Cups (15), European Cups (7), Fairs Cups (6) and Latin Cups (4).



EASTER WEEK IN SPAIN

Holy Week in Spain is one of the most anticipated holidays of the whole year. It is celebrated with the exit to the street of processions organized by brotherhoods or brotherhoods. The manifestations of faith are influenced by tradition, which in turn is linked to the customs of each person.

Holy Week coincides with the last week of Lent in the Catholic calendar. It is located between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The procession until Holy Saturday is called the



penance station. The processions that take place on Easter Sunday are not of penance, but of glory. The procession has some steps, called steps on which they process sculptures with evangelical characters related to the arrest, death and resurrection of Christ. The brothers of the brotherhoods that participate in the courtship what they usually do dressed in robes and conical caps lined with a cloth that serves as a mask. These brothers are often known as Nazarenos or penitents.

Some celebrations in specific enclaves have received recognition of International or National Tourist Interest. Holy Week in Spain is in a file to be declared a representative manifestation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (PCI) .



MY EXPERIENCE:



When I was only 11 years old, I went out in the procession of the Santa Faz of Nazarene with my friends because all my cousins came out and I wanted to try to see how it was. At the end I was very happy and decided to repeat next year. When I turned 13 I changed my procession to the via crucis [way of the cross], because in this procession my parents and all my cousins were in.

My sister last year left Nazarene on the Holy Face and when she is older she will go join me on the via crucis, like me.

Personally I love this tradition because I have a lot of affection after so many years and when it finishes I always want to spend a year to get back out. It also



helps me reflect on many things and help me get closer to God.

VIA CRUCIS, MY PROCESION

The via crucis is a procession of silence as it represents the path of God to the mountain carrying the cross. This procession is composed of Nazarenes with candle, cross, dull drums, incense and with Christ. Every 5 minutes the Nazarenes have a 30-second decay, and every 4 breaks a Nazarene reads one of the 12 stations that God suffered carrying the cross and then 5 our parents pray. Halfway the procession enters the mosque to show the act of penance to God. This procession lasts 5 hours, starts at 8pm and ends at 1am.

I have been going out for 2 years in the procession as a Nazarene and carrying a cross. He started to leave because it is a tradition in my family to go out in this procession and I like it apart since it is silent and all the people of Cordoba have a lot of respect for him.

Slenderman Review

By Raymond Kelly

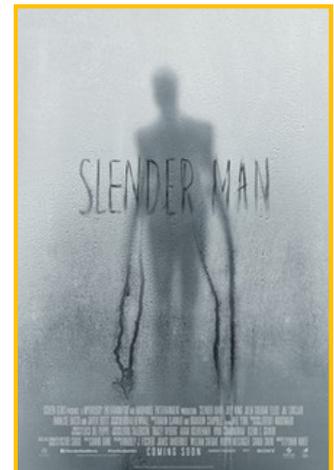
Have you ever wondered what a film based on a 2009 meme would be like? No? Neither has any sane person in their life. Though the absolute geniuses at Sony Pictures decided to create one. In August of 2018, the movie Slenderman was released to highly critical reviews. Is this criticism valid? Yes, yes it is.

The film stars four totally hip and quirky teenage girls with one dimensional personalities, who one day while having a sleepover decide it would be cool to summon slender. This is done by downloading a video off the internet and watching it and, like a shitty version of ring, this apparently summons him. Over the course of the film Slenderman ends up possessing, abducting and killing the four girls. Well it's assumed that he kills the girls, as the closest we see to that happening is him turning one of them into a tree.

There are many cheap fake out jumpscares throughout the film that consists of nothing more than a person walking across the frame and a sudden loud noise. But that's if you can even see what's happening on the screen; scenes are so dark, that no joke I had to turn my TV's brightness to twice the factory settings and still could hardly make out anything that was happening. Though this could actually be intentional as the CGI and design on Slenderman is actually so bad that it takes you straight out of the movie whenever you see him.

If you are anyway interested in Slenderman or Creepypastas in general, don't watch this film. It's an awkward excuse for a film that trips up at every step. Failing to move the plot along naturally or create a cohesive lore and history to Slenderman.

Also it probably wasn't a good idea to do anything with Slenderman after only a couple of years since Milwaukee stabbings.



Apple: Robbing you blind

by Eoin Stowe, Professional Idiot

It's no secret Apple sell you "premium" products at a "premium" price, but this price (to me at least) is completely unjustified.

Let's take the iPhone XS for example. This phone costs €1099.99 (at the time of writing) on both Vodafone and Three. In my opinion, €1099.99 is way too much to charge for a phone with a measly 64 GB of storage. Especially when the cost of manufacture is only ~€400 according to bankmycell.com, nypost.com and gizmo-china.com. For context, the Samsung Galaxy S10e for €629.99 (on Vodafone) comes with double the storage (at 128 GB). And on top of that, Samsung gives you the option to expand the storage by another 512GB via SD card for a total of 640GB. Apple does not afford this option and would rather sell you a phone with much less storage and force you to buy space on iCloud to make up for the rest.

Another point I want to make is Apple's removal of the headphone jack. Amid controversy in 2016, Apple made the **bold** decision to remove the beloved headphone jack. Apple fans were quick to deny anti-consumer practice and write it off as "The Future". However, I believe that Apple wanted to remove the headphone jack in order to boost the sales of the newly released AirPods, as well as the Lightning to 3.5mm headphone jack adapter (which Apple no longer includes in the box of a device that costs over €1000 for). It is speculated by cultofmac.com that Apple sold 77.3 million iPhone X units, so if every iPhone user also bought the adapter at €10 a piece, Apple is looking at a profit of over 770 million euro. Now I know that not every iPhone user is going to buy an adapter, but even if only 10% of people bought it, Apple is still looking at 77 million euro in profit. Still think the removal of the headphone jack is "**The Future**"?

A big source of revenue for Apple is their repair business. Thefiscaltimes.com reports that Apple may make anywhere

from 1-2 billion euro a year in repair costs. But this money is made from lies and deceit. Apple routinely targets people who are not "technically savvy" and quotes them ridiculous repair costs. How ridiculous? Well, in a video published by Louis Rossmann in cooperation with CBC News, a MacBook Pro with a non-functional screen is brought to an Apple store in Toronto, Canada. When the MacBook is examined by the "Genius", it is "discovered" that the cause of the fault is "water damage". Which is partially correct, as the water damage indicators did change colour to notify that the indicators came into contact with water. However, the indicators also change colour when exposed to a humid environment. Despite the clear lack of liquid in the machine, the "Genius" started listing components for replacement, totalling 1200 Canadian Dollars (which is around €825). Upon the machine being inspected further by Louis Rossmann (the owner of an independent repair store), it is found that the cause of the fault was simply a bent connector. When the connector was bent back into place, the machine worked perfectly fine. A repair which Louis Rossmann would do for free.

Keeping with the theme of repair, iOS will detect any newly installed battery as counterfeit. The battery could have been taken out of a brand new iPhone but the software will recognise it as a fake and a "Service" warning will be displayed. The only way to get around this is by the use of software which only authorised Apple repair centres or Apple stores have access to. Apple doesn't let third-party or non-authorised repair companies use this software. Just to force you to use Apple-certified repair outlets.

Up until the release of the iPhone X, The iPhone was iconic for its continued use of the Home Button. But Apple weren't too happy when these buttons failed and needed to be replaced. During the manufacturing process, the Home Button is

registered with the logic board. What is the significance of this? Well if you were to try and replace this button, Apple wouldn't let you use it anymore. Instead, you would be confined to an on-screen button.

Apple is no stranger to overpricing things, from phones to repairs, if there's an applicable price tag, Apple will double it with pride. But Apple are borderline humiliating themselves with the Pro Stand. A monitor stand. A piece of metal. Should cost around...maybe €50? That's what sane company executives would think. Apple, however, is not sane and has managed to come to the conclusion that a chunk of aluminium should cost €1000. No, I am not hallucinating, and neither are you. The saddest part about this is that it is just a regular VESA mount, so what's stopping you from buying one on amazon for like....€20? Absolutely nothing? Right, so how has Apple decided that a regular VESA mount stand should be priced at €1000? Various bloggers and article writers have defended Apple saying that the display the Pro Stand is supporting is "A serious piece of kit" and "Is for **serious** video work". *Keeping that in mind, even the most **serious** video production studios are going to want to save a thousand euro or two. So the point of the Pro Stand is.....what exactly? To add insult to injury, the stand doesn't include the mount (the*

part that connects to the monitor). For the luxury of using your €1000 stand, you also have to spend another €200, just to connect it to the monitor. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have reached peak Apple.

With all of the sheer profit Apple makes from selling devices with profit margins of over €600, it's easy to see why Apple are a trillion-dollar company. The reason Apple have their European headquarters in Ireland is because of our low corporate tax rate. According to thejournal.ie the Irish Government were giving Apple "illegal state aid" to entice Apple to stay in Ireland. Over time this "state aid" accumulated and eventually added up to over €13 billion, Which Apple were made to pay back by the EU. Not only are Apple robbing you in terms of overpricing their goods and services, Apple is also taking your tax money. Whether you like it or not.

Apple is the poster car of greedy companies.



Opinion On Respect

By Jamie Alvarez

What is the meaning of this word? It is so difficult to describe it, but I think that is more difficult to practise it, in all of its senses, places and people. For me, RESPECT means empathy. That is so important to understand respect's meaning. Empathy means putting yourself at the other side, seeing a situation or reality

with other eyes. Respect means rights for everyone, not classifying people depending on their nationality, religion, sexual preference, identification, colour of skin or ideas. This word means equality, so you have the same rights as the person next to you, you have the same rights as everyone.

At the same time, you are

obligated to respect yourself, if you do not respect yourself would be so difficult to respect anyone. Anyway, treat the others as you want to be treated. This is the Golden Rule.

Now I am going to share with you one case near to my ideology. I follow in social media people that inspires me to be respectful.

One of these people is called Carlota Bruna. She is a girl, and she is 22 years old. She is an animal activist. Her story is so simple but so difficult at the same time: one day she watched a video of how people treat animals with the purpose of selling its skin on form of a wallet, a pair of shoes or a coat. Once she finished watching that video, she reflected and decided becoming vegan. I am not going to deep into this topic because this opinion is about respect. So, what I mean, is that people

like Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, the Pope Francis and a large list of cases deserve all my respect. Not only because they fight or fought for their rights, also because they fight for the rights of the people or living beings that could not do it.

An African person, a Spanish or an Irish person did not choose their nationality, or their place of birth, or their colour of skin, so you are not allowed to disrespect them.

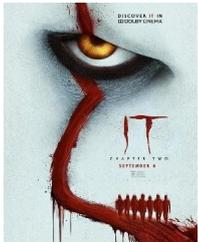
Try to be patient, to have tolerance with everybody.

Respect the Earth, there is not a second planet where you can live when the Earth passes away. People is destroying the world, we find everyday more cases of extinct animals, so we are not respecting them.

Recycle, do not contaminate, try to keep the Earth as clean as you would like to find it if you came to the World now.

Upcoming Movies Sep—Oct

By Ben Murray



It: Chapter 2

27 years after his first encounter with the losers club. It returns to Derry. The losers come back together to finish It once and for all.



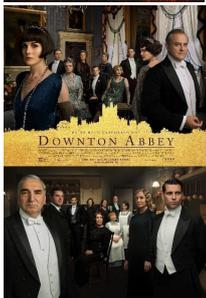
Ad Astra

Astronaut Roy McBride undertakes a mission across an unforgiving solar system to uncover the truth about his missing father and his doomed expedition that now, 30 years later, threatens the universe.



Rambo: Last Blood

When a friend's daughter is kidnapped, Rambo crosses the U.S.-Mexico border to bring her home but finds himself up against one of Mexico's most ruthless cartels.



Downton Abbey

The continuing story of the Crawley family, wealthy owners of a large estate in the English countryside in the early 20th century.



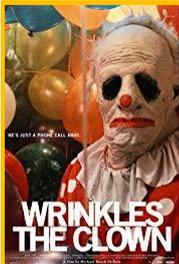
Extra Ordinary

A woman who has supernatural abilities must save a possessed girl. Though driving instructor Rose has a love-hate relationship with her abilities, she decides to help Martin and his daughter Sarah.



Joker

Failed comedian Arthur Fleck encounters violent thugs while wandering the streets of Gotham City dressed as a clown. Disregarded by society, Fleck begins a slow dissent into madness as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker.



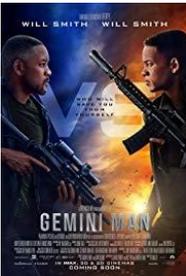
Wrinkles The Clown

Wrinkles the Clown is the alias of an unidentified man living in Naples, Florida, who for a fee of "a few hundred dollars" will attend birthdays, scare misbehaving kids, and prank people.



The Addams Family

An animated take on the classic story of the Addams family.



Gemini Man

Henry Brogan is an elite assassin who becomes the target of a mysterious operative who can seemingly predict his every move. To his horror, he soon learns that the man who's trying to kill him is a younger, faster, cloned version of himself.



Jojo Rabbit

Set during World War Two, an awkward young German boy whose only ally is his imaginary friend Hitler has his naïve patriotism tested when he meets a young girl who upends his world views.



Zombieland: Double Tap

Columbus, Tallahassee, Wichita, and Little Rock move to the American heartland as they face off against evolved zombies, fellow survivors, and the growing pains of the snarky makeshift family.

Well being poems

By First years

Some poems about well being that were written by our current 3rd years when they first entered the school two years ago.

Well-being figuring my strengths
Well-being the thoughts in my head
Well-being work on my weaknesses
Well-being I search and I find

Zviko kufazviei

When I talk about well-being
I men being strong
Accepting myself
Even if some people
Think I am wrong

Valentino Ejimogu

Well-being healthy eating
The best I can do
Is to feel strong
Even if I'm not
Hope the feeling lasts song
When others find fault
I could not care less
Because I know myself
That I try my best
Matthew Escanillas

Well-being is a good thing
Give it a go
If it starts to cling
Stay with the flow
Well-being involves strengths
Like sprinting extra lengths
It also involves being strong
But not big physically
Like King Kong
It involves keeping a healthy body
And not talking in negative
From anybody
Keeping a healthy mind
Staying constantly KIND
Tautvydas Danilevicius

