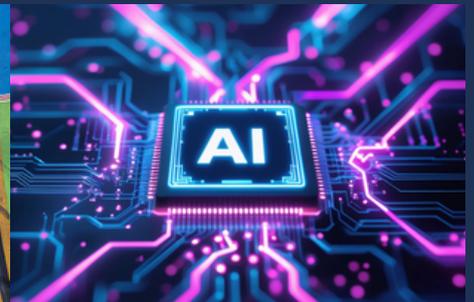


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A STORY ABOUT ME (EMOTIONAL)



AARON 7A

Helloooo everyone! It is me again, you readers will all me know me, Aaron! I am happy to officially take part in Best of the Beths! However, today we are taking a turn and beware, I almost started crying once I finished this project. This is an autobiography (English teachers recommended for this one-ish) about me and my life and how am I here today. So let's take it back to where it all started...

The Day We Moved House

It was the middle of 2017. I was 3 years old and a spark was in me. I was everyone's favourite in the entire family tree, including aunties and uncles. Something had sparked in my parents' mind, not just an ordinary one. Until the mail came. On the day we moved house, we received a letter. It was from the house companies. It said, and I quote:

Dear (parent name not to be included unfortunately), your new house is ready to be owned! Please go to the following address: (will not say because of reasons).

The moment I moved in, it was big and towering like a bully. The floor made soothing sounds, which was our feet shuffling around the house. It was a masterpiece. It was my everyday life. We had gone from a bunched apartment to a house. How excellent was it you may ask? Well in 5 words, it was ornate and cool.

How COVID-19 Changed EVERYTHING in my life...

It was 2020. The year that I wish I would never crave for. It was the day where I chilled with my Scottish friends, acting all cool. Until I heard the alarm no-one and I mean no-one had expected.

It was one of those annoying, high-pitched alarms. Of course, it was a lockdown alarm. The school was shut. My friends stopped dead. We lived close from the school, so we heard a faint distant sound. The moment I had heard it, me and my friends grabbed our hands and put them on our hips, almost ready to jog. All of us had that exact thought: 'Ah heck no! I'm not going there!' (sorry for the violent language I will use from this point on). That was it. COVID began, and I felt more desperate at begging when this would end. I muttered Scottish slang under my throat. I looked around the area. No one was there. Who set that alarm anyway, the government?

Possibly the best year of my life??

Listening to Bruno Mars' music on a Wednesday morning, I was relaxed. My parents, although, had other plans. What I didn't know was, this upcoming event was going to make me scream in excitement.

It was Scotland. It fully impacted my excitement. Off I went on a Friday morning, my luggage/suitcase packed and bags ready to leave. The first insights of me were: 'Ugh, a long 4-5 hour hell on a train, what will go worse than this?'

The Moment I Arrived...

It was chaos. Excitement all in one. A punch in the air. A fist in the sky. A normal cold breeze all around my body. A gust of flowing wind. I encountered everything at once, a simultaneous occurrence. I felt happy. My eyes were watering. My mouth was showing my teeth. I felt like a boss.

3 nights pass. We had to hit the road and leave. I stopped smiling. My eyes were in disbelief. My stomach was begging for more food, as I had eaten a lot of things in Scotland. It was time. I had to leave my homeland. I waved a lot. I felt...

How last year went...

Not going to lie, it was one of the years where I regretted and didn't regret. There was... you know what I'm talking about... Then there was me going to the cinemas. It was absolute madness. The day 2025 was about to end, I stopped. I thought. I looked. I realised. Maybe 2025 wasn't that bad of a year. That's what I said. Now, let's jump forward into today and see how much I changed and developed overtime!

2026, good or bad so far?

For people who think 2026 is kind of bad. I sort of agree. Here's an explanation. First, we had **ROBLOX** chat bans, which was a huge protest! Second, we had **MINECRAFT** chat bans, only being able to talk if you were 18+. However, the only good thing is, I'm still with my friends. We're still connected. We're still a group. Beths has worked out for me and I'm happy to call it the best school ever. Making this newsletter bit by bit; I'm also happy to call this my hobby or extra-curricular activity.

Question of the day: Who plays Roblox or Minecraft?

Sorry guys, but there's no outro since I wasted all of the pages. See you next edition to make up for it! :)

Here is a handsome picture of me at the cinemas -->





RAMADAN



ISHAQ 10B

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar by Muslims to fast 30 days worldwide. Ramadan is helpful because it focuses on the Prophets, prayer, giving to the poor (Zakat), reflection and fasting. Ramadan is one of the pillars of Islam (Sawm) so people don't drink and eat from before Dawn (Suhoor) to sunset (Iftar). The exact date that Ramadan started was on Wednesday 18th February or Thursday 19th depending on the country and ends Thursday 19th March.

What happens after Ramadan?

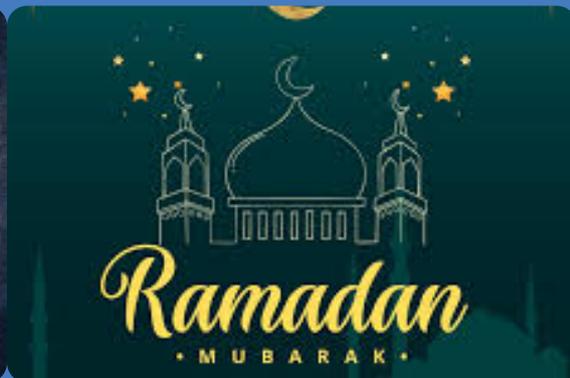
After Ramadan Muslims celebrate Eid-al Fitr, they normally have a shower go to the morning Eid prayer and after celebrate. Presents are given out during Eid including money. They can miss school as well if it is on a school day. In addition, they go to their loved ones and relatives to celebrate as it helps with inclusion.

How is Ramadan celebrated around the world? (Asia)

In Malaysia, mosques prepare bubur lambuk, a spice-filled traditional rice porridge made with meat that is distributed for free to the public during Ramadan. In India, which is home to more than 280 million Muslims, a unique tradition in some cities is the presence of zaharidars, drummers who walk through the streets before dawn to awaken families for the suhoor. In Indonesia where 90 per cent of the population of 277 million practice Islam, celebrations range from colourful torchlight parades, to cleaning family graves, to preparing food for pre-dawn breakfasts and elaborate post-sundown meals known as "iftars". In deeply conservative Aceh province, animals are slaughtered during meugang festivities, the meat cooked and shared with family, friends, poor people and orphans.

Why do Muslims do this?

They do this because they want to make the intention to their God, and make a greater spiritual connection to their God.





AVATAR: A FILM REVIEW



SHUVAM 7A

Hi viewers, and I will be going through Avatar the movie, directed by James Cameron. He has made movies outside of Avatar and one of them being Titanic. The First movie introduces Jake Sully the main character. Jake is a former marine who can't walk and he is sent to replace his dead twin and uses an avatar to live along the Omitikaya Clan. The avatar is when a human lies in the capsule and their mind is linked to the avatar. The human body sleeps while the avatar is active. After the link ends, you wake up in the capsule. Pandora's (the Na'vi home) air is toxic so they have to go in a capsule.

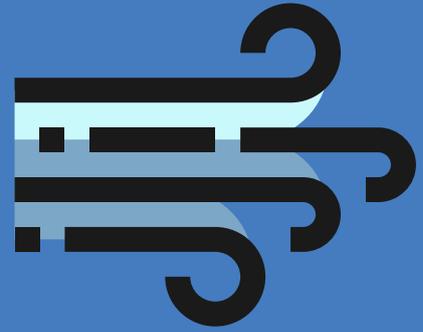
Jake is called because he is meant to be a spy because where the Na'vi live has resources that humans want. He learns the Na'vi way and mates with Neytiri. He becomes the clans leader after Tsu'tey - meant to be the leader- dies telling Jake to lead the people. This is a really sad ending, I really liked the idea of Tsu'tey staying alongside Jake as an uncle to their kids. This really shows that the bond between them really ended in a great way.

In the comics, Tsu'tey's parents tell his little brother to battle Toruk Macto (Jake Sully) this doesn't end in the best way as they get banned by the clan. At the end of the first movie, Jake's body is connected to Ewya so his human body lives within the forest so he doesn't have a capsule meaning he is a full Na'vi.

One of the main themes in Avatar is greed and colonisation. The humans travel to Pandora not to learn about the Na'vi, but to steal valuable resources. This reflects real historical events where powerful groups took land from indigenous people. The Na'vi live in harmony with nature, while humans destroy it for profit. Another key theme is identity and belonging. Jake Sully begins the movie feeling lost and powerless. Through living as a Na'vi, he discovers who he truly is and where he belongs. His transformation shows that identity is not based on where you are born, but on your choices and values. The theme of connection to nature is also important. The Na'vi worship Eywa, which represents the balance of all living things. This highlights the message that nature should be respected rather than exploited.

Jake Sully is presented as an unlikely hero. At the start, he is a disabled former marine with little purpose. Over time, he earns the respect of the Na'vi by learning their ways and protecting their home. His decision to fully become Na'vi shows his complete rejection of human greed. Tsu'tey is also an important character. He initially distrusts Jake and sees him as a threat. However, as the film progresses, Tsu'tey realises that Jake truly cares about the Na'vi people. His death is emotional because it represents honour, sacrifice, and acceptance. This strengthens the message of unity and respect between characters who once saw each other as enemies.

In conclusion, Avatar is more than just a science-fiction action film. Through its characters, setting, and storyline, it delivers powerful messages about identity, loyalty, and respect for nature. Jake Sully's journey from human to Na'vi symbolises finding true belonging, while the Na'vi's connection to Eywa highlights the importance of balance in the natural world. Overall, Avatar is a memorable and meaningful film that encourages viewers to think about the consequences of human actions and the value of protecting the environment.



AVENGERS DOOMSDAY: TEASERS



ARYAMAN 8C

From December to January, teasers for Avengers 5: Doomsday, have been releasing (I'm a little late). These teasers show mainly who will return in the movie, but there is also an abundance of extra details we can make inferences from. They have been so popular that over all platforms they have reached **one billion** views.

The main villain in the movie will be Doctor Doom, the king of the fictional country of Latveria, and a powerful sorcerer, along with being a multi-versal threat. He is being played by Robert Downey Jr, who if you didn't know, is the same actor who played Tony Stark, who died in Avengers 4: Endgame, so it is likely the two characters will share the same face, which could be an incredible casting as RDJ as Doom, the supposed best Marvel villain, could make a great story.

Teaser 1 – Steve Rogers

This teaser depicts Steve Rogers driving back to his home in the 1970s after he time travelled back after the events of Endgame. We also see him putting his old suit into a wooden chest and then with his supposed son.

Something people don't notice is that the location of the house has shifted. At the end of Endgame, his house is near a busy road in a town like area, but in this teaser, it is in a rural area. Although it is entirely possible that he simply moved house, it is a common theory that these are two different versions (variants) as at the end of Loki Season 2, the existence of variants became possible after the destruction of the Temporal Loom and when Loki held the timelines together in the Multi-versal tree. Also, Steve putting his suit into the chest implies he has retired from being Captain America, confirming that Sam Wilson is staying as the new Captain. Also, since he is living in an alternate reality in the past, he would know when all the catastrophic events would happen, for example, Ultron's destruction of Sokovia, possibly making it so the Avengers Initiative was never necessary.



Teaser 2 - Thor

This teaser depicts Thor walking through the forest, praying to his father Odin to be able to survive and return home to his adoptive daughter, Love.

Firstly, we can tell Doom would be a formidable, powerful enemy as Thor has never been afraid of anyone, and that he is praying to only survive, not win, proves that Doom would have the power to annihilate his foes. At the end of Thor 4, we see Love, who was reborn with the power of eternity, the cosmic being at the centre of the universe, wielding Stormbreaker.

But in this teaser, Thor wields the axe, implying that Doom already has Love, because he may need “Anchor Beings” from other universes, immensely powerful being who could have reality bending abilities, which he could use to create his new universe, Battle World, for the plot of Secret Wars. Thirdly, Thor’s hair is cut short, same as Infinity War, so he is back to his full strength.

Teaser 3 – The X-Men

This one shows an X-Men universe, with the school in ruins. Xavier (Professor X) and Magneto are playing Chess, symbolising their ongoing rivalry. Abruptly, the scene cuts to Cyclops ripping off his visor and letting out a massive laser from his eyes. I have already mentioned Xavier’s school being in ruins, but this may show that Doom has already ravaged this universe. Xavier wears a dark militaristic jumpsuit and a red X-Men logo, implying that they have shifted from education and protection to survival. Also, we know that Cyclops only removes his visor when he is either out of control or is in a life-or-death situation.

The setting of this scene looks like a flaming battlefield, implying a major battle has already taken place. Finally, the background shows massive feet, implying the presence of a sentinel, who may be who the X-Men are fighting. Some fans suggest that this scene takes place during the theoretical battle between the Avengers and X-Men, and Cyclops may be doing this as a dangerous final move after many heroes could have been killed during an ambush led by Dr Doom. This re-introduction to the X-men would probably be good for the MCU as it smoothly merges the universes for the soft reboot in 2027 for Avengers: Secret Wars.

Teaser 4 – The Wakandans and Fantastic 4

The teaser shows the Wakandans marching through the desert, with Shuri monologuing about the afterlife and how she has lost so much. We also briefly see Namor on a throne and it switches back to M’Baku (The New Wakandan King) meeting up with Ben Grimm (The Thing) of the Fantastic 4.

There isn’t that much we can infer from this teaser but there are still a few theories. Firstly, the Wakandan armour is laced with a new blue lining, possibly another form of vibranium. Shuri saying that she has lost so much infers Wakanda has been attacked. Namor wears battle armour, inferring he will also be joining the battle. Lastly, Ben Grimm’s appearance in the Main MCU Universe (Earth 199999) infers the Fantastic 4 have come for help to rescue their son Franklin, who has realm altering powers and is possibly an anchor being, so Doom would have taken him as well.

Note: *Anchor beings theory and predicted plots are all unofficial and unconfirmed. Nothing here is 100% accurate, as we know now.*

Thank you for reading this article and I should be back to cover more movie trailers and theories!



AVENGERS
DOOMSDAY



AUSTRALIAN OPEN

2026

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Hello everyone, and I'm back with some more tennis news. This time I will be covering the first Grand Slam of the year, the Australian Open. The *real* tennis fans would know that the Australian Open usually occurs in January. But this year, the men's final took place on 1st February, so it counts! Like my article in the November edition, I will be covering both the ATP and WTA tournaments. For both the men's and women's draw, I will be talking about the champion's road to victory and (if I have space) some stunning shock wins.

WTA Australian Open



In the women's draw, the defending champion that won AO25, American Madison Keys, was knocked out by 6th seed and fellow American, Jessica Pegula, in the Round of 16 before being knocked out in the semis, setting up a final between World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka and World No.5 Elena Rybakina. Now, most may be thinking, "Oh, since Sabalenka is No.1, she will definitely win". Well, those thinking that would be wrong. Sabalenka lost in three sets to Rybakina in a match that could have had a different result with the final score being 6-4 4-6 6-4 to Rybakina. This was not the first time Sabalenka lost, as out of her 4 previous Grand Slam finals, she lost 3 of them.

But moving on from that, the roads to the finals. First, we have to start with the champion, Elena Rybakina. The 26-year-old from Kazakhstan faced 3 consecutive unseeded players. First, she faced unseeded Kaja Juvan from Slovenia who Rybakina crushed in just 1 hour and 12 minutes, her fastest match of the tournament, winning 6-4 6-3. Then, in the second round, she faced the unseeded Varvara Gracheva of France who she breezed past, winning 7-5 6-2. 1 day later, she faced her final unseeded opponent in the third round. It was Tereza Valentov from Czechia, who suffered a brutal loss to Elena Rybakina with the Kazakastani winning 6-2 6-3.

Then, came the "challenges". In the Round of 16, she faced Elise Mertens of Germany who was ranked 21st. She would prove to be a slight challenge for Rybakina. But instead, Rybakina powered through to beat her 6-1 6-3. However, she didn't know that her next opponent in the quarter-finals would be none other than World No.2, Iga Swiatek from Poland. But she proved to be no problem and was easily beaten 7-5 6-1. In the semi-finals, Rybakina faced Jessica Pegula from USA who was ranked No.6. Pegula had previously beat the defending champion, fellow American Madison Keys, 6-3 6-4. But would she be the first challenge for Elena Rybakina? Well, I guess not, as she was beaten 6-3 7-6, ending the second set with a slightly narrow tiebreak, 9-7 to Rybakina.

Finally, we have *the* match. The final and the championship match. This was a faceoff between previous runner-up and World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka and 1-time Grand Slam champion Elena Rybakina. This would be the first and only three-set match the two would have in the entire tournament. The first set was intense with Rybakina breaking early giving her an easy 1-0 lead to win 6-4. But in the second set, Rybakina was broken in her own service game at 5-4 Sabalenka giving the opponent the set 6-4. But 51 minutes later, Rybakina was the eventual champion, breaking twice to win the trophy, ending the match 6-4 4-6 6-4.

ATP Australian Open



In AO26, the champion was to some surprise, World No.1 Carlos Alcaraz of Spain, winning in just 3 hours and 2 minutes. It all began for the young Spaniard when he fought Adam Walton of Australia in the First Round. He had previously beat Walton in the 2025 Queen's Club Cinch Championships in London and the same happened again! The unranked Aussie was like a warmup for Carlos and was beaten 6-3 7-6 (7-2) 6-2. Then in the Second Round, Alcaraz faced Yannick Hanfmann of Germany who also proved to be no challenge and was beaten with a similar score 7-6 (7-2) 6-3 6-2. But in the Third Round, Carlos Alcaraz faced the left-handed trickster Corentin Moutet who was the lowest (shown) ranked seed in the tournament. But he was even easier than the previous two. With everything he did, Moutet could not find a way past the unstoppable Spaniard.

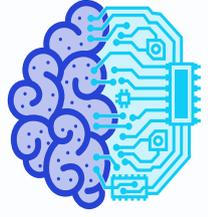
In the Fourth Round, he faced Tommy Paul of the USA who Carlos had faced in the same match in other Grand Slams. But like always, Paul was a breeze and could not crack the code to lose 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 7-5. In the Quarter-Finals, Alcaraz faced home hope Alex De Minaur who the World No.1 had grown accustomed to meeting in many tournaments. But he had also grown accustomed to beating De Minaur, this time winning 7-5 6-2 6-1 in 2 hours and 15 minutes. However, during the match tension built up as the umpire gave De Minaur an unfair time violation warning. But classy Alcaraz had stood up for his friend saying "I wasn't ready", leaving the umpire with nothing to do but retract her warning from the system.

Both Semi-Finals in AO26 were 5-set thrillers. They were Alcaraz vs Alexander Zverev and Jannik Sinner vs Novak Djokovic. Alcaraz had a 2 sets to 0 lead against Zverev before he started camping, giving Zverev the opportunity to make a comeback winning the next 2 sets in tiebreaks. But in the final set, Alcaraz pushed through and left Zverev unable to do a thing, winning 7-5. The final result was 6-4 7-6 6-7 6-7 7-5 in 5 hours and 27 minutes. Sinner vs Djokovic on the other hand was also 5 sets but lasted only for 4 hours. Both won alternating sets before the defending champion Sinner was defeated in the final set, making an unforced error to let Djokovic win 6-4. The final result was 3-6 6-4 4-6 6-4 6-4.

The final was intense. Both had been in matches and finals together quite a lot of times. But their rivalry was even. Alcaraz had come into the match more tired, having played a longer semi-final. But though the 24-time Grand Slam champion had an advantage, he couldn't use it and lost after winning the first set. The result was 2-6 6-2 6-3 7-5. This would mean that Carlos Alcaraz would be the new Australian Open champion and the youngest ever player to win the Career Grand Slam (winning all 4 Grand Slams in your entire career, Calendar Grand Slam is winning all 4 in the same year).



IS AI TAKING OVER?



SHAYLAN 8A

You all probably use Artificial Intelligence (AI), for many things- homework, playing against an AI in video games, your TikTok/YouTube recommended videos and definitely much more. But do you know how AI works, and how it could be used in the future? And also, do you think that in the (hopefully) far future AI could take over? Well, that's what I'm going to talk to you about.

How does AI work?

AI works by teaching computers to learn from huge amounts of data using patterns, like a smart system learning to spot cats in photos after seeing thousands of examples, or voice assistants understanding you by recognising sound patterns. This allows them to solve problems, make decisions, and understand language like humans do, often through machine learning and algorithms that find patterns.

How is AI taking over?

AI is "taking over" by rapidly automating tasks, increasing productivity, and is replacing jobs in data analysis, manufacturing, and even white-collar roles. Companies are seeing massive cost savings by replacing junior staff with AI, which can perform tasks faster and cheaper, setting a new, higher performance bar. In fields like finance, medicine, and research, AI excels at processing vast datasets to find patterns and insights, streamlining operations and diagnostics.

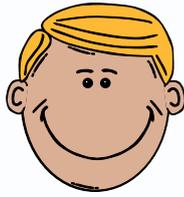
Could AI surpass humans?

According to '1X Neo', the first humanoid robot is predicted to enter the market in 2026, which has come extremely fast! It will be able to will start performing basic household chores, logistics, and simple service tasks like fetching items, folding laundry, opening doors, and tidying up!

The chances of AI outperforming humans at every task by 2027 are at about 10% and about 50% by 2047. Many experts today warned that 2027 may be the true breaking point, the year when AI crossed the threshold from tool to growing uncontrollable. Many experts like to use the analogy of when we first discovered fire. It was a wonderful discovery that has paved the way for modern life. But it hasn't always been safe. Fires have sadly caused pain, death and suffering in the process. But we are where we are because we were able to learn from our mistakes and devise things like fire escapes and fire extinguishers. AI might be the same at the start, but if AI lights a fire, we may never be able to extinguish it. Nonetheless, do not fear, there are critics that heavily doubt this is how the future will turn out. Many believe that this 'prediction' will be in the far, far future, and hopefully it will be!

Thank you for reading my article!

TRUMP'S BOARD OF PEACE



PEACE

MOHAMMAD 8B



Hello everyone, and welcome to the newsletter's February edition! The people who have read my article from last month might recognize the title of this edition, as both relate to Trump (or shall I say America Trump 🤪). If you haven't, then my only hope is that you enjoy this one. Also, note that this was written on the 1st of February, so it may not be accurate. Now let's start!

What is the Board of Peace?

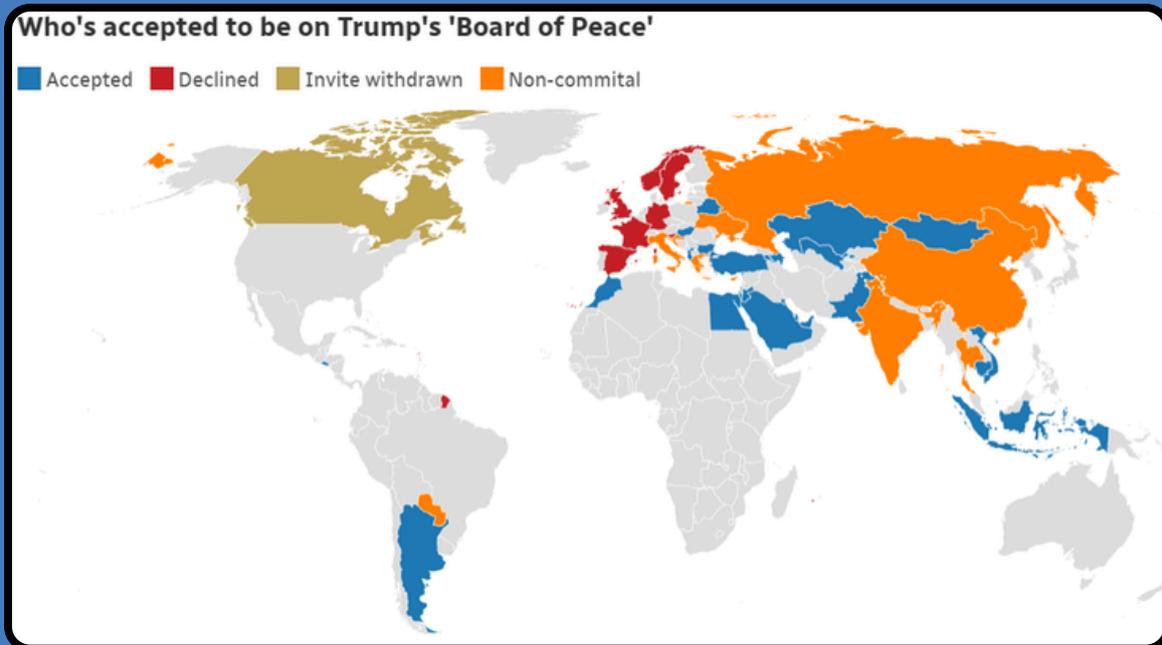
As you might know, Donald Trump really wants the Nobel Peace Prize (so much so that he withheld an entire country's leadership). One way that he has 'proven himself worthy' is by creating the so-called Board Of Peace, an organization meant to someday overthrow the UN. So far, 35 countries have joined, and the notable ones include Israel, Russia and Saudi Arabia. Many countries haven't joined, either because of their own beliefs or the \$1,000,000,000 membership fee. The most recent countries to join did so on the 22nd of January, and some of the first to join were The United Arab Emirates, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Morocco and Vietnam.

What is the Board's aim?

According to Donald 'Orange Tree' Trump, the Board was made to maintain peace and stop wars, from Gaza to Ukraine to Sudan. However, many (including myself) are skeptical of this, as the Board of Peace notably includes Israel (Gaza), Russia (Ukraine) and most importantly the USA itself (literally everything else). Trump has also said that he will "start with Gaza", so we can only wait and see what happens.

How did other countries (especially BRICS) react?

In case you didn't know, BRICS is an alliance between the US's greatest enemies, mainly Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and most of them weren't invited, and the 'RIC' part was ineligible to join as they are "non-committal", meaning that they don't support the US's ideology. Predictably, countries in the EU and also the UK declined their invitations, due to the current Greenland tensions, and as a protest for Trump inviting Putin. (again, see the January edition to know more about the Greenland issue). Also, tensions were raised about Trump inviting Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, and more so when Alexander accepted the invitation.



A map of the countries joining Trump's Board Of Peace

What happened with Canada?

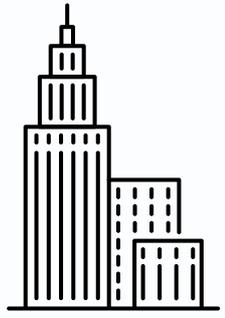
As you can see from the map, Canada is the only country that is a beige-ish color, meaning that its invite has been withdrawn. So far, the reason for this is unknown, yet some people speculate that it is because of a speech Canada's prime minister Mark Carney delivered at the World Economic Forum, in which he mentioned that the US-led world order was gone and "not coming back". (For more info, see the... just joking, you don't need to see the January edition for this one) Canada also declared that while they would join the Board, they were not going to pay the \$1B fee. This seemed to anger Trump, and he announced Canada's withdrawn invite via his own platform "Truth Social", saying **"Please let this Letter serve to represent that the Board of Peace is withdrawing its invitation to you regarding Canada's joining, what will be, the most prestigious Board of Leaders ever assembled, at any time."** (Yes, the L in letter is intentionally capital.)

Thank you for reading everyone, and I hope (and you probably) that the Board of Peace actually brings about real peace in the world (sadly, it's unlikely, but one can hope). Goodbye.



MAN AGAINST SKYSCRAPER

JADEN 7W



Have you ever thought a brave man would climb a 101-floored skyscraper without any rope to help support him if he falls? This person's name is Alex Honnold and he is a professional mountain climber, famous for his solo climbing rope-free!

His life

- Alex Honnold is 40 years old and his birthday is August 17th 1985.
- He has one sister named Stasia Honnold.
- He lives in Las Vegas in the USA.
- He has a family with 2 daughters, June and Alice.
- Born in California in the USA.

What inspired him?

He was inspired when he was 11 - a local climbing gym opened in Sacramento, California and as soon as he stepped inside he was woken with a spark of climbing.



- He grew up by climbing trees for fun before the gym opened.
- When he became a teenager, he biked 5 days a week to the gym.
- When he became 19, he dropped out of university and began outdoors full-time...

But why? He has said that he loves it and it helps him to focus on mental/physical health.

Awards

2010: Golden Piton Award from Climbing magazine, for endurance

2010: The film Alone on the Wall was shown at the European Outdoor Film Tour

2015: Honnold, together with Tommy Caldwell was awarded the Piolets d'Or, for the first full traverse of the Fitz Roy Range in Patagonia, Argentina.

2018: Robert and Miriam Underhill Award from American Alpine Club, for excellence in various fields of climbing.

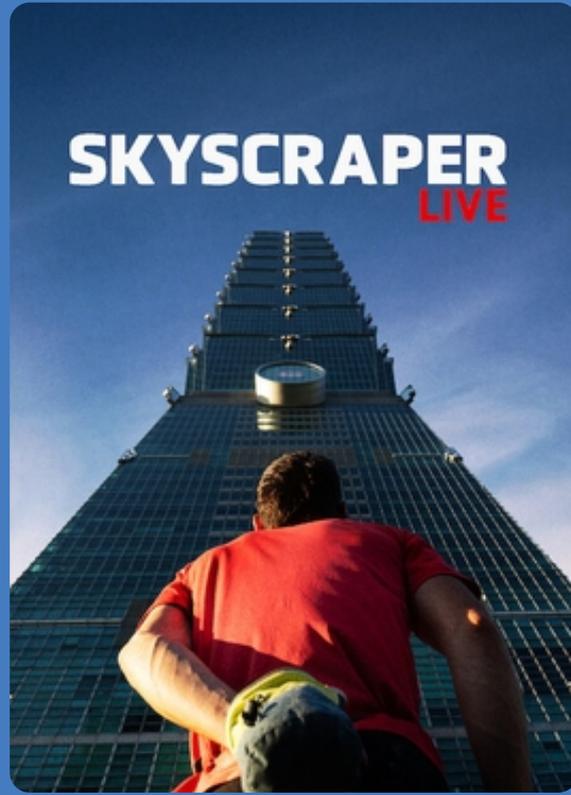
2018: Special mention of Piolets d'Or for his outstanding contribution to climbing during 2017.

Netflix show

After his amazing stunt of climbing a 101-floored skyscraper, Netflix got interested in Alex Honnold's story so they created a story about him on the platform. It is called Skyscraper Live and it is about Alex Honnold's life, him climbing the Skyscraper and plenty more - the movie is 1 hour and 57 minutes so sit back, relax, and watch.

Thank you for reading my article.

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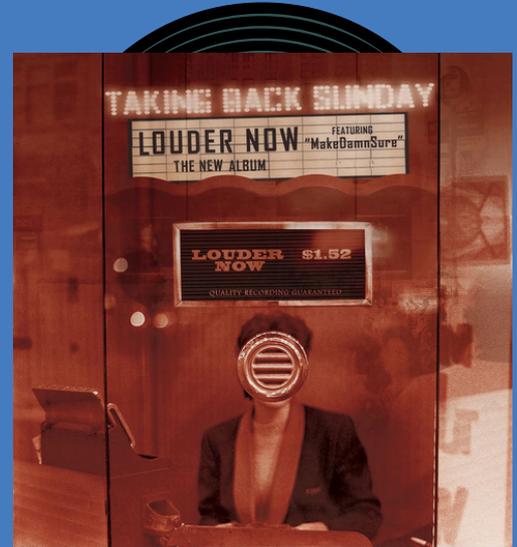
TAKING BACK SUNDAY - LOUDER NOW: REVIEW



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Album Background

'Louder Now' (2006) is the 3rd studio album by the American band Taking Back Sunday - who are often cited as the band who brought third-wave emo (such as post-hardcore and emo pop) into the mainstream. This album was released during the height of their popularity, garnering them a Top 40 on the UK Singles Chart, which was fairly uncommon for the genre at that time. This is mainly a pop punk and post-hardcore album, but it also features a distinct alternative rock influence; this being quite uncommon for the band.



Track Listing

- 1) What's It Feel Like to Be a Ghost?
- 2) Liar (It Takes One to Know One)
- 3) MakeD*mnSure
- 4) Up Against (Blackout)
- 5) My Blue Heaven
- 6) Twenty-Twenty Surgery
- 7) Spin
- 8) Divine Intervention
- 9) Miami
- 10) Error Operator
- 11) I'll Let You Live
- 12) Brooklyn (If You See Something, Say Something)
- 13) Sleep

IS THIS LOUD
ENOUGH?????



My Review

1) **What's It Feel Like to Be a Ghost?: 10/10** | Exemplifies Taking Back Sunday's dual vocalist lineup - both of which absolutely deliver on this track and throughout the album. It introduces more punchy guitars, but also more defined clean tones compared to their previous releases.

2) **Liar: 9/10** | The lesser known single of the album. It remains surprisingly melodic and introspective throughout, fading from the previous track.

3) **MakeD*mnSure : 7/10** | Arguably the band's signature song. Although not my favourite, many would consider it a pop-punk staple.

4) **Up Against: 10/10** | Honestly, this would have made for a much better single release than 'Liar', mainly since it highlights lead vocalist Adam Lazzarra's lower notes.

- 5) My Blue Heaven: 10/10** | A slower-paced, orchestral pop-punk song. I didn't even know orchestral pop-punk existed, but this works incredibly well.
- 6) Twenty-Twenty Surgery: 9/10** | Liar 2.0, but much catchier. This should have been an official single instead of a promotional single.
- 7) Spin: 11/10** | POST-HARDCORE! Pretty impressive guitar-work from the band's lead guitarist Fred Mascherino (who is also the other, higher-pitched vocalist).
- 8) Divine Intervention: 6/10** | Another slow-paced song, except this time it's closer to baroque pop than pop-punk. Definitely not a common sound throughout Taking Back Sunday's back catalogue, but a welcome addition.
- 9) Miami: 10/10** | Another pop-punk song where cleaner guitar tones prevail, but there's a solo here; these were pretty rare for many bands that came under 2000s alternative rock, but it's implemented quite well here.
- 10) Error Operator: 11/10** | MORE POST-HARDCORE! A demo recording of this track was used for the 2005 Fantastic Four film (the demo is so much worse compared to the track that made the cut).
- 11) I'll Let You Live: 8/10** | The beginning of the end, as the rest are bonus tracks from here out and are a lot slower than the rest of the record.
- 12) Brooklyn: 10/10** | Bonus track time! A lot of these songs are pop-punk or emo-pop, but Taking Back Sunday's songwriting prowess are highlighted by these, and they also make for nice little earworms!
- 13) Sleep: 9/10** | Sleep. A fitting end for a dynamic album.

I recommend the songs 'MakeD*mnSure', 'Up Against', 'Spin', 'Error Operator' and 'Brooklyn' to all fans of pop-punk, post-hardcore and alternative rock.

I rate this album... 8.5 ⚡ 10!





CHELSEA FC: LIAM ROSENIOR



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As we progressed into the new year of 2026, change had occurred at Chelsea FC, specifically with the appointment of new manager Liam Rosenior on January 6th 2026 from Ligue 1 Side and Sister Club RC Strasbourg Alsace. Rosenior is on a 6 year contract keeping him at Stamford Bridge until 2032 but people always seem to wonder whether contracts are even taken seriously at Chelsea FC, considering the fact that we consistently hire managers on multi-year deals and proceed to end them far early. For context, Enzo Maresca, the manager of Chelsea before Rosenior had 3.5 years left on his contract, Pochettino, the manager before Maresca had 13 months remaining and couldn't even last a full year and Graham Potter's contract was torn up after just 7 months and had 4+ years left on his contract. Back to Rosenior, he also previously managed Derby County and Hull City and has familiar ties with players in the current Chelsea Squad like Liam Delap at Hull City, Robert Sanchez when coming through the youth setup at Brighton and also Andrey Santos and Mamadou Sarr both at Strasbourg, highlighting his familiarity with some players in the team.

Talking off the pitch, during his now 40+ day tenure at Chelsea, Rosenior has been involved in a lot of comedic videos on various social media platforms which most of you may be aware of, mainly talking about his 'aura'. Some things he has said in different interviews are 'In English manage if you split the two words its 'man' and 'age' you're ageing men', 'I'm not arrogant, I'm good at what I do', 'A good start...now quite a small game on Wednesday' where the game was indeed against Arsenal, which we proceeded to lose but regardless they've never been the Champions Of Europe in the big 26. All of these quotes have truly proven Rosenior to be an entertaining and rather confident manager when interacting with the media.

Now, focusing on the Football, As of February 15th 2026, Liam Rosenior has managed 11 games at Chelsea Football Club, winning 8 of those games, drawing 1 and losing 2, both against an infamous team allergic to trophies. He is currently averaging 2.27 points per match but that will most likely decrease overtime as he manages more matches for Chelsea. In closer detail, the results of his matches are:

1-5 Victory against Charlton Athletic (A) in the FA Cup.

2-3 Loss against a team in red (H) in the EFL Cup.

2-0 Victory against Brentford (H) in the Premier League.

1-0 Victory against Pafos (H) in the Champions League.

1-3 Victory against Crystal Palace (A) in the Premier League. (STEVO!!)

2-3 Victory against Napoli (A) in the Champions League, securing Top 8/Automatic qualification to the Round of 16. (Joao Pedro, you changed my life. He is better than your favourite striker!!)

3-2 Victory against West Ham (H) in the Premier League. (Most entertaining game! Dreadful First Half + Sold most of my stocks on Garnacho but Absolute Scenes at the end of the game with an Enzo Fernandez added time dagger and a fight in the last moments of the game).

1-0 Loss against a team in red (A) in the EFL Cup 2nd Leg, knocking us out of the cup. (Kai Lukas Havertz and Chukwunonso Azuka Tristan "Noni" Madueke, I see how it is.)

1-3 Victory against Wolves (A) in the Premier League. (Cole Palmer First-Half Hatrick!!)

2-2 Draw against Leeds (H) in the Premier League. (That First half was the best football I had seen us play in months!! Cole Palmer and Moises Caicedo, both my boys but that was not a good day at the office for both of you.

And most recently a **0-4 Victory against Hull City (A)** in the FA Cup. (Pedro Lomba Neto Hat-Trick Wow!!)

In Conclusion, my own personal thoughts is that I have been content with Rosenior's appointment but my standards do stand rigid with a Top 4 finish in the Premier League, for Champions League Football and a Trophy.

As a reminder these are the next five confirmed Premier League games:

Chelsea VS Burnley (H) 21st Feb

Arsenal Vs Chelsea (A) 1st March

Aston Villa Vs Chelsea (A) 4th March

Chelsea Vs Newcastle (H) 14th March

Everton VS Chelsea (A) 21st March

- Very tricky set of fixtures....

Edit: We just drew 1-1 to Burnley and we are going to the Emirates next. Finished.

[***EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article was last updated on February 21st 2026, just after the Chelsea-Burnley fixture. Facts within the article are correct as of that date, with some potentially having been subject to change in the time since then.]



NASCAR: 'THE CHASE' RETURNS



FAEQ 10B' [EDITOR]

Greetings once again, readers! If it's your first time reading Best of the Beths, then welcome to the newsletter that's been 'produced for students, by students' since 2019; for those that have been reading before, welcome back! Hopefully, the first few weeks of 2026 have treated you well, and I also hope you had a restful February half-term! I am Faeq (**pronounced: Fi-eeek**) of 10B, the editor of BotB for a tenth time, and those of you that are regular readers may have noticed that I'm quite an enthusiastic NASCAR fan too!

Only a dozen days into 2026, NASCAR announced that they would bust the elimination-style bracket format from the previous dozen seasons (2014-2025) and essentially revive an old championship procedure that would reward season-long consistency and place more emphasis on winning races. From this year going forwards, the 'Chase for the Cup' (previously used from 2004-2013) is back in the sport, much to the delight of many NASCAR fans (including myself)! So without further ado, let's analyse what this means for NASCAR going forward in further detail.

*To begin with, what caused this change?

For 12 seasons, the NASCAR Playoffs was the elimination-style format used across the Cup, O'Reilly (previously Xfinity) and Truck Series in order to determine each series' champion. Though the number of drivers involved depended on the series (with Cup having the most at 16), the final round of those Playoffs was made up of four drivers (called the 'Championship 4'), and the first of those four to finish the final race would win the championship. Now, the final weekend of 2025 mostly drew intense scrutiny from the NASCAR fanbase, and this is where you shall understand the flaws of this system.

Corey Heim dominated last year's Truck Series, scoring 12 wins and the series title (albeit after needing to make a daring seven-wide move in Overtime). That's fine, but the Xfinity and Cup finales are where it all got worse. In short, fellow season dominators Connor Zilisch (Xfinity) and Denny Hamlin (Cup) were reduced to being runners-up after having won the most races in their respective series yet coming up behind Jesse Love (the Xfinity champion) and Kyle Larson (who became 2 two-time Cup title winner) in their respective 'first-to-finish takes all' finales.

NASCAR president Steve O'Donnell stated that the weekend didn't necessarily prompt changes to the format (with talks having been in progress long before that), but rather served as confirmation that it was the right time to change direction. Simplification was now the focal point for the committee in terms of coming up with a system that would make it easier for all NASCAR fans (old and new) to appreciate and understand after several years of frustration...



Despite Zilisch notching **ten** victories during 2025 (the most-ever by a rookie and the first time anyone did that in Xfinity since 2016), it was Jesse Love [#2] who was crowned the champion instead as he took only his **second** win of the year to do so. Aric Almirola in the #19 Toyota also finished ahead of Zilisch, depriving the teenager's #88 Chevrolet of the Owners' crown and leaving him with 'Rookie of the Year' only despite the record-breaking season he had.

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



Denny Hamlin would also encounter heartbreak (yet again) the next day. Despite winning a series-high 6 races in Cup during 2025 and leading 208 of the 319 laps in the finale, a late puncture from fellow Championship 4 driver William Byron [#24] sent the race into Overtime, where Kyle Larson [#5] leapfrogged the driver of the #11 on pit road and eventually finished ahead of him to clinch the title. As a result, 2025 was added to the long list of Hamlin's championship heartbreaks (also including and not limited to 2010, 2014 and 2019).

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***With that, what changes have been made in the wake of this?**

While the Playoffs were a system that placed emphasis on clutch victories in must-win situations, its presence would incentivise over-aggressive driving at times and could also provide those somewhere around P30 in points with a Playoff spot, just off the basis that they won a race while the 15-20 teams better than them didn't. You have just read a couple instances considered 'travesties' by NASCAR fans, so you'd now wonder: how does the championship format get upgraded from here?

Now that the Chase is back, strictly the top-16 drivers in points in Cup will qualify for the Chase (12 do so in O'Reilly and 10 make it in Trucks). In terms of the points structure, 55 points are awarded to the race winner (up from 40 last year) - this is to reward drivers that go for the win and ensure strong performance is a key element of each weekend. The points leader in each series at the end of the Regular Season (the period before the Chase) starts the Chase with 2,100, with P2 getting 2,075, third getting 2,065 and from there it's just incremental differences of five points between each position. Additionally, understanding who wins the championship is simpler now too: the driver with the most points at the end of the Chase will be crowned Drivers' Champion for their series.



Did you know? Under the first Chase period (2004-2013, 10 seasons total), there were only four different Cup champions (including Kurt Busch, Tony Stewart twice and Brad Keselowski), with Jimmie Johnson [pictured] winning 6 of his 7 titles under this format (including 5 in a row from 2006 to 2010 [pictured right], the latter season of which saw him edge out Denny Hamlin [left image, pictured in background] in the last race for the championship).

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

***Now, who are the favourites for the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series Championship?**

Yes, the O'Reilly and Truck Series exist, but (somewhat obviously) the Cup Series is where you find NASCAR's biggest stars, and this is the series that I pay most attention to and specialise in the most (as evidenced by nearly all of my past NASCAR pieces). With that said, who might I be paying most attention to in 2026? Why not start with **Kyle Larson**? Those of you that have been paying close attention to my recent NASCAR content may already be aware that I am quite high on praise for Kyle Larson (who happens to be my favourite driver 😊), but hear me out!

Firstly, had the Chase been around in recent years, the two-time and defending series champion would instead be a three-time Cup winner (retaining his 2021 and 2025 titles while also gaining the 2024 championship). Remember how I said a driver now gets an extra 15 points for winning a race? Well, it turns out Larson wouldn't actually have needed such a bonus en route to the 2025 crown (he never won during the final 24 races of the year, with his last Cup Series victory coming at Kansas last May). To further amplify this hypothetical dominance, he also would have been runner-up in the standings in 2022 (where he actually led the points entering the final race, only to lose out in the end) and 2023, which is somewhat insane if you think about it.



Had *The Chase* been around in recent years, Larson would be entering the 2026 season on the strength of back-to-back titles. Given his recent dominance too (including 26 wins and 7,203 laps led, both of which are the most of anyone by a considerable amount since 2021), it may well position him as the favourite for the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series Championship.

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But then again, he's been driving Hendrick Motorsports equipment, the same equipment that would have won the title in 5 of the last 6 seasons had the Chase been in effect (including the last three in a row - add William Byron in 2023). Hence, this may be a benefit to drivers like **Chase Elliott** (the 2020 Chase champ) who is also one of the most consistent drivers in the Cup garage - he boasts the best average finish in the Next-Gen era (since 2022) and was in contention for the Regular Season Championship in 2024 and 2025. We can't forget **William Byron**, who (as mentioned) would have been your 2023 Chase winner, and he also led the most laps of all drivers (1,330) last year!

With all that said, why don't we have a quick look **outside** of HMS? There's two other organisations I want to take a note of here, and those would be Joe Gibbs Racing and Team Penske! Let's start with JGR, who have drivers like **Christopher Bell**, **Denny Hamlin** and **Chase Briscoe**. Bell had the best average finish of all drivers in 2025 at 11.19 (1.42 spots ahead of everyone else), while Hamlin scored a series-high 6 wins too, now giving him the joint-second most wins in the Gen-7 car. Briscoe was evidently the breakout driver of 2025, earning a hat-trick of wins in his first year with JGR as well!

As for Penske, they have 3 of the last 4 Cup Series championships (2022-24) under their belt in real-life, but if we had The Chase in effect recently, they'd only retain the 2022 crown which came at the hands of **Joey Logano** (who'd actually be a four-time champion with the 2026 system)! In terms of **Ryan Blaney**, he'd have lost his real-life 2023 title under the Chase, but he knows how to step up his game late in the season, as evidenced by the fact that he scored the most points of all drivers in the second half of last year! There are possibly other drivers (like **Tyler Reddick** below) that could creep into contention, but those are the main names to look out for in 2026!



Did you know? Every year since 2018, the NASCAR Cup Series Champion has been driving either a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet [#9], a Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota [#19] or a Team Penske Ford [#12, #22]. Will 2026 be the ninth year in a row that the champion comes from one of these three powerhouses, or will we have an unlikely upset?

[IMAGE CREDITS: Getty Images]



As of this article's last update, the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series season has already gotten underway, and Tyler Reddick (who went winless during 2025) has opened the new year with back-to-back wins at Daytona [left] and Atlanta [right], the first time anyone has done that since 2009. In terms of the standings, he has already established a 41-point lead over 23XI Racing teammate Bubba Wallace [#23], with Chase Elliott [#9] a further 3 markers back in third.

[IMAGE CREDITS: Getty Images]

That's the end of the article!

That'll do it for a look at NASCAR's revival of 'The Chase for the Championship' for 2026 onwards! This was another lengthy article, I know, but again it wasn't without reason... this is NASCAR's biggest format shakeup for 12 years after all! As always, thanks for having a look at this though! If there are any questions, do feel free to contact me @22B-Ojelade-Faeq on Teams, my Outlook email and/or in-person if you are able to find me! Don't worry, I'll get back to you as fast as I can! Should any of your queries be more tilted towards the newsletter as a whole, please contact and/or speak to Miss Stevens, who is and has been the founder and organiser of this newsletter for over 6 years now!

With the re-introduction of The Chase, surely now NASCAR fans can rest more easily than they did under the Playoffs, but there are still questions as to what the 2026 version of it will bring. Will we still put an exclamation on clutch victories? Will we (as NASCAR fans) view our champions as more worthy on a more regular basis? Will we see the rise of another dynasty like Jimmie Johnson's under the Chase in upcoming years? Many other questions currently surround what this format can/will do, and as someone that sometimes wishes they were able to experience a piece of 2000s NASCAR, I'm quite looking forward to the new year!

For now though, thanks for reading this article, and that'll be the end of my NASCAR content for February! This time, for my bonus gallery, there is some quick Formula One coverage lined up next (just a few pictures, so don't worry) - hopefully you find that interesting!

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F1 2026 PRE-SEASON TESTING IN BAHRAIN: BONUS GALLERY!



FAEQ 10B² [EDITOR]

As per usual, I have an extra bonus gallery for you - to balance things out with how much NASCAR content I've produced to start 2026, I thought why not have a look at this year's new Formula One machines? In short, this season's cars are narrower, lighter and nimbler with drivers also having access to a greater set of racing tools (including the all-new Active Aero, where both the front and rear wing open up to further reduce drag). Ahead of the sport's biggest rules reset for over a decade, why not have a quick look at all 11 cars set to compete for the Drivers' and Constructors' Championships? You may also find a few pre-season stories with each picture, so why not read those too? 😊



| Lando Norris (#1 McLaren MCL40): For the first time since 2010, a McLaren will be sporting the #1 (typically reserved for the World Drivers' Champion), and this comes after Norris sealed the deal at the end of 2025 to claim the first title of his career and first for McLaren since 2008. Norris will look to repeat as champion in 2026, and McLaren's new MCL40 will be the car he drives as he aims for title #2.

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



| Oscar Piastri (#81 McLaren MCL40): Piastri was also in championship contention last season, having won 7 of the first 15 races before tailing off at the end of the year and winding up third. He stays with McLaren for a fourth year running, and could still be a threat with the lessons learnt from his 2025 mistakes.

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



| Max Verstappen (#3 Red Bull RB22): At the end of 2025, Verstappen was knocked off his perch as World Champion after missing on a fifth consecutive title by 2 measly points. As a result, he no longer wears the #1, but has switched his personal racing number (originally #33) to #3 - his drive for five will be one to watch out for over the course of the season.

[IMAGE CREDIT: [Daniel Valente on Twitter](#)]



| **Isack Hadjar (#6 Red Bull RB22):** After an impressive rookie campaign that saw him nab a podium, the Frenchman has been promoted from Racing Bulls to the senior Red Bull team for 2026. Following his 2025 success, Hadjar believes the RB22 will propel him to his first Grand Prix victory.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Charles Leclerc (#16 Ferrari SF-26):** Leclerc and the whole Ferrari camp may have went winless in 2025, but this year's SF-26 might bring a glimmer of hope for F1's most accomplished outfit - Leclerc set the fastest time of the pre-season (1:31.992) in a Ferrari that comes with perhaps clever gimmicks such as a rear wing that can rotate a full 180°.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Lewis Hamilton (#44 Ferrari SF-26):** With the aim being an eighth World Championship at the start of 2025, Hamilton will also look to bounce back from a disappointing campaign that rather saw him fail to finish on the podium in a season for the first time in his illustrious career (which started back in 2007).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **George Russell (#63 Mercedes W17):** For much of the pre-season, eyes have mostly been on Mercedes, their W17 and their new engine (which was said to potentially result in gains of 0.3s a lap due to a compression ratio exceeding 16:1). Multiple bookmakers have George Russell as the championship favourite for 2026 and perhaps with good reason - he finished all but one race (Monaco) in the top-6 last year and completed 99.9% of the laps run under the 2025 calendar while also being the only full-time driver not to register a single DNF.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Kimi Antonelli (#12 Mercedes W17):** Antonelli had an impressive rookie season for the most part, scoring 3 podiums and nearly beating 7-time champion Hamilton in points. He set the fastest time of the first Bahrain test, and may also be looking towards greater consistency on the results sheet in 2026.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Carlos Sainz (#55 Williams FW48):** The Williams squad had some struggles during the off-season after failing to make it to the Barcelona shakedown week in time, but since then they've responded positively, running a joint-best 422 laps in the first Bahrain test. 2025 was also their best season since 2017; can they keep up that forward momentum during 2026?

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Liam Lawson (#30 Racing Bulls VCARB 03):** For 2026, Racing Bulls shall field the most inexperienced driver pairing, featuring Lawson and rookie Arvid Lindblad, who have a combined 35 starts between them. However, can they build on their 2025 success (which included a podium), top the midfield and how well can they nurture their two young talents?

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



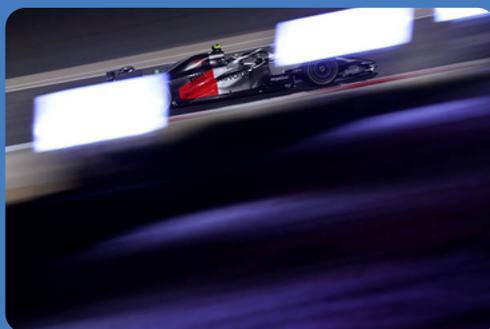
| **Fernando Alonso (#14 Aston Martin AMR26):** After placing fifth in the Constructors' (Teams) Championship in both 2023 and 2024, Aston slipped to seventh come the end of 2025. But, with famed F1 designer Adrian Newey onboard for 2026, can they rebound from their difficult pre-season (which saw them run a field-low 334 laps around Bahrain)?

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Oliver Bearman (#87 Haas VF-26):** Despite improving on their 2024 tally by 21 points (58 to 79), Haas still dropped from seventh to eighth in the Teams' table. The older American outfit of the grid shall receive backing from Japanese automotive giant Toyota (who are now their title sponsor for 2026), so can they take advantage and surge forward again?

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Gabriel Bortoleto & Nico Hülkenberg (#5/#27 Audi R26):** After announcing their intentions to join the F1 grid for 2026 back in mid-2022, Audi have successfully acquired what we knew as Sauber last year while retaining Bortoleto and Hülkenberg as their drivers for the new season. With the squad in place, can they make good early progress towards their own goal of becoming World Champions by 2030?

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Pierre Gasly (#10 Alpine A526):** 2025 was a rough year for Alpine, who ended the season 48 points behind everyone else in the Teams' championship. Needless to say, the French outfit hope not to repeat that result in 2026, and with increased stability from within, they are aiming to jump all the way up to P6 come season's end.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



| **Valtteri Bottas (#77 Cadillac CA01):** Alongside a new set of technical regulations, we have 11 teams on the F1 grid for the first time since 2016 as Cadillac have joined F1 for this year! They might be new, but they have recruited two of the sport's most experienced drivers in Valtteri Bottas and Sergio Pérez. Furthermore, they've got an asymmetrical livery for their debut season, with the black representing the car's 'bold attitude' and white being the racing colour of the USA.

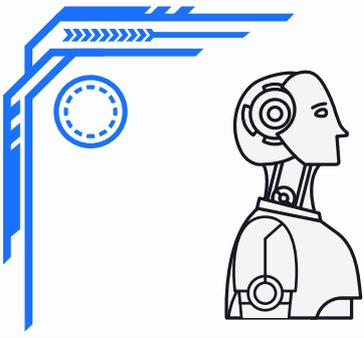
[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

That's the end of the gallery!

Provided you wished to view it, thanks for having even a quick look at this bonus gallery, based on pre-season testing in Bahrain for the 2026 Formula One World Championship! Hopefully, you found this pleasing (especially those of you that are F1 fans) - quite a bit of research had to be done to spice this thing up with a few background stories to therefore make it a bit more interesting! It'd probably be a bit easier if it were something to do with NASCAR, but that's not to say I'm not pleased with how this bonus F1 content looks in the end, which I definitely am!

Again, should you have any questions, do feel free to contact me [@22B-Ojelade-Faeq](#) on Microsoft Teams, my Outlook email or in-person provided you can find me. If your questions are more tilted towards the newsletter as a whole, then please speak to and/or contact Miss Stevens, the founder and organiser of Best of the Beths! That will do it for my coverage this month, so thanks for viewing it - and (likely) look out for even more NASCAR content in the March'26 edition! Until then, it's goodbye from me! 🙌

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THE YEAR 2050

DAANISH 8C



Hello readers,

In this month's article, I am going to explore a topic that many of you may have thought about: the future. More specifically, what the world might be like in the year 2050. As you read, I hope to give you a clear idea of how life could change and show that the future is something to anticipate for with all its new advancements, so let's begin.

In the year 2050, the world could look completely different from today. Technology will likely be more advanced and part of almost everything we do. Many people might live in smart homes that can control lights, temperature and security automatically. All cars on the road (or in the air?) could be electric or even fully self-driving (or even flying perhaps?), which may help reduce accidents and pollution.

Schools in 2050 might also have changed a lot. Students could use VR headsets to explore ancient cities or even travel through space without leaving the classroom. Lessons may be more interactive and use of AI as a teaching tool could help students learn at their own pace. However, teachers will definitely still be important to guide students.

The environment will probably be a major focus in 2050 just like it's in the news these days. Countries may rely more on renewable energy like solar and wind power. Cities could have more green spaces, rooftop gardens and cleaner public transport - Who knows? People would be more aware of recycling and protecting wildlife, as climate change affects the planet.

Healthcare could improve with new inventions and discoveries. Doctors may use advanced robots to perform surgeries and diseases that are difficult to treat today might have better cures. People could live longer and healthier lives because of improvements in medicine and fitness technology.

Having said all of this however, even though technology would've changed many things, some aspects of life will stay the same. People will still value the basic things around them as well as spending time with family. Ending with that, I will say one last thing - There may be challenges in 2050, but there will also be opportunities so it's going to be something to look forward to.

Thanks for reading everyone and I hope to see you next Month!

-Daanish 8C



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A Note of Thanks



Thank you for reading the 41st edition of Best of the Beths!

Last month, we kicked off our 2026 efforts with celebrations of a 40th instalment of the newsletter in January, the joint second-longest edition of this academic year. While February's one may have been our shortest edition since last November, and while we don't have our celebration colours this time, it marks the **tenth** edition that I (**Faeq of 10B**) have edited. A mini-milestone, yes, but it's one that I personally regard as important. Time has gone quickly (as it does when you're having fun), but on May 8th 2025, the April'25 edition released across school, an edition that saw the changing of the guard and the start of a new era.

This is an era that isn't necessarily worried as much about the writing quality as we were previously. It's an era where we don't only hear from the more experienced scholars of our school, but one where we've considered the voices of KS3 students possibly more than ever before. Under this current era, this newsletter team have continued to excel - all editions from April'25 onwards were a possibility, and every time they've made it a reality. As always, my thanks and congratulations on yet another great effort go to every member of the team, including Miss Stevens, who gave me this opportunity to begin with, and I'm grateful for it.

On another note, what did we look at this month? We looked at one of our members' life story to start things off before delving into more detail about Ramadan and a couple of movies! Once again, we had quite a bit of sports news, featuring tennis and football while looking at (potentially) big shakeups for both NASCAR and Formula One! We had some coverage of affairs within the USA once more as well as another music album from the 2000s - and twice we looked at the possibilities of the future, including AI and what life could look like in 2050 to close yet another successful and jam-packed edition of Best of the Beths!

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That's all from us for now, but if you haven't had your fill of the newsletter (which we very much hope you haven't), then there's always many more editions for you to pick up and have another look at! Just click my trademark red button below, which will take you to the Newsletters section of the school website! There you'll want to scroll down and find the Best of the Beths dropdown menu; many editions of old and recent memory await, so why not have a look at them?

Until we return for what will hopefully be the March'26 installment (which should be out by the final week of half-term), thank you for reading Best of the Beths, the newsletter that's been '*produced for students, by students*' since September 2019! Thanks to all of you that have been reading along at some point since April'25 as well, I truly appreciate it, and we can only hope for more success in the future! Until next time, it's goodbye from the team - hopefully you enjoyed this one! 🙌



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Regards from the Best of the Beths Newsletter Team! See you next time!