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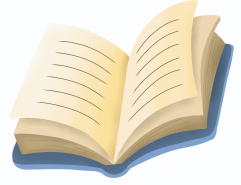
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BETHS: THE NEXT CHAPTER



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July 2026 marks the end of a massive chapter for Beths. After years of dedicated service and leading us through thick and thin, our Headteacher, Mr Blyghton, is officially retiring this summer. It's going to be weird not hearing his classic jokes at the end of assembly anymore, but as we finish up the term, it's the perfect time to look back at how much Beths has changed under his leadership before we welcome our new Headteacher, Mrs O'Donnell, in September.

Under Mr Blyghton, Beths didn't just maintain its high academic standards, it completely modernised. You only have to look around the site to see his impact. From the building of the modern Sixth Form Centre to the recently resurfaced hardcourts, he focused heavily on giving us better spaces to learn and train. Beyond the brick and mortar, his time here has been all about pushing our core values of Excellence, Community, and respect into all we do.

To get a better perspective on his impact, I spoke to a senior member of staff on what the transition looks like from the staff room. "Mr. Blyghton's legacy is really found in the ambition he built here," they told me. "He always pushed for better facilities, because he genuinely cared about the student experience. Moving into September, the staff are incredibly excited to welcome Mrs. O'Donnell. She's coming in with a brilliant strategic vision, and it's going to be a fresh, exciting new era for the school."

Change can be deep, but Beths has always been about adapting and pushing forward. As we head into a new academic year, students are already wondering what fresh perspectives might be on the horizon. While we hope Mrs O'Donnell preserves the core traditions that make Beths great, many of us are looking forward to potential modern updates. Whether that means some smart uniform tweaks, or a continued push to upgrade our day to day school facilities.

The entire student body owes a massive thank you to Mr Blyghton for his years of hard work and keeping us laughing at assemblies. Come September, a new chapter starts. Let's make sure we give Ms O'Donnell a massive welcome as she takes over the reins and leads us into the future.



A REFLECTION OF OUR YEAR



HAMZA 8C

2026

Hello July/26 readers. Hope you guys have enjoyed our year. Now before we end 2025/26. Let's talk about all our achievements that were done, not just in school, but all the wonders of our year. First let's talk about each year, and their accomplishments.

Year 7

- **First year at BETHS** - In 2026, it was our Year 7's first year at BETHS, and many talents were appreciated from the BETHS community, whether it was music or sports, all the Year 7s contributed to make BETHS a better community every day.
- **Sports Day Performance** - The Year 7s did their best to perform in the annual Sports Day. Although Brampton came first, with a great performance, everyone contributed for their house and gained a lot of house points.

Year 8

- **Year 8 Camp** - For the Year 8s, it was their first trip to the traditional Year 8 Camp. A lot of memories were cherished, whether that was in canoeing, or cooking, or the card games played in their tents, it was a trip they would never forget. Next year, the Year 7s, will also have their Camp as well, it is a great time, Year 7. It is a trip you won't forget for sure.
- **Sports Day Performance** - Like the Year 7s the Year 8s also performed greatly for their house. Although Abbey won, with another wonderful performance, there was no house that didn't perform well. It was sure an amazing day to be in.

Year 9

- **A Farewell from KS3** - 2026 was the final year for our Year 9s in KS3, as they now transition into KS4 and follow the system and timetable of Yr 10s. This will also mark the beginning of their period of GCSE exams, which are vital to their future in their lives, they will choose their subjects to take for these exams, and revise well to pass and score highly. Best of luck!
- **Sports Day Performance** - Although I do not have any knowledge of the winners in Sports Day, as I only know about Year 7 and 8, I do know a record in Yr 9 Javelin that was broken by Arseny in 9B, by almost THREE METERS. Congratulations, Arseny!

Year 10

- **The Era of GCSEs** - The Year 10s are now in their era of GCSEs and mocks. They are revising hard and ensuring they can pass the GCSEs with flying colours.
- **A final Sports Day** - Unfortunately it is the Yr 10s final Sports Day before they head off to Yr 11. Pretty much Abbey got the best of it, by winning it 4 times in a row. How greedy, if I do say so myself. But despite the killing spree Abbey was on, valuable memories were cherished from Sports Day.



Year 11

• **A final farewell** - It is a sad, sad year for Yr 11, as it is their final year at Beths, maybe, as some people will hope to decide to go to Beths for Sixth Form. But it is the gap they cross through that matters, not the type of bridge. I wish the Yr 11s a bright future in the upcoming years and obstacles they may face. And now we head on to Sixth Form:

Year 12

• **First Year at Beths (or their Sixth)** - Like the Year 7s, the Year 12s start off their time at Beths with a strong one, with surprising intellectual minds and curiosity.

• **A Level exams** - Not another exam era, the A Level is an even more important exam, which quite LITERALLY decides your future, not saying the GCSEs don't. Like the Yr 10s and 11s, I wish the Year 12s and 13s the best of luck.

• **Medicine societies, Med Soc and more** - The Year 12s have a knack for launching events for KS5. The Medicine Society is now completed luckily for KS5 and Mini Med Soc for Yr 10s, including the Beths Science Newsletter.

Year 13

• **A wrap to their stories** - Now the Year 13s say goodbye to secondary school, and walk the gates to universities. This is a sad moment... for Beths. I hope the best for them in their futures and their journey through life.

Quite a year 2026 was in Beths, wasn't it? Well it doesn't end there, let's talk about events involving media, movies and much more.

Movies released (or going to be released)

• **Moana (live action)** - Basically Moana in real life. Actors include Dwayne Johnson (The Rock) as Maui and more.

• **Minions and Monsters** - The Minions saga continues, with a story of new fellow minions James, Henry and more. Not spoiling the story. That's for you to see

• **Michael** - A biopic film of The King of Pop. Michael Jackson's nephew, Jaafar Jackson played MJ and made killer performances of Billie Jean (Motown 25), Bad (Wembley Stadium) and more. For more information, see Aryaman's review on Michael from the June 26 newsletter.

• **Spider Man : Brand New Day** - Tom Holland's Spider Man era is not finished yet, with new faces like Scorpion, or Grey Hulk and the aftermath of the events of No Way Home.

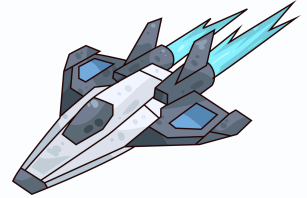
• **Avengers Doomsday** - A new foe appears, Doom himself... well, Dr Doom, but the Avengers must stop him before the world is finished. And... yeah that's basically it, but get ready for tears as some heroes may fall.

Sports

• **Fifa World Cup 2026** - Yes. A new World Cup happens. Teams like France, England, Norway were climbing up the ranks to victory and doing well. All shall be revealed... later. Sadly Egypt lost in the match against Argentina 3-2, which was a tight match, but there is still more. We will just have to wait and see.

Anyway, that is it from me. Have a great summer holiday, and we will be back at September.

SPACE X IPO



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What is Space X?

Space X, a famous company based in the USA that specialises in spacecrafts, satellites and artificial intelligence technology after its merge with xAI. It was founded on the 14th of March 2002 by entrepreneur Elon Musk with the goal of making space travel cheaper and with an ambition to colonise Mars. The company's headquarters is based in Hawthorne, California. Notable achievements include being the first private company to send astronauts to the international space station, developing the Falcon 9 which revolutionised the industry by landing its first-stage booster back on Earth and can be refurbished and flown dozens of times.

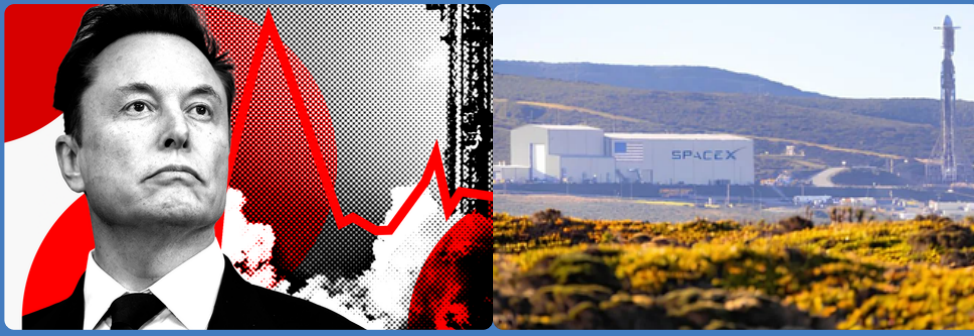
From this, the Falcon 9 created massive cost reductions for reaching space allowing space accessible for smaller satellites such as for its own Starlink which says it can provide high speed WiFi from anywhere in the world with the little of carrying around a small satellite. It is now the most active and reliable rocket in the world certified by NASA to fly astronauts to the ISS. While Falcon 9 and its stronger counterpart, Falcon Heavy, are reliable and fairly cost effective, they don't even compare to its superior the Starship. The Starship not only boasts 100% full reusability where the main booster and the spacecraft itself are designed to fly back, land, and be refueled to fly again almost immediately but also is the most powerful rocket ever built being significantly bigger and more powerful than the Saturn V rocket which took humans to the moon. The Starship can carry over 100 tons of payload into orbit. Overall, Space X is the leading and most successful space company in the world.

Before and during the IPO

On the first of April 2026, Space X filed a confidential draft registration for its IPO with the intention to go public. Then, it made its S-1 prospectus public which outlined its financials and confirmed the listing on Nasdaq. Finally, the company officially went public on the 12th of June 2026 at a share price of 135 dollars. This IPO was the largest in history which raised an initial total of 75 billion dollars which was raised to a total of 85.7 billion dollars due to investment banks choosing the "Greenshoe" option where they decide to buy more shares from the company at IPO price to sell to the public.

This caused the 10 billion dollar jump from 75 to 85 as the company issued new shares to be sold due to extreme high demand. This led to the overall company establishing an initial valuation of 1.75 trillion dollars due to the initial share price. After a few days, on Monday the 15th of June, Elon Musk had posted on X that Space X will be projected to have 1 trillion dollars in revenue by 2030 which spiked share prices up drastically by approximately 20% peaking at a day high of \$225.64.

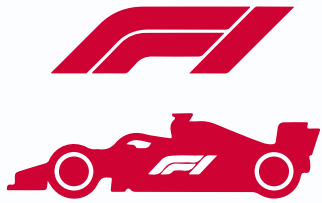
Then, by June 22-23, a massive global tech sell off and a post IPO "hangover" caused the stock to briefly dip below 150 dollars at the start of the trading day but then stabilised to the mid 150 dollar range. All of this commotion caused Elon Musk to be crowned as the world's first trillionaire for a brief amount of time but was eventually dragged down to around 970 billion dollars due to the stock dip. In summary, the two weeks leading on from its initial IPO was a chaotic two weeks for Space X.



Thoughts and opinions on the IPO

The IPO brought about many different thoughts and opinions on the matter, for example, wall Street analysts are extremely split up on the matter with some saying it is a justified 2 trillion dollar valuation while others state it is a overinflated valuation due to the net loss of 4.9 billion in 2025. However, many company employees who receive stocks of the company as a bonus state that they plan to hold onto their stocks for as long as possible which increases public trust due to it being really one sided.

In conclusion, the Space X IPO caused a financial rollercoaster for analysts, stock buyers, banks and investment firms where we see a question as to how much Space X will really end up being worth. Personally, I see this as a opportunity to invest due to the monopoly that Space X will eventually have with its Starlink satellite opportunity and how it is the leading company in space exploration which may also lead to the commercialisation of space travel.



FORMULA ONE: LEWIS HAMILTON, BACK IN BUSINESS?



FAEQ 10B¹ [EDITOR]

Welcome to the last edition of the year, readers! Hopefully you have enjoyed this year of not only school, but Best of the Beths too - it's been a fun one and I hope you're looking forward to the summer break, which is now within touching distance! For one last time this year, I am Faeq (**pronounced:** Fi-eeq) of 10B, your editor of the newsletter, and many of you may have noticed during my time that I've produced quite a bit of NASCAR content more often than not!

However, I do keep an eye on what happens in the world of Formula One, a sport I have known about since 2021. This time, I've decided to produce a report based on one of the most pleasant surprises of the rather chaotic 2026 season! We're going to have a look at the career, recent demise and then resurgence of seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, particularly during his time racing for Scuderia Ferrari (who he scored his first victory with at Barcelona this year), the sport's most prolific outfit. So without further ado, let's get right into it, and fast!

***2007-2012: Early Days with McLaren**

Having partnered with McLaren since 1998 (his early karting and open-wheel days), Lewis Hamilton made what proved to be a remarkable entrance into Formula One in 2007 off the back of titles in Formula 3 (2005) and then GP2 (now Formula 2, 2006). Hamilton would start off his rookie season with 9 consecutive podium finishes, including a maiden win at the Canadian Grand Prix, just his sixth start in the series. Following three more victories and consistency, he had a great chance of becoming F1's first rookie World Champion, but mulligans at China and Brazil ultimately saw him miss out to Kimi Raikkonen by just one point. Don't worry, as he would rebound and win the title in 2008 by the exact same margin.



Hamilton entered the 2008 finale (also in Brazil) needing a top-5 finish to secure the championship. In the closing laps, he fell to sixth with title rival Felipe Massa leading and winning the race, but a dramatic and famous last-lap, last-corner move on Timo Glock [background] helped him reclaim fifth place and (barely) become F1's youngest World Champion at just 23 (until Sebastian Vettel, 2010).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

Due to new regulations for 2009, McLaren struggled to begin the year but hard work helped Lewis secure two wins and fifth in points. Hamilton was then part of a five-horse race for the championship in 2010, ultimately ending up fourth. 2011 was a step-back despite three wins, as he was beaten by his teammate Jenson Button in points, the first time that happened in his career. 2012 proved to be his last season with the McLaren outfit, scoring four victories with the potential of contending for the championship had it not been for constant reliability failures during the year. Even with the sour ending, Lewis Hamilton still left the team with a respectable 21 wins and the 2008 championship on his way to Mercedes for 2013...

***2013-2016: Silver Wars (Rivalry with Nico Rosberg)**

Now this is where things truly get interesting, as many doubted whether this move to Mercedes would pay off in the long-term for Lewis Hamilton. Well in 2013, things got off to a good start, coming home fourth in the standings with a multitude of podiums, including his only win of the year at Hungary. But 2014 is where Mercedes (and Hamilton) really upped the ante, due in part to the new regulations for the series that season. Mercedes' W05 challenger for 2014 scored a remarkable 16 wins in 19 races, with Hamilton taking 11 of those wins as well as his second World Championship after a season-long duel with teammate Nico Rosberg, the first of multiple between the pair.

2015 was slightly more of a breeze in terms of the intra-team battle at Mercedes, with Hamilton taking a further ten wins and a third title at the United States Grand Prix, matching his idol of the legendary Ayrton Senna and locking up the championship three races early. But Rosberg would retaliate with three consecutive wins to end that season before kicking off '16 with another four in a row. The pair of them would then (in)famously clash in Spain and then Austria soon after, amidst the intensifying title battle. The race in Malaysia saw Hamilton have an engine failure while leading the race and lose critical points, and while he would soon respond by winning each of the last four races of the campaign, Rosberg finished second to him each time, the German doing enough to claim the 2016 title by only five points... and then Rosberg would leave F1 entirely five days later.



What you are looking at is perhaps the most known collision of the Hamilton-Rosberg rivalry. The start of the 2016 Spanish Grand Prix saw the two dominant Silver Arrows only last four corners, with Lewis Hamilton [right] sliding onto the grass by Turn 4 and taking out his teammate too. The duel between them wasn't as intense during the rest of 2016, but still intense nonetheless.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

***2017-2020: Fighting with Ferrari, But More Domination**

Despite missing out on the 2016 title, Hamilton would return to being Mercedes' de-facto main driver. At the start of both the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Ferrari and Sebastian Vettel were Mercedes' closest challengers, albeit arguably for only half of the season. Both times, the Scuderia would falter late in the season despite putting up a tough fight for the title early on, leaving Lewis Hamilton to romp towards his fourth and fifth crowns. 2019 saw Mercedes establish a grater stronghold upon the competition, and Hamilton continued to be the main show, again securing the title early.

Though 2020 was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, it did nothing to prevent Lewis Hamilton to decimate the field yet again and embark on quite a record-breaking season. Even with a shortened calendar of 17 races, (16 of which he started, missing the Sakhir Grand Prix due to testing positive for COVID) he would win 11 of them en route to not only the all-time F1 wins record, but a seventh series crown, tying the legendary Michael Schumacher for the most in the sport.



2020 may have been the shortest F1 season for quite some time, but Lewis Hamilton was still a head and pair of shoulders above the field that season, with many dominant performances in 16 starts with Mercedes' W11 [including this emotional one in Turkey, which clinched him his seventh World Championship], many records and perhaps the status of the sport's Greatest Of All Time too.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

***2021: Battle with Max Verstappen (...and Abu Dhabi)**

After claiming both titles for seven consecutive seasons, Mercedes would finally have a season-long challenger in Red Bull (particularly with their Dutch driver Max Verstappen) for 2021. Both Hamilton and Verstappen traded the points lead and shared blows on-track (namely, Britain and Italy) during various points of the season, and they would even enter the season finale level on points. The goal from here was simple: beat your title rival, and the championship is yours. For Hamilton, a record-breaking eighth world title was at stake, and it would have been the very first for Max Verstappen.

Well, in the closing laps of the 2021 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Hamilton had Verstappen beat, over twelve seconds ahead at the front of the field... and then, a Safety Car (for a crash from backmarker Nicholas Latifi). In quick summary, the events that followed are remembered by many F1 fans for what they deem the wrong reasons, as a race that was supposed to end under a Safety Car had the rules bent a little bit (e.g. allowing all lapped cars between the two title rivals unlap themselves) to allow a one-lap shootout of racing, and a straight dogfight between Lewis Hamilton on old hard tires, and Max Verstappen on fresh soft wheels... now guess who won.



Lewis Hamilton took likely the most devastating blow of not only 2021, but his whole career right there in Turn 4 on the final lap of that 2021 race in Abu Dhabi. After a season featuring consistency, a 100th career win in Russia and numerous comebacks, all of that effort would only be for vice-champion following a shattering late-race twist of the rules that left him in utter disbelief.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

***2022-2025: Ground Effect Era (Move to Ferrari, But Also the Beginning of the End?)**

It took a while for Hamilton to recover from the controversy that was Abu Dhabi '21, and by the time he did, but by the time he did, new ground-effect regulations came into effect for 2022. It was this era of Formula 1 which fans may point to as Hamilton's (temporary) downfall, as he would actually go the entirety of the 2022 season winless and outside the top-5 in points, the first time both things had happened in his illustrious career. 2023 may have been a step forward for him, beating teammate George Russell (who joined the Silver Arrows and scored their lone win of '22) to finish P3 in the standings but still no victory and no cigar.

Now, 2024 would begin with the bombshell announcement that after twelve seasons with the Silver Arrows, Lewis Hamilton would leave the team to pursue his dream of being a Ferrari driver starting in 2025. Before that though, Hamilton may only have finished a career-low seventh in the standings, but he did finally break through for his first win since Saudi Arabia in 2021 with a home victory at Silverstone. Though he didn't cross the line first at Belgium, he'd be credited with a second win of the year following a disqualification for teammate Russell, on whom he also performed his final overtake as a Mercedes driver during a comeback drive to fourth in the season finale at Abu Dhabi.



For the first time in 945 days, Lewis Hamilton would return to the top step of the podium for his ninth British Grand Prix victory. After starting on the front row and mastering the tricky track conditions, he would fend off old rival Max Verstappen for career win #104, and his 83rd of 84 victories with Mercedes (the last coming only two races later).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

So here we are then, his highly anticipated stint with Ferrari, beginning in 2025. Despite a mostly barren past three seasons, many were looking forward to this new opportunity, hoping that it would possibly land Lewis Hamilton an eighth Drivers' Championship. While the season did get off to a decent start (including a Sprint race win in China), it turned into a disappointment as Hamilton overall lacked the pace of the main frontrunners that year, failing to score a Grand Prix podium all season for the first time in his illustrious career. Meanwhile, his new teammate Charles Leclerc bagged 7 (yet also no wins) in Ferrari's SF-25.



While it was expected at the start of '25 that Hamilton would put up a fight for his eighth crown, it turned out that at times he would instead be picking up the pieces [such as a literal instance at the Dutch GP] from the many mishaps and disasters he faced in his first year driving for the Scuderia. It even demoralised him to a point where he once labelled himself 'useless'.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

***2026: Sudden Resurgence (incl. Barcelona win!)**

After 2025, many were questioning the impact of the ground effect era on Lewis Hamilton, with some (including myself at times 😊) even saying it would soon be time for him to hang up the helmet. But as it turns out, the newer and nimbler machines for 2026 would be the chance Lewis needed to re-establish himself as one of the best in the business after going winless in three of the past four seasons. The year would begin with fourth in Melbourne (Australia) before finally bagging his first podium as a Ferrari driver with third in China. He would then finish sixth twice in a row in Japan and Miami before two consecutive P2s in Canada and the principality of Monaco, which actually launched him up into second in the Drivers' Championship.

And now is perhaps the best part of this article: Barcelona. His Saturday performance was solid, securing second on the grid, and during the Sunday event he would stick with this season's dominant Mercedes cars of teenager Kimi Antonelli and George Russell. With around 25 laps to go, a well-timed Virtual Safety Car allowed him to get a cheap pit stop on the Mercedes after the pair of them had already come down pit road, and he just about re-emerged in the lead of the race only a few seconds before the VSC period ended. With clean air, he would then storm away from the field behind him and finally score his maiden victory with the Scuderia, and first in almost two years.



Mercedes may well have been stealing the 2026 show so far, but of all the drivers who were expected to be the first non-Mercedes winner (including Verstappen, Leclerc, and Lando Norris), who would've picked Sir Lewis Hamilton at the age of 41 instead? (Unfortunately, I don't think I would've! 😊) Nevertheless, the win in the 2026 Barcelona-Catalunya GP was Lewis Hamilton's 106th triumph in Formula 1, and the first he's had without driving a car equipped with a Mercedes power unit. We also saw a cool wink to history here between himself and Michael Schumacher - the two seven-time kings of the sport won the Grand Prix at the Circuit-de-Catalunya 30 years apart (June 2026 and June 1996 respectively), each their first wins for Ferrari!

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

That will be the end of this article!

For one last time this academic year, thanks for reading my main article, this time based on the rise, fall and rise again of Sir Lewis Hamilton in Formula One! It's not often that I produce content about this sport, but this piece looked and felt quite good to make, and I hope you would agree! If there are any questions about the article, please feel free to contact me [@22B-Ojelade-Faeq](#) on Microsoft Teams, or via my Outlook email or get in touch in-person where appropriate. For enquiries that are more directed towards BotB as a whole, it may be better to contact Miss Stevens, our organiser.

He may have lost his edge a little bit during Formula One's ground effect era of 2022 to 2025, but this year's machinery has helped to remind almost all fans of the sport that the best of Lewis Hamilton is still here. This season has seen some excellent consistency, with him being the only driver this year to complete all racing laps, and he's done very well with his longevity as a driver too (he has now scored a Grand Prix win in 17 of his 20 seasons, as well as a podium in 19 of them). While Mercedes might have been stealing the show at times in 2026, they don't have the reliability of Ferrari or consistency of Hamilton, so perhaps don't be too surprised if the seven-time world champion properly enters the championship conversation soon!

Anyways, that'll wrap it up for my last article, but I'm not done for the academic year just yet. Those of you who have been reading my content quite a bit over the last few months may have noticed that my monthly coverage often comes in twos, and to conclude said coverage this year, I have got something a little new for you to look at. See you on the other side! 🙌



[WRITER'S NOTE: This article was last updated on July 10th 2026. Facts and statistics within the article are correct as of that date, with some potentially being subject to change with future weeks, months and maybe couple of years! Hope you enjoyed this though, especially those of you that are F1 fans!]

FORMULA E 25/26: SCENES IN SHANGHAI



FAEQ 10B² [EDITOR]

Now then, to end my content for this academic year, I decided to focus on something a little more 'random', if you will, than what I normally come up with. In recent weeks, I've paid some more attention to the sport of Formula E (mainly because of the video-game Formula Legends' DLC for it, which I got for my birthday), and I thought why not produce a little something about it? Here, I'll be focusing on the recent double-header racing in Shanghai for Rounds 12 and 13 of the 2025/26 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, featuring some context of the sport, the rounds prior to this and the build-up to likely a pivotal venue in this year's championship chase.



In short, the sport of Formula E is basically Formula 1 but with electric cars, featuring ten teams each with two drivers. It is a sport that demands clever and strategic use of the car's 300kW battery (which gets depleted throughout the course of a race), with extra gimmicks such as Attack Mode (providing an extra 50kW) and in some cases the Pit Boost (a 10% battery increase for thirty seconds) coming into play. F.E also has the same points system as F1, except for a 3-point bonus for winning the pole as well as an extra marker for setting the fastest lap of the race (which is also dubbed as an E-Prix).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



For much of Season 12, Jaguar TCS Racing's Mitch Evans has been leading the way in the Drivers' Championship, his season resumé boosted by masterful victories in Miami [pictured] and the second Berlin race. He would enter this double-header weekend off the back of a DNF in Sanya (also in China) but still 19 points ahead of Nissan's Oliver Rowland (the defending champion).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



While Jaguar [background] have also been leading this season's Teams title race, they've been kept honest in recent weeks by the two Porsches of German Pascal Wehrlein [foreground] (the Season 10 World Champion) and Swiss driver Nico Muller, both of whom are also in the conversation for the Drivers' crown.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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 FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHANGHAI E-PRIX


With all of that said, let us actually dive into what happened in Shanghai. We shall begin with Round 12 of this year's F.E Championship, where Pascal Wehrlein would snag the Julius Bär Pole Position Award ahead of points leader Mitch Evans by 0.203s, giving him an extra three points towards his title hopes.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Wehrlein would then lead the field away with Evans dropping back and Andretti's Jake Dennis (the winner of the last race in Sanya) slotting into second, with pretty much everyone keen to get on with it and push for track position due to the looming dark rain clouds. Amongst the early rush, DS Penske's Taylor Barnard suffered a puncture [pictured right] sending him in for an early trip to the pits. Unfortunately, it wouldn't get much better from there, eventually crossing the finish line in 16th place after starting inside the top-10.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Back at the front, it wouldn't be too long before Dennis [front] would make his move to the head of the field as well as Jaguar's António Félix da Costa [behind] from fifth on the grid. Porsche would then retaliate by ordering Wehrlein to push back, even if it came a cost of battery. The German did just that at the end of Lap 7 to resume control of the first 2026 Shanghai E-Prix.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Not too long later, we had the PIT BOOST window open on Lap 13, with a gaggle of cars coming in a lap later, followed by the frontrunners of Wehrlein, da Costa and Nissan's Oliver Rowland the next lap. By the time it had all cycled out, Pascal Wehrlein returned to the lead of the race ahead of da Costa, Citroën's Jean-Éric Vergne, Dennis and Rowland to complete the top-5.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Soon after that, the Safety Car would be deployed once the rain arrived. The race would then be neutralised for a few laps before resuming on Lap 23 of 29 (then extended to 30), and as soon as that happened a vast majority of cars jumped off the racing line and into the Attack Mode charging zones for a 6-minute deployment of the boost.

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In the end though, it was Pascal Wehrlein taking a dominant victory for the Porsche team, his second of the season (following the first Jeddah E-Prix) and scoring 28 out of a possible 29 points. This win would not only end a three race point-less streak for the German, but it would also catapult him from a deficit of 27 points to a mere three markers behind standings leader Mitch Evans, who could only respond with P8. Behind him, Jaguar's António Félix da Costa and Andretti's Jake Dennis would use their momentum from the last race in Sanya to finish second and third while also gaining some points in the title hunt.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Now we transition towards Round 13 of the 2025/26 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, where Andretti's Felipe Drugovich [front] would kick off the second segment of the Shanghai doubleheader by securing his maiden pole position in the sport, defeating DS Penske's resurgent Taylor Barnard by almost half a second.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Meanwhile, before the race had even started, points leader Mitch Evans' Sunday was already run, with a disastrous pre-race technical issue barring him from partaking in the second Shanghai showdown and also causing him to helplessly bleed (what may prove to be) crucial points in this year's title hunt..

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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With the remaining drivers A-OK, the race was initially started under the Safety Car due to wet conditions, but on Lap 3 of the race it would get underway for proper, with Drugovich heading the field towards a sequence of tactical Attack Mode charging for an extra 50kW of power as well as extra grip to all wheels on the slippery surface.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Come Lap 10, it was a Porsche 1-2, with Wehrlein and teammate Nico Müller finding the front of the pack before stretching away to a three-second lead. However, drivers like the Envision Racing pair (particularly Sebastien Buemi, (who started 17th on the grid) would soon begin to reel them in, the former even taking control and building up a lead north of 4 seconds as the water started to vanish.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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We have actually fast-forwarded to Lap 24 of the race by now, where Zane Maloney's LOLA Yamaha ABT found itself in the wars, needing quick recovery and causing a Full Course caution. This would help teammate and former champion Lucas di Grassi, who was sitting third with an extra dose of Attack Mode still left to use while many around him basically had theirs wasted.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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With that, Envision's Joel Eriksson would have to fend off two former champions in Citroën's Jean-Éric Vergne (a two-time title holder) and di Grassi, though both would soon scoot past him to engage in a duel of their own. There was no stopping the LOLA of di Grassi though, especially whilst he was in Attack Mode. He would surpass Vergne in Turn 1 on the last lap and remain in control up until the chequered flag to find a massive diamond in the rough from last on the grid for the LOLA squad, who have spent a large portion of this season at the bottom of the Teams' table (which is where they still remain despite the victory).

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]

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Meanwhile, with a fourth place finish, Porsche's Pascal Wehrlein successfully took advantage of Evans' pre-race mishap to head the Kiwi by nine markers at the top of the Drivers' Standings after entering the doubleheader 27 points behind him. With two more doubleheader weekends in Tokyo and London, it will be interesting to see how this develops in the last four races.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2025/26 Formula E: Drivers' Standings After Rd13

P)	#	Driver	Team	Points	Behind
1	94	Pascal Wehrlein	Porsche	141	LEADER
2	9	Mitch Evans	Jaguar	132	-9
3	1	Oliver Rowland	Nissan	114	-27
4	13	António Félix da Costa	Jaguar	111	-30
5	27	Jake Dennis	Andretti	109	-32
6	48	Edoardo Mortara	Mahindra	103	-38
7	51	Nico Müller	Porsche	96	-45
8	16	Sébastien Buemi	Envision	75	-66
9	37	Nick Cassidy	Citroën	71	-70
10	21	Nyck de Vries	Mahindra	69	-72



2025/26 Formula E: Teams' Standings After Rd13				
P)		Team	Points	Behind
1		Jaguar TCS Racing	243	LEADER
2		Porsche Formula E Team	237	-6
3		Andretti Formula E	174	-69
4		Mahindra Racing	172	-71
5		Envision Racing	130	-113
6		Nissan Formula E Team	125	-118
7		Citroën Racing	115	-128
8		Cupra Kiro	86	-157
9		DS Penske	49	-194
10		LOLA Yamaha ABT	34	-209

That will be the end of this gallery!

Not only is this the end of my gallery, this shall also mark the end of my reportage for this academic year! Altogether, it was as long as a staggering 94 pages (perhaps plus another 5 if you also include my April interview), but I do hope you enjoyed what I have given to you all over these past eleven months! Again, should you have any queries regarding this, you may contact me [@22B-Ojelade-Faeq](#) on Teams, or via my Outlook email or reaching out in-person where necessary! Should your questions be more directed towards BotB as a whole, then please reach out to Miss Stevens!

From this gallery, I hope it has become clear to see that the sport of Formula E is not an easy beast to tame. From tactical energy usage to potentially interfering circumstances, there are many aspects that can make or break a driver's (or even team's) day in the sport. We had quite some interesting events unfold in Shanghai, with German Pascal Wehrlein romping to the points lead and the first-ever F.E podium to feature drivers that only started 17th or lower on the grid in Round 13! Four more races remain, and so do many questions. Can Porsche continue this charge? How can LOLA use this win to possibly lift themselves from the bottom of the Teams' Table? And can Mitch Evans respond to win the Drivers' crown for Jaguar on his way out from the squad at year's end?

Given how close Evans has been to actually pulling it off in recent years, I would rather like the answer to that last question to be a 'yes', but hey, who am I to decide? 😊 This is quite a sport to explore, and maybe I will explore it again with you readers another time - who knows? For now though, thanks for reading all of my content this academic year; until our next edition, and from a producer's perspective, it's goodbye from me and have a nice summer break! 🙌

[PRODUCER'S NOTE: This gallery was last updated on July 10th 2026. Facts and statistics within the article are correct as of that date, with some potentially being subject to change in the future! Hopefully this interested you even a little bit, and I look forward to producing some more content for you next academic year!]



SERENA WILLIAMS: RETURN OF THE QUEEN



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Most of my readers that are tennis fans should know the name: Serena Williams. But for those who don't know, I'll do a short deep dive on her legacy.

Who was she?

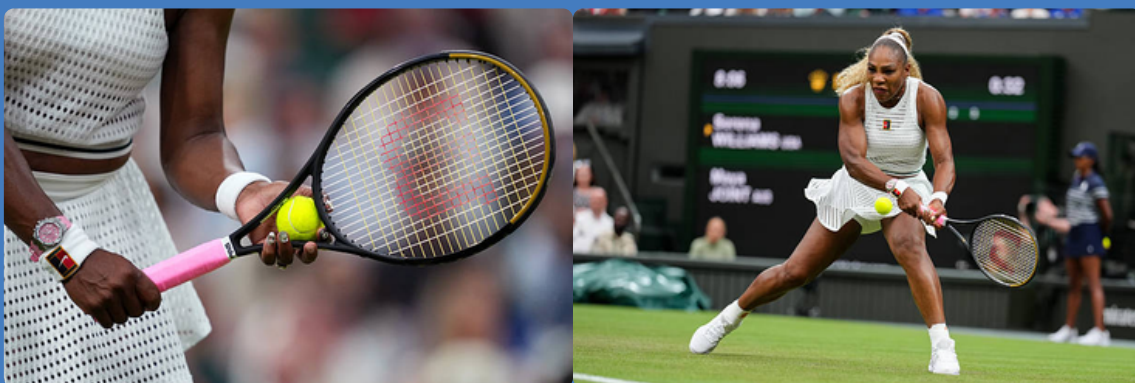
Serena Williams started off like all other tennis players but came from a harsh background filled with racism and discrimination. But when she started out at tennis, she was overshadowed by her older sister Venus, who her father had always put first, seeing as she was older. Over the years, both improved significantly and eventually became the pinnacle of tennis itself. They found themselves battling each other for the top spot, almost always ending up in a spectacular final against each other. Eventually, Serena had the slight advantage of youth (their age gap was 15 months) and beat Venus time and time again, becoming **the** best women's tennis player in the world. This went on for a long time until both ended up retiring with Serena's legacy still as strong as ever.

What happened recently?

Recently, Serena Williams announced that she would be returning to tennis after a 4-year long hiatus which she called "evolving away from the sport" to play in the Queen's Club Championships. Serena never played in Queen's as the tournament had decided that it would only host a men's tournament for around 60 years before bringing back the women's tournament 2 years ago.

But she wasn't fully ready to play a full professional singles match yet so she decided to play doubles with Victoria Mboko from Canada. The pair faced Erin Routliffe and Nicole Melichar-Martinez (the third seeded duo) but dominated the match with Serena's elegance, defeating their opponents in straight sets. But during the match, Victoria unfortunately injured herself so the pair could no longer play and had to withdraw from the tournament.

Next, Serena paired with Karolina Muchova in Berlin but no matter how hard they fought, the pairing of Erin Routliffe and Giuliana Olmos, defeated 4-6 4-6 in a crushing straight set loss. But Serena wasn't done as she finally played her first singles match in 4 years, playing against young rising star, Maya Joint from Australia. The two battled fiercely on the court with Maya taking the first set 6-3 but Serena fought in the second set tiebreak to scrape past, winning 7-6 (8-6) but sadly, all those years away caused Serena to struggle and run out of stamina losing the third set and match 6-3.



But Serena wouldn't stop there - she couldn't. So she asked an old friend to team up with her for her doubles match in Wimbledon. But who was that old friend? It was none other than her sister, Venus Williams. As their doubles match drew closer, many were excited and anticipated a fierce yet thoroughly enjoyable match with the two former world no.1s and sisters pairing up but after her match with Maya Joint, Serena was injured. She had wounded her knee, and was forced to withdraw from Wimbledon and the chance to play with her sister.

What next?

No one really knows what Serena will do next but for those reading, you can be sure that you'll see her again very soon.



AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS



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What are apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are programs offered by several fields and it consists of in work training and the trainee getting paid. This is beneficial as the person can not only develop work experience and learn new things but can also get paid to support themselves. Apprenticeships are often industry-driven, providing a pathway for employers to develop their future workforce and for people to obtain a recognized experience throughout.

When can I start an apprenticeship?

You are eligible to apply for an apprenticeship when you are 16 years old or older. The main rule is that you cannot be in full time education when starting an apprenticeship as it can have a deteriorating effect on your work. People tend to choose apprenticeships as they would want a direct path to work whilst having time to learn. However there is no upper age limit to start an apprenticeship and are offered at different levels such as level 2 to degrees.

Types of Apprenticeships

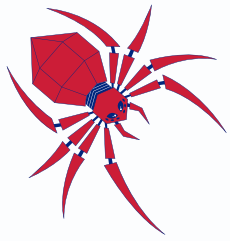
There are many different types such as an Intermediate Apprenticeship is equivalent to GCSEs and is suitable for beginners. An Advanced Apprenticeship is similar to A Levels and provides more specialized training. A Higher Apprenticeship offers qualifications equivalent to a foundation degree or Higher National Diploma while a Degree Apprenticeship allows apprentices to earn a bachelor's or master's degree while working.

Examples of Apprenticeships

There are many of them such as engineering apprenticeships, where apprentices learn to design, build, and maintain machinery or electrical systems. Healthcare Apprenticeships prepare people for roles such as healthcare assistants, pharmacy technicians, or nursing associates. Construction Apprenticeships include trades such as bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry, and electrical installation and many more. Hopefully this helped make your mind about if Apprenticeships are the right way for you to go.

That's all for this week!





SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY - MOVIE PREVIEW



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WARNING: SPOILERS AHEAD

Alright Everyone, Spider-Man Brand New Day is around a fortnight away, and it's on track to become the most hyped and successful movie of this year. Now, nobody wants to miss out on anything, so I shall cover all you need to know about this movie before watching.

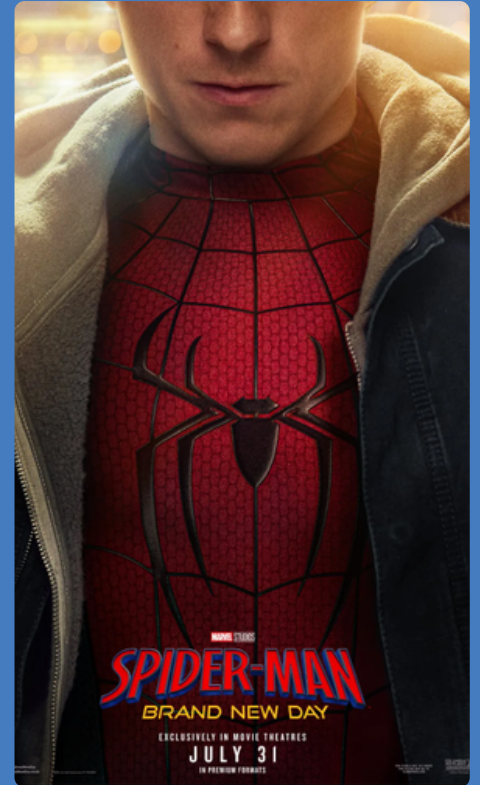
Plot

The main plot of this movie revolves around the concept of mind control and mutations, and Peter is stuck in the middle of it. Peter's body has been mutating, and this has granted him heightened abilities like organic webbing and increased spider-sense and strength, possibly from Man-Spider or Venom. This will also lead to the return of the Savage Hulk and possibly the DODC (Department of Damage Control). Mind Control is likely from a mystery character being played by Sadie Sink (likely Jean Grey) who is controlling people to be freed from restrictions from the DODC, who has been imprisoning mutants due to discrimination against individuals against super powered individuals. The Punisher, Frank Castle, is also in this film. He will be an accomplice to Spider-Man.

Villains

This may appear off topic but the villains in this movie are a massive part of the plot. We've been shown several villains in total; Scorpion, Boomerang, Tarantula, Ramrod, The Hand, Hulk (who may become an aggravated Grey Hulk), and Tombstone. The main villain has been heavily speculated, but Tombstone is the most likely option. The Jackal is also thought to be an option for main villain but we have no official evidence for his appearance. Venom may also be in this movie, as the cause for Peter's mutations. Hulk is probably going to become Grey Hulk because of being suppressed in Bruce Banner's body for years, due to the DODC.

That's all for now, I hope I have sufficiently prepared you for this movie. It will release on July 31!





BLUELOCK: ISAGI YOICHI THE STORY

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It's Shuvam! 🙌 Today I'm talking about one of my favourite anime and manga characters: Isagi Yoichi from Blue Lock.

Isagi Yoichi starts off as an ordinary high school striker playing for Ichinan High School. During a crucial match, instead of taking the winning shot himself, he passes the ball to a teammate, who misses. His team is eliminated from the national tournament, and Isagi is left wondering if his decision was the reason they lost. Soon after, he receives an invitation to the mysterious Blue Lock Project, created by Jinpachi Ego. The project's goal is to create the world's greatest and most selfish striker who can lead Japan to a World Cup victory. Out of 300 talented forwards, only one can become the ultimate striker.

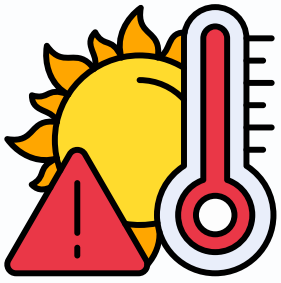
At first, Isagi isn't the strongest, fastest, or most skilled player. However, he has an incredible football IQ and the ability to read the game better than almost anyone else. Throughout Blue Lock, he constantly analyses opponents, adapts to new challenges, and develops powerful weapons such as his direct shot, off-the-ball movement, and metavision. What makes Isagi special is his mindset. He never gives up, always looks for ways to improve, and isn't afraid to evolve, even if it means changing how he plays. Every match pushes him to become a better version of himself.

As the competition comes tougher, Isagi faces some of the best young strikers in Japan, including rivals like Rin Itoshi, Shoen Barou, Seishiro Nagi, Ryusei Shidou, and later Michael Kaiser. Rather than being discouraged, he studies each opponent, learns from every defeat, and turns those lessons into new strengths. One of Isagi's greatest abilities is his adaptability. While many players rely on their natural talent, Isagi wins by thinking faster than everyone else on the pitch. His vision allows him to predict plays before they happen, find spaces that others can't see, and put himself in the perfect position to score.

As the story progresses, Isagi grows from an underestimated striker into one of Blue Lock's top players. He earns the respect of teammates, rivals, and even professional players through his intelligence, determination, and relentless desire to improve. Isagi's journey teaches that becoming the best isn't just about having the most talent - it's about working harder than everyone else, learning from your mistakes, and never stopping your growth. His dream of becoming the world's greatest striker drives every decision he makes, inspiring both his teammates and fans around the world.

BYE GUYS AND THIS IS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE WE BREAK UP. It has been a blast writing for you readers so thank you and see you in September. Shuvam OUT!





HEATWAVES



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Have you all noticed the UK experiencing hotter summers every year? I'm sure that you have and this isn't a coincidence. A heatwave is a period of unusually hot weather that lasts for several days. Although here in the UK, we are famous for the cool and extremely rainy climate, heatwaves are becoming more common and more intense.

Recently, as you all know, much of the UK experienced a heatwave with temperatures rising over 30 degrees in many areas like ours. Even the Met Office issued heat alerts because the hot weather increased risks of dehydration, heat exhaustion and wildfires. Hospitals were also warned to prepare for more patients affected by the heat.

This is all due to climate change which is causing heatwaves to happen even more often. Greenhouse gasses released from burning fossil fuels trap heat into the earth's atmosphere which causes global temperatures to rise. Due to this, weather patterns are changing meaning that countries like the UK are seeing hotter and longer summers.

Heatwaves can also have a major impact on our daily lives. During the recent UK heatwave, train services were delayed because railway tracks can expand and bend in extreme temperatures. Roads can also soften and become damaged, making travel more difficult. Firefighters had to deal with more grass and woodland fires as the dry weather made it easier for fires to spread. These effects show that hot weather can cause problems even in countries like the UK that are not used to such high temperatures.

Having said this, heatwaves don't just affect people. They affect crops which can dry out, rivers or lakes that can lose water and wildlife which struggle to find food in this heat. The demand for electricity also increases as more people use fans and AC. Speaking of fans and air conditioning, did you know that most stores were sold out completely due to the high demand made in this heatwave?

To stay safe in this hot weather, as reminded by the various mails sent out by school, please drink plenty of water, stay in the shade during the sunny afternoon and wear sunscreen to protect yourself from UV rays.

Now that the climate is changing, heatwaves aren't really rare events in the UK anymore/ Scientists expect them to become even more frequent in the future as well as more severe. This means that we should be prepared by trying to take action and tackle climate change. Even small changes like saving energy and recycling can make an impact so let's try to make a difference. Anyways, by doing our part, hopefully we can reduce risks of even hotter summers in coming years.

Thanks for reading and enjoy your summer break!



KIER STARMER RESIGNS

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Hello everyone, and welcome to the last edition of Best of The Beths for 2025/26. This month's article is about the UK's Prime Minister resigning, and about how it could have been caused by the recent social media ban for under 16's. So now, let's start!

WHY did Kier Starmer resign?

On June 15th, 2026, the labour government announced a possible social media ban for anyone under the age of 16, which, when passed, would start in spring 2027 and require all social media users in the UK to show their ID online. This (obviously) did not sit well with the general public (specifically the under-16s), who quickly started campaigning for Kier Starmer to resign, and also because of the very controversial Online Safety Act, which was talked about as early as 2023. Another reason could have been his decision to hire Peter Mandelson as the UK's USA ambassador, who was revealed to have been leaking UK government secrets and was a close part of... a certain infamous American scandal relating to an island. Because of all of this pressure, the health secretary (Wes Streeting) and the defence secretary (John Healey) both also resigned relatively recently, which prompted Kier Starmer to do the same.

HOW did Kier Starmer resign/how did he announce it?

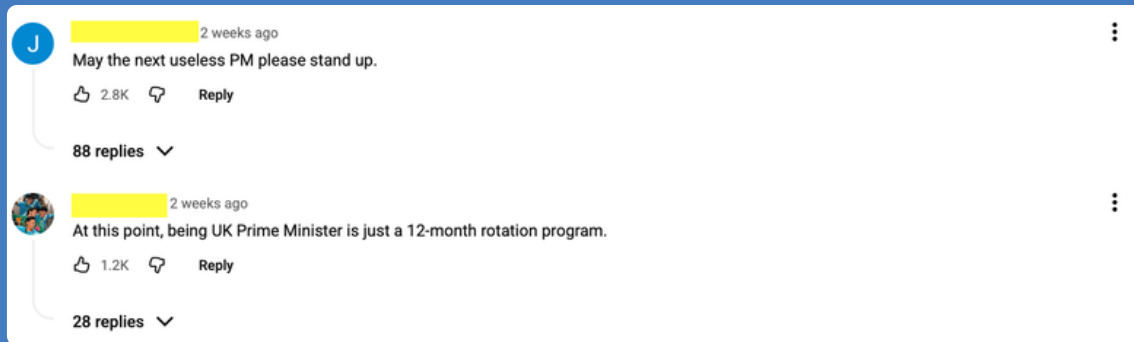
A few days ago (weeks ago by the time you're reading this), Kier Starmer announced that he would make his "address to the nation" on June 22nd. Many, many theories surfaced as to what the broadcast would be about, and one was soon proven true as Kier Starmer announced (nearly in tears) that he would be quitting his job as Prime Minister of the UK, and that after quitting he "*shall spend more time in the most important job, being a "dedicated husband... and father"*".



An image from his resignation

How did the public react?

Predictably, many people turned on Kier Starmer after his infamous decisions, such as the social media ban and his view that Israel had *"the right"* to cut off water from Gaza. Lots of people also talked about how short UK prime minister's jobs are nowadays (the last PM to serve a full term was David Cameron who left in 2016), so much so that some of the top comments on the YouTube broadcast of Starmer's announcement are *"At this point, being UK Prime Minister is just a 12-month rotation program"* and *"The batteries in my tv remote last longer a British PM 😄"*. Now, it's highly likely that former mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, will become Prime Minister until the next general election in 2028, with ~31% of people holding this view as of June 2026.



Some of the YouTube comments

That's an end to my July article, and if you're reading this, then that means that it's the first time in the history of the newsletter that all 11 editions for the year were made and published, so thank YOU for making that happen! 🎉🎉. Thank you for reading and I hope you have a nice summer!



FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

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^At the time that I am writing this **[EDITOR'S NOTE: Thursday, 9th July]**, France and Morocco are playing in the first quarter final.

This 2026 World Cup has been nothing short of special as we have gotten dozens of breathtaking matches (except for Columbia's and Ghana's matches which were snoozefests so I'm glad that they're out of the World Cup. 😊) We have had matches like Germany's 7-1 win over Curacao and a nail biting 3-3 Austria-Algeria game. We have also had our fair share of upsets and underdogs like Cabo Verde making it out of a group with Spain, Uruguay and Saudi Arabia.

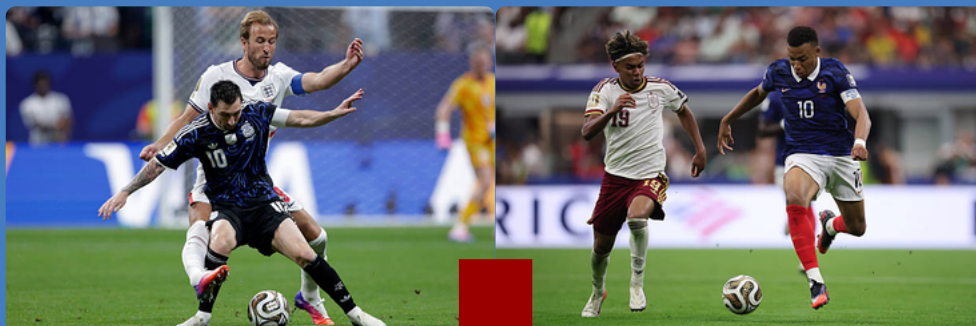
As good as we have had these matches, we have had a lot of referee stinkers like the Paraguay-France referee who gave out 0 cards to Paraguay the entire match even though they should have booked several times for fouls on the French players. Another referee stinker has been the Argentina-Egypt referee as he disallowed a goal for Egypt that should have stood, failed to give Argentinas Molina a red card after he slapped Egypt's Emam Ashori twice, Failed to give Romeros goal offside. Because of this legendary stinker, Argentina went through to the quarter final 3-2 instead of losing 3-2 like they should have.

So far, just the quarter finals remain. The matches are Spain vs Belgium, Argentina vs Switzerland (come on Switzerland!), Norway vs England and France vs Morocco (which is 1-0 to France in the 61st minute right now).

My predictions for the other quarter finals is that Spain beat Belgium, Argentina beat Switzerland and England thump Norway. Then, in the semifinals, England beat Argentina and Spain beat either France or Morocco. Then in the final, I think that England will get revenge for the 2024 Euros and beat Spain in the World Cup final to get their second ever World Cup.



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THE AMAZING DIGITAL CIRCUS: SERIES OVERVIEW

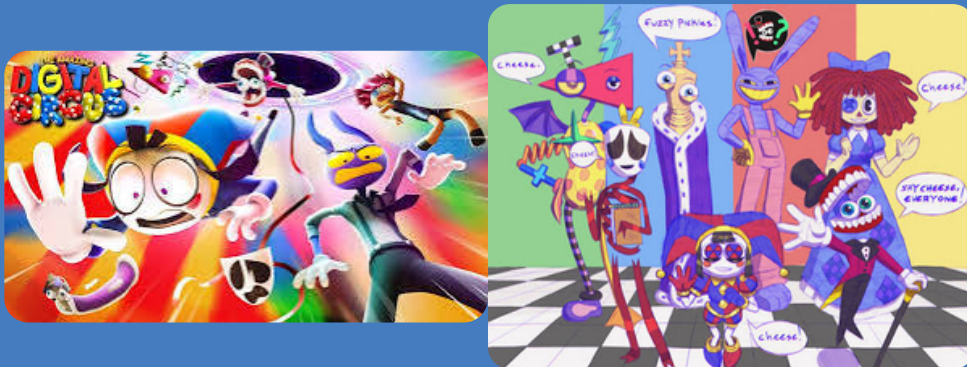
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Hello viewers of Best of the Beths (again). You may have noticed that I didn't show up last edition. It's just to say that, I had to cancel plans last minute and do lots of stuff that is irrelevant at this moment of time. However, today's adventure is taking a turn because I'm talking about The Amazing Digital Circus! The finale had released a couple of weeks (maybe months depending on whether you see this) ago so let's get right into the show! As I'm the one running this article (sorry for the bad TADC jokes, it's what I do), let's recap a bit about The Amazing Digital Circus.:

EPISODE 1: The Pilot

This episode was the major introduction of the main characters in this indie series. We got to see the characters (all shown below) such as Kinger and Jax. However, things took a slight turn as Kaufmo 'went through a Kaufmosis' as Kinger once said and abstracted! Terrible start for Pomni, the protagonist or 'cartoon jester' or the new character that had just appeared.



On the left is the thumbnail to Episode 5, which is talked about more on page – of this article. To the right is basically just the crew animated as everyone that was in Pomni's time. Yes, it shows them taking a photo and Kinger and Jax's speeches there really creeped me out...

[IMAGE CREDIT: Glitch Productions from YouTube and Newgrounds.com]

Episode 2: Candy Carrier Chaos:

In this wack-a-doodle episode, the group have to chase some bandits to get a kingdom's honey maple syrup! Who are these goofy bandits you may ask? These fellas' names are Gummigoo, the mainly talked about one, Chad and Max. During the episode, Jax says the group just got 'augustus-glooped', which is a reference to something. However, what do **YOU**, the viewers, think this reference is? Back to the episode, they meet a muddy, chocolate-coloured, deep-voiced, sploshy, humongous, old monster! Yes, that was a Scrooge (A Christmas Carol) reference if you knew. Jax tells this lump that he might free him as he has the key to the kingdom, which he took off Ragatha. In the end, they all get the syrup and the rotten bandits DIE!

Episode 3: The Mystery of Mildenhall Manor:

The spookiest, scariest episode awaits your soul. Caine goes brutal on the scare-o-meter and Bubble (in backward language) says all the kids will be frightened in their sleep after this episode, which is, **wait what?!** In this episode, Kinger and Pomni try to retrieve Gangle's comedy mask as Jax throws it to see where the **ccccccrreeepy** door is. Kinger 'accidentally' takes one of Pomni's eyeballs and is also lured with him. Upon this, they hear some stories from Mildenhall himself, but then they see questionable monsters and are sent to hell... They somehow manage to get out of the mess and get back to where Ragatha, Jax and Gangle was. However, there's one problem. Kinger forgot the mask!



These two images are the thumbnails for both episodes I just talked about. The one on the left is Episode 2: Candy Carrier Chaos and the other one on the right is Episode 3: The Mystery of Mildenhall Manor.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Glitch Productions from YouTube and Newgrounds.com]

Episodes 4,5 and 6

Episode 4 is about a 'fast food masquerade' as quoted as the title and for the first time ever, it is from the suggestion box! However, it won't be the first after Ep 5! Gangle is the head manager at a restaurant called Spudsy's (which sounds like some clear obvious reference that I won't spoil) and everyone is basically workers there, obviously. Overtime, the characters get more insane to the point where Gangle ends her own shift faster than Pomni and gets run over by a fast-moving truck.

Episode 5 is a wacky episode with nothing special to it (I know, I just started a huge war) but quick rapid suggestions of adventures in the suggestion box! Radical stuff! It ambushes you with lots of lots of and of course, lots of suggestions! Some adventures may include... Softball (Ragatha's suggestion), Stargazing (Kinger's suggestion), Poach Everything and President Pomni (Both Jax's suggestions), Anime TADC (Gangle's Suggestion) and least but not last, the Bartender, Zooble's suggestion!

Episode 6 is uh, let's say the day where Jax slowly starts to secretly abstract. As he gets closer with Pomni, he talks about archetypes whilst the 'They All Get Guns' episode is going on. He, himself, says he had the self-awareness to choose himself as the funny one, but that slowly becomes false. During the scene where Pomni tells Jax to 'Fight back!', Jax gets more serious and shouts at Pomni these exact lines. This is also where the show gets worse in the coming episodes... By the way, the **bold** text means he was shouting.

Jax: 'What's wrong with you?!

Pomni: 'Why didn't you fight back?!

Jax: 'Oh here we go. **Here we go! Because I didn't fight back, that means I secretly care about you?!** I'm just a misunderstood little chicken fetus in an egg that needs to be cracked open. Well, I am **not! I do not care about you, or anyone else in the circus in the slightest! End of story.** You are my playthings and I get joy out of making you suffer. I'm the one that causes pain for **fun!** If I led you on, it was just this part hurt you more...'



Very great voice acting from Michael Kovach and also saddening from Jax too. Just gave me the chills every time I rewatched that.

Episodes 7 and 8

Well, let's say, these 2 episodes weren't great for Caine and also the rest of the crew. Basically in episode 7, it is considered a fun and happy 'beach episode'. Or so we all thought. Pomni meets this person named Abel and apparently he found a way to leave. In the final minutes, Jax gets shown static, rapid pictures of streets, symbolising something we don't know (until Episode 9, obviously). He gets too much from this as Caine controlled his mind and accidentally presses red for stay. With this, Caine gets too much hate from the crew and this is where Caine starts his villain arc in Episode 8...

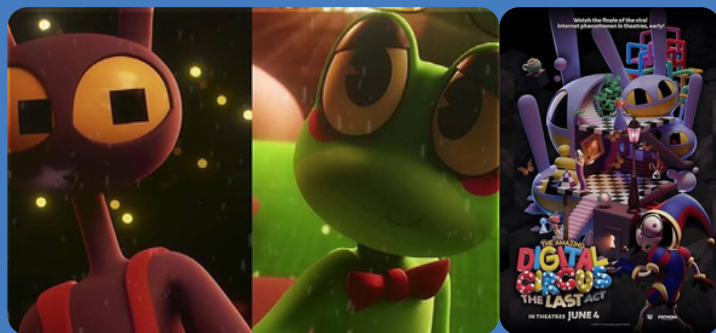
Episode 8 has to be definitely the craziest episode in all of TADC ever. It begins with Red and Blue AIs, red meaning Caine and blue being unknown. After that, it shows a flashback from Kinger's view and that he was alone for some time. Soon after this flashback, it shows the cast saying that they are going to abandon the idea of leaving. However in Caine's office, things are changing. He seems to have crashed out, thinking humans aren't appreciating his work enough than they should've. At the end, he turns into some spider after hearing the crew's complaints to Caine and throws them all into what they said to him just then. But Kinger... Kinger had other plans. This guy deleted Caine and they had nothing left after this catastrophe.

Episode 9: Remember

Now it's the time. Episode 9 everybody.

First off, Jax completely crashes out with the crew and starts going insane now that they had absolutely nothing anymore, as if he was going to abstract soon. However, I proved right. He abstracted sadly but Pomni decided to think of a plan. She used a gun to turn off the lights in a corridor, which made abstracted Jax calmer, just like what Kinger did with Queenie. Pomni hugged abstracted Jax and went into his mind and thoughts. It basically just showed some doors that Pomni had to go through. With this being said, Pomni meets a normally-coloured door, showing literally everything that Jax did before and after Pomni arrived. And uh, Jax had a lot with Ribbit, a lot. If I explained it now, it would be, disturbing (only TADC fans know what I'm talking about).

Anyways, after all the flashbacks, it shows Jax next to a lamp, sobbing that he didn't want to abstract and he didn't want Pomni to 'love him'. Pomni tries to hug him, thinking that he may confess, but it ends up getting worse with Jax fully abstracting and turning into a firework.



You can see, on the other hand whilst this went on, that Caine came back from the void (recycling bin in this case). In the void, he tries to find a way out of there but ends up finding a door that shows all of the crew's real identities in the world out there. However, he removes the Blue AI that had been with him for years and rushes back to the world, with seemingly less power.

He says that he will give power to the circus to the crew members there and gives a presentation in the stage about their real identities. I'll sum it up for you anyway.

Pomni - Abigail Brooks
Jax - Leroy Mateo
Ragatha - Susie J. Ackerman
Gangle - Zoe Ragavan
Zooble - Riley Verscellis
Kinger - Grant Best

(Another fact: Queenie's real life name was Destiny Best.)

With that done, they all agree with having equal power of the circus and that for example, Zooble had a custom bartender for herself. Even Caine and the crew played Dungeons and Dragons together! **(Speaking of that, do join D&D club if I just persuaded you to do so).** The abstracted had their own 'aquarium' where these abstracted creatures hung out and yeah, that's TADC summed up!

That's the end of this article!

By far my most lengthy article in all my months of Best of the Beths. Be sure to also check out everyone else's articles too if you haven't already, because theirs is probably better than mine, of course... Yeah, that is mainly it for now. See you in September's edition, which I think will be the 7th anniversary of BotB!





ON YOUR MARKS! AN INTERVIEW WITH MR L. JONES



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Sports day was a fantastic success, with everyone showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. I spoke to Mr Jones to hear his thoughts on what makes it so special.

Q: Why did you choose to hold Sports Day at the sports centre instead of at school?

Mr Jones: Having access to a proper athletics track gives students the chance to experience competing in a real stadium.

Q: What is the biggest challenge when planning the event?

Mr Jones: The weather! This year we had to postpone Sports Day because of heavy rain and then nearly had to cancel again because of the heatwave.

Q: How do you make sure every student has a chance to take part and enjoy the day?

Mr Jones: Students can compete in at one track event, one field event and all can take part in the house tug of war, so everyone gets involved.

Q: How do you decide which events and races to include?

Mr Jones: We choose events that are appropriate for each year group. For example, Year 7 students don't compete in the 400 metres.



Q: What has been your favourite Sports Day memory at Beths?

Mr Jones: When Abbey House won the House Cup. I thought Brampton would win, so it was a great surprise.

Q: If you could add one new event to Sports Day, what would it be?

Mr Jones: The steeplechase.

Q: Has any student particularly impressed you with their effort or sportsmanship?

Mr Jones: Arseny Romanov in 9B. He broke the school javelin record by three metres and stayed incredibly humble about his achievement.

Q: What do you hope students remember most about Sports Day?

Mr Jones: I hope they remember what it was like to compete in a real athletics stadium.

Q: What advice would you give to students who are nervous about competing?

Mr Jones: Practise! The more you practise, the more confident you'll feel.

Q: If you had to compete in one Sports Day event, which would you choose?

Mr Jones: Javelin!

Thank you to Mr Jones for taking the time to be interviewed. I hope everyone enjoyed getting to know him a little better. And finally, if there were ever a teacher race, I think Mr Jones would be the favourite to win!

TRAVEL BROADENS THE MIND... BUT YOU DON'T NEED A PLANE TICKET!



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As summer arrives, airports become packed with families heading to exotic beaches and adventurous cities breaks. Social media fills with photographs of tropical sunsets, famous landmarks and luxury hotels. It can sometimes feel as though everyone is travelling abroad, but does broadening your mind really need a passport?

The saying "travel broadens the mind" exists for a reason. Visiting new places introduces us to different languages, foods, traditions and ways of life. We return with fresh perspectives and a greater understanding of the world around us. However, international travel is expensive, and for many families, a holiday abroad isn't possible. But that doesn't mean summer has to be dull.

Britain itself is packed with opportunities to experience history, geography, science and culture. A walk through an ancient castle, a visit to a museum, exploring Roman ruins or hiking across a national park can be just as inspiring as a flight overseas. Many museums offer free admission, while local libraries often run holiday activities, reading challenges and workshops throughout the summer. Culture can also be found much closer to home. Why not visit a local festival, try food from another country, learn a few words of a new language or attend a free concert in the park? Even exploring a nearby town you've never visited before can help you see your own country differently.

For those on a very tight budget, there are still many ways to discover something new. Parks, nature reserves and public footpaths cost nothing to enjoy. Watching wildlife, identifying plants, sketching landscapes or simply taking a different route through your local area can reveal places you've never noticed before. Many councils also organise free family events during the holidays.

You could create your own 'world tour' at home. Borrow books about different countries from the library, cook recipes from around the globe, watch documentaries, listen to international music or learn about another culture online. Curiosity costs nothing.

Perhaps the real message behind "travel broadens the mind" isn't about distance at all. It's about being willing to learn, explore and experience something different. Whether you're climbing a mountain in Wales, wandering through a Spanish market or discovering hidden corners of your own town, every new experience helps us grow. So this summer, whether you're flying thousands of miles or simply exploring closer to home, remember that an open mind is the greatest journey of all.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer holiday!

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A Note of Thanks



Thank you for reading the 46th edition of Best of the Beths!

With the last edition of 2025/26 comes the end of Best of the Beths for now, but what a year for us this has been. This has been a year where we have raised many of our own statistical bars, elevated our consistency and taken things to almost unbelievable heights, starting with an astounding **425 pages** total across all of our newsletters, a figure that is almost double the previous record (255 in 2022/23). We have also seen a rise in KS3 mastering the arts of Canva-style journalism, many of the longest publications the newsletter has ever had, but above all now, a **full house of newsletters** for the year (11/11) - for the very first time in BotB history!

Given all of this has transpired in only my (**Faeq 10B's**) first full year as the editor, I honestly couldn't be prouder of the whole team, from the article writers who have kept up the excellent efforts that make these great editions possible, to Miss Stevens who gave me this opportunity to begin with. Editing is a rather lengthy process that has forced me to rearrange & finesse the content before it reaches the final versions of what you come to see, but it's something I have done with the inner joy and pride of us achieving these great things, and for all that they have done this year, I am extremely grateful and simply could not ask for more.

Now before we officially conclude, let's summarise our coverage one final time.

Of course, we first had to acknowledge the man that has led us through nine years of ups and downs, our Headteacher Mr Blyghton, and we wish him all the best in retirement. We then reviewed the academic year for all year groups soon followed by a double-header of Formula motorsports, including Formula E for the first time! Soon after, we evaluated the potential wonders of apprenticeships before focusing on more UK-central affairs, namely recent heatwaves and the resignation of Keir Starmer. The quadrennial World Cup was mentioned as well as the Amazing Digital Circus indie series, and to wrap it up one last time ahead of the summer, it was rather nice to think about how to potentially enjoy it without a plane ticket!

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Now here we are, on the 425th and final page of BotB this academic year. It's been the longest ride we've ever had in a single year, but we hope you have enjoyed it. That will be a wrap for now, with over 6 weeks until we return for the start of what will hopefully be another great adventure in 2026/27! As we recharge ahead of that, please do feel free to click my trademark red button below, which will take you to the Newsletters section of the Beths Grammar School website. From there, just scroll down a bit to find our dropdown menu, featuring newsletters old and new, and (sooner or later) all publications from the academic year gone by.

As we wrap things up for good ahead of the summer break, it has truly been a legendary year for us, but can we replicate (to some extent) the breakthrough success of 2025/26 next year? Who will join us during the 2026/27 adventures? (We hope a few more of you students can!) And are you already looking forward to the next year of BotB? I sure am and I hope you are too, but more importantly it will definitely feel great to relax amongst the warm weather and take some time off at home (and wherever you go) during the summer before we return.

For now though, thanks for reading yet another instalment of Best of the Beths, the newsletter that's been 'produced for students, by students' since 2019, and the newsletter at its very best signing out for the summer! Until next year, it's goodbye from us - have a nice holiday, and we shall see you in 2026/27! 🙌



Want to read more during the six-week summer? Click here to find more our past publications, from the very beginning up to the present day, enjoy them for now and see you (hopefully) in September!



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