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YEAR 7 TRACK SPRINTS



JADEN 7W

Hello everyone! I am Jaden from 7W, and today I am gonna be writing about Year 7 Track races. In these races there is 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and the Relay - but I am going to only write about Relay, 100m, 200m and 300m because if I did all of them, we would be here for ages. But let's not waste anymore time and get straight into it!

We'll be starting off with the 100m. Probably the easiest sprint out of the rest, which needs you to drive forward with strength to get the best result you can.

<u>100m</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
Heat 1	7B	7H	7E	7W	7A	7C
Heat 2	7H	7B	7E	7C	7W	7A
Heat 3	7W	7H	7C	7E	7B	7A
Heat 4	7B	7H	7A	7W	7E	7C

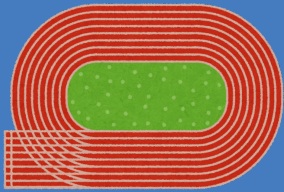
The 200m is double the length of the 100m, which includes the corner where you need to conserve your energy to boost forward at the end, helping you to possibly get first or second if done right.

<u>200m</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
Heat 1	7B	7A	7C	7H	7E	7W
Heat 2	7H	7E	7A	7C	7W	7B
Heat 3	7E	7W	7A	7B	7C	7H
Heat 4	7B	7H	7A	7W	7C	7E

The 300m is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the track. This is when it starts to get a bit tricky, as you need to conserve your energy again whilst maintaining a steady pace to keep up with your opponents.

<u>300m</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
Heat 1	7A	7E	7W	7B	7H	7C
Heat 2	7E	7B	7H	7A	7C	7W

The Relay is a 4-person sport, needing someone at every 100m waiting to run. There's a baton that needs to be passed on to the other runners of your team. There's going to be 2 people running the corners of the track and 2 people running the straights.



Relay	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
A team	7B	7W	7H	7E	7A	7C
B team	7H	7W	7B	7E	7C	7A
C team	7H	7B	7E	7C	7A	7W
D team	7E	7H	7C	7W	7B	7A



The final rankings for Year 7 (across all track and field events) are as follows:

YEAR 7 SPORTS DAY 2025/26: FINAL STANDINGS									
#)		House	Points	Behind	#)		House	Points	Behind
1)		Brampton	197	WINNER	4)		Hurst	151	-46
2)		Wickham	162	-35	5)		Cray	131	-66
3)		Eardley	152	-45	6)		Abbey	121	-76



OVERVIEW OF SPORTS DAY



CHUKWUMA 10E

Sports day is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their forms superiority, with the bonus of displaying your athletic ability. I completed in triple jump and the A 300m in which I came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In recent years, Abbey and Brampton have been frequent winners of sports day. Well done to Brampton for winning this year's event overall!

However that doesn't mean that other houses cannot bring them down a peg and add significant contribution towards their houses' chances at the House Cup with sustained efforts in the last few weeks of school.

One of the highlights of the day was the atmosphere created by the students and staff, involving drums, cheers and chants. Within the track events to the field competitions, every participant was encouraged by loud cheers from their spectators. Whether competing for first place or just giving their best effort, everyone showed determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship, making it incredible for all.

Although a lot of the focus on Sports Day revolves around the physical side of it, there is also an importance of the mental and social elements in which sports day strengthens mental fortitude and relationships between all that participate which will last long in the memory.

I also want to bring attention to the diligence shown by officials and volunteers helped the day run smoothly and demonstrated the strong sense of community within the school.

Thanks for reading.





SPORTS DAY ACROSS THE WORLD



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This month, I'm going to change it up a bit because it's the month of Beths' Annual Sports Day. But instead of talking about how *our* Sports Day went, I shall tell you all about how Sports Day is celebrated across the globe!

Europe

- UK

As you should know, schools in the UK perform Sports Day differently but with the same ideology. Starting from a young age, you would have participated in various running events and many others such as the Egg and Spoon Race or Javelin. But in the UK, Sports Day is usually held within the final summer term of school. Children are put in groups and compete to win the trophy/title (depending on where you are) for their overall team.

- France

In France, they do Sports Day completely different to the UK. In fact, the French have a National Sports Day, established after the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics. This date falls on September 14, every year from 2025. This aims to encourage physical activity and foster unity within the community. On this day, major thoroughfares, such as the Rue de Rivoli in Paris, are transformed into massive, open-air sports arenas. Nearly 50 sporting federations set up booths to offer initiations, demonstrations, and skill-building workshops, allowing members of the public to interact with Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

Africa

- Kenya

Sports Day is quite similar to the UK since sports days in Kenya are vibrant community, corporate, and school events celebrated nationwide to promote health, teamwork, and physical fitness. Whether it is early childhood sports days or massive corporate team-building events, these gatherings feature a mix of traditional field events, competitive relays, and engaging outdoor activities. Schools often organise students into competing Houses to foster friendly competition.

- The Continent

Like France, Africa have a Day of African Sport. Celebrated annually on December 14th across African Union member states, this day promotes the role of sports in fostering peace, health, and development across the continent. It highlights the incredible achievements of African athletes and promotes the power of sport as a unifying force.



The Americas

- **Pan American Games**

This is the largest multi-sport event in the Americas, featuring athletes from 41 nations competing in Olympic sports. The last summer games were held in Santiago, Chile, with the next edition scheduled to take place in Lima, Peru, in 2027. Held every four years - always the year before the Summer Olympics - they serve as crucial qualifiers for the Olympic Games.

- **National Sports Day (USA)**

Often celebrated annually on October 16th, this is a localised observance to highlight athletics, fitness, and community involvement in sports. Proclaimed by the National Day Calendar in 2019, the day honors athletes, coaches, and fans of all ages and disciplines. It honors the positive impact of athletics on society. The holiday recognises the dedication of athletes, encourages communities of all ages to stay active, and highlights the life skills - such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance - that sports foster.

Oceania

- **Australia**

Sports Day in Australia is often called School Athletics Carnival or Swimming Carnival and is a vibrant nationwide tradition where primary and secondary students participate in track, field, and novelty events. School-wide sporting events are split into competitive Houses with students wearing their house colours.

Asia

- **Malaysia**

In Malaysia, National Sports Day or Hari Sukan Negara is a national holiday in Malaysia, held annually on the second Saturday in October, with the objective of promoting a healthy lifestyle among the population and to transform Malaysia into a sporting nation in line with the National Sports Vision. The first National Sports Day was held in 2015. The celebration features widespread physical activities, community runs, fitness events, and mass workouts, with the main highlight usually hosted at the administrative centre of Putrajaya and replicated across states nationwide.

- **India**

The National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August, on the birth anniversary of hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. This day marks the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand Singh, the hockey player who won gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936. The day was first officially included in India's list of celebratory days in 2012. It serves to honour Dhyan Chand, often referred to as 'The Wizard'.

Antarctica

Now, you may be thinking. Why have I written something about Antarctica even though no one really lives there permanently? Well, people often go to Antarctica for many sporting expeditions such as the Antarctica Marathon. This is the coolest (and coldest) marathon, reaching 26.2 miles long and is considered to be the slowest marathon due to the rough terrain.

Thank you for reading. See you next time!



YEAR 8 SPORTS DAY 2026



***MOHAMMAD AHMED 8B^{1*}**

Hello everyone, and welcome to another edition of Best of the Beths! You may have noticed that my name has a superscript of "1" on it, and this is because I have written 2 articles for this edition, one for Sports Day and one for the Chinese Bridge competition. This one (as you can see from the title) is about Sports Day. Also, you may have noticed that this edition is exactly 1 year after my first ever edition! So, without further ado, let's start!

Overall rankings

The winner for Y8 Sports Day 2026 was (drumroll please): Abbey! This may not be a surprise to you as Abbey are known for their sports, so much so in fact that when looking at the results table for Y8 (underneath), we can see that the house in second place (Hurst) was a whole 14 points behind Abbey at 160, followed by Eardley at 146, Wickham at 126, Cray at 125 and finally Brampton was last at 94 points, 84 less than Abbey. The rankings were the same when I checked at the start of the Y8 track events.

YEAR 8 SPORTS DAY 2025/26: FINAL STANDINGS

#)		House	Points	Behind	#)		House	Points	Behind
1)		Abbey	174	WINNER	4)		Wickham	126	-48
2)		Hurst	160	-14	5)		Cray	125	-49
3)		Eardley	146	-28	6)		Brampton	94	-80

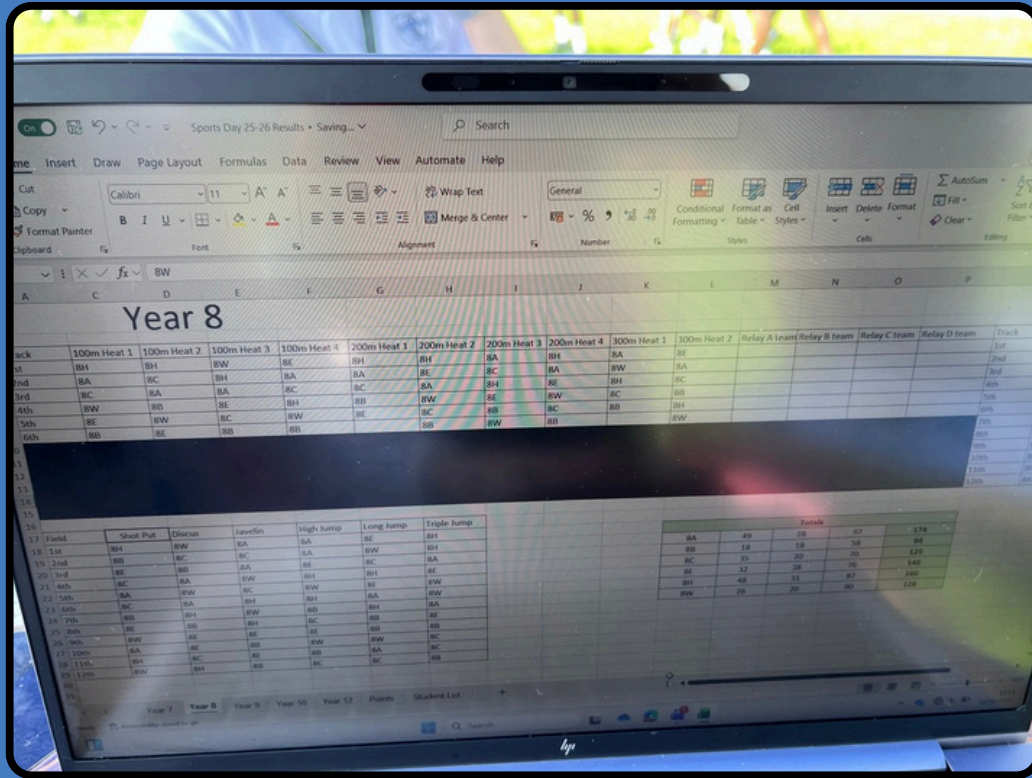
The results table

Field events

For the field events, the results were quite interesting and varied. In each event, 2 people from each house took part, making 12 people each for the Discus, Shot Put, Javelin and the three Jumps. When I interviewed each house, their answers were very different, for example Abbey were "confident" and "ready to win" (foreshadowing) while Brampton were generally... not as confident. Cray felt "really excited" and "ready to win" (quite ironic, if I must say). Eardley reported mostly feeling "pretty good", which was the same with Hurst. And finally, Wickham felt "okay" and "not bad" when preparing to do their events. In the full results table (next page), Abbey and Hurst repeatedly were 1st and 2nd in their events.

Track events

The track events (which took place after) were also very interesting. This time (at least for the 200m), the contestants were much more confident with their chances, with Abbey, Brampton, Cray, Eardley and Wickham having at least some confidence in their chances to win, with Hurst saying that they "will lose" (nice confidence). In the end however, Abbey and Hurst ended up dominating the races, with Hurst winning the A and B team races and Abbey winning for the C and D team. For the 100m races many contestants reported feeling "nervous" and "stressed", which was the opposite when I interviewed the contestants of the 800m.



Rank	100m Heat 1	100m Heat 2	100m Heat 3	100m Heat 4	200m Heat 1	200m Heat 2	200m Heat 3	200m Heat 4	300m Heat 1	300m Heat 2	Relay A team	Relay B team	Relay C team	Relay D team	Track
1st	BH	BH	BW	BE	BH	BH	SA	BH	SA	BE					1st
2nd	BA	BC	BH	BA	SA	BE	BC	BA	BW	SA					2nd
3rd	BC	BA	BA	BC	BC	SA	BH	BE	BH	BC					3rd
4th	BW	BB	BE	BH	BA	SA	BH	BE	BH	BC					4th
5th	BE	BW	BC	BW	BE	BB	BW	BC	BB	BH					5th
6th	BB	BE	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BB	BW					6th

Field	Shot Put	Discus	Javelin	High Jump	Long Jump	Triple Jump	Totals				
1st	BH	BW	SA	SA	BE	BH	BA	49	28	37	174
2nd	BB	BC	BC	SA	BW	BH	BB	18	18	28	64
3rd	BE	BB	SA	BE	BA	BA	BC	35	20	20	123
4th	BC	BW	BH	BH	BE	BE	BE	32	28	20	140
5th	BA	BC	BW	BH	BA	BW	BH	48	23	82	153
6th	BB	SA	BH	BB	BA	BA	BW	26	20	80	126

The full results table (excluding relay).

Extra photos!









THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS DAY



DAANISH 8C

For many, Sports day is one of the most exciting events in the school year. It's quite a special occasion where many of us enjoy participating in various athletic activities, competing with the other form groups and showing off our talents. While Sports day is often seen as just a day of fun, it's still quite important in the development of us as students.

One of the main benefits of Sports day is that it promotes physical activity. So many of us don't get time to be active with having to spend long hours studying or using electronic devices. Sports day however encourages us to take part in healthy physical activity such as running, jumping and team sports like the tug of war or relay. I know for a fact that almost everyone enjoyed this year, especially with it being moved to a day which had quite pleasant weather. Overall, regular exercise from these activities really helped to boost our strength, stamina and fitness.

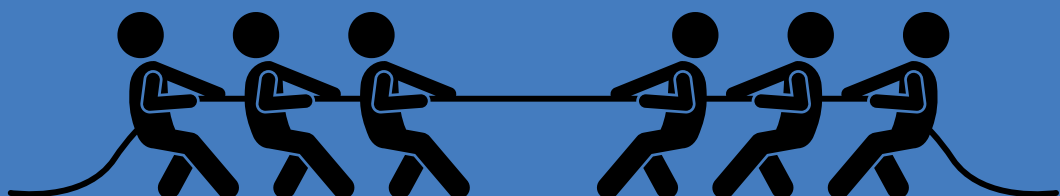
Having said this, Sports day also teaches us important life skills. If you look at it from a different perspective, participation in different events helps us learn the true values of teamwork, discipline as well as determination. What I've learnt from this year is just the significance of competing. Whether we win or not, events like the relay and tug of wars require everyone to work together towards a common goal. We still learn how to support one another and give our best effort because many of us will try to push ourselves to achieve something that may not have been possible.

Another aspect of Sports day is the confidence that it builds. Taking part in competitions helps to overcome any nervousness and believe in our abilities. Achieving personal goals gives a sense of accomplishment which we can carry forward into our academic lives while boosting self-esteem.

In addition, working together as a House really strengthens friendships and spirit. Just by supporting others in events and encouraging one another, we can create a positive atmosphere throughout the school and make the event enjoyable for everybody.

To round this article up, I just wanted to say well done for everybody that competed in this year's sports day. It was much more than a day of competition as it helped us develop as a community. For these reasons, Sports day still remains an extremely important and meaningful event every year.

Thank you,
Daanish 8C.





YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY: TRACK AVERAGES



FAEQ 10B¹ [EDITOR]

Hello once again, Best of the Beths readers! I hope you enjoyed our celebratory May newsletter as well as the half-term break; by the time you are reading this we'll only be around three weeks away from the start of the summer holidays, and I hope you are looking forward to getting through this final stretch. I am Faeq (pronounced: Fi-eeek) of 10B, your editor of BotB, and for the final bit of Sports Day content this year, I've got some track averages from the Year 10 results ready for you to view.

This is something that I've done successfully in two of the last three years before this one, and it might be a simple form of data, but track averages (for me, at least) can be a good way of summarising each of the houses' performances in a certain event. To get this data, I had to go into the blue tent in the in-field during the second half of the day (thanks to the PE staff, timing and results teams!), but now that I have converted this data into averages, let us now have a look at how my year group fared on track in their final lower school Sports Day! We shall go chronologically here, starting with...

***The 200m**

Over the past three years, Abbey had looked particularly fast overall, and that showed with a win in the A-Final for Levi. However, when we average things out, it's (surprisingly) Cray who come out on top by a mere 0.05s over the year group's reigning champions, as they struck a great balance with Aman and Michael, finishing P2 in both heats. Eardley (who won the B-Final with Jacob) weren't too far behind in 3rd, followed by Brampton another second back, Hurst another second back and finally Wickham almost six tenths behind everyone else.

#)		House	Average Time	Behind	#)		House	Average Time	Behind
1)		Cray	26.42s	LEADER	4)		Brampton	27.97s	+1.55s
2)		Abbey	26.47s	+0.05s	5)		Hurst	29.20s	+2.78s
3)		Eardley	26.95s	+0.53s	6)		Wickham	29.76s	+3.34s

***The 800m**

After those two heats came the first dozen-man race of the day with 2 laps around Erith Leisure Centre's track. While Abbey were fastest on average in this category for (at least) a second year running, it wasn't as dominant a showing as last year, as they were the kings of this category by just two seconds, both on track and on average. Wickham are second here followed by Brampton, and then it is a distance of 16 seconds to Eardley in fourth, followed by Hurst in fifth. Cray went from heroes to zero here, as they not only had both participants come last, they were also the only house to post an average time north of four minutes while everyone else had a sub-three minute average.

#)		House	Average Time (≈)	Behind	#)		House	Average Time (≈)	Behind
1)		Abbey	2:31.50	LEADER	4)		Eardley	2:51.50	+0:20.00
2)		Wickham	2:33.50	+0:02.00	5)		Hurst	2:54.00	+0:22.50
3)		Brampton	2:35.50	+0:04.00	6)		Cray	4:17.50	+1:46.00

*The 100m

Here we are then, the quickest sprints of the spectacle. Simply a straight of the track, under fifteen seconds, and nothing more. From the numbers, this may well have been the most hotly contested event of the day here, with the top-4 in the averages separated by just 0.34s and a mere 0.02s in it between second and fourth in the B-Final. Again, like last year it was Abbey on top here, though Cray were only a tenth behind; both scored wins in the A and B-Finals respectively, but Cray had a slightly better balance with their runners setting almost identical times! Hurst are just under two tenths back, and behind them are Wickham. Eardley had only one participant in Jay (the B-Final), his time being a 14.03, over one second away.

And as for Brampton, why don't I explain? Last year, we were runners-up on average here, but our fight this year took quite a hit due to the absence of our intended first competitor (thanks Nick). So, we ended up moving our second runner Benedict up to the A-heat, and **myself** (originally the reserve) to the B-contest. From there, we pretty much suffered, coming last in both races and combining for the lowest average of 14.06s, just three hundredths behind Jay. Maybe if Benedict was in the B-heat instead, we would've gained a few more points, but perhaps other than that, we couldn't have done more.

#)		House	Average Time	Behind	#)		House	Average Time	Behind
1)		Abbey	12.80s	LEADER	4)		Wickham	13.14s	+0.34s
2)		Cray	12.90s	+0.10s	5)		Eardley	14.03s	+1.23s
3)		Hurst	13.06s	+0.26s	6)		Brampton	14.06s	+1.26s



I had to remain in the stands with my form in the build-up to the 100m races, but once those were done, I managed to make my way towards the blue scoring tent in the in-field in order to collect my numbers for this article! Again, a thank you to all involved in the data collection process!

[IMAGE CREDIT: **Myself, Camera**]

*The 300m

Despite the 100m disappointment, Brampton would bounce back resoundingly with a sweep of both 300m heats and the fastest average time of 41.27s, almost three seconds clear of the competition. You can then put four houses under a blanket of 0.87s, with Wickham not too far ahead of Abbey, who themselves didn't have much distance from Cray and Eardley. As for Hurst, things didn't go too well for them here, with Tahir coming home 4th in the A-Final before Ayotola struggled quite a bit with stamina in Heat 2, taking over a minute to finish.

#)		House	Average Time	Behind	#)		House	Average Time	Behind
1)		Brampton	41.27s	LEADER	4)		Cray	44.66s	+3.39s
2)		Wickham	44.09s	+2.82s	5)		Eardley	44.99s	+3.69s
3)		Abbey	44.36s	+3.09s	6)		Hurst	57.09s	+15.82s

*The 1500m

Now comes the data from the second dozen-man event, and perhaps the toughest of them all. The 1500m is a length of (pretty much) four laps of the Erith Leisure Centre track, coming with demands of tactical overtaking and careful conservation of stamina. The fastest time for this one was 4m54s, meaning at best it took around $73^{1/2}$ seconds on average to finish a lap.

Brampton mastered these arts once again, with Remi being the only person to finish the race in under 5 minutes; with solid backing from Ethan in 4th, Brampton would continue their bounce-back and top the average charts for the second time in a row here, almost half a minute ahead of Abbey. We then have Hurst and Cray in a distant little league of their own to round out the four houses with an average of sub-six minutes. Wickham come in at fifth here after both their representatives finished last in each half of the field, though they were a quarter of a minute ahead of Eardley, who just about had both racers secure a top-10 finish while they were also two seconds apart.

#)		House	Average Time (~)	Behind	#)		House	Average Time (~)	Behind
1)		Brampton	5:06.50	LEADER	4)		Cray	5:50.50	+0:44.00
2)		Abbey	5:32.00	+0:25.50	5)		Wickham	6:05.00	+0:58.50
3)		Hurst	5:47.00	+0:40.50	6)		Eardley	6:20.00	+1:13.50

*The Relay (4x100)

To conclude this first bit of analysis, we have the Relay races, involving a quarter of the year group's pupils (2 teams of 4 for 6 houses). Abbey had fallen out of touch a little bit with front during the 300m and 1.5km stages, but this was perhaps the reset they needed, as they dominated both heats to top half of the average charts on the day. We then have Cray and Wickham over two seconds back, and a further second adrift from them are Hurst. Now Brampton and Eardley had quite an interesting scenario here to round out the field one final time, as they are separated by only 0.01s on this average sheet, though Eardley's average was rounded up from 57.345s, which still makes for very close reading!

#)		House	Average Time	Behind	#)		House	Average Time	Behind
1)		Abbey	51.33s	LEADER	4)		Hurst	55.28s	+3.95s
2)		Cray	53.76s	+2.43s	5)		Brampton	57.34s	+6.01s
3)		Wickham	53.99s	+2.66s	6)		Eardley	57.35s	+6.02s

*With that, what did we learn from these races?

If anything, even if Abbey were on top of half the tables here, perhaps this year's Sports Day for my year group featured some closer action overall, which of course, you would like to see! Last year in the average charts, each EHW form were (at some point(s)) the slowest of everyone, but this year all forms but one (guess which one that is!) have experienced the bitter disappointment of last place here! There were a few white-washes at numerous stages a year ago, but events like the 100m and 200m in particular made for very spicy reading and calculating upon going through them! Now, let's briefly talk about each form one by one.

Abbey were expected to be dominant on track again, and it may not have been easy overall, but they still found ways to be the class of the field and remain more consistent than everyone else, so kudos to them on that! In terms of Brampton, they also had sharp consistency last year, but perhaps due to the absences of key people in some areas, we let that go a little bit in both 100m heats as well as the B-Final for Relay to name a few instances. We still retained our 300m and 1.5km crowns, but too many points were lost elsewhere. Cray surprised me by being top of the 200m average charts, but were up and down a little bit afterwards in a showing that was possibly slightly worse across the board consistency-wise than last year.

Now, nobody from the EHW side of the year groups topped any of the averages this year, being outclassed by their opposite counterparts ABC. However, maybe Wickham did best overall consistency-wise with claiming P2 twice in that regard. They may have started a little slow, but following the 200m races they had a fair day in the office. As for Hurst, they could best hold a candle to ABC in the 100m and 1,500m, but didn't get up to too much else throughout the racing. With Eardley, they were the fastest of this side out of the blocks, but from there they weren't really anywhere to be seen, especially after coming last in the charts twice in a row to end the day.

*Now then, who should we crown our Track Champions?

YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY 2025/26: FINAL STANDINGS - TRACK ONLY									
#)		House	Points	Behind	#)		House	Points	Behind
1)		Abbey	75	WINNER	4)		Cray	48	-27
2)		Brampton	65	-10	5)		Hurst	46	-29
3)		Wickham	54	-21	6)		Eardley	35	-40

In the end, it should (really) be a surprise to nobody that Abbey scored the most points (75) here as they did last year (their dominance was on such a level that I don't need to do the maths to confirm this)! They are this year's Track Champions, ahead of runners-up Brampton by ten points, which might not seem like a lot, but then again that's worth ten track positions (one per spot), so maybe then it's quite a bit! There is a slightly larger gap back to Wickham, who find themselves ahead of Cray by six points, who themselves outpointed Hurst by two markers. And lastly, we have Eardley on 35 points, less than half of what Abbey got.



That's the end of the article!

That will do it for a rather deep analysis of Year 10's Track racing on Sports Day! There were quite some numbers involved in this, but as always I thank you for taking the time to have a look. And on that note I shall again thank all staff involved with the timings - without your efforts, this article may not have been possible! Should there be any questions with regards to this article, then please feel free to contact me @22B-Ojelade-Faeq on Microsoft Teams, or you can alternatively get in touch via my email on Outlook or speak to me in person! If you have any queries regarding BotB as a whole, then I would recommend contacting Miss Stevens.

With Year 10 comes the final Sports Day with your first form after four years of action, and this action I shall certainly miss. However, it's better to smile because it happened, and I shall smile indeed with the many memories of Sports Day I've gained personally, such as chilling in the blue tent on what was my birthday last year and getting all the numbers to make both Sports-Day related articles that I have. Perhaps this'll be my final Sports Day piece I ever make for the newsletter, but even then it's been fun having the chance to do this - hopefully some of you younger readers can take advantage of said opportunity(/-ies) in the years to come!

For now, that will do it for not only the first half of my coverage, but Sports Day coverage as a whole in this June newsletter. By popular demand within the team, we also have some of our traditional reporting mixed into this newsetter, so we shall transition to that right now. Hopefully you enjoyed this article and all other Sports Day coverage from this year though!

<u>YEAR 10 SPORTS DAY 2025/26: FINAL STANDINGS</u>									
#)		<u>House</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Behind</u>	#)		<u>House</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Behind</u>
1)		Abbey	149	WINNER	4)		Cray	107	-42
2)		Wickham	137	-12	5)		Hurst	99	-50
3)		Brampton	136	-13	6)		Eardley	80	-69

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Before then, I had found a potential scoring issue was also found in the 800m event where there were three Eardley results logged onto the results sheet, asking the relevant people and using all evidence I could to come to a sensible conclusion. Provided that is correct, this would give Wickham nine extra points and second overall for Year 10 ahead of Brampton by a single point. Provided this isn't actually correct, just take Brampton's total as 136, Wickham's as 128 and Eardley's as 89 (perhaps 9 more than what it should be in reality).

Other than that, thanks for reading all of June'26's Sports Day coverage! It might not have been too much, but we hope you enjoyed it! 😊]

NASCAR: BEST OF KYLE BUSCH



FAEQ 10B² [EDITOR]

And now, as we transition over to our bonus coverage this month, some sad news from the world of NASCAR. Two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch, who was actively driving the #8 Chevrolet this season, sadly passed on May 21st due to severe pneumonia and sepsis at the age of 41. You might have heard of him as the guy that drove the M&M's car, but he was way more. The loss of Kyle Busch was the loss of one of motorsport's greatest and fiercest drivers, a driver who won a record 234 races across NASCAR's top three series. So with that, in his memory, let me quickly take you through some of the best moments of his career.



2004: Kyle Busch's first national NASCAR wins came in what is now known as the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series (then dubbed the Busch Series) driving the previous season's title-winning #5 for Hendrick Motorsports. In his rookie season, he would score five wins en route to a runner-up points finish to future Cup teammate Martin Truex Jr.

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



2005: The following year, Busch was promoted to a full-time drive with Hendrick Motorsports in the Cup Series, NASCAR's pinnacle. He'd score his first win driving the #5 at Auto Club Speedway in 2005 as well as another later that year at Phoenix, with two more wins coming across 2006 and 2007 before leaving the team.

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



2008: 2008 was the first of fifteen years racing on behalf of Joe Gibbs Racing and the famed M&M's #18 for Kyle Busch. That season saw his score wins in 8 of the first 22 races [including [this one at Watkins Glen](#), his last that year], yet a late-season collapse saw him plummet all the way down to P10 in the standings come season's end.

[IMAGE CREDIT: [@Nascarpixtures on Twitter](#)]



2009: Kyle Busch was due to start on pole position after setting the pace in qualifying for Las Vegas, yet an engine change (after he lost one in practice) sent him to the back of the grid for Sunday. Nevertheless, he would charge back to the point, taking the lead for good on Lap 267 and holding on to score his first and only Cup Series victory on home soil.

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



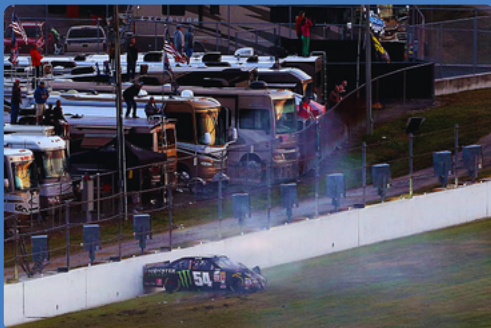
2009: That season would also see him participate in the NASCAR Nationwide (now O'Reilly) Series on a full-time basis for the first time since his rookie tenure in 2004, where he came home P2 in points. This time though, he would storm to the series title with 9 wins, 25 top-5s and 30 top-10s in 35 races.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



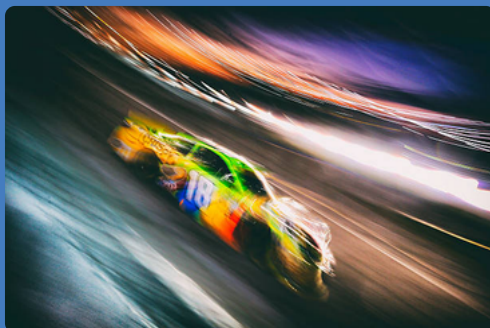
2010: The 2010 Bristol weekend in August for NASCAR saw Kyle Busch become the first driver to sweep all three national NASCAR touring series (Cup, O'Reilly and Trucks) at the same circuit (in this case, Bristol). This came after dominating victories across all three series [with Cup pictured], leading 53.77% (514/956) of all racing laps completed that weekend.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2015: 2015 was a rollercoaster for Kyle Busch, starting with a heavy crash he had in the season-opening Xfinity (now O'Reilly) Series race at Daytona. He hit the inside retaining wall almost head-on, eventually resulting in a compound fracture of his lower right leg and a broken left foot, sidelining him from the first 11 rounds of that year's Cup Series season.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2015: Yet despite that, he (sort of) returned like that Daytona incident never even happened. After two top-15s and two DNFs in his first four races back, Kyle Busch scored 4 wins in a stretch of five races and then secured his position in the Playoffs (the championship system at the time) with one round left in the regular season. His Playoffs may have been a little quieter, but in the end he would defeat then reigning-champion Kevin Harvick, Jeff Gordon and Martin Truex Jr. in the final (a.k.a the Championship 4). By winning the finale at Homestead, he scored a remarkable back-from-the-dead Cup Series Championship, despite the fact that he was sidelined for roughly a third of the year.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2017: Busch would bust out the Bristol broom once more in 2017, completing his second weekend sweep of NASCAR national series racing. It wasn't as dominant as his 2010 showing as he only led 44.97% of the laps run that weekend, but he still put himself in a class of his own as the only driver to complete the weekend sweep not just once, but twice.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2018: Kyle Busch's Coca-Cola 600 victory in 2018 was his first at Charlotte Motor Speedway, as he led a staggering 377 of the 400 laps to give him (at the time) a win at every venue at which he had started a Cup race. Of course, in recent years, there have been new additions to the schedule, meaning this no longer stands, but back then it was still an immense feat!

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2019: The 2019 season was another big one for Kyle Busch, who scored his 200th career win across NASCAR's top three divisions (Cup, O'Reilly and Trucks) on home soil at Auto Club, tying 7-time Cup Series Champion Richard Petty. The victory was his second in Cup on the season, and after taking a few more chequered flags over the three series he would have sole possession of the sport's record. This was before wrapping up the 2019 racing year with a 5th Cup win that clinched him his second NASCAR Cup Series Championship, becoming the sixteenth different multi-champion at NASCAR's pinnacle.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2021: It's quite rare in motorsports for an individual to be a centurion in terms of race wins for a series, but Kyle Busch would claim victory #100 in Xfinity Series competition at Nashville in 2021. He then claimed just a couple more before ending his part-time participation in the series in 2024, now leaving him as the series' all-time wins leader at 102.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Action Sports Photography]



2022: From a distant third place, Kyle Busch won the 2022 Cup Series Dirt Race at Bristol following a final-corner collision between leaders Tyler Reddick and Chase Briscoe. The former got back going, but not quickly enough to stop the M&M's #18 from slipping through by a mere 0.330s. The win was Busch's 60th overall at NASCAR's pinnacle, and last with JGR.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2022: The end of 2022 was also the end of 15 years driving the famed Joe Gibbs Racing/M&M's #18 Toyota for Kyle Busch. For the season finale at Phoenix, his car sported a tribute mosaic livery, featuring thousands of fan images submitted throughout 2022. Busch would wheel this car to a P7 finish to nicely cap one of NASCAR's most iconic partnerships.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2023: Busch would join forces with Richard Childress Racing for 2023 and drive their #8 Chevrolet in the Cup Series until his sudden passing. A partnership that initially seemed sweet may have turned a little sour, as Busch won three of his first 15 starts for RCR, starting with yet another win on home soil in 2023, marking his 19th consecutive season with at least one win at NASCAR's pinnacle. He'd also take the chequered flag at Talladega before claiming the final Cup Series victory of his career at WWT Raceway. From there, from the rest of 2023 to his death in 2026, Busch would suffer a 105-winless drought that would and will never be broken.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2026: Even with that, his last hurrah in the Cup Series came with his first (and now only) pole position in NASCAR's biggest event: the Daytona 500 [his car to the right]. This was a race which he attempted 21 times, yet failed to seal the deal as a winner of the Great American Race - in 2026, he started on pole only to be buried down in the pack to P15 at the end.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2026: 'You never know when the last one is.' Those are the exact words of Kyle Busch himself, right after claiming a dominant 234th and final NASCAR National Series victory in this past May's Trucks Series race at Dover. What makes this even more sad is the fact that this came just under a week before his sudden passing due to severe pneumonia, which developed into sepsis.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2026 (POST-DEATH): Now that we have lost Kyle Busch, O'Reilly Series regular Austin Hill has now replaced him in the Cup Series, with the #8 being renumbered to the #33 - the #8 has been suspended and reserved until Kyle's 11-year-old son Brexton is ready to go NASCAR racing. Meanwhile, notice the little #8 memorial sticker by the #33 here [zoom in]!

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2026 (POST-DEATH): Here is a picture of eight white roses laid down on the infield grass at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where he was set to compete once again in the Coca-Cola 600. These were laid down by Kyle's brother Kurt Busch, the 2004 Cup Series Champion - both of them shared almost 800 starts in the series while also combining for 97 wins and three titles.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images]



2026 (POST-DEATH): Of course, many others paid tribute to Kyle Busch, not only within the NASCAR community, but also other sports such as Formula One and IndyCar. These are two notable tributes we've had as of late, beginning with Daniel Suárez [left], who won the Coca-Cola 600 - the Mexican drives the Spire Motorsports #7 Chevrolet, the same car (albeit in Truck form) that Kyle Busch drove to his final NASCAR win. Busch's former JGR teammate Denny Hamlin won at Michigan [right] and honoured him with a flag after tying him (at 63) on the all-time win list, a week before he would go beyond. Hopefully more heartwarming offerings come in the next few weeks.

[IMAGE CREDIT: Getty Images and Action Sports Photography]

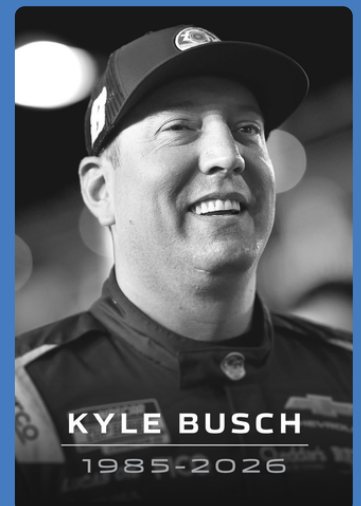
That's the end of the gallery!

As sad as this may seem, thank you for viewing my NASCAR gallery this month in tribute of the late, great Kyle Busch! We have seen many more moments of his brilliance (and perhaps emotion too), but I can only select a few things that would deserve to be in here most while also giving context as to what this loss means from a competition perspective as well as what has transpired in the wake of this. Due to the sensitivity of this topic, should you have any questions, I would rather have you talk to me in-person where appropriate as opposed to contacting via Teams and Outlook!

In short, NASCAR may be that sport that's seen as 'cars driving in a circle', but Kyle Busch is one of the many individuals within it that were so much more than that. When we talk about Kyle Busch, perhaps one of the first things that comes to mind is the M&M's #18, but alongside that we should also remember the clean victory bows, the accolades, the many records he set and broke, and everything else in between! He may have had a personality that split fans between loving or hating him, but he was more a driver that pushed his competitors to improve, a dad raising up his son to be ready for the NASCAR world (which hopefully he will be), and one of our most generational talents, and perhaps we won't see another like him anytime soon.

As I now conclude my content for this month, I shall apologise but thank you for taking the time to view this special gallery produced in the memory of NASCAR's Kyle 'Rowdy' Busch. Hopefully I shall have more cheerful coverage for you next month, but until then, it's goodbye from me! 🙌

[*PRODUCER'S NOTE: This gallery was last updated on June 26th 2026. Facts and statistics within this piece are correct as of that date or before it where mentioned, but I hope you found this interesting. Sorry for the sharp twist in tone for the second half of my content this month, but thanks for viewing it!]



WINDRUSH CELEBRATIONS



KAVIN 9H

As we all would have learnt in History, June 22 was the Windrush celebration day where communities who had landed from the Empire Windrush in 1948 come together to commemorate their successes here in Britain.

What is meant by the term Windrush?

The term Windrush refers to the myriad of young people who immigrated from the Caribbean to come work in the UK. They were sent here to aid to the damages done to Britain from WWII such as broken houses and other necessities. They arrived here on the ship 'Empire Windrush' on June 22 1948 and are often referred to as the Windrush generation. In their eyes, they thought they would expect a jovial welcome but it was quite the contrary. They came here as they were promised UK citizenship to all colonies including the Caribbean so they continued to work in the UK and have children with the local people.

However, figures such as Enoch Powell saw a distaste in immigrants and showcased the negative impacts of immigration in Britain. He stated that "it is like watching a nation busily engaged in heaping up its own funeral pyre." This clearly highlights the detrimental viewpoints of Enoch Powell and this led to racist experiences to almost every person who had landed. Even children were taught to say racial words emotionally breaking everyone's dignity.

Furthermore, in 1962 a law change, allowing Commonwealth citizens without a connection to the UK to settle in the UK only if they have employment from the British government and in 1968 the right of entry is limited to citizens in or at least one parent/grandparent born in the UK which would ultimately lead to the windrush scandal where multiple descendants of the Windrush generation having to leave the country due to no access of proper documentation despite their ancestors having an automatic citizenship. Finally in 2020 the Windrush Lessons Learned Review concludes that the Home Office acted with ignorance and thoughtlessness. This story has inspired millions and that's why we celebrate Windrush day here today.



What should you do in Windrush Celebration Day?

Windrush Celebration day is not just for descendants from the original Windrush generation, but for everybody who wants to support and further welcome new generations. Typically on this day, families congregate together to form cultural bonds and to create new ones. It usually consists of bringing in food from their culture, having parties music, dance, storytelling, and Caribbean food festivals. Local councils, schools, and libraries often host events that highlight the history and achievements of the Windrush Generation, providing opportunities for communities to come together and reflect on their contributions to British society. It is important for us to note that this is a day for all the contributions made by the Windrush generation.

That's all for this week!



AN INTRODUCTION TO YU-GI-OH!



HAMZA8C

Welcome to June'26, readers. Hope Sports Day was fun. These articles share a lot. However, now let's take a break from Sports Day and talk about an anime and a card game, known as: Yu-Gi-Oh. First of all, if you know Yugioh and how to play it, you can just skip to the next article. However if you are anything but that option, listen up:

What is Yugioh?:

Yugioh is a strategic card game that involves strategy and mildly involves luck. It was a game that originated since the late 1990s to early 2000s. However, I think we need a refresher and a tutorial to it. There is even an anime about Yugioh and there are multiple series to the first one (at least 7 more). However, the shows I recommend watching are the original ones (Yugioh: Duel Monsters or just Yugioh) and the 2nd one (Yugioh GX) and the 3rd one (Yugioh 5Ds).

The game rules:

In order to play Yugioh, you must have a deck of 40-60 cards. The cards should be maximum $\frac{2}{3}$ monster cards and $\frac{1}{3}$ spell and trap cards, for effective duelling. The cards you have must link to monsters or spells well, if you want to be good. Next, each person draws 5 cards, and then the first person gets to draw another card, and make their move for the Main Phase 1. This is the phase where you summon monsters, or set spells/traps. This is where you prepare for attacks, and probably the most important phase to win.

Next is the Battle Phase. Now in the very first turn, the person cannot attack, only when the next person goes is when he can attack. Monsters have ATK (attack) and DEF (defense) points. In Main Phase 1, monsters can be placed in attack mode (where they can attack and their attack points are used and not defense. Often is seen facing vertically) or defense mode (where they cannot attack, and their defense points are used in damage calculation. Often seen in its cover horizontally put). When one of your monsters declare an attack, that monster's attack is subtracted with the victim's attack or defense points.

In attack mode, the positive difference is then put as damage to your opponents' Life Points, which you start with 4000 or 8000, for longer duels. However a negative difference damages YOU, so BE CAREFUL! In defense, no life points are damaged, but if there is a negative difference, then you take damage, so you must play wisely.

After the Battle Phase is a New Main Phase (or Main Phase 2), where you can do some last minute setting of traps and spells before you end your turn. This cycle basically keeps going until you can bring your opponent's LP to 0.



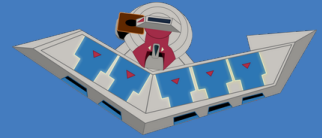
Card effects

Some monsters are classified as NORMAL MONSTERS, and can just attack normally, or be supported by spells, or effects. However some monsters are EFFECT MONSTERS, and are seen in a darker background than Normal Monsters. An effect can **help you** or **hurt your opponent** if a condition happens. For example (This might not be a real card effect):

"If opponent attacks monster in defense mode, gain LP equal to the damage calculation."

Tell me what this means...

"If opponents attack a defense, NOT AN ATTACK, it gives you the LP rather than takes it from the difference in ATK points"



Most effects are usually classified by the *ATTRIBUTE* of the monster (Fire, Wind, Water, Light, Dark, Earth, Divine - although the only Divine attributes are the Egyptian God Cards... there are only 3) or the *TYPE* of the monster (Beast, Warrior, Dragon, Fiend, Spellcaster, Beast Warrior, Machine, Zombie etc...)

The Extra Deck

The Extra Deck is a deck that you have alongside your normal deck that consists of maximum 15 cards. It only has monsters that can be formed through monsters in the Normal Deck. There are different methods of summoning a monster from the Extra Deck:

FUSION - You need a Polymerisation spell card and monsters that meet the Fusion Monster's conditions, like "2 Dragon monsters"

SYNCHRO - This requires a TUNER monster and a NON TUNER that meets up to the Synchro Monster's conditions. Also, the levels of the Synchro material must add up to the level of the Synchro Monster to be Synchro Summoned.

XYZ - This requires monsters of a specific level to XYZ summon, like "2 Lvl 4 Monsters" or "1 Lvl 4 and 1 Lvl 8"

LINK - Link requires two monsters of a specific type to Link Summon, like "2 Fiend Monsters". The Link Monster only has ATK points and NO DEF POINTS, and it is moved up to the top of the field.

Conclusion

There is a lot more behind Yugioh like different types of spells or traps, but now we are going to wrap up here. I hope you enjoyed and I hope to see more decks in school. For Year 10s and 11s, there is a Yugioh Club at B9 in Tuesday Lunch, if you want to go to it. I do not know if it is still on, but if it is, learn how to play Yugioh, and go play some matches. Yugioh is a fun game to play. Anyway that is it from me. I hope you took some important knowledge of how to play Yugioh, and I hope you enjoy it. See you later!





BLUELOCK: THE N.E.L



SHUVAM7A

Hello readers! It's me Shuvam, and this is my 2nd time writing about Blue Lock, but this one is about a league which was made by Blue Lock, the N.E.L (Neo Egoist League).

The N.E.L's goal was to make Blue Lock's best players grow, there was a rule that if you don't get in the top 23, you are eliminated. There were 5 teams (which, fun fact, were based off of the real life champions in their respective leagues in the 2017/18 football season), and they were:

- B*stard Munchen (equivalent: Bayern Munich from Bundesliga)
- Manshine City (equivalent: Manchester City from Premier League)
- Barcha (equivalent: FC Barcelona from La Liga)
- Ubers (equivalent: Juventus from Serie A)
- PXG (equivalent: Paris Saint-Germain / PSG from Ligue 1)

Many of our favourite players went to different clubs and here are the main transfers:

- Rin Itoshi went to PXG
- Isagi Yoichi went to B*stard Munchen
- Bachira went to Barcha
- Nagi went to Manshine
- Barou went to Ubers

Anyways, the NEL was streamed around the world and many people watched it. The thing is even the best U-20 players could join as well because there were so many good players which I will tell you.

- Oliver Aiku to Ubers
- Shidou Rysuei went to PXG

Those are the only good players that 'kept up' to the Blue Lock players, and just to say to everyone reading this, thank you - it goes a long way.

To the right are the top-6 and their stats.

See you guys, and next time I'll be doing individual stories, like for Isagi and Nagi so stay tuned. Shuvam out!



	<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>G/A</u>
1	Isagi	4	4	8
2	Rin	7	0	7
3	Barou	5-7	0	5-7
4	Bichira	5	3	8
5	Shidou	4	0	4
6	Chigiri	3	2	5

CHINESE BRIDGE COMPETITION 2026

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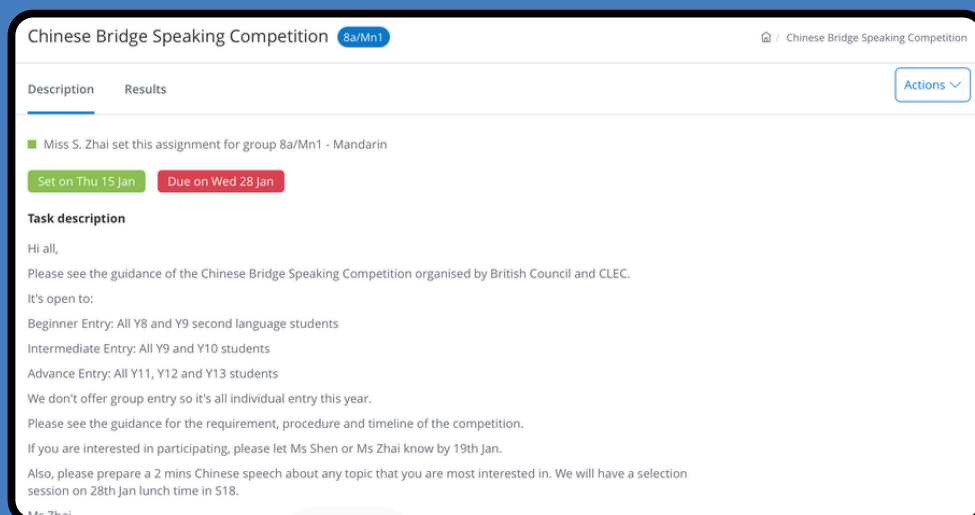
Hello again! You may have noticed that my name has a superscript of "2" on it this time, and this is because (as stated before) I have written 2 articles for this edition, one for Sports Day and one for the Chinese Bridge competition. This one (as you can see from the title) is about the Chinese Bridge Competition. So, without further ado, let's start the article.

What is the Chinese Bridge competition?

The Chinese Bridge Competition is an annual Chinese competition for non-native speakers hosted by CLEC (Center for Language Education and Competition). There are multiple competitions, such as a university competition and a schools competition. In the schools competition there are 2 rounds and five divisions: Beginner, Beginner Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus and Advanced. Beginner is the competition for if you have been learning Mandarin for 12-18 months, and this is the section that I competed in.

What are the rounds/how did I get into the competition?

About 6 months ago, a post appeared on Satchel One about the Chinese Bridge Competition, saying that a selection round would take place on the 28th of January and that I would have to write a two minute speech about any topic, answer two questions and translate three sentences, all in Mandarin. I did the selection round and about a week later, I found out that me and two other students had been selected to represent the school in Round 1, which was a virtual round. I had written my speech about me and my life, and I was 5th to present. when it was my time to speak, I delivered my presentation, and about 2 weeks later I found out that I had been selected to compete in the Competition final in SOAS University of London.



The screenshot shows a Satchel One assignment page titled "Chinese Bridge Speaking Competition" for group "8a/Mn1". The page has tabs for "Description" and "Results", with "Description" selected. A notification from Miss S. Zhai states: "Miss S. Zhai set this assignment for group 8a/Mn1 - Mandarin". Below this, there are two buttons: "Set on Thu 15 Jan" and "Due on Wed 28 Jan". The "Task description" section begins with "Hi all," and provides details about the competition organized by British Council and CLEC. It lists entry requirements for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advance levels, and notes that only individual entries are accepted. It also mentions a selection session on 28th Jan lunch time in S18.

The Satchel post about the competition

What happened in the final?

The final round of the 2026 Chinese Bridge Competition happened in central London, near Charing Cross. From our school, I (Mohammad A) was competing in the Beginner category, Iaroslav A (Y10) was competing in the intermediate category and Gabriel C (Y11) was competing in the advanced category. The intermediate category took place first, followed by a short break before the advanced category and another break before finally the beginner category. I was to perform my (modified) speech in Mandarin (now about my journey of learning Chinese) to the whole auditorium, and then I had to answer two questions (in Mandarin) relating to my speech. Later on I realised that on one of the questions the judge had asked a question about a song (歌 ge), while my reply was about lessons (课 ke). Nevertheless, after the questions I had to translate three sentences from English into Mandarin, which I did correctly. After that I could relax and eat (until the results which would come out in ~3 hours). Just before the results, everyone was tense as to who would win what, then the results were announced. Iaroslav had won 1st place in Intermediate and I had won 2nd place in the Beginner category (probably because of the question 1 slip-up). After that, we got ready to go home, and will likely go back in September for the awards ceremony!

In conclusion, the 2026 Chinese Bridge Competition was a really fun experience, and I can't wait for the awards ceremony and the experience to hopefully take part again next year!



THE BACKROOMS MOVIE



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Introduction to Kane Parson's Backrooms

This version of the Backrooms can be traced back to a singular mysterious picture of a yellow room. With this image that had no explainable origin, many people had added onto this picture with a story of their own as an original fiction. Among these people, Kane Parsons, a teenage aspiring film maker at the time, had also made his own spin to the story by making his own YouTube series of mysterious clips and footage that went viral after the similar theme to the original picture. This series of mysterious clips made that liminal space feeling come real and Kane had built lore alongside it revolving around a research company called Async.

The production of the Backrooms

The massive viewership of the videos caught the attention of many different movie film makers such as Hollywood. However, as an ambitious young adult, Kane Parsons decided to pursue his own story with himself as the director of the backrooms movie. Then, rather than selling the idea off to film makers, Kane Parsons decided to collaborate with major production companies such as A24, Atomic monster and 21 Laps. Parsons then directed the film with a team including a screenwriter who could craft a script that matches the lore of the Backrooms and a production designer who could capture the liminal space clips to integrate into the narrative for a movie to be shown in cinemas. After some additions to the team, filming of the movie took place in Vancouver, Canada during the summer of 2025.

The release of the Backrooms (2026)

The backrooms released and premiered on the 7th of May 2026 in Los Angeles. The movie was then released in theatres on the 29th of May 2026. As of late June, the film can be considered a great success from the gross gain of 301 million dollars worldwide while being on a tight budget of 10 million dollars. Simply just in the opening weekend, the movie reported to have debuted to a 81.4 million dollars which instantly shattered records with the A24 company. Furthermore, Kane Parsons is also the youngest filmmaker to have a movie to reach the number 1 spot in the US box office. It is also the 21st highest grossing horror film of all time.

The controversies around the movie

The movie had many mixed opinions, with opinions varying from thinking its an extremely bad film to an extremely good film. The people who view the film as a fail had expectations of the film containing various different levels from the famous different versions of the Backrooms due to it being a decentralised collaborative fandom. On the flip side of the coin, critics thought the story of the Backrooms were extremely well made with the abstract idea of the Backrooms mimicking the real world as if it were an entity that could forget. We have a famous quote from the film "Imagine describing a dog to someone who's never seen one, and then asking them to draw it.

It will look similar, but the devil is in the details." The abstractness and non-canon part of the Backrooms that made unrealistic expectations of the movie caused the disappointment shown with people online thinking the film was filled with nonsense. Therefore, it is recommended that the Backrooms movie be watched after the watcher has done some research on Kane Parsons version of the Backrooms with all the lore revolving around Async.





'MICHAEL' MOVIE REVIEW



ARYAMAN 8C

WARNING: MINOR SPOILERS AHEAD

I recently saw the "Michael" movie and to be completely honest, it exceeded almost all of my expectations. To put it simply, it's an incredible movie and I definitely recommend it. Here's a full scale review. (Spoilers Ahead)

Pros:

"Michael" shows the King of Pop's backstory well, and Jaafar has made a fantastic performance as Michael. His performance is elegant and enthusiastic, truly showing his dedication to the role. Execution is impressive and completely blew my mind when I first saw the movie. For Me, this was most apparent when we were shown the development of the "Thriller" album, the entire creative process of "Beat it" and "Thriller" was very fun to watch and really emphasised his development from a singer in a band led by his family to a completely independent artist. But finally, one of the best parts of the movie, alongside it's historical importance, is just how much it really demonstrated his true greatness, which was especially shown in the 1988 performance of "Bad" at the end.

Cons:

There are few cons of this movie in my opinion, one of them being how much the events of his life have been dialed down or "sanitised" as some critics say. For example, Joseph Jackson was inevitably shown as an abusive, narcissistic father, but in reality he wasn't better but worse. Some parts of the movie feel simplified as well. Finally, I was personally a bit disappointed to see that the movie leaves Michael's story unfinished, but it does allow more emphasis on Jackson's early career in the Jackson 5 and in the Thriller era.

OVERALL RATING: 9.4/10



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A Note of Thanks



Thank you for reading the 45th edition of Best of the Beths!

The month of June for Best of the Beths is of course our traditional Sports Day edition, but for this year we decided to do things a little differently. By popular demand within the team, we have decided to not only focus matters on Sports Day but also mix in some of our traditional reporting too! Of course, this does mean a significant decrease in coverage of the former relative to years past, and we do apologise for that lack of content, but hopefully you still enjoyed this year's Sports Day, which was won by Brampton!

In respect of our tradition, we would start off this newsletter with the Sports Day reports, featuring overviews of such an event on a year-group or even worldwide scale! At times we took a deeper dive to crunch the numbers behind the day's performances, including track averages for the Year 10s. The second half did kick off on a tragic note due to the recent passing of NASCAR's Kyle Busch, but from there we lifted the mood a bit with the Windrush celebrations and some 1990s-2000s nostalgia with Yu-Gi-Oh! Drawing near the end here, we focused on Bluelock once again as well as a recent student experience, and what better way to conclude than with a review of the hit 'Michael' movie?

That's all from our tenth edition of this academic year, and even though many of our KS3 members were occupied with End-of-Year exams, I shall commend them on not only continuing our consistency as of late, but now putting us within striking distance of a full house of editions (11/11) for an academic year. Provided we can make the July edition happen (which hopefully we will), it shall mark the first time ever in BotB's almost-seven-year history this has occurred!

But for the time being, if you haven't had your fill of the newsletter for this month, then please click on my trademark red button, which shall take you to the 'Newsletters' section of our school website. From there, you will want to scroll down to find the dropdown menu for our newsletter, featuring many of our past efforts, old and new! It hopefully won't be too long before our next release, but do keep yourself occupied with those newsletters if you wish over the next couple of weeks.

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Just one more edition (possibly) awaits until the end of this academic year, and perhaps until newsletter history too. As mentioned already, we aim to give you a July newsletter to close out the year, and given all the success we've had since September, that may well be the best way to finish the incredible year we have put together. Hopefully, all comes to fruition there, but in the meantime we thank you for reading Best of the Beths, the newsletter that's been produced 'for students, by students since 2019'. Until next time, it's goodbye from us; we hope you enjoyed this one! 🙌



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