



# Fyling Hall Matters

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## Year 10 Drama Topic Causes a Stir

For the last two weeks the Year 10 drama class has been exploring the controversial subject of discrimination. So far they have investigated the Stephen Lawrence murder and the racial aspects of the case.

Stephen Lawrence was murdered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1993 because of discrimination and their investigation may sparked much emotion in the Year 10s.

They have performed their pieces taking inspiration from images and film extracts and are beginning to explore contemporary discrimination and more modern examples, including the Syrian refugees. Discrimination often occurs because of a lack of

understanding, education and a fear of something that is difference. It cannot be underestimated how great it is to have such a multicultural community hidden away in a predominantly white, rural area. FHS pupils are able to talk to each other and gain first hand experience and ideas about what it is like to be from another country and culture, instead of relying on second hand sources like the news; and this is invaluable.

It is important to encourage tolerance and instil a sense of equality in everyone. Well, I think year 10 have got that covered.

*(Asa Jones)*



Year 10 explore 'Discrimination' in drama.

## On this day in ...

... 2001 the website where you can find anything and everything (apart from the meaning of life) was created!. That's right we're talking about Wikipedia, every teachers nightmare! The site that everyone has visited and plundered...

With over 17 million articles (3.5 million of which are written in English) in about 262 different languages it is the largest encyclopaedia since 2007. Wikipedia is the easy and often the most entertaining option to go to for information; but is it always the best? When anyone can edit it, how reliable is it? Ideally, parents and pupils should consider other websites and even, dare I suggest it, a traditional library or reference book which could give you a wider perspective. *(Jack Starkey)*

## Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	<b>comical</b>	<b>urchin</b>
Trickier:	<b>risible</b>	<b>ragamuffin</b>
Trickiest:	<b>ludicrous</b>	<b>guttersnipe</b>

## Tim Peake Continues to Inspire

A school in St Albans has made history by making the first amateur radio call from the UK to a British astronaut on the space station. A few lucky children contacted Major Tim Peake as he flew overhead on Friday morning. At one point they were about to give up since it looked like the connection could not be made, but when they started packing up they heard through a crackle, Major Peake's voice. All pupils quickly ran to the microphone to fire their questions to "Britain's Man in Space". The connection was all too short, but that did not compete with the pupils' enthusiasm. The rocket took off on December 15 and is due to stay in space until June, but Major Tim will be performing the famous space walk in very short space of time as well. We should all be inspired by Tim's story, as it shows that with determination and hard work the sky is not the limit! *(Phoebe Russell)*

## Did Gervais Go Too Far?

Ricky Gervais is a comedian. He would do almost anything to make a group of people laugh, even if it involved a 'joke' about a serious car accident.

At the Golden Globes, Gervais set out to laugh only at what celebrities had done, not at anything that they couldn't help, and I believe that he fulfilled his desire.

During the event, amongst many other jokes, he poked fun at Caitlin Jenner for her driving accident, Mel Gibson for his drunken racist rant and Ben Affleck for his affairs. All of these jokes have something in common, they encourage the audience to laugh at poor behaviour, not at things that can't be helped.

The joke that caused the most problems was the one

towards transgender star Caitlyn Jenner: "I've changed. Not as much as Bruce Jenner, obviously. Now Caitlyn Jenner, of course. What a year she's had." So far, I do not think that this is a problem. He did however, go on to reference a car accident where Jenner killed someone, commenting on women's driving skills.

Gervais has been accused of being 'transphobic', but I disagree. Just because Jenner has changed sex should not give her special protection when it comes to Gervais' jokes. However, I think that the issue is with making fun of an incident where someone died.

Leah Harvey

## Tamino Reports on the German Riots

On Monday 10th January, several thousand masked members of the far right group, Pegida, ran through Connewitz Leipzig, my home town. Cars were set on fire and shop windows were broken. The police were obviously overwhelmed.

What had started as a peaceful demonstration of Pegida soon turned violent. "Pegida" stands for Patriotic Europe Against the Islamisation of the Abendland (Germany). This is a group which claims not to be racist, but doesn't want refugees in Germany. This is a group which says Muslims are taking their jobs, but which is rioting, stealing and creating fear. The outbreak on Monday was their response to reports of assaults by some immigrants on German women at New Year.

Normally you would just laugh at this organisation. But this time they have gone too far! It is becoming clear to the German majority that the group is provocative, racist and homophobic. After Monday evening's attacks on Leipzig's left-wing stronghold, many Germans are worried. Specialists from Frankfurt are saying that the situation will become worse if representatives like Björn Höcke (AFD) and Frank Franz (NPD) continue making their populist speeches at such demonstrations.

(Tamino Schirbel)

## The World According to Tom...



Year 7s practise their German with our international German students.

## The Week Ahead

Tuesday, 19 January	16:00	U14 Basketball v Eskdale (Home)
Wednesday, 20 January	16:00	U14 Netball Tournament @ Ryedale
Thursday, 21 January	14:30	U15 Football v Red House (Home)
Saturday, 23 January	18:00	Laser Tag @ Mini Monstersz (all ages)
Sunday, 24 January	09:00	Trip to Wet n Wild

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