



# Fyling Hall Matters

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## Should We Be Paying More For Sugary Treats?

The BBC news has recently reported that David Cameron, our current Prime Minister, has refused to rule out a sugar tax. As the United Kingdom is 7<sup>th</sup> most obese country in the world I think he would be making the right decision, if he did.

Some people argue that a sugar tax won't stop people from buying fizzy drinks and sugary snacks as sugar is addictive, and having to pay more won't stop this addiction. I suppose it's like cigarettes, about 20 years ago they were only about £2, and now they're £9 for 20 and people find the money from somewhere, because they're addicted.

However something has to be done as we are now living in a country where 33% of children are obese and according to a report from a UK Think Tank,

currently 64% of adults are obese. The health implications of this are huge and our NHS is already in crisis with these figures set to increase.

I believe that adding a sugar tax will actually make people at least stop and think when buying drinks and snacks. Most teenagers don't have much money and I think if fizzy drinks and snacks became more expensive it would make them think about the healthier and cheaper options. At the very least it would make them buy it less frequently.

On its own, a tax isn't enough to stop this health crisis. But I believe would be a good start.

Leah Harvey



The Juniors sing their hearts out!

## On this week in ...

January 1892, a coal mine in Oklahoma exploded leaving nearly 100 people dead. In the early evening of January 7, several hundred workers were mining the No. 11 mine when an inexperienced worker accidentally set off a stash of explosives. Approximately 100 miners were burned or buried in the explosion. Another 150 workers suffered serious injuries. This disaster is the worst mining catastrophe in Oklahoma's history! It wasn't until 2002 that the victims of the mining disaster were honoured by a memorial built at the site of the old mine.

Phoebe Russell

## Words of the Week

This week                      Next week

Tricky:    **riddle**                      **comical**

Trickier:    **mystery**                      **risible**

Trickiest:    **conundrum**                      **ludicrous**

## Did You Make Any New Year Resolutions?

The traditions of making New Year's resolutions began roughly 4000 years ago. In 2000BC the ancient Babylonians made promises to their gods in the New Year. They would promise to give back borrowed items and repay debts. The Romans began the idea of deciding your own resolution. This originated from the belief of the two-faced god Janus: it was believed that this god could see back into the past and reflect upon the year, and also look forward into the New Year. This was furthermore developed by the Christians who believed that the resolutions should be an improvement upon yourself. Today we see it more as a personal challenge instead of a promise to a god. The truth is, we never plan on giving up chocolate. However, we do test ourselves to see how long we can last without it. If you succeed or fail your resolution, the important factor is that you tried.

Corbin Shearing

## Meet Our New Physics Teacher—Mr Instone.

### Where did you work before?

I previously taught in Oxford, but before becoming a teacher, I worked in TV special effects as well as running my own global marketing business for clients such as Microsoft, Oxfam and Oxford University Publishing. I have trained business leaders and scientists in innovation. I also worked as a motivational speaker and I used to visit schools speaking in assemblies, and it was this that made me think I wanted to become a teacher.

### Why did you apply to this school?

I have fond memories of family holidays in Robin Hood's Bay. So when I opened an email saying there was a job vacancy, I was immediately interested. On interview, I also realised what a special place Fyling Hall is, and I was struck with the school motto 'The

days that make us happy, make us wise' as something I really believe in.

### Tell us about your hobbies.

I am a singer song writer and also write Sci-Fi and ghost stories: I have published a collection of my stories in a book "The Voice In The Light".

### Are you planning to introduce any new clubs or activities at Fyling Hall?

I'm starting an after school club for students to write short stories with illustrations that we will publish. It will also be an opportunity for students to learn marketing when we sell the books via Amazon and local book shops. I've also spoken to students about computer and engineering projects we may also run.

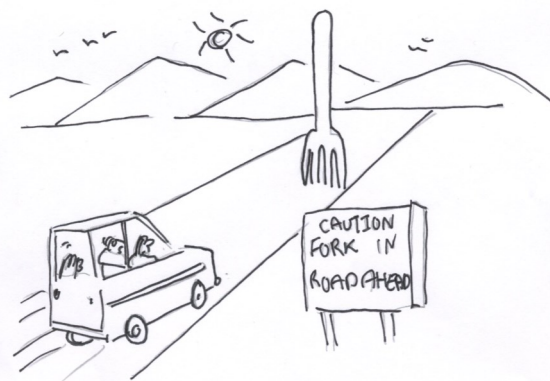
Su Yean

## Sandy Reports on the Conflict Between Iran and Saudi Arabia

Iranian television has announced that a Saudi airstrike has damaged their embassy in Yemen. This is the latest incident in the long running conflict between Iran and Saudi Arabia, which has recently become more violent with the two nations supporting different sides in the civil war in Yemen, and Saudi Arabia executing Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr, a Shia religious leader. The main cause of conflict is religious. Saudi Arabia believes in Sunni Islam while Iran believes in Shia Islam. After the death of the Prophet Mahomed there was a disagreement over who should succeed him. The Islamic faith split into two groups, Sunni and Shia, with different practices and beliefs. Iran often funds Shia political groups while Saudi Arabia supports rival Sunni groups as they doing in Yemen. On Saturday, the situation worsened when Saudi Arabia beheaded Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr, a prominent Saudi Arabian Shia, for treason. After the execution, the two countries, and some of their allies, have now broken off diplomatic relations.

(Sandy Williams)

## The World According to Tom...



### Inspirational Quote:

*"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain."*

## The Week Ahead

Monday 11th	Year 11 and 13 Mock examinations begin (All Week)
Tuesday 12th	2:00pm U16 Hockey tournament @ Lady Lumley's 4:00pm U15 Basketball festival @ Lady Lumley's
Wednesday 13th	2:15pm Senior Football v Hull Collegiate (Away)
Thursday 14th	4:00pm U13 Basketball festival @ Malton school
Saturday 16th	12:00pm County Cross Country @ Northallerton

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