

The Lower School Council

The Lower School Council... What is it all about? What do they do? Why do they run it? Well, I am here to answer all those questions! The Lower School Council is made up of a group of elected pupils from Years 7 to 9. They hold meetings, led by Mrs Waller (the Head of the Lower School), every Week A in C1. In those meetings, representatives talk about various issues raised by members of their form. Every form has two elected representatives.

I, myself, am a member of the Lower School Council representing my form (7D). If you would like to know more about the Lower School Council then you can read the Lower School Council Constitution, which is displayed in every form room. It outlines the rules of the Council and how it is organised and run.

Recently, the members had an election to appoint the new chairperson. The results of that vote are as follows: the Chairperson- Sean Dobson (9C), the Vice Chairperson- Maani Parsai (9C), Secretary- Hashir Sapra (8D)

If you are not a member of the Lower School Council (or Middle School Council) but still want to have a voice, then find out who your council representative is and discuss any issues/recommendations you have. If it is a reasonable request (trust me, we've had requests for a zip wire across the Boys' Quad) then it will be put forward at the next meeting and Mrs Waller will take a note of it.

Luckily, I had the opportunity to interview Mrs Waller despite her very busy schedule. Please read the interview below.

(Me) Firstly, for the pupils who will be reading this that aren't members of the Lower School Council, what is the Council's purpose?

(Mrs Waller) The purpose is to give all boys in School a chance to have their say in important matters in School, it lets them have their voice heard.

(Me) Is the Lower School Council all about the pupils' views or do you or other members of the Common Room have a say in what the council can achieve this year?

(Mrs Waller) It is about the boys' views and there is a constitution about the school council which should be displayed in every form room. It explains about the purpose of the Council, the Environment and other topics, everything raised in the meetings comes under one of those headings.

(Me) How would you promote the Council to any future Year 7's thinking of joining?

(Mrs Waller) There are lots of ways to get involved, you can apply to be a Council Rep and it is one of the roles of the Form Tutors to promote this. There are posters outside B17 about how you can be involved by asking your Council Reps.

(Me) As the Head of the Lower School, the Head of Year 7 and a history teacher, do you manage to find time to enjoy hobbies and if you don't mind could you share some of those with us?

(Mrs Waller) It is very important to work hard but also to have hobbies, I enjoy running, travelling, watching movies and especially political movies.

(Me) As head of Lower School what do you find most rewarding about your job?

(Mrs Waller)I find many parts of my job rewarding, I love to watch young pupils flourish as they move through the years and get more involved especially as they arrived as shy Year 7's at Bolton School.

So, if you didn't have the opportunity to join the Council this year then don't despair, there's always next year or, if you are moving into Year 10, then you can join the Middle School Council. Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions then please speak to your Lower School Council Representative.

Levi Higham 7d



Year 7 club Recommendations

These are recommended clubs that all Year 7s can attend to.

Lit & Deb Society

Lit & Deb Society is a club where four people are selected to perform a debate in public. The club is designed to test the attenders ability to construct an argument and public speaking.

“Words are Powerful, Words are Strong. At Lit & Deb, we use them to our advantage” -Owais Khalid, President of Lit & Deb. C1 Mr Wyatt

Junior Kayak Club

Junior Kayak Club is a place where you can practice basic skills on Kayak. This amazing opportunity happens at 1:00 on a Tuesday lunchtime at the Swimming Pool. If you are interested, please bring your swimming kit!

‘The Bolt Magazine’

If your interested in hobbies or books or movies then this is the club for you. You are given 5 weeks to write an extract that will be read by the whole school so get involved now!

‘Say it right, quotation not quote’ - The Bolt Members B36 KSB

Spanish Club

Are you interested in Spanish or Latin American language, music or culture? Then Spanish Club is for you! All are welcome, whether you study Spanish or not. Come to A3 on Mondays at 1:35.

‘cultura e idioma’ - Mrs Cotton JLC A3

Privesh Fernando 7d

The 2017 Formula 1 Season

The 2017 F1 season brought many changes to the sport. In 2014 the engines were changed, however this time the chassis and the tyres were the centre of attention. The tyres changed in width, the front tyre changing from 245mm to 305mm and the rear from 325mm to 405mm these changes in the tyres made the tyres 25% wider than the 2016 tyres. The main changes to the bodywork of the car was that the front wing span increasing from 1650 to 1800mm another noticeable change was the rear wing changing from a width of 750mm to 950mm. All these changes caused the car width to go from 1800mm to 2000mm. The most surprising news was the retirement of the 2016 world champion Nico Rosberg, so Finnish driver Valtteri Bottas was signed up by Mercedes to replace Rosberg.

These changes could change who the best team is at the end of the season as was the case with the 2014 season, the past 4 years (2011-2013) Red Bull Racing were the dominant team due to the V8 engines however when the V8 engines changed to V6 turbo-charged engines for the 2014 season, Red Bull were struggling however Mercedes on the other hand went to dominate not only the 2014 season but the 2015 and 2016 season as well. Could this mean that these new rule changes could end Mercedes's domination in F1?

Going into the Australian GP, no-one knew who would win. Qualifying ended with the



Hamilton and Vettel Baku Crash

Mercedes car of Lewis Hamilton on pole, 2nd place went to Vettel and 3rd to his new team mate Bottas. So it seemed like yet again it was another year of Mercedes domination. The race started, and as soon as the lights went out Vettel jumped Hamilton off the start and led comfortably for the whole race. So the race ended Vettel, Hamilton and Bottas. It looked as if Mercedes's days of domination were over Ferrari had easily beaten them. Onto China qualifying turned out

the same, Hamilton on pole, Vettel second and Bottas third. However this time it was Hamilton who took the win from Vettel. So this season was starting to look like a championship battle not only between Vettel and Hamilton but a battle between Mercedes and Ferrari to be the best team of 2017. Bahrain was the same however this time it was Bottas on pole, Hamilton second and Vettel third. The race however was different Bottas dropped to 3rd after the first lap whilst throughout the whole race, Hamilton and Vettel fought, in the end Vettel won and Hamilton was second. Spain saw a battle between Vettel and Hamilton

throughout the whole race much like Bahrain once again Hamilton won and Vettel finished second. Monaco saw the worst Hamilton performance ever, he qualified 14th and finished 7th whilst Vettel qualified 1st and finished 1st, by the end of the Monaco GP Vettel was 1st in the drivers standing, with 129 points, and leading Hamilton, who was on 104 points, by 25 points (a race win). The Canadian GP saw Hamilton get his 69th pole position beating Schumacher on 68 to become the driver with the most pole positions. The race saw Hamilton finish first and Vettel 4th. The Azerbaijan GP saw Hamilton and Vettel come to blows when under Safety car conditions, Vettel drives into the back of Hamilton calming that Hamilton “Brake tested” him, shortly after Vettel pulls alongside



Singapore GP Crash

Hamilton and crashes into the side of him. Vettel got a 5 second penalty for this. Shortly after the crash, Hamilton’s headrest came undone which meant he had to go to the pits to get it fixed, this cost Hamilton lost valuable time meaning that he came back out behind Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel, even after Vettel had served the 5 second penalty. These fortune of events in the race allowed Red Bull’s Daniel Ricciardo to win the race, Bottas finished 2nd and William’s Lance Stroll finished 3rd after being beaten just before the line to second place by Bottas. Vettel finished 4th and Hamilton finished 5th. This brought the difference between Vettel and Hamilton down to 14 points. The Austrian GP allowed Vettel to grow the gap between himself and Hamilton to 20 points after he finished 2nd and Hamilton finished 4th. The British GP saw another turn of events this time in the favour of Hamilton. Hamilton qualified on pole with the two Ferrari’s 2nd and 3rd whilst his team mate was in 4th, this order was kept until the last 2 laps of the race, however at the start of the 2nd to last lap the tyres went flat on the Räikkönen’s car and shortly after Vettel’s car followed, this meant that Vettel dropped from 2nd to 7th the cause of the tyre going flat was down to too many laps on the same set of tyres. By the end of the British GP Vettel was on 177 point whilst Hamilton was on 176. Hungary, saw Hamilton finish 4th and Vettel finish 1st. Going into the summer break Vettel was leading Hamilton in the drivers’ championship by 14 points. It looked as if Hamilton’s 4th world title was slipping away with every race and Vettel was about to become a 5th world champion. After the summer break the next six races (Belgium, Italy, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan and United States) saw Hamilton get a higher finishing position than Vettel. Singapore wasn’t Hamilton’s to win, however, a first corner crash involving Max Verstappen, Räikkönen and Vettel caused all 3 drivers to DNF (did not finish) this allowed Hamilton take the win. By the end of US GP the point’s difference between Hamilton and Vettel was 66

points, Hamilton on 331 points and Vettel on 265. All of a sudden after the summer break the championship had changed it was now Hamilton's to lose, it was almost as if Vettel had gifted him the title after the Singapore GP crash.

Going into the Mexico GP Hamilton could win the drivers' championship: If Vettel finished 1st Hamilton would have needed 7th, if Vettel finished 2nd Hamilton would have needed 9th, if Vettel finished 3rd Hamilton could win the title irrespective of where he finished. So it looked as if Hamilton would win his 4th world championship in Mexico. At the first corner there was an incident between Hamilton and Vettel as Vettel's front wing hit Hamilton, causing Hamilton's rear tyre to become punctured both Vettel and Hamilton had to drive their cars back to the pits, to get them repaired, even at this point it looked as if Hamilton would win the title as Vettel needed 2nd to keep the title fight going. Both, Vettel and Hamilton, overtook cars only for Vettel to finish 4th and Hamilton to finish 9th, this allowed Hamilton to win his 4th world championship in Mexico and also allowed Mercedes to win the constructors championship making them the most successful team of the 2017 F1 season.



Lewis Hamilton Celebrating his 4th world title

Aashir Khan 11D

Futsal, the key to international success in football?

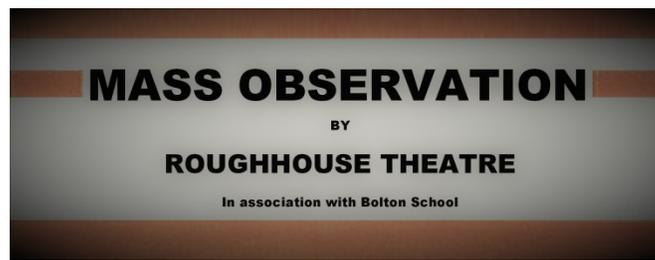
Written by Lewis Spencer-Ogg (Manchester u18s futsal player and Bolton town football player)

Brazil, Spain, Italy and Argentina ; what do they all have common apart from 12 football world cups between them?. They are universal renowned as being notoriously skilful and playing expressive free flowing football, and where does that ability to play quick clinic football come from? Futsal

Futsal, is a five-a-side game, normally played on a flat indoor pitch with hockey sized goals and a size four ball with a reduced bounce. It is played to touchlines and all players are free to enter the penalty area and play the ball over head-height. Games are 20 minutes per half, played to a stopping clock (similar to basketball) with time-outs permitted. The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure, and is subsequently an excellent breeding ground for football competencies that can be translated into the 11-a-side format of the game. The high pressure nature of futsal gives those players who transition to football both a mental and physical advantage because futsal players are used to being pressured by defenders quicker, so they have to be mentally quicker than footballers and there is less space on the pitch meaning that players have to be physically quicker and more skilful than footballers to relieve pressure on them.

You might say that my claims of futsal being the way forward for the development, of English footballers is unfounded, however many of the top world class footballers played Futsal in their youth and credit it with supporting their footballing development; players of the calibre of Pele, Zico, Ronaldinho, Kaka, Lionel Messi to name a few but many other of the South American legends all played and enjoyed Futsal. But Futsal has not just helped produce South American football stars. On the European stage Cristiano Ronaldo, Deco, Xavi and Cesc Fabregas, amongst many others, have played Futsal to develop their skills. So you may now ask, why has England not been graced by the development of a new generation of highly skilful footballers brought up on futsal like many other of their footballing rivals?. The main reason is that futsal, unlike in nearly all other major footballing nations, is not recognised as a

professional sport but rather a variation of football, thereby making the sport so it does not qualify for independent government funding. This lack of independent funding means that places that English people can play futsal are few in number, the FA insists instead on playing on ruined pitches in the middle of the freezing British winter, promoting a brand of long ball football that English football has become synonymous with. I'm suggesting that FA reinvents British grass roots football as many of our more successful footballing competitors have done and insist upon futsal becoming the archetypal replacement of football during winter, this would promote a much more passing orientated British game, which as we have seen in the cases of many successful footballing nations results in international silverware, all down the the skills developed by futsal. Furthermore another example of the positive effect futsal is proven to have comes from someone whom many consider to be best ever footballer, Pele, he said of futsal, "Futsal was important in helping to develop my ball control, quick thinking, passing...also for dribbling, balance, concentration.... Futsal was very, very important, no doubt." It is my personal opinion that there is no better endorsement for futsal and the future it could give the English international team then one from the best player to ever play the beautiful game.



WINTER DIRECTIVES

Pick one or two of the following activities and send off the results to our theatre company in residence. The material you provide will be incorporated in a commissioned script about Boltonians and life in Bolton. Contact details and deadlines follow the instructions.

1: PHOTOGRAPHIC DIRECTIVE

Take a photo of exactly what you are looking at the following times: 8am, 12 noon, 4pm, 8pm

It should be a photograph of exactly what is in front of you. The idea is to get a sense of location, activity and surroundings. This should be done twice in the same week. Once on a Wednesday and once on a Sunday. Save each image as a jpg ONLY and save it as day and time (eg. Weds 4pm).

There should be no explanation as to why you took it and you shouldn't feel the need to provide context.

2: WRITTEN DIRECTIVE - A Diary Entry

Write as much as you can about what you do, what you talk about, what you eat and drink, what you buy or sell, what you are working on, the places you visit, the people you meet, the things you read, see and hear around you, how you are feeling and, of course, what you yourself think.

Diary entries should be in electronic form as email attachments as a word document.

Please refrain from including your real name, contact details, or the personal details of the people mentioned in your diary. Please remember that these diaries will be read and used for research and writing a script, so don't include anything that may identify you or others.

You should include a brief written self-portrait: your age, where you live (not your address), your present job or occupation if you are working, education status and any other information that you think is important to record.

If this was a typical day for you please say so. If not, please say why it wasn't. Any reflections on the day and on how you felt while keeping the diary are welcome.

3. WRITTEN DIRECTIVE - Looking back over 2017

We are not going to prompt you with questions here.

Think about the events of the past year, and note down your reactions and feelings. You may want to talk about your reaction to major events in the world, events in Britain, local events in your school, workplace or community, or things which have happened in your family and in your own life.

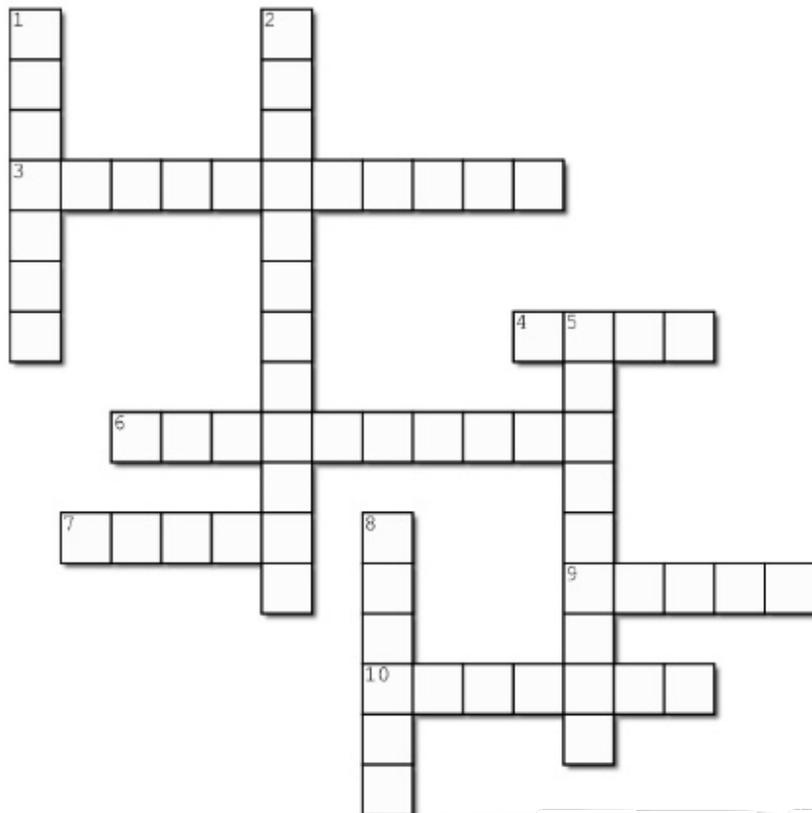
This is an opportunity for you to write about the things that are important to you which will not be covered by broad strokes directives. It would help if you gave us headings for any subject you decide to write about, for example: 'Summer Holiday', 'General Election', 'Favourite Films' or 'We Got a Dog'...

Please ensure all material reaches us by January 10th.

Send all material to info@roughhousetheatre.com with 'Winter Directive' in the subject bar.

Christmas Crossword

Can you complete it?



Across

3. On the fifth day of Christmas, what did your true love send to you? 5
4. The abbreviation of Christmas
6. Another name for Santa Claus and Father Christmas
7. The amount of Reindeer that pull Santa's Sleigh
9. They are Santa's little helpers
10. What does Rudolph eat?

Down

1. If you are not on the nice list, you are on the list
2. When is Christmas celebrated? The of December
5. Kissing under the
8. Santa's 2nd Reindeer

Answers on the next page

Across

3. GoldenRings
4. Xmas
6. StNicholas
7. Eight
9. Elves
10. Carrots

Down

1. Naughty
2. Twenty-Fifth
5. Mistletoe
8. Dancer

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