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TENNIS END-OF-YEAR FINALS



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Hello everyone and a special greeting to the tennis fans. This article is all about the special end-of-year tournaments, also known as the tennis finals. This can be divided into both the men's and women's categories. Each of the men's and women's associations have different names and are called the ATP and the WTA. Because of this, the finals are called the ATP Finals and the WTA Finals. The men's finals are held in Turin, Italy, and the title sponsor was announced in 2017 as the Nitto Denko Corporation. But the women's finals are held all the way in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with PIF (Public Investment Fund) as the proud presenting partner. The tournament lasted for a week and each player participated in a mini round-robin tournament which led to the players being separated into two groups for this. The top two of each group move onto the semi-finals.

PIF WTA Finals

First, we shall talk about the women's end-of-year finals. In 2025, the 8 singles participants were the Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka, Polish Iga Świątek, Americans Coco Gauff, Amanda Anisimova and Jessica Pegula, Kazakhistani Elena Rybakina, Italian Jasmine Paolini and Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova. They are the number 1 - 8 seeds respectively. American Madison Keys was due to play but withdrew and was replaced by Ekaterina Alexandrova due to having sustained injuries.

The two groups were called Steffi Graf and Serena Williams. In the Steffi Graf group, the contestants were Aryna Sabalenka, Coco Gauff, Jessica Pegula and Jasmine Paolini. In the Serena Williams group, the competitors were Iga Świątek, Amanda Anisimova, Elena Rybakina and Ekaterina Alexandrova. The top two of each group were Sabalenka, Anisimova, Pegula, and Rybakina. Rybakina and Sabalenka were the winners of their group.

Sabalenka vs Anisimova was a three-set thriller. The result was 6-3, 3-6, and 6-3, with Sabalenka winning. Pegula vs Rybakina was yet another three-set thriller. The score was 4-6, 6-4, and 6-3, with Rybakina winning. Rybakina and Sabalenka moved on to the finals. Sabalenka v Rybakina was what some people would call one-sided. Rybakina won in two sets - 6-3, 7-6, (7 - 0). For those who are not familiar to tennis, when it gets the set to 6-6, the players go into a tiebreak, which is where the players do a first to 7 points and you must win by a margin of 2. Rybakina won with a fairly easy tiebreak - which ended 7-0 - to win the WTA trophy.



Nitto ATP Finals

Finally, we have the men's singles end-of-year finals in Turin. For 2025, the 8 singles participants were Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, Italian Jannik Sinner, German Alexander Zverev, Americans Ben Shelton and Taylor Fritz, Australian Alex De Minaur, Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime and Italian Lorenzo Musetti. They are seeds 1 - 8 respectively. Serbian Novak Djokovic qualified but withdrew due to a shoulder injury after winning his 101st title in Athens, Greece. He was replaced by Lorenzo Musetti.

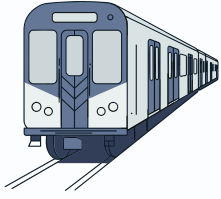
The main contenders or highlights were Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner. Both have been fighting for the title of World No.1. After the US Open, Alcaraz reached Ranking No.1 for the first time since 2023. But in the Rolex Paris Masters, Alcaraz lost in the second round while Sinner made it to the finals and beat Felix Auger-Aliassime to win the trophy, giving him No.1 back after 2 months. As a result of winning the ATP Finals in 2024, Sinner has to lose 1500 ranking points but on the other hand, Alcaraz, who only won one match, will only lose 200. This would give Alcaraz No.1 momentarily but he needed to win at least 3 matches to secure year-end No.1. To at least stand a chance, Sinner would need to be undefeated champion and need to have Alcaraz lose one match in the group stage and lose his semi-final match if they both get there.

The group names were called Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg. In the Jimmy Connors group, the contestants were Alcaraz, Fritz, De Minaur and Musetti. But in the Bjorn Borg group, the remaining challengers were Sinner, Zverev, Shelton and Auger-Aliassime. The top two of each group that moved onto the semi-finals were Alcaraz, De Minaur, Sinner and Auger-Aliassime. Alcaraz was guaranteed a semi-final spot regardless of the Musetti match when De Minaur shocked Fritz to keep his Turin hopes alive. Meanwhile, Sinner also booked himself a place in the semi-finals when he defeated Zverev and Auger-Aliassime dispatched Shelton in straight sets. But Alcaraz powered through as he ended as the top of the Jimmy Connors group, the 22-year-old Spaniard securing Year End No.1 presented with PIF honours with a straight sets win over Musetti, 6-4 6-1. The deciding match between Zverev and Auger-Aliassime ended with a tiebreak which was ended 7-4, this was the best win of the Canadian's career.

Alcaraz vs Auger-Aliassime and Sinner vs De Minaur were fairly similar with both matches being straight sets wins. Alcaraz won 6-2 6-4 and the defending champion Sinner won 7-5 6-4 against the Australian. Alcaraz and Sinner moved on to the final, leading to another tremendous 'Sincaraz' match in the rivalry. The winner of the powerhouse matchup and won the ATP trophy was Sinner beating Alcaraz 7-6 (7-4) 7-5.

Sinner converted break point in the last game to lift the trophy for the second time in a row. The first set could have gone either way as no break points were converted and the tiebreak happened to fall into the hands of the Italian. However, Alcaraz had a huge chance to win the second set. He broke Sinner in the first game to lead 1-0 but after being 3-2 up, Sinner broke his serve to level 3-3. Sadly, Alcaraz was 5-6 down but 40-30 in his last service game when Sinner produced a magnificent level of tennis to win 3 points in a row and lift the Nitto ATP trophy once more on home soil. This brings the rivalry to 10-6 in Alcaraz's favour. In the Big Titles chase, Sinner is just 2 tournament wins behind from catching up to Alcaraz's 14 trophy lifts.

TRAIN STABBINGS



SIDDHARTH 8H



If you've been watching the news, you would know there have been mass stabbings on the train, specifically the train that had departed from Doncaster and was heading for London King's Cross. Anthony Williams, who had boarded the train at 19:30 pm on the 1st of November, has been charged with the attempted murder of several passengers.

The attack left 11 wounded, one of whom was part of the LNER catering crew, 48 year old Samir Zitouni, who bravely blocked Anthony's attack, which prevented him from stabbing a girl, resulting in a gash on his neck and head. He was discharged much later than other injured passengers, last week; the force said he remained "critically unwell" but stable at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.



Samir Zitouni

Passengers on board the train said a person brandishing a knife began stabbing people after it passed through Peterborough, so the driver brought the train to an emergency halt at Huntingdon. Anthony Williams, 32, of no fixed address, was charged with 10 counts of attempted murder relating to the train stabbings and a count of attempted murder in connection with an alleged attack in London. He is due to appear at Cambridge Crown Court on 1 December.

In correlation to the train stabbings, a 14-year-old boy was stabbed by Anthony with a knife in the city centre on Henry Penn Walk in Peterborough. He was taken to hospital with minor injuries and was later discharged, just the day before the mass stabbings. Furthermore, on Friday, 31 October, Anthony entered a barbershop with a knife in Fletton, Peterborough around 7.10pm.



Anthony Williams caught by CCTV entering a barbershop in Peterborough on Friday.



JAMAICA - HURRICANE MELISSA



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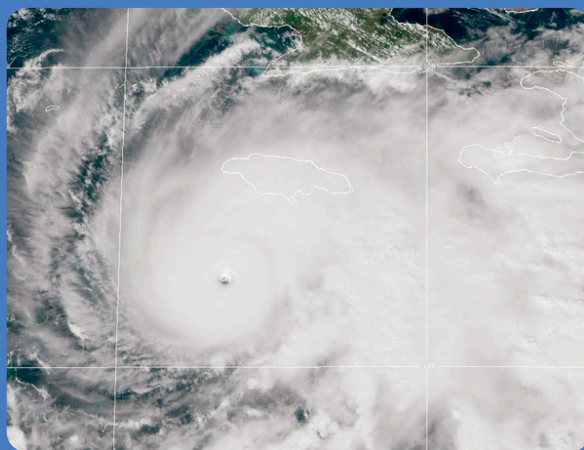
On Tuesday 28th October 2025, devastation struck Jamaica. Said to be “one of the worst experiences that [Jamaica] has ever encountered.” via the Guardian and “For Jamaica, it will be the storm of the century for sure.” — Anne-Claire Fontan, tropical cyclone specialist at the World Meteorological Organization via The Guardian. We can be sure that this calamitous event has damaged both the citizens of Jamaica, as well as the economical state of Jamaica, which can be confirmed with exact stats that tell us The World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) estimate that the physical damage to Jamaica caused by Hurricane Melissa is about US\$ 8.8 billion, which is equivalent to 41% of Jamaica's 2024 GDP. The damage breakdown is as followed: about 41% of the damage was to residential buildings, 33% to infrastructure, 21% to non-residential buildings, and 5% to agriculture.

Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 hurricane, which reached a top speed of 252mph, was a powerful and catastrophic tropical cyclone, and also is currently the strongest tropical cyclone worldwide in 2025. Furthermore, it became ‘the worst storm to hit the Jamaica since records began.’ - Sky News . It then went on to impact Haiti and Cuba, encapsulating how cataclysmic this unexpected event truly was. Officially, making Landfall in Jamaica on the 28th October 2025, the tropical cyclone displaced up to 90,000 homes and for 190,000 buildings to be destroyed. Additionally, most of the population now remains without electricity and a lack of basic necessities like food and water. 102 fatalities, 142 injuries, and 29 people missing, due to Hurricane Melissa, where all Hurricanes nowadays are constantly being exacerbated by factors such as Climate Change, and human environmental damage to the Planet.



Fortunately, many countries including, the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Japan and many others have contributed with significant humanitarian funding to help the suffering and loss of what people may have called 'home', now looking like "a world war, where somebody drops a bomb". said by former Olympic Jamaican sprint athlete, Asafa Powell.

My condolences and prayers go out to the people affected in the mist of such chaos across Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba. If you feel sad or frightened with this news, remember you can always speak to your family members around you or your Form Tutor, Head of Year or the Safe Guarding team, in school, who are more than happy to help you. If you have any spare change or extra money, that you are willing to give to provide aid for the people that have been affected by this catastrophe. You can donate any amount to the British Red Cross via this link: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa-emergency>. Remember any amount no matter how small the donation is, can help a life that has been tarnished by this hurricane causing pandemonium in Jamaica and across various social media platforms.



THE K+ PROGRAMME



JOSHUA 10W



What is the K+ Programme?

The K+ programme is a two year scheme run by King's College London to help students from under represented backgrounds learn more about university and prepare for higher education.

What is the process of joining?

You can only join in year 12, but it's useful for younger years to know about it early so they can plan ahead, focus on GCSEs and choose the right subjects.

What is involved in the programme?

K+ offers workshops, lectures, trips, a summer school, one to one mentoring, plus support with personal statements and university applications . Upon successfully completing the programme, you may also receive a reduced offer from KCL and a £1000 bursary if you go on to study there.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW

Year 12 students interested in university, whether it's Kings or another university, should consider applying as soon as possible!



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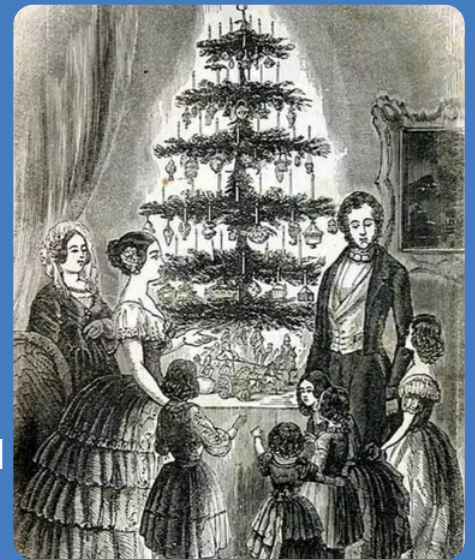
THE ORIGINS OF A MODERN CHRISTMAS



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Many of the Christmas traditions we know and love today were actually popularised by Queen Victoria and the royal family. Several of our most notable traditions that are celebrated widely today originated from Prince Albert's (Victoria's husband) Germanic heritage. He embraced his childhood traditions and shared them with his family in England. After Albert's death, Victoria continued participating in these traditions as a way of keeping his memory alive. The royal family's influence on the people of Britain made the European traditions increasingly popular across the nation.

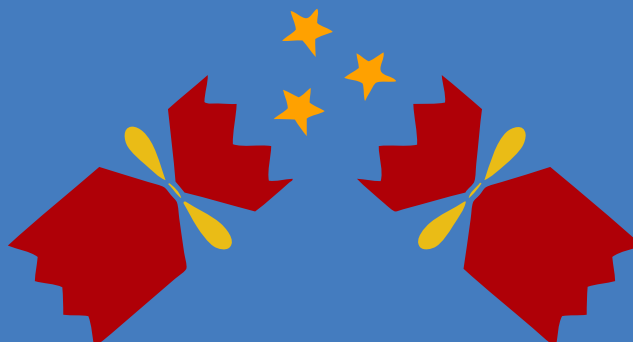
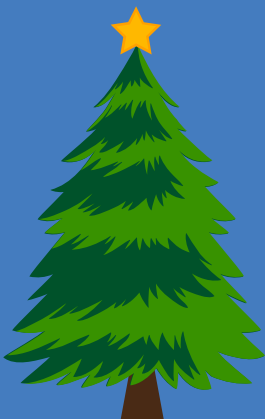
Decorating the tree was actually popularised by the Victorian Royal Family. In Germany, trees were decorated with apples, nuts, and red pieces of paper. In 1850, an image of the royal family became the first widely circulated image of a Christmas tree. In this image, delicate decorations and candles were pictured hanging from the branches.



One of the most significant seasonal traditions to come from the Victorian era is the Christmas Card. Sir Henry Cole, the very first director of the V&A, was the person who introduced this idea by commissioning an artist to design a festive greeting card. The ones he didn't use were then sold to the public.



The Christmas cracker was invented by Tom Baker Smith - a London-based baker - which he started selling in the early 1840's. The inspiration of the famous 'pop' was apparently from the sound of a log fire crackle. The device he made to create the pop was patented in 1847. Tom's version of the cracker contained a small love 'motto', or fortune. His son, Walter, later introduced the paper crowns into the cracker.



KYLE LARSON: 2025 NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPION



FAEQ 10B¹ [EDITOR]



Hi again, readers, and welcome back to Best of the Beths (the newsletter that's been 'produced for students, by students since 2019)! Hopefully, you had a nice October half-term (which to be fair, is somewhat distant now, but still!) and hopefully the second half of the Autumn Term is going well! As you may know (or if you don't), I am Faeq (**pronounced:** Fi-eek) of 10B - the editor of BotB - and in this edition I will once again cover some of the latest action in the sport of NASCAR!

Some of you reading might just be able to recall that last time, I focused on Chase Elliott (driver of the #9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet) last month in light of a stunning comeback victory at Kansas. For this month, I have decided to shift such attention towards his teammate Kyle Larson (driver of the #5), who has recently clinched his 2nd NASCAR Cup Series Championship (his other being 2021) following a dramatic season finale at Phoenix. With that, I'm not only going to walk you through his 2025 season in a nutshell, but also the significance of this title to him and the #5 Hendrick Motorsports team. So, without further ado, let's break this down!

***2025 NASCAR Cup Series Season: Regular Season Pt1 (Rounds 1-12)**

Kyle Larson was undoubtedly the most dominant driver last year, leading 1700 laps and winning a series-best 6 races... only to finish 6th in the standings after being knocked out of title contention in the semi finals of the Playoffs (more on what that is later).

The #5 team looked to improve on that this season, and after a 20th-place finish at Daytona to open the season, Larson got a P3 finish at Atlanta the next week (which was very nearly a win). He would then suffer a loose tire at the Circuit of the Americas which relegated him to 32nd, but another 3rd place finish at Phoenix would kickstart a run of 4 consecutive top-10 finishes. This included his first win of the campaign at Homestead-Miami, where he'd come back from issues early on and pass teammate Alex Bowman late in the running for his 30th career victory. He'd back that up with a P5 result at Martinsville... before crashing less than a mere 5 laps into the race at Darlington.

At this stage, he sits 6th in points, but the next 4 races would see him shoot to the very top. He led 411 of 500 laps at Bristol and won both Stages on his way to a dominant victory before scoring a record-breaking 67th stage win at Talladega, where he came home runner-up for his best result on a drafting track to date. Larson then led a third of the race at Texas before finishing fourth, and Kansas would see him turn in his most dominant performance of the year and put up a perfect race. He started on pole, won both Stages, led 221 of 267 laps and set the fastest lap of the race (which is now worth a *bonus* point) en route to scoring the maximum 61 points and a third win of the season!



Through 12 races in 2025, Larson led 817 laps, the 5th most through that many races in the 21st century. This also equates to a 19.5% average of laps led per race in that period, which ranks tied-9th since 2000. Furthermore, this is the quickest span in which Larson has ever chalked up three wins in a Cup season.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

***2025 NASCAR Cup Series: Regular Season Pt2 (Rounds 13-26)**

Now this is where things get interesting, because Larson had also attempted running the Indianapolis 500 (an **IndyCar** event) and NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 in the same day for the second year in a row... which didn't go great, to say the least. It felt as though the disappointment of such events changed Larson a little bit, as he only scored 3 top-5 finishes and one Stage win in the final 14 weeks before the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs. He was also in contention for the Regular Season Championship, but P28 and P39 results at Iowa and Watkins Glen knocked him out. It wasn't all bad though, as Larson ended up being the joint-top seed for the Playoffs with 2032 points alongside Regular Season Champion and teammate William Byron.

Kyle Larson entered the Indy 500 again this year with the Arrow McLaren IndyCar team and backing from Hendrick Motorsports. In his second attempt at the event on May 25th, he was classified in 24th after crashing out on Lap 91 of 200. That was before also retiring from NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 that evening.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



***2025 NASCAR Cup Series: The Playoffs (Rounds 27-35)**

So, the NASCAR Cup Playoffs are the ten weeks that determine the champion. It starts with 16 drivers (that qualified through race wins or having enough points), and there are 3 rounds of 3 races where the bottom 4 drivers are eliminated by the end of each round. That would leave 4 drivers remaining, and those drivers race against each other in the season finale, with the first to finish the race being declared Champion.

Larson didn't have the best Round of 16 here, with results of 19th at Darlington, 12th at WWT Raceway after dominating early, and P32 at Bristol following a spin in the final third of the race. He easily made the Round of 12 though, and this is where the #5 team turned up the wick; Larson bagged results of 7th, 6th and a runner-up at Charlotte to advance to the Round of 8. He finished runner-up again at Las Vegas to start *that* round, before running out of fuel from the front at Talladega on the final lap - he was still 36 points above the elimination line heading into Martinsville, though!

With teammate William Byron winning at Martinsville from below the cutline, Larson had to outscore Christopher Bell to advance to the Championship 4... which he did to clinch a third Championship 4 appearance in 5 seasons with Hendrick Motorsports. As well as Byron, Larson would face off against Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Denny Hamlin and Chase Briscoe for the 2025 NASCAR Cup Series Championship at Phoenix.

***2025 NASCAR Cup Series: Championship Race (Round 36)**

Entering the season finale at Phoenix Raceway, Kyle Larson was the only driver out of the Championship 4 to have previously won the Cup Series Championship (back in 2021). Larson qualified P3 for the title decider behind Denny Hamlin and William Byron, and for much of the race itself, he was running 3rd of the title contenders. Then on Lap 215, he suddenly blew a right-front tire from 8th. He would eventually restart 29th with 86 laps to go, yet recover from there, taking two tires on a pit-stop on Lap 281 to gain track position. With less than 5 laps to go, Larson sat in P5, and with Hamlin and Byron running 1st and 2nd, it seemed as though the #5 team's title hopes were over...

Only for Byron to suddenly blow a right-front tire, bringing out the caution and sending the race into Overtime. Hamlin, Larson and Chase Briscoe came to pit road along with many others, and as the two Joe Gibbs Racing drivers opted for four fresh Goodyear tires, Larson took just two and emerged five positions ahead of Hamlin. With Briscoe having faded out of the picture, Larson now had to beat Hamlin's #11 Toyota. Come the actual Overtime restart, Larson moved to 3rd while Hamlin struggled to find momentum in traffic. With that, Kyle Larson crossed the line in P3 to finish first of the Championship 4 and secure his second NASCAR Cup Series Championship!



Of the 319 laps run in the season finale, Larson only spent 7 of them in the lead of the Championship 4. The comeback effort from the #5 team was still enough to give Hendrick Motorsports a record-extending 15th Cup Series title and make Larson the 18th driver to win multiple Cup Championships.

[IMAGE CREDIT: NASCAR on Threads]

***With that, what makes this Championship significant?**

If you ask me, there's quite a lot to this question; some answers may be expected, but other elements may stick out quite significantly. Kyle Larson is not only the 18th driver to win at least two Cup Series Championships, but he's also just the third driver to win multiple titles under the Hendrick Motorsports banner, joining Jimmie Johnson (7) and Jeff Gordon (4). He's been responsible for 26 of Hendrick's 57 victories since 2021 (when he joined the team), has led 7149 laps and has scored the most points of anyone in three of the past five seasons (2021, 2024 and **2025**) - keep in mind that those are only a few stats that highlight his recent dominance in such top-tier equipment!

Yet if you think about it, it's quite interesting that such a dominant driver actually went winless for the remaining two-thirds of this season (you *might* have noticed that), and still won the Championship. This therefore makes Larson the first driver in the Elimination era (2014-present) to win the title while going winless in the Playoffs. Such a statement has come from a rollercoaster season for the #5 group, where the pit crew was changed entirely early on in the season, days before Jon Edwards (a HMS employee for nearly 30 years and public-relations manager) passed away. The 'Double' attempt of the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 seemed to have affected Larson after its negative results as well, and he didn't look like the dominant driver he was during the first dozen races.

The #5 team may have had a tough time in the latter two-thirds of 2025, yet they still found a way to pull through and capitalised when it mattered most. While their 2021 triumph saw double-digit victories and dominance across the whole year, the manner in which *this* title was won and the mix of unlikelihood didn't necessarily make it any less sweet. Their efforts in the finale at Phoenix were essentially a microcosm of their season, where they would continue to forge ahead despite each setback that presented itself, and now Larson has forged his name into the Championship winners' list once more.

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With that, Kyle Larson's main 2025 stats are as follows:

Wins: 3 (Homestead, Bristol I, Kansas I) | **Top 5s:** 15 | **Top 10s:** 22 | **Laps Led:** 1,106
DNFs: 2 | **Average Start:** 11.389 | **Average Finish:** 13.194 | **Final Standing:** 1st

[IMAGE CREDITS: NASCAR on Threads]

That will do it for a quick recap of Kyle Larson's 2025 NASCAR Cup Series Championship! Thanks for reading this one; NASCAR is quite an interesting topic to try and articulate in places like the UK, and I hope you could at least understand the main parts of this. If there are any questions, do feel free to contact me [@22B-Ojelade-Faeq](#) on Microsoft Teams and/or Microsoft Outlook... or you can find me in-person if possible! Should there be any questions regarding participation in the Best of the Beths newsletter, please ask/contact either myself (as the editor) or Miss Stevens, the organiser of this platform.

You've learnt that Kyle Larson is one of NASCAR's best drivers (or maybe even *the*), but this season was a bit of a topsy-turvy one for him and the #5 team, who dealt with change, loss and resilience throughout the campaign. Nevertheless, they continued to forge their way forward, and their triumph in the Championship Race at Phoenix was a microcosm of such a season. Kyle Larson is now a two-time NASCAR Cup Series Champion, cementing himself as one of NASCAR's legendary drivers. He'll undoubtedly continue to be a great champion, as well as a threat for more titles in the imminent years.

For now though, thanks for reading this article! But like last month, I have some quick bonus content for you before you advance with the next topic...

[*WRITER'S NOTE: This article was last updated on November 21st 2025. Facts and statistics within the article are correct as of that date, with some maybe having changed in a few months' time. Nevertheless, I hope you found this interesting; now onto Part 2 of my content for this month!]

NASCAR: KYLE LARSON'S 2025 CUP SERIES SEASON, ILLUSTRATED (BONUS GALLERY)



FAEQ 10B² [EDITOR]



I'll tell you this: I am not only a NASCAR fan, but also a fan of the Hendrick Motorsports organisation. To celebrate their latest and record-extending title triumph, I have (perhaps inevitably 😊) felt a bit of an urge to try and produce a bonus gallery that further illustrates Kyle Larson's 2025 championship season while also giving you some more interesting facts and statistics about it! There may be some ideas I bring back from my article, but there may also be a few things that I go into a bit more depth about (given I kind of had to blaze through the summary of Larson's Cup Series season a little bit)! You don't *have* to look at this, but if you wish to have even a 20-second glance at this, enjoy!



2025 would mark Kyle Larson's fifth season at Hendrick Motorsports. In the prior four, he secured one championship (2021, his first season with HMS) and 23 race victories, most of all drivers since 2021. Larson won 6 races last year, but only came 6th in points at season's end - this is something the #5 team would look to improve on in 2025.

[IMAGE CREDITS: [Getty Images](#)]



Larson's first win of 2025 came during an up-and-down day at Homestead, where he recovered from damage on pit road and capitalised on a late mistake by teammate Alex Bowman [#48] for the victory. It marked his 30th career win, making him (funnily enough) the 30th driver to win that many races in the Cup Series.

[IMAGE CREDIT: [Getty Images](#)]



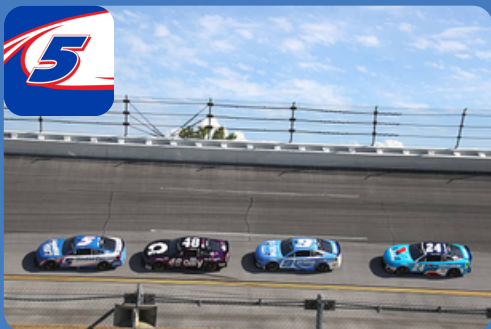
NASCAR has an annual Throwback Weekend that commemorates the sport's legendary drivers, and Larson's throwback (based on Terry Labonte's win at Darlington in 2003) won Best in Show for the Cup Series. Unfortunately, he'd spin twice (the first of which was less than 5 laps into the race) during the spring Darlington event and finish 37th.

[IMAGE CREDIT: [Getty Images](#)]



However, the next week at Bristol, Larson would dominate, leading 411 of 500 laps and winning both Stages en route to a second win of 2025. This was dedicated to the late Jon Edwards, a Hendrick Motorsports employee for nearly 30 years and public-relations representative, who passed away earlier in the week.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



The spring event at Talladega was Kyle Larson's best drafting track performance to date. Larson [pictured with his teammates] won Stage 1 for a record-breaking 67th stage win in Cup, finished 2nd in Stage 2 and ended up P2 overall, scoring 54 points (more than race winner Austin Cindric).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



At Kansas, Kyle Larson won the pole, won both Stages, set the fastest lap and led 221 of the 267 laps for his third (and actually **final**) win of 2025. This became the first perfect performance under this format in NASCAR history (scoring 61/61 points); Larson also crossed a career milestone of leading 10,000 laps in the Cup Series!

[IMAGE CREDITS: Getty Images]



As said in my article, Larson also got involved with IndyCar's Indianapolis 500 for a second year in a row, once again driving for the Arrow McLaren team. Perhaps the less said about it, the better - he crashed out in the first half of the actual race, being classified 24th as a result. While this wasn't the best race for him, at least he's now the first Indy 500 starter to win the NASCAR Cup Series Championship in the same season!

[IMAGE CREDITS: Arrow McLaren IndyCar Team on X/Twitter and Getty Images]



Larson's second leg of 'The Double' attempt (Indy 500/Coke 600) didn't go to well, as he eventually retired from the Coke 600 as well following an incident he got caught up in. From this point onwards, things would look/feel different for Larson and the #5 team.

[IMAGE CREDITS: Getty Images]



Larson would once again adorn the #H1100 colours on his #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet at NASCAR's Brickyard 400. He would fare much better here than in the IndyCar event, finishing runner-up and just 0.222s away from the victory. This was one of only 3 top-5 results for Larson during the final 14 weeks of the Regular Season.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



While Larson went winless in the last 14 weeks before the Playoffs, he'd still be in contention for the Regular Season Championship. However, poor results at Iowa and Watkins Glen derailed his hopes as he fell behind teammate William Byron [#24], who would win the Regular Season title and join Larson as the top seed for the Playoffs on 2032 points.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



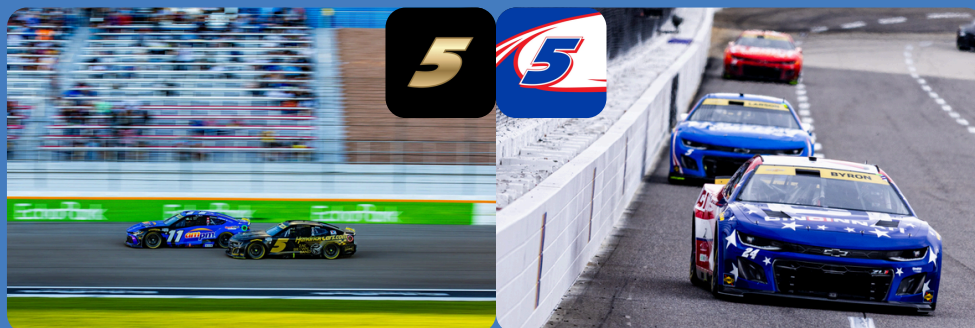
The Round of 16 to start the Playoffs didn't go so well for Larson, who only got a best result of P12 in those three races. That came at WWT Raceway, where he dominated early before spinning fellow Playoff driver Ryan Blaney [#12] and having a diffuser flap go down. He'd easily advance to the Round of 12, though!

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



The Round of 12 is where the #5 team started to gain momentum, finishing P7 and P6 in the first two events. At the Charlotte Roval event, Larson finished P2 behind Shane van Gisbergen [#88, **left**] to earn 49 points, the same number of points he earned in the other five road course races this year combined. Again, Larson easily clinched a place in the next round.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



Kyle Larson opened the Round of 8 with another runner-up result at Las Vegas [left image], before finishing 25th at Talladega after he ran out of fuel on the final lap. With teammate William Byron [#24 **in right picture**] winning the elimination race at Martinsville, Larson had to outscore Christopher Bell [#20] at Martinsville to advance to the Championship 4. Larson did just that, allowing him to join Byron, Denny Hamlin [#11] and Chase Briscoe [#19] in the title decider at Phoenix the next week.

[IMAGE CREDITS: Napa Sports News and NASCAR on X/Twitter]



Did you know? Of the Championship 4 drivers, Kyle Larson **[left]** was the only one to have previously clinched the title, doing so back in 2021. For Larson, there were also parallels between that year and this one! Once again, he went up against Denny Hamlin, the #19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota and a Hendrick Motorsports teammate for the Championship.

[IMAGE CREDIT: NASCAR on X/Twitter]



In terms of the title race, Larson qualified P3 behind Hamlin and Byron, and was essentially in striking distance of them all day. Despite having a blown tyre early in the final stage, he'd work his way back up to the front, *and* share a **four-wide** moment with his fellow Championship 4 drivers **[Larson's far left]** as the laps wound down.

[IMAGE CREDITS: NASCAR on X/Twitter]

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Larson's teammate William Byron lost a right-front tyre with just 3 laps to go, plunging the race into Overtime. Hamlin, Larson and Briscoe came onto pit road as the remaining Championship 4 drivers. Larson and crew chief Cliff Daniels opted to take just two fresh tires, and that eventually proved to be the winning call that gave the #5 team their second Championship in the last 5 seasons.

[IMAGE CREDITS: NASCAR on Threads and Imagn Images]



Did you know? The NASCAR Playoffs have been around since 2014, and Kyle Larson has become the first driver to win the Cup Series Championship *without* winning a single Playoff race. Also, the last time the eventual Cup champion didn't win any of the last 10 races of the year was Tony Stewart back in 2005.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



Hendrick Motorsports have now won 15 NASCAR Cup Series titles, again extending their record; Larson's been responsible for their last two titles (2021 and 2025). Furthermore, this title triumph means that HMS have now won the Cup title in four successive car generations (Gen 4 to Gen 7/Next-Gen), making them the first-ever organisation to do so!

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



While Larson went winless for the last $\frac{2}{3}$ of this season, he still had the best average running position in the Playoffs, had the joint-most races with most laps led, joint-most top-5s, joint-most top 10s, and scored the most points of all drivers for the third time in the last five years (among other stats).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



Did you know? It is a common tradition for the NASCAR Cup Series Champion to visit the Empire State Building in NYC as part of their championship media tour a few days after the season finale. With that then, Larson would end this 2025 Cup Series season on top of the field, and perhaps on top the world too! 🤝

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

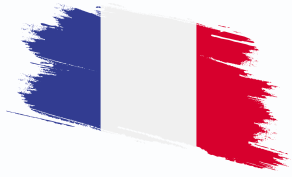
That's the end of the Championship gallery!

Thanks for taking some time to briefly look at this bonus gallery based on Kyle Larson's 2025 NASCAR Cup Series Championship season (even if it were for a few seconds)! It may be evident already, but this was something I really wanted to do alongside my article; as a Hendrick Motorsports fan, I felt as though I just *had* to pounce on this golden opportunity to produce this bonus content! 😊 Hopefully there were a couple facts or statistics that you found interesting from this; I (reasonably) didn't go into too much detail in my article, but these galleries are a way for myself to help you understand a bit more about important highlights from the season! Do contact me [@22B-Ojelade-Faeq](#) on Teams or Outlook, as well as in-person (if you can find me) should you have any questions!

With the 2025 NASCAR season having come to a close, this'll likely wrap it up for my coverage of the sport this year, as I aim to switch to Formula One for December to close 2025! For now though, the NASCAR part of me has gone into the off-season feeling quite happy with Kyle Larson now being a two-time Cup winner, and will also be looking forward to the 2026 season where there will be quite a bit to talk about in the sport once again! As always, thanks for viewing my content; until next time, goodbye! 🙌

[*PRODUCER'S NOTE: This gallery was last updated on November 21st 2025. Facts and statistics within this are correct as of that date, with some having possibly changed in a few months' time. Hopefully you took a little extra something away from this; see you in December's edition with (hopefully) some Formula One content!]

FRENCH MUSEUMS HEIST



MOHAMMAD 8B



Hello everyone! Wow, it's November already, time flies so fast. You may have heard of the thieves who stole priceless artefacts from the Louvre and another French museum, and today that's what I'm going to talk about. Also, this article was last edited on the 14th of November, so it won't have any facts/info beyond that date. Now, without further ado, let's start! Très bien! (I don't know French)

A summary of the incident

It was 9:30 AM (CET) on October 19th, and everything was normal. The Louvre had just opened and guests were just coming in. However, unbeknownst to the visitors and security, the heist of the century was beginning to take shape. Four people arrived on a vehicle-mounted mechanical lift (a bit like a forklift for cars), and entered the Louvre through the Gallery of Apollo, which is near the River Seine. Later pictures showed a ladder leading to the first floor window, which two of the thieves later cut with power tools. They threatened the guards, who evacuated, and then cut open two displays containing jewels. Then they escaped in scooters, all within ten minutes. In total, eight items were stolen, including diadems, necklaces, ear-rings and brooches.

How did this happen and why is it important?

Later on, reports indicated that one of the rooms raided had had no CCTV cameras. Also, the gallery's localized alarm had recently broken, and it is unknown if the alarm was deactivated. The only camera in the area had been facing the other way, which may have been deliberate as a Louvre employee later confirmed that the password for the camera server was simply 'Louvre'. Emmanuel Macron, the French president, called the robbery "an attack on our history", while Marine Le Pen of *Front Nationale* described it as a "wound to the French soul". This is important as the area stolen from was only a 6-7 minute walk from the Mona Lisa, one of the most well-known paintings in the world.



The layout of the Louvre

What happened next and has something like this happened before?

Later on, both a helmet and a pair of gloves with trace DNA and fingerprints were found at the scene. French authorities tested this DNA and declared that it belonged to a man who was later caught at Charles de Gaulle International Airport trying to board a plane to Algeria. Another was caught on the same day (October 25th), preparing to escape to Mali. (Un)surprisingly, both were already known to law enforcement for earlier theft cases (also involving jewellery). A few days later, it was revealed that the two men partially admitted to their involvement. They were charged with vols en bande organisée (organized gang theft) and association de malfaiteurs (criminal conspiracy). Four days later, on October 29th, five more people were arrested, with only one thought to be part of the four. One was charged with theft and criminal conspiracy while another was charged with criminal conspiracy with a view to committing a crime. The other three were released and one last suspect remains to be found.

About 110 years ago, something similar happened, also at the Louvre. The Mona Lisa (which wasn't as famous then) was stolen by an Italian worker named Vincenzo Peruggia, who believed that France had stolen the painting from Italy. The worker in question snuck it out in his smock (like a jacket). He hid it in his Parisian apartment for 2 years, before getting caught trying to sell the piece in Italy. We can only hope that the jewels stolen by the four robbers at the Louvre are also returned back there.



Thanks for reading! I hope the Louvre jewels and the remaining suspect are both found soon, and see you next edition!



THE WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP



DAANISH 8C



Hello Readers, if you're a major cricketing fan like me, you would have most definitely watched this year's edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup - if not, I suggest you go watch some highlights immediately. It was held by co-hosts India and Sri Lanka from the 30th of September to 2nd of November and during this time, eight teams (India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan) competed for the prestigious trophy running since 1973. Continue reading to find out why this year's event will be remembered; not only for the thrilling matches but also for the history it created.

India Wins Its First World Cup

One of the biggest highlights of the tournament was India winning their first ever Women's World Cup. They played the final against South Africa in Navi Mumbai. Batting first, India scored a strong total of 298 runs within the 50 over format - each over consists of 6 balls unless a wide or no-ball is bowled (for those who don't know). Young star Shafali Verma played a brilliant innings of 87 after only joining the side in the Semis due to Pratika Rawal getting injured, and all-rounder Deepti Sharma added important runs in the middle batting order. When South Africa came out to chase the target, they batted bravely, with captain Laura Wolvaardt scoring 101. However, India's bowlers were just too strong (No exaggeration even though I support India). Deepti Sharma took a five wicket haul with Shafali who got 2 wickets, helping India win the final by 52 runs.

South Africa's Inspiring Run

South Africa also made history by reaching the World Cup final for the first time. Their journey inspired fans around the world. In the semi-final, they defeated England thanks to Wolvaardt's outstanding batting and Marizanne Kapp's excellent bowling. Their strong performance showed how much the team has grown in recent years. This final was the first time neither England nor Australia were participating!

India's Record-Breaking Semi-final

As well as winning, India's road to the final featured one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament. In the semi-final against Australia, India successfully chased a massive 339 runs—a record for the highest successful run chase in women's World Cup history. Jemimah Rodrigues scored an unbeaten century to guide India home and send the team into the final with great confidence.



Top Performers of the Tournament

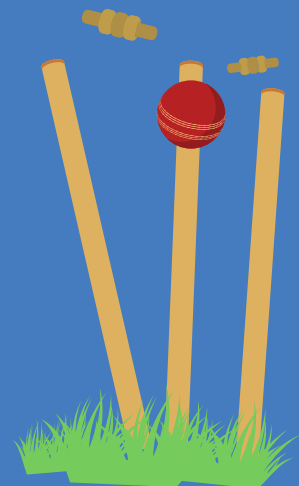
Throughout this tournament, many players specifically stood out, here are a few major names you need to know:

- **Deepti Sharma (India)** – She was named Player of the Tournament for her consistent all-round performances. She took the most wickets in the tournament and batted well whenever her team needed her.
- **Smriti Mandhana (India)** – A consistent top-order batter, she scored crucial runs in pressure situations and was instrumental in India's historic World Cup win.
- **Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa)** – She scored the most runs in the entire World Cup and led her team impressively to the finals.
- **Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)** – A key all-rounder for her team, she bowled crucial spells in tough games and contributed valuable runs down the order.
- **Jemimah Rodrigues (India)** – Her unbeaten century in the semi-final against Australia was one of the highlights of the tournament and a match-winning knock under pressure.

Final Words

Watching every single match and supporting my team made me believe that this World Cup was more than just a sporting event - it was a celebration of talent and hard work. For India, winning the trophy at home was a dream come true and it will be remembered for years to come.

Thank You to everyone who read this and I really hope to see you next month!
Goodbye for now,
Daanish 8C



AFI - DECEMBER UNDERGROUND: REVIEW



HADI 11A

*Album Background

'Decemberunderground' (2006) is the 7th studio album by AFI (A Fire Inside) - who are best known for a mixture of hardcore punk, emo and post-hardcore, with gothic and new wave influences. It features a more streamlined collage of these sounds compared to their previous albums and is known as their magnum opus as it gained a Top 25 single and Platinum certification in the US and a Silver certification in the UK.

*Track Listing

- 1) Prelude 12/21
- 2) Kill Caustic
- 3) Miss Murder
- 4) Summer Shudder
- 5) The Interview
- 6) Love Like Winter
- 7) Affliction
- 8) The Missing Frame
- 9) Kiss And Control
- 10) The Killing Lights
- 11) 37mm
- 12) Endlessly, She Said
- 13) Rabbits Are Roadkill...



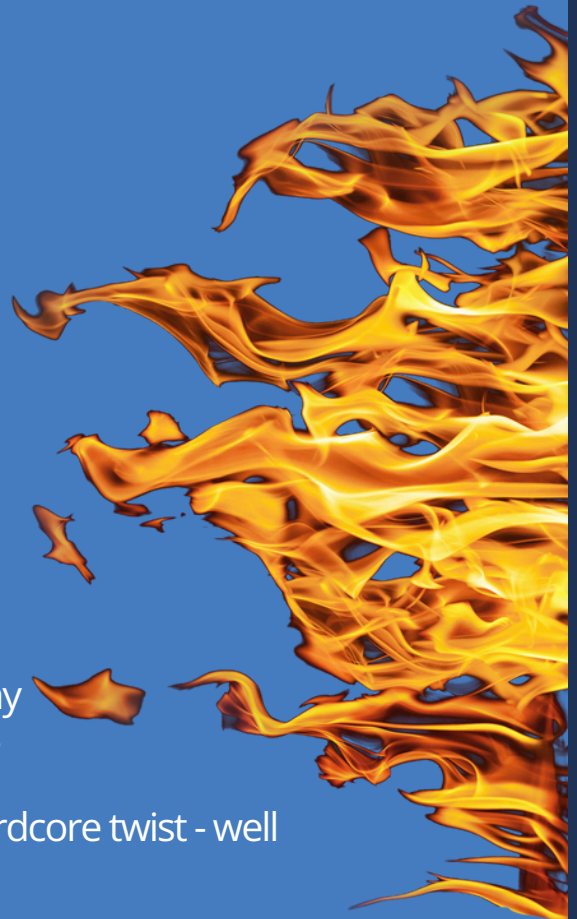
*My Review

1) Prelude 12/21: 8/10 | The album begins with a short, electronica song; It's almost like it's a prelude to an emo album.

2) Kill Caustic: 10/10 | I consider this the proper start to the album - a hardcore punk track with nu metal and post-hardcore influences.

3) Miss Murder: 11/10 | An essential emo track. Even my sister knows this one. Peaked at No. 44 in the UK and 24 in the US.

4) Summer Shudder: 10/10 | Pop punk with a slight hardcore twist - well worth your ears hearing it!



5) The Interview: 8/10 | Gothic influence (such as that on the band's previous and future albums) can clearly be heard here.

6) Love Like Winter: 9/10 | More pop than punk here, a rare occurrence for a band like AFI. Peaked at No. 76 in the UK and 68 in the US.

7) Affliction: 8/10 | A ballad with over 5 minutes of runtime. This track marks a more gothic sound for the rest of the album.

8) The Missing Frame: 8/10 | Pop rock of a sort, with sounds and guitar effect reminiscent of The Cure.

9) Kiss And Control: 9/10 | Similar to it's predecessor, but a lot more anthemic.

10) The Killing Lights: 6/10 | The bridge isn't great, but the rest of the song makes up for it.

11) 37mm: 8/10 | Electronic experimentation is present here, so this track almost sounds like dubstep at its end.

12) Endlessly, She Said: 9/10 | A great album closer. 'Nuff said.

13) Rabbits Are Roadkill...: 10/10 | I love bonus tracks. Especially when they are re-recorded versions of a band's older songs.



I rate this album... 9



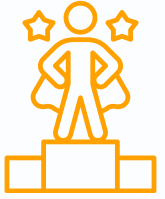
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JAKE DAVIES - ACTOR, DIRECTOR, ROLE MODEL



EVIE 13A2



On the 9th October 2025, the film and drama department had the privilege of having a visitor. Jake Davies is one of Beth's many successful alumni. After year 11 he attended the BRIT school and shortly after he got an agent. Since then he has featured in shows and movies such as: Call the Midwife, Bad Education, Black Mirror, Screw, Grace, Sherwood and more. His most recent project has been working on his own short film.

The year 13 film class had the opportunity to watch this film that explores the themes of the future, relationships and love. Davies' film starred the lead of Christopher Nolan's film Dunkirk: Fionn Whitehead - a friend of Jake's. The short film followed the story of a boy and girl after their first date as he walks her home. The film takes an interesting approach in looking at the nature of relationships. As they discuss their future, they delve into the monotonous relationship of modern relationships. They speak as if they are living in the future, pretending they are in fictional situations. The film is highly clever as they use minimal and simple mise-en-scene and cinematography; the film is reliant on the dialogue. I found the short film to be highly creative. Its clever dialogue was immersive, despite the simplicity of two people talking, it felt as though the audience were transported into their hypothetical future. Davies' execution of his brilliant short film goes to show the unlimited possibilities of working in the film industry as he is able to pursue both a successful acting career and a directorial career.

After viewing the short film, the year 13 film class joined the year 10 and 13 drama classes as Jake lead an exercise focused on communication and storytelling. We all took turns in telling stories to other's involved in the activity and then sharing them with the group in a creative and unconventional way. Jake helped the cohort to practice persuasion and perception skills as we all engaged in this. After the exercise, we all took part in a Q&A with him as he spoke of his career and the ways in which he became involved in the film industry.

Overall, Jake Davies' visit to the film and drama department was not only informative but also inspirational as his journey is testament to the opportunities of working in one of the most difficult modern industries.





DREAMS AND IMAGINATION

GOODLUCK 10E



In this article as shown in the title, I will be discussing the science behind dreams and imagination and the effects of them on your daily life.

What are they?

First and foremost, we have to understand what dreams and imaginations really are. Simply put, dreams are imaginary sequences, some with clear narratives, and some without. They play out in people's minds as they sleep. Most dreams consist of a series of images, sensations, and emotions. Some psychologists argue that the nature of your dreams can show them what kind of person you are however many disagree because a large portion of a person's dreams could be nonsensical whilst another could be based on the actions that they had performed on that day or the running emotions that they have been feeling such as excitement for a birthday or distress if they believe they might forget something important (I have had this one myself). Additionally, there is a type of dream called lucid dreaming where you are able to control your dreams and what you do in your dreams which a lot of people desire to learn because who wouldn't want to spawn a longsword enhanced with thorns III out of nowhere to defeat a large shadow entity?



When do they happen?

Dreams usually occur in the REM (Rapid Eye Movement) stage of sleep accompanied by high levels of brain activity. These dreams are normally quite vivid in nature and can appear incohesive and meaningless. This usually happens after approximately 90 minutes of sleep and recurs several times throughout the night.

Why do they happen?

One of the most prominent theories of why dreams happen is that our brain stores memories from the day and turns them into dreams. They are also discovered to have opened up memories of the past and in certain cases, show different ways of how a situation will play out and more theories suggest that dreams help us process difficult thoughts, emotions, and experiences in order to boost psychological well-being upon waking.

How has it affected us?

Dreams can affect us in many ways such as helping us to resurface memories from the past and learning from mistakes as you are there in the moment again. In addition to this, dreams have proven to be extremely useful in creative thinking as it helped Horace Walpole to write a very famous Gothic novel 'The Castle of Otranto'. Through his dreams, he created a story still taught to schools today after being published in 1764.



TEAMS IN WORLD CUP 2026 (CONFIRMED)



MUHAMAD 9W

As you probably know, the FIFA World Cup is soon to come in June 2026 in the countries: USA, Canada and Mexico in an all new format featuring 48 teams instead of the regular 32. As of the time I have written the article, the final European qualifiers haven't happened yet so a total of 29 countries already qualified. The tournament is to start with 12 groups of 4 with each team playing a round-robin format with their group. The top 2 teams from each group will go into a group of 32 with the remaining 8 places being filled in a sort of playoffs out of the teams that finished 3rd in the group. From there it will be round of 16, quarter finals, semi finals and then the final.



In Africa, 9 teams have already qualified which are: **Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Algeria, Ghana, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia.**

In North and South America, the teams that have qualified are: **Panama, Curacao, Haiti, Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay.**

In Europe: **Austria, Belgium, England, Switzerland, Germany, Croatia, France, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Scotland and Spain.**

[***EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article was last updated on November 20th 2025. All facts within the article are as of that date, with some having been subject to change within the past few days.]



NYC ELECTIONS



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What is NYC elections and what does it stand for?

NYC (New York City) elections is the process used to choose the people who run and make decisions for New York City.

When did the NYC elections happen?

These elections happened on the November 4th 2025 where the Democratic won with Zohran Mamdani getting 50.4% of the votes.

Who was part of this election?

The following leaders were in the election:

- Zohran Mamdani (Democratic)
- Curtis A Silwa (Republican)
- Irene Estrada (Conservative)
- Andrew M. Cuomo (Independent / "Fight and Deliver" line)
- Jim Walden (Integrity line)
- Eric L. Adams (Safe & Affordable / End Anti-Semitism line)
- Joseph Hernandez (Quality of Life line)



Why did the NYC elections happen?

These elections had to happen because of the public needing a new leader, so this allowed it to be done fairly by voting on who should be the new mayor of New York City.

How did they choose it?

They chose this by Ranked Choice Voting this means voters can rank candidates in order of preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, and so on). If your first choice doesn't get enough support, your vote can go to your next choice this helps ensure the winner has broad support.



HOW AI IS CHANGING LEARNING



NATHAN 10H



Did you know around 80% of students now use AI in some form?

And that number is continuously growing everyday. Artificial Intelligence has become a part of most of our everyday lives, the meaning of it is the technology that allows machines or computer programs to think, learn, and make decisions like humans and it can be found everywhere from our phones to cars and even in school. AI has many benefits however there have also been some concerns raised especially in the educational field. So the main question is is AI helping us or hindering us?

Benefits and disadvantages for students

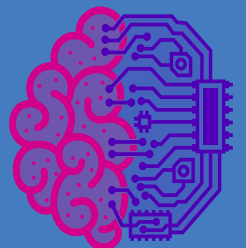
Students can benefit from AI with various learning websites now using AI to specifically explain topics to students at anytime which has proven to boost students studying time outside of school. AI also provides students with more study materials making revising for big tests easier and more efficient. However the downsides are students may become over reliant on AI and could cause less independent thinking. Also because of how smart and easily accessible AI is, it brings the temptation to cheat and do homework for the student, making them less proactive.

Benefits and disadvantages for teachers

AI can reduce admin work for teachers, it can help with planning, marking and tracking student progress, meaning that they can get more work done quicker and have time for other important tasks. Another benefit is AI can create more advanced learning resources for lessons meaning the teachers can give the students the best tasks for their ability and help them to grow. A major disadvantage however is job concerns - some fear AI may become too intelligent and replace teachers in the near future, leaving many sceptical about it.

The future of AI and how we can combat it

AI is only going to get bigger in education, but how useful it is depends on how we use it. If students use AI to learn and understand, not just to copy answers, it can make school easier and more enjoyable. Teachers can also use it to save time and help different types of students. But we still need to fact-check, stay honest, and not rely on it too much. If we use AI sensibly, it won't replace us, it will just help us learn smarter and work better in the future.



BEST OF THE BETHS

EDITION #38



A Note of Thanks



Thank you for reading the 38th edition of Best of the Beths!

We've had a strong opening to the 2025/26 academic year thus far, with the 6th anniversary edition in September (which was also the longest in the history of the newsletter) and at least one student from all year groups appearing in October's edition. While this one was a little bit shorter, it's still the sixth consecutive publication to have 30 or more pages and we are currently averaging over 40 pages per edition this year; on that note I (**Faeq of 10B**) would like to thank and congratulate the Newsletter team once again on continuing the great effort that's gone into making these editions for all of you to enjoy.

As you may already know (or if you're not really aware), we often have a lot to talk about in this newsletter, and the November edition was no exception! This time, we took a deep dive into key recent events in the UK, France and Jamaica while also having a look at some of sports' biggest achievements from the month in cricket, tennis and NASCAR! Along with that, we focused on the science behind dreams, the ever-rising influence of AI on education and a recent visit from one Beths' alumni, among numerous other things that made for yet another successful publication!

That will do it for quite a while, but this time there's something interesting to take note of! With this edition being released in early December, the actual December 2025 edition will be in production until the end of this half-term and edited for release in early January of 2026 - meaning, this November edition is actually the last to be published during 2025. With that, I'd like to thank *you* (the readers) for following along with us throughout the 2025 calendar year, one that's seen a changing of the guard in terms of editing and numerous successes and highlights for the newsletter platform in recent editions; here's to more success in the New Year!

BEST OF THE BETHS

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As always, I have my trademark red button which you can click on in order to revisit over 30 of the newsletter's past publications (including September and October from this year) on the 'Newsletters' section of our school website. As you know, it'll be quite a while before we return with content regarding the events of December 2025, so if you haven't had your fill of the newsletter, I suggest you get comfy and stay warm when you can over the next month with our recent bumper editions, and maybe even ones of old!

Now, what I'm about to say might sound somewhat weird to some of you given that this November edition is getting published early in December, along with the other circumstances regarding the next publication! 😊 Nevertheless, we, the Newsletter Team, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (to those that don't celebrate the former, enjoy a restful December break). Once again, thanks for reading Best of the Beths, the newsletter that's been produced *for* students, *by* students since 2019. We'll see you again with the 2025 December edition upon Beths' return from the winter break; until next time, it's goodbye from us! 🙌



[Want to read some more? Click here to revisit some past publications before we return in the New Year; stay warm and enjoy until then!](#)



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Regards from the Best of the Beths Newsletter Team! See you in 2026!