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Meet the Team.

The Journalists



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My name is Sannah-Kaye. I am 12 years old. I am a member of The Norwood Voice. The Norwood Voice is important, as people need to be aware of the world they are living in. My main interests are writing and singing.



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Hello, my name is Eliza. I am 12 years old and my main interest is dance. I think it is important to speak about the world and inform people about events that are happening now.



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Alfie Evison De Haas
Hello, I am Alfie. I am 12 and I am a member of The Norwood Voice. I enjoy writing about many things that are happening in the world today.



Xavier Gonzales
I welcome you to the wonderful world of The Norwood Voice. I am Xavier and I am delighted to present my status as a student of The Norwood School. I am interested in a range of things including football, gaming, politics and much more!



Oscar Roche
My name is Oscar Roche and I am 12 years old. I try to base my articles on sport, but I have an interest in politics. My main interest is football, which I watch and love.



Vanessa Sam
Hello! My name is Vanessa Sam and I am 13 years old. I think The Norwood Voice is important because it displays different skills from different year groups on topics they find crucial.



Emma Law
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Hi! My name is Luana and I am a proud member of The Norwood Voice. The Norwood Voice is important in giving young people a platform to voice their opinions. My main interest is reading!

« SPORT

Chelsea's Bad Manners.

Oscar Roche & Xavier Gonzales



Chelsea have been issued a 1 year ban on the basis of signing players. This occurred due to allegations of illegal youth trade with neighbouring countries in Europe.

However, this ban does not apply to the release of existing players, Women's or futsal teams.

The blues' ban was accompanied by the fine of £460,000, with the FA reaching into their bank as well for £390,000. This comes after FIFAs indulgence into Chelsea's signing of foreign under 18 players, including Bertrand Traore. The world governing body stated their findings of breaches in 29 cases out of the 92 investigated.

'The West London club reported to the press and said: We welcome the fact FIFA has accepted that there was no

breach in relation to 63 of these players, but the club is extremely disappointed that FIFA has not accepted the club's submissions into the remaining 29 players.'

Our opinion

We believe that this is a terrible breach of football conduct. Being fans of Crystal Palace, we find the illegal deals are extremely unfair and we expect more of a fellow London club. A similar incident occurred in 2016, when West Ham United were given the rights to play at the London Stadium for the small fee of £3,000,000 a year. Although that example was not against the law, we feel incidents like this should be treated with bigger punishments, like point reductions and hefty fines to help cut out these things happening.

« OPINION

Importance of gender equality.

Celeste Roberts-Watts

Gender equality. What comes to mind when you think about gender equality? Gender equality is not just women's rights; stereotypes play a big part in this.

Michaela Deprince, Joan Jett, Manal Al-Sharif and hundreds of other women were all told they could not do something because they were women. Despite what they were told, it did not stop them. Why should your gender exclude you from new opportunities? My great-great-grand aunt was a working class suffragist named Annie Kenney. She worked in a mill from the age of ten and lost a finger. She believed that men and women should be treated equally and so do I.

We still do not have equality. There are still rules in some countries stating women cannot drive, there is still a gender pay gap and still cases where men and women are not treated equally. This has to stop! Some women are still treated as if they do not matter. Every woman and girl should feel they have a chance to be empowered.

Even though there is a law stating men and women should be paid equally this is still not the case. For example, in 2017 the BBC were criticised for paying their male stars more than their female stars, which many women working for the BBC battled to challenge.

Furthermore, there are many stereotypes depicting this notion that women need to be saved by men because they are weak. This is often portrayed in fairy tales like Rapunzel, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. In these stories, the woman always has to marry a man to be safe and happy. If young children are brought up with this view, girls may feel they have to marry a man to be safe and happy. We are seeing some changes where this view is challenged by books and films such as Good night stories for rebel girls, Moana and Brave. This is a step in the right direction.

All girls have the right to feel empowered. Our voices matter. It must start now.

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Lend with Care. the future of charity

Eliza Neave

Have you ever given money to a charity before? Did you know that only 25% of the population in the UK give to charity monthly and 51% give to charity from time-to-time? The average donation amount in 2016 was £18. If we are lucky enough to have money to spare, even a small amount, then surely we should be helping those in disadvantaged areas? The UK is the fifth richest country in the world and we can do more.

There is more than one way to help people in developing countries as well as giving. One way is to lend. A charity you can use to lend money is called Lend with Care, which was only founded in 2010. Lend with Care is a charity that helps people working their own way out of poverty by starting or growing a small business. If you are interested you can go to lendwithcare.org and you can lend as little as £15 towards the total amount that the entrepreneur has requested. You can choose from many different entrepreneurs, read about who and where they are and what they want to do with the money that they borrow. Of course, the difference between lending and giving money to charity is that the entrepreneurs repay you. Repayment is in instalments, which range from months to a number of years and is paid into your Lend with Care account.

The different developing countries that are helped by Lend with Care include Cambodia, Ecuador, Malawi, Pakistan and Palestinian Territories. The small businesses are wide ranging, such as cobblers, farmers, hairdressers, and artists. An adult in a developing country can ask for funding as an individual or in a group.

There are four steps from an initial idea to actually having that happen:

The entrepreneur has an idea of a new business or growing one.

The entrepreneur goes to their local MFI (a micro finance institute) to discuss their plans.

They often need their money straight away so if the local MFI approves the loan, they are given what is called an immediate loan.

The Lend with Care loans replace the immediate loan and help the entrepreneurs through the process.

An example of someone who has benefited from Lend with Care has been a tailor who lives near Atakpamé in Africa. He has grown his small business and before he took out a loan, struggled to educate and feed his children. Now he says, 'I have six children. With the profit I gain from my business, four are in school and two are too young to go to school. With my income now, we can eat three meals a day and regarding problems with health, everything is now good.'

I recommend Lend with Care to anyone who wants to help people improve their lives. I think Lend with Care is an amazing charity because you know where the money is going, how it is going to be used and allows people to help themselves. When an entrepreneur has repaid your loan, you can either spend it on yourself or support another entrepreneur. A wise move on the charity front.



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Animal Cruelty.

Rhianna Keith-Jopp

Fashion.

The latest fashion is often sought after. Flocking to the shops to buy the latest fur coat or leather boots.

However, do the consumers consider the animals harmed to produce these luxury items?

Take a fur coat for example: countless animals are slaughtered for their fur such as rabbits, foxes and squirrels. On fur farms, animals such as foxes, minks and chinchillas spend their entire lives confined to tiny, filthy wire cages. Every year, reports suggest that more than one billion animals are slaughtered in the global leather industry.

Why would people kill animals for the pleasure of having a fur coat?

Did you know if you desire a fur coat made out of chinchillas it can take 150 of them just to make one? Why do we do this when we can get faux fur that does not harm the animals?

Poaching.

Another terrible thing that seems to be increasing is poaching. Rhinos are being killed for their horns to sell.

In June 2008, it was first reported that white rhinos might become extinct due to poaching and habitat loss. There are now only two white rhinos left in the world. The black rhinos may suffer the same fate, as there are currently between 5,042 - 5,455 black rhinos compared to the 65,000 black rhinos that existed in Africa in 1970.

With poachers killing an average of three rhinos every day and over 20,000 elephants each year as well as countless other animals, there is an urgent need to 'stop the poaching' - by tackling the current crisis at its source.

We must remember that animals were here before us. Why do they deserve to live in fear? Why do we do this to animals that are dying out? Poaching is inhumane and barbaric. We must act now before it is too late.

« INTRODUCTION

Norwood Voice.

Mr Galea

The rationale behind The Norwood Voice is to provide the students with a platform to express their views.

The student voice is overlooked and it is the younger generation who need their voices heard more than ever. This year, the students of The Norwood Voice have worked tirelessly reporting on the issues they feel strongly about. The students have met frequently to discuss their areas of interest, as well as engaging in detailed research.

The students have travelled to The Times Newspaper to interview a journalist and have displayed a

sensitive insight into the topics that are favoured amongst their peers. All of the students involved have contributed to the design of The Norwood Voice and they have conveyed a real sense of pride towards their work.

They have all adopted the tone of experienced journalists and working with them has been an absolute pleasure.

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Editor in Chief
Mr Galea



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Future of Farming.

Frank Yelland

In 2017, agriculture accounted for 9% of greenhouse gas emissions, much of this being the very potent methane and nitrous oxide, as well as causing controversy through factory farming. This may sound like doom and gloom, but there are simple solutions to all (or most) of the problems we face.

Beef. It is an incredibly popular meat and a growing part of many developing nation's diets. Unfortunately, particularly intensive farming is not sustainable. Swathes of the amazon: an area vital for oxygen production and biodiversity; are being cut down to farm cattle. Cattle- as you may have heard are flatulent, releasing a fair amount of methane into the atmosphere.

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« CRIME & JUSTICE

Can Croydon's Youth Zone stop gang violence?

Sannah-Kaye Gardiole Sanches

A group of teenagers putting other people's lives in danger.

Gangs are portrayed in TV and films as existing in a murky underworld. However, for many Britons, a gang means a group of teenagers involved in petty crime, selling drugs, stealing phones and even stabbing their fellow youngsters due to a postcode.

So what is the answer to gang culture in London? There are many organisations working positively with young people in gangs and helping them through very difficult times in their lives, helping them through the often-tough transition

of evolving into productive, responsible members of society.

The young people involved in gangs are often groomed by the promise of trainers, money and a close-knit bond with the other members. They are at an age when you are just figuring out your life. Sometimes they feel like this is the only way out.

One-way out could be the new Youth Zones heading to the capital. OnSide's Youth Zones are designed to give young people aged 8-19 years old somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to in their leisure time:

occupying their bodies and minds with fun activities, learning new skills and socialising in a safe, positive way.

OnSide Youth Zones are there for young people in deprived areas, where the alternative for many is spending their evenings on the streets or isolated in their bedrooms, surfing the internet.

Sometimes they feel like this is the only way out. Young people need our help now more than ever before.

Young people need our help now more than ever before. Whether it is a lack of ambition or qualifications, or negative behaviour and attitudes, the current childhood crisis is real and well documented.

Croydon Youth Zone, named by young people as 'Legacy', will be a purpose-built facility for the borough's young people aged 8 - 19, and up to 25 for those with disabilities.

Legacy will also be London's third OnSide Youth Zone and will be located in Whitehorse Road, Thornton Heath. The Youth Zone will open officially in September 2019 with the aim to transform the lives of the youngsters in the area. With Croydon being the seventeenth most deprived borough in London, the latest addition to the Youth Zone franchise will be a welcomed addition to the young people in need of support.

The Future Of Farming.

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Twenty-seven percent of freshwater consumption is dedicated to livestock (including growing their food). Cows convert barely any of their calories (3%) eaten into beef. To make one kilogram of beef you need up to 25KG of feed and 10,000L of water. They also feed them a vast amount of antibiotics and this may contribute towards antibiotic resistance. Vegans may seem unnecessarily aggravated by meat production but the inefficiency, climate impact and cruelty are astounding.

One solution is to eat chicken and pork. These meats are better for the environment. Another is insect farming- insects are cheaper, use less water, food and space than cattle, pigs and chickens. They are also more efficient in energy-to-mass than conventional livestock and do not emit nearly as many greenhouse gases. Eating insect fritters or insect protein bars may sound horrible and repulsive at first but many cultures not only accept eating insects but also treat it as a delicacy. For example, in Thailand, ant eggs are eaten as a delicacy.

Yet another problem with today's farming is efficiency. Water is wasted in evaporation and runoff. Much the same problem is

happening with fertilisers, which help algae engulf streams and brooks. Lately it has turned out centuries old aquifers across the world have been drained for farming. However, there is a remedy for this problem.

Recently MIT have developed "food computers"- devices that measure and adjust conditions in the small area inside them to suit the crop. In addition, people are pioneering hydroponics and aquaponics (growing plants and potentially fish without soil) and these methods ironically may save up to 90% of water and not generate any runoff. Additionally, people have stacked many layers of pots or hydroponics together and lit it with pink (plants absorb pink light best) and made vertical farms - farms that use less space. There may also be plants that grow out horizontally from gardens on a wall.

Modern day farming is built around cheapness and convenience. Nevertheless, it is not sustainable. There are solutions to fix these problems. Organisations like extinction rebellion and the vegan lifestyle are helping change things for the better, in a world of healthier, more ethical and sustainable, farming and food.

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Social Media.

It's Complicated. Our Relationship with Social Media

Lola Richards



What is social media to us? A positive experience full of enjoyment where we share our lives? Or a forceful and stress related experience where we are judged on all aspects of our life? We all have different opinions; yet social media continues to polarize its users.

What is Social Media?

Social media, a world-wide communication source, used globally to create and share content or to message people from far distances. On many social media apps, you create "accounts" where you can choose to share your private information. This information is shown to people when they search through accounts, looking for people who are popular in the media industry or even a relative to the searcher. This adaption to the software allows you to choose what you would like to see, you may enjoy listening to a particular band, be interested in a particular user or like being aware of the news.

Social media is great at building relationships between different sectors of society. It can help support business, financial issues or if you're young and you've started a website or business it can be helpful to spread information on your business on social media. By spreading information globally on your business, it may bring views, requests, money or even employment.

Social Media - The Bug!

Social media is a contagious bug which diffuses into our brain as we stare into the illuminous screen,

deflecting fake information, which causes unsensureness of our own identity or beliefs. An everyday item can turn into an addictive imaginary friend, transforming ourselves into a walking talking zombie constantly spreading our opinions on something or someone at first glance, if that's their race or their features. We make ill judgements on people we don't know and categorize them into our expectations of that stranger.

Instagram, one of our most used social networking app has over 30 million people actively using it in the UK. People enjoy it so they can surf the content covering every possible global, national, or local issue and they can be entertained by memes and video games. People can keep in touch and post pictures of their recent actions, seeking attention and views from other strangers. Like any worldwide contact source arguments are going to corrupt causing bullying, jealousy, competition and abuse of social media usage.

Opinions

I decided to ask a few of my friends in Year 7, who have Instagram and Snapchat, to tell me what they think of their experience of social media.

Daisy Wythe

A frequent user of Instagram:

"I think social media has good and bad aspects, as it influences good things and bad things. Social media can hurt people and not give people motivation and degrade them, but it can also inspire people and give people inspiration to create."

Elodie Fifield

Instagram user:

"I have mixed feelings on social media as I'm sure a lot of other people do. On one hand you have all the talent and creativity and knowledge and awareness that is spread throughout social media but then you also have the more dangerous side. Things like cyber bullying and discrimination online are just a few examples of the negative parts of the media. Personally I think it all depends on the way you decide to use it and whether you choose to spread negativity or positivity."

Maja Zapotoczny

A Snapchat user:

"It's a fun app where you can add filters onto yours or your friends faces and share them with others. You can film videos and make memories."

Bullying

We know what it feels like to have thoughts and opinions barricading you, hundreds of eyes staring at you, through your screen, somehow seeing right through your barrier of strength and self-confidence. Bullying is one of the negative parts of social media, it can include discriminating people online or messaging abusively. Bullying is horrible, particularly online. Social media should not be used to bully people.

Fake News

Real news or fake news, can we tell the difference nowadays? Everything gets tweaked, twisted or completely changed to sound over exaggerated or fit certain views. Social media has a vast

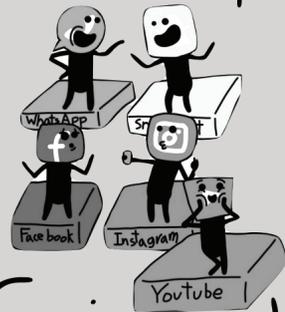
impact on our opinion, for example when voted to leave or stay in the European Union. People spread lies about fake claims, potentially leading to us leaving the EU. Journalists tend to come out as biased by pointing their judgment finger and blaming particular people because of their opinion of them. Quoted references can also be helpful. References to people can also be made through the written accounts of interviews and debates.

The end result

At the end of this, come away from this with a completely different prospect on Social media or come away from this with the same thought on social media before you read this. It's not all about changing your mind, it's about understanding someone else's opinion on social media or just understanding the dangerous aspects it might have.

I use social media daily, I can't lie about that, and I think it has completely changed society, nowadays especially with the young, you won't find many people, located in the UK, that do not have one of the following apps: Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Facebook etc. However, I appreciate the pros and understand the flaws or dangerous aspects of using social media. These include harassment, bullying, mental health problems like anxiety or depression and even suicide. More and more people need to be aware of these problems, so we can raise awareness and educate those who are young and don't understand.

It's a complicated relationship:



Social Media

« INTERVIEW

The Power of Social Media.

Vanessa Sam

In the 21st Century, social media plays a key part in the lives of many people. Teens spend an average of nine hours online or on technology a day.

Students from Year 7 to Year 9 will be sharing the personal perspectives on Social Media, as well as teachers at the Norwood School.

Social media is a controversial subject, as many people believe that entering an online world is extremely dangerous for young people. However, some may argue that social media is an excellent way to communicate.

Across the featured generations in this article, the majority said that social media is a good thing but there needs to be a greater emphasis on education. The systems must develop as well as improve. Social media is a huge part of our communities: we must start teaching valid safety rules as well as ways to use social media effectively to learn how to use technology to its highest advantage.

Social Media has a massive influence on the younger and older generations. Stereotypically, older people are meant to think that social media is pointless and that it disconnects people from the real world. I recently travelled round the busy Norwood School corridors to interview six different people. I asked them all the same question: Do you think Social Media is a good thing or not and why?

Social media may receive a negative press, but it has the potential to have a positive impact if used correctly. I hope that the benefits and dangers are taught in school so that it can become an incredible platform for young people express themselves.

The Interviewees.

Mr Jones, Teacher

"It allows people to communicate and tell people what's happening and gives them freedom. You can use social media in schools to create groups and create topics of interest and get their parents involved too."

Sophia Bryan Compton, Yr 9

"I think that social media is a good thing but has bad things connected to it. One of the bad things is the fact you can find someone by just typing in their name. But you can connect with people all around the world and if you have friends or family from other countries then social media is a great way to contact them."

Lexie May, Yr 7

"Social media has a great influence on young people and helps people from communities come together and create bigger communities with the same interests. It's also used to contact people around the globe such as friends or family or even people you don't know as long as you are messaging for the right reasons."

Luana Talaia, Yr 8

"I think that it is great because it helps you interact and communicate with people in ways that couldn't be done before and were unachievable."

Ms Blechner, Teacher

"Some points for it being good are that it helps you to communicate, unite and understand and empathise with different people from all over the world. It connects you with people who you might never have reached otherwise, it is great for business and it is great for building a platform and building a brand. It is very good for getting involved in debates and discussions with like-minded people or even people who are different from you. However, we can use social media to project an image of ourselves that is false. Nobody posts about their bad days and this leads to young people comparing their lives with celebrities who seem to be living the perfect life, and this can have an impact on self-esteem."

Desperate drive for perfection.

Alfie Evison de Haas

Unrealistic beauty standards can have a serious impact on mental health. There are so many people walking around with their faces caked in makeup, not to mention the increase in anorexia and eating disorders amongst teenagers.

If you are ashamed of your spots or acne, do not try to cover it up with makeup. If you continue to use make up in this way, it could irritate your skin and your acne will get worse. Instead, wash the affected area with a mild soap or cleanser and lukewarm water. Very hot or cold water can make acne worse.

Furthermore, there are other factors leading to teenagers becoming insecure; teenagers are self-conscious about their weight. Never judge your weight on what other people look like. You can strive to lose weight, but you should never starve yourself; eating

disorders can affect every organ system in the body. This can have a damaging impact on your relationship with food and with your peers.

I am not suggesting that you should never wear makeup or you should not care about your appearance. However, I do I think you should refrain from using make-up excessively where it becomes a reliance. Also, try not to compare yourself to unrealistic beauty standards as the majority in the media tend to be airbrushed and edited. Beauty does not define you and you should not feel under pressure to look a certain way because the world tells you to do so.

Finally, I want to leave you with this message: love yourself and those around you. We are all more than the masks we often hide behind: we do not need to continue on this desperate drive for perfection.

The Royals. What's the point?

Oscar Roche

Why do we have the royal family, what's the point? These are the questions I ask myself too. Some people say they just sit on their thrones all day, doing everyday things, while making money. Well I have to say, I agree with them.

In the middle ages, people actually had to fight for the throne. Power was won by the strongest and best in battle. Today, however, Royals get to sit on their precious little thrones, while the media rush around their palace trying to get a snap of the newborn 'Royal' baby. Ask yourselves deep down, is it really right?

Some will say they do have the right to all the wealth, as it was earned by their ancestors, and just like any family, when they perish, their offspring will gain the money. Although this seems to be a fair comment, others may argue that it is still wrong that they get so much attention from the media.

I asked a couple of family members on their opinion on this topic. "You can't help the family you are born into, whether it be rich or poor, aristocracy or normal, but you can try to do right by other whilst alive. The Royals can make a contribution to society as much as any other person."

Karen Roche

"I think the Royal family is outmoded and as a result need to hand back a large part of their wealth. I would enforce this through an act of parliament - no person (not only Royals) should have land worth over 40 million pounds. The land would go back to the state for

housing/social provisions. The 1st of January every year the government lead test would occur through valuations leading to a fairer society. Slowly people would get used to the shift in wealth and then be happy for a president to be elected and the monarchy disbanded."

Stephen Roche



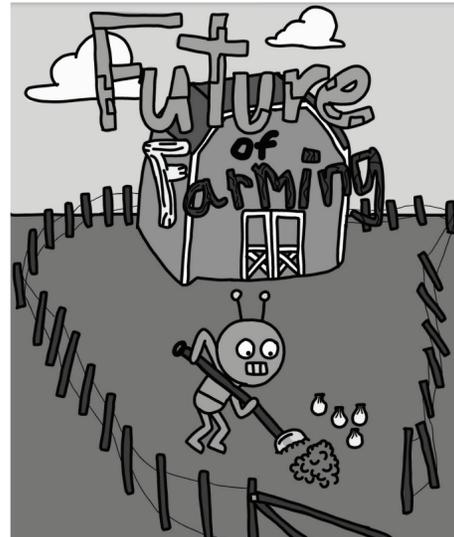
Taking both of their points into consideration, I have come up with a solution. The Royal family should be taxed more on the size and quantity of the land. This will mean their profits will slowly decrease and they will be more likely to want to give it to the public, and lose their ownership of it. I think this will give more money to the government, which should be spent on the public's needs, and they would have to share a small percentage of their wealth with the people.

I hope many more people can read this. So spread the word, we can get the royal family to shift. The more people who know the better.

Picture it. Norwood Doodles



Sam Holden 8EBR



Being a Teenager

