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WOMEN OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS

Written by
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With the return of the Winter Olympics to British television, the whole nation has been able to get behind our favourite athletes. Many of whom we had heard of just days before and have been supporting them as if we have known them their whole lives. National heroes like Lizzy Arnold getting our support with memories of 4 years prior. The Winter Olympics in PyeongChang provided us with 16 days of pure entertainment and this is how it went down:

One of the most respected Olympians from the last games in Sochi, Elise Christie, came into the Olympics with the intentions to rectify the horrors of her last time out.



Elise Christie (in the blue) Sochi 2014

It was looking promising for Elise as the 2018 games approached; she arrived on the back of world championship 1000m and 1500m golds; in doing so she became the first British woman and European woman to do so. With a clear vision of what she wanted to do, Christie started well, setting the first world record of the games as she surpassed the the 500m record in a time of 42.872 seconds in a qualification round. But disaster

struck in the final as she was taken down by Dutch skater Yara Van Kerkhof's as her skate clipped her hand when Van Kerkhof was under-taking her. Her second tragedy was her semi-final race of the women's 1500m. She was involved in a collision with Li Jinyu resulting in Christie being taken to hospital with an injury to her right ankle and putting her final race in the 1000m in jeopardy. This did not go well either though. After qualifying for the quarterfinals she was carried off the track in pain, only to find out she had been disqualified for causing two separate incidents.

THE SKELETON

With skeleton medals in each of the last four Winter Olympic Games it was just a case of could team GB add to that glorious tally? The answer...yes they could! This year the skeleton medals came in the form of former Sochi Olympic champion Lizzy Arnold and debutant Laura Deas.



Laura Deas on the far left, Lizzy Arnold in the middle

With Lizzy looking to become team GB's most successful Winter Olympic athlete ever and get back-to-back golds along with Laura hoping to make her mark in the world of Olympic sports.



Norway Wheelchair Paralympic Team 2018

The pair fired through the competition only leaving space on the podium for Germany's Jacqueline Loelling. Lizzy took the gold and Deas walked away with a bronze medal.

THE PARALYMPICS

The seven medals won at this year's Paralympic games were an incredible feat for the team but most of all an incredible feat for the two athletes that got them all. Menna Fitzpatrick and Millie Knight took home seven medals between them with Menna getting 4 of them and Millie winning the other 3. Menna Fitzpatrick competed in a range of skiing events for Great Britain and achieved a gold in the slalom, silver in super combined and giant slalom and won a Bronze in the super-G. Outstanding, with only 5% vision. Millie Knight came back home with silver in the Super-G and Downhill, and a bronze in the slalom; she too has only about 5% vision.

It's incredible what these women can do at 105 km/h down a hill with only 5% vision.

Origins of APRIL FOOLS DAY

Since the 1700's, English pranksters have been celebrating the April fool's day traditions on April 1st, although some speculation may take this event as far back as 1582, when France switched to the Gregorian calendar. People who were slow to hear about this news failed to recognise that the New Year had moved to January 1st, rather than the week at the end of March to April 1st. These people became the laughing stock of the country, and had paper fishes placed on their backs, to represent a gullible and foolish person. Despite this, France is just one of the many speculated origins to this day, and the actual basis for the day remains unknown.

The tradition of the day, however, was spread throughout Britain in the 18th Century. The celebrations took two days in Scotland, with the 'Hunting of The Gowk' (a cuckoo bird, as they had connotations of foolish behaviour) to initiate it, with Tailie day to follow. This celebration

involved a more easily recognisable 'April fool's day', as it is today, with pranks such as 'kick me' signs and pinning tails to other people's derrieres.

Nowadays, April fool's day has been an endeavour to pull the most outlandish prank on a wide audience or even just a few close friends. Famously, in 1957, the BBC broadcasted a report of the 'spaghetti crop', where Swiss farmers were experiencing a record harvest for the crop. This incident fooled many people nationwide, and is still spoken about today as one of the greatest April fool's pranks in modern times. Other April fool's day pranks by various brands and industries have been successful, such as Burger King's 'Left-Handed Whopper' and Sports Illustrated created a fake article about a rookie pitcher called Sidd Finch, who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

Other significant events also on this day include:

- ◆ The Munich Beer Hall Putsch (1924), which secured Hitler's rise to power. Not only this, but he was arrested and jailed for treason on the same day.
- ◆ The formation of the Royal Air Force, alongside the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service (1918).
- ◆ President Nixon signed legislation banning cigarette advertisements on TV and Radio (1970).
- ◆ US troops landed on Okinawa, with a combined total of over 167,000 casualties (1945).

An Interview with MR STURT

Recently we had a chance to meet with Mr Sturt and talk about some very oppressing issues which included nose bleeds, bananas and The Jam in a very enlightening interview...

What is your favourite thing about working at KLB?

I like seeing the successful students go through sixth form and beyond but actually my favourite thing about working here is enlightening student's minds.

Would you say you have changed much since you were at school, if so how?

At times, I can be more sensible now.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I didn't have a clue! There was a time when I wanted to become a sports journalist which is quite ironic as my son is showing interest in this now.

What is the worst job you have ever had and why?

I picked bananas in Australia which involved getting up at 5 in the morning and not finishing till 5 in the evening.

Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

I have absolutely no idea. I could possibly still be working here.

What is your worst memory of when you were a student?

I have previously received the cane.

Were you secretly rooting for one team to win in the sixth form quiz?

No, not at all. I am completely unbiased.

What are you most proud of about yourself?

Probably the life I have right now as I have a lovely family and work hard.

What is one fact we don't know about you?

I once got a bleeding nose from ex England football legend Bobby Charlton.

Interview by Hannah Meheran

Quick - Fire!

YOU'RE ON DEATH ROW, WHAT WOULD YOUR LAST MEAL BE?

Hot Indian Curry

WHAT IS THE LAST SONG YOU LISTENED TO?

Back in Black

IF YOU COULD BE ANY SUPER HERO WHAT WOULD YOU BE?

Batman

WOULD YOU RATHER FIGHT ONE HORSE SIZED DUCK, OR 100 DUCK SIZED HORSES?

One horse sized duck

TELL ME YOUR BEST JOKE.

Question: How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulb

Answer: Two, one to change the light bulb and one to hold your mother...I mean ladder.

IF YOU COULD ONLY HAVE ONE SONG TO PLAY EVERY TIME YOU ENTERED A ROOM, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Any song by The Jam

WHAT IMPRESSES YOU?

Honesty

YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD BUT THE UK, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Iceland

WHAT IS YOUR LIFELONG DREAM?

To own an island

ONE THING YOU WOULD CHANGE ABOUT YOURSELF.

To be funnier

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD NEVER DO?

Hurt someone deliberately

DESCRIBE YOUR LIFE USING THREE FILM TITLES?

Great Escape, Pulp Fiction

IF YOU WERE FAMOUS WHAT WOULD YOU BE FAMOUS FOR?

A new psychology theory

WHAT CELEBRITY ANNOYS YOU THE MOST?

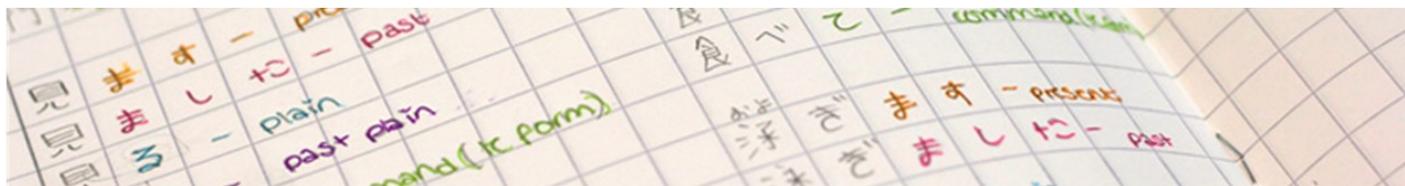
Any talentless reality T.V. star

IF YOU COULD TRADE LIVES WITH ANY TEACHER FOR A DAY, WHO AND WHY?

Too personal!

ON A SCALE OF 1-10, HOW COOL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

10 of course



7 LESSONS EVERYDAY?

Written by
Matt Thompson

In a recent discussion with the Senior Management Team, our Sixth-Form Newsletter team learnt that various new changes are coming to both the Sixth-Form and the school in general to make it a healthier, more productive environment for students.

Most notably are the proposed changes to the working hours for the all Sixth-Form students. Due to the increased workload created by studying A-Levels, Miss Khan has decided to enforce her policy of “An hour for an hour” by increasing the length of the school day. Lessons will now start at 8am and finish at 3:30pm with students now having 7 periods a day with a reduced break and lunchtime.

This is what the new timetable will look like:

Period 1:	8am – 9am
Period 2:	9am – 10am
Period 3:	10am – 11am
Break	(10 minutes)
Period 4:	11:10 – 12:10
Period 5:	12:10 – 1:10
Lunch	(15 minutes)
Registration	(5 minutes)
Period 6:	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Period 7:	2:30pm – 3:30pm

As well as increasing the work hours for Sixth Form students, SMT has decided to introduce compulsory P.E. lessons for Sixth-Form students twice a

week (except for those doing Games as part of their Enrichment), the same as for lower years. This has been done to combat rising levels of obesity in schools nationally.

To encourage more students to walk to school, car-parking spaces for students will instead be reserved for staff and visitors to the school with students only being allowed to park on the school site after lessons have finished at 3:30pm. Hopefully, this will encourage more Sixth-Form students to lead a healthy lifestyle and walk to school instead of driving or catching a lift with their friends.

Finally, the school is going to have a major rework of the canteen menu with a focus on vegetarian and vegan friendly meals.



Possible options for KLB’s salad bar.

This will be done by removing most of the meat-based meals

from the menu and replacing them with cheaper vegetarian substitutes and creating healthier, salad-based meal options. Drink options will also be reduced to prevent the sale of unhealthy, sugary drinks as well as hot, caffeinated beverages such as coffee.

This policy will also be extended to the Sixth-Form Common Room where the coffee machine is going to be replaced with a salad bar where various healthy, vegetable-based meals can be purchased for a reasonable price.

Sixth-Form students will also not be allowed to go into local towns and villages to purchase food from shops during lunchtime as the lunch hours have been reduced and they are not allowed to drive to and from school. As a result, students will be encouraged to try the new, cheaper, healthier menu in school and set a good example for the lower year groups.

SMT hopes that the Sixth-Form will enjoy these new changes and set a good example for the lower year groups to follow.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mon 1	Jp 12D/Jp1 DJT K8	Mu 12A/Mu1 DHB MU2	Hi 12C/Hi1 AHR K10			Jp 12D/Jp1 DJT K8	Hi 12C/Hi1 AHR H5
Tue 1	Jp 12D/Jp1 NDS K5	Fs 12B/Fs1 KMC R9	Mu 12A/Mu1 DHB MU2		Hi 12C/Hi1 CMA R9		Mu 12A/Mu1 GJB MU1
Wed 1	Fs 12B/Fs1 KMC R9	Fs 12B/Fs1 CEG R6	Jp 12D/Jp1 NDS K4	Mu 12A/Mu1 GJB MU1	Se 12F/Se1 JLS	Jp 12D/Jp1 DJT K8	Fs 12B/Fs1 KMC R9
Thu 1		Fs 12B/Fs1 CEG R6	Mu 12A/Mu1 DHB MU2	Jp 12D/Jp1 DJT K8	Hi 12C/Hi1 AHR H5		Fs 12B/Fs1 KMC R9
Fri 1	Mu 12A/Mu1 GJB MU1			Hi 12C/Hi1 CMA H2	Fs 12B/Fs1 KMC R9	Mu 12A/Mu1 DHB MU2	Hi 12C/Hi1 AHR H5

Future week of Sixth Former’s timetable.