

# The Coulsdon Chronicle

'Excellence through rigour, resilience and passion'

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We are excited to bring to you our latest edition of The Coulsdon Chronicle! Check out the latest entertainment reviews, an interview with one of the newer members of staff at our school and keep up to date with current events happening inside and outside of our Academy.

We hope you enjoy, make sure to look out for our next reviews!



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**Erin Bullimore**

### **A special sports shout out!**

In the final week before the half term break, Year 8 girls played a netball match against Thomas More school.

Oasis started off strong and scored two goals in the first half. The goals were very well taken shots, yet our team were pulled up on our footwork on more than one occasion. The match overall was intense and very speedy; neither team had very long to rest and a lot of us were out of breath.

In the second half, Thomas More scored a few goals, but Oasis got its act together and scored another two goals. There were a lot of great passes and interceptions in the match.

Oasis girls ended up winning 5-3 It was a great match played by both sides, but the best team won in the end!

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**Daisy Turner**

**NETFLIX show review**

**Glee: 2009-2015** Age rating 12

A group of ambitious misfits try to escape the harsh realities of high school by joining a failing Glee club, taken over by ex-member Will Schuester (played by Matthew Morrison), a passionate Spanish teacher at the school, William McKinley High. Will has high hopes to rejuvenate the Glee club, New Directions. But the coach of the world-renowned cheer squad, The Cheerios, Sue Sylvester, has other plans. From slushies to fake accusations, this woman is unstoppable.



The director of Glee is Ryan Murphy. He has created many hit TV shows, these include *'American Horror Story'* and *'Popular'*. All of his shows are smash hits around the world, and are definitely worth a watch. Most of his shows are intended for older audiences.

In the first episode, titled "Pilot", Will gathers five members. The openly gay fashionista, Kurt Hummel (played by Chris Colfer), the gothic rebel, Tina Cohen-Chang, (played by Jenna Ushkowitz), the adventurous guitar player, Artie Abrams, (played by Kevin McHale), the sassy diva, Mercedes Jones, (played by Amber Riley) and the Jewish perfectionist, Rachel Berry, (played by Lea Michele.) After this, many characters join the glee club. From football players to the lunch lady's daughter, there are many characters who take part in the New Directions.

Overall, I would rate this show 4.5/5 stars. I chose this rating because it made me laugh, cry and sing to all my favourite songs. The episodes are around 45 minutes, which is a bit too long for my liking. I would definitely recommend this show, as it is great for the whole family. There is a variation of characters; there is always someone you can relate to.

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## Archie Prescott

*Today I interviewed Ms Kenison about her background. As one of the new teachers to the school, everyone would like to know more about this new teacher to the podium!*

o What do you love about working with children?

I love how every lesson is different and the energy when students are enjoying their learning. I love how I get to help shape the person each student becomes :)

o Why did you choose your job as a teacher?

I accidentally became a teacher! I volunteered for a charity who helped teach communities to learn about town planning so they could make their neighbourhoods better. I was asked to go into a school and explain to students how the planning system worked. I just fell in love with the energy of the children and decided that this is what I needed to do!

o You recently joined Oasis Academy Coulsdon. What appealed to you about working here?

Oasis Coulsdon has a really good reputation for caring about their students as well as pushing them academically. So, when I saw the job advertised, I jumped at the chance to apply! Then I came into the academy and met the students, Mrs. Green and Mr. Hodges, everyone was so lovely and caring. I knew it was the place I wanted to work!

o Why did you choose your subject?

I trained as a PSHE and Citizenship teacher because I think preparing young people for adulthood is just as important as exam results! Exam results get you noticed in the future but how well you interview or how well you bounce back from setbacks in life are important skills that I can help students develop. I also think it is important that young people understand how they can influence decision making and make changes if they are unhappy with how the people in power are behaving!

o Why do you love politics?

I studied politics for my A levels and then at university. It is important that everyone understands politics so we can make sure that they are doing the right thing for everyone in society and not abusing their power!

o What job did you want to do when you were at school?

When I was young, I wanted to be the next female prime minister! You never know, it could still happen! However, when you are the PM you are always going to be accused of doing the wrong thing by someone. I am not sure I would like that!

o Have you had any other jobs than a teacher?

Before I became a teacher, I was a Town Planner. If a company wanted to build new houses or redevelop a part of a city, we would submit the planning application on their behalf. This meant lots of report writing!

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o If you couldn't be a teacher, what job would you do?

If I could do any job, I think I would be a travel blogger. I absolutely love travelling and hiking in the mountains. So being paid to travel and write about my travel experiences would be incredible!

o What do you want children to take away from your lessons?

Number one, I want them to love learning and PSHE! I want students to feel confident in themselves and that when they face challenges that they know how to deal with them. I want students to feel empowered that they can make a difference!

o Do you have an inspirational quote for the readers, off the top of your head?

In the theme of my favourite thing to do!

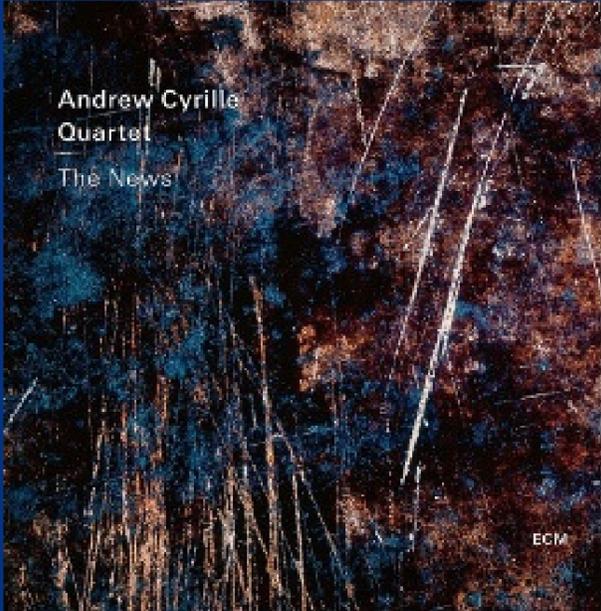
*'Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.'*

So here you have it! The background to the new PSHE teacher in S6. I certainly found it interesting! So did the rest of us at 'The Coulsdon Chronicle'. We hope you feel the same way!

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## Nicolas Deeks



### Andrew Cyrille Quartet – The News Review

I'm going to go ahead and assume that a vast majority of you reading are not large fans of jazz music, and to be fair, I'm not either for the most part. However, when I saw the glowing reviews that this new album was getting, I was somewhat intrigued. So, I gave it a listen, and I was pleasantly surprised as to how the quartet utilised their own instruments and each other's to create such a soundscape.

The News is composed of eight tracks over fifty-three minutes, all of which are over five minutes long and one of which ("Leaving East of Java") is nearly nine minutes long. The quartet is composed of Andrew Cyrille on drums, Bill Frisell on guitar, David Virelles on piano & synth, and Ben Street on double bass.

The album begins with "Mountain", a range of sprawling sounds that come together to form what can be described as a hopeful and reflective opener, almost like someone standing at the top of a mountain and marvelling at how far they have come.

Following this is "Leaving East of Java", a mostly downbeat and mellow piece with some brief sparks of energy tucked inside certain parts of its nine minute runtime. Tracks three and four, "Go Happy Lucky" and "The News" respectively, are quite at odds with one another: the former has more of a contained and controlled yet jolly feel, while the latter is like the first track in its sprawling nature; in fact, it's even more uncontrolled than its predecessor.

"Incienso", the following track, is more of a subdued song, with a simple rhythm accompanied by spread out piano chords and strings.

"Baby", track 6 of the album, gives off (to me, at least) the feeling of floating in a faraway tranquil place, and "Dance of the Nuances", while despondent in tone, is somehow able to feel like a completely fluid piece of music.

The final track, "With You in Mind", begins with a minute-long spoken section from Cyrille, before launching into a romantic track to end off the album.

While its runtime of fifty-three minutes may seem too long for such an album, I believe it's absolutely worth the time with such rich and beautiful musical quality across all its eight tracks.

Score: 8.9/10

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**Hannah Garwood**

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## **New Omicron Variant: BA.2**

There is a new variant of COVID called Omicron; BA.2. The Delta variant is comprised of 200 different sub-variants.

It is a highly transmissible variant that's has been detected in about 57 different countries. In some countries BA.2 accounts for more than half of sequenced Omicron cases.

This new variant, BA.2, was first detected in the Philippines in November 2021 and because it was highly transmissible, it spread across the world. In India, BA.2 is rapidly replacing the Delta and Omicron BA.1 variants; in England, more than 1000 confirmed cases of BA.2 have been reported and in Denmark, BA.2 infections rose to about half of the countries covid cases being this unforgiving new variant.

## **How to cut down your chances of getting this variation:**

If you are vaccinated, then you are less likely to get infected than unvaccinated people, and you are also less likely to spread this virus. Some other things you could do if you are worried are to: wear a mask in enclosed areas, wash your hands regularly and to keep a safe distance from other people who are not in your household.

There is no data so far that suggests that BA.2 leads to a more severe disease than the previous Omicron sub-variants.

Because of the numbers of suspected BA.2 cases having doubled in the week up to the 24th of January, the scientists are keeping a close eye on this new variant.

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**Alife Kingett**

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## Report on the Ukrainian Crisis

### Quick Summary

Currently, tensions are flying high in Eastern Europe as Russia (formerly the Soviet Union) has amassed over one hundred and thirty thousand troops on the border of Ukraine.

These troops have apparently been stationed there by the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, for training purposes, however, western governments such as those in the US and UK are doubtful and believe Putin is planning an invasion of Ukraine even though he has denied it on a multitude of occasions.

### History Between Russia And Ukraine

In the past, Ukraine and Russia were once firm allies during the Russian communist era led by Joseph Stalin, however, tensions soon grew after the collapse of the communist government on 25th December, 1991. A number of nations such as Ukraine, Latvia and Estonia all left the communist government and began building relations with western countries such as France and the UK. This allowed said countries to be a part of the

European Union and helped them have diplomatic freedom instead of being suppressed by the brutal dictatorship of the Soviet Union. In the early 21st century, Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia and immediately set out to fix Russian problems with the Russian rouble (currency of the Russian federation) rising 72% in value. However, this gain was short lived as in 2014, Putin ordered an attack on Ukraine with Russia seizing all of Crimea from Ukraine. This caused the Russian rouble to decline drastically in value and was the catalyst for Russia to go into a tremendous economic spiral with interest rates rising drastically. Since then, Russian, and Ukrainian tensions have been quiet until the 21st December when Russia began moving troops to the border.

### Current Forces Amassed

Currently, Russia have amassed over one hundred and fifty thousand troops on the border of Ukraine and have also posted thirty thousand troops in Belarus, this is leading to many fears among the western government about Russias true intentions as the combined one hundred and eighty thousand troops on the border is only 70 percent of the full force needed for an invasion of Ukraine this along with multiple US intelligence reports suggests that there are also multiple tank destroyers artillery and also fifty Russian battalions posted alongside the border.

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## Why Russia Supposedly Wants To Attack Ukraine

The main evidence we have about why Russia amassed forces on the border of Ukraine is because Ukraine was going to join Nato (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation). Russia want Ukraine to pull out of the treaty and also want less American military presence in all of Eastern Europe; multiple countries have said 'no'. This is due to them enjoying the American military presence. Multiple people however have also said that they believe that Russia may want to:

- Restore the Soviet Union
- Rebuild Russian influence across Europe
- Show that Russia still is a superpower

