



Sixth Form Scoop

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FUTURE DATES

Exams start	14/5/18
Yr 13 Leavers Mass	26/6/18
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ELOCUTION EQUALS EXCELLENCE? The North is Doomed.

There once was a man: he was respectful, kind and caring. He received seven A*s and two A's when he was sixteen, then three A*s two years later. When he was twenty-four, he graduated from Oxford University with a medical degree and began working as a general practitioner, helping thousands of people every year. Would you expect this man to greet his patients with an "alreet cocker?"

No? Well, the fact of the matter is that the qualities of intelligence, successfulness and focus are usually attached to those who speak using the Queen's English; I'm sure that would make old Liz crack a smile. However, where does that leave everyone else? Left stranded in the North, in our council houses and downing pints to drown the sorrows of never being able to compete with our posher counterparts; oh well, at least the Northern beer is, on average, half the price of pint pulled in London. A poll conducted in 2014, demonstrated the fact that over 51% of non-English people prefer Received Pronunciation speakers as opposed to a more common voice.

Question: why?

In today's society, we are taught from being children to

pronounce every l-e-t-t-e-r in e-v-e-r-y word; repeating the school finishing time until you learn it is not "free firty", you can escape at "three thirty", overemphasising the importance of conforming to the rules, it is not "Miss", it is "Mrs Cameronthatchermay". Personally, this obsession with everyone sounding exactly the same in order to impress some inspector bloke with a clipboard is nothing more than indoctrination and, quite frankly, barbaric. However not everyone shares this view: The Daily Mail reported that four out of five people change their accent during job interviews to snatch up the placement, and a staggering 70% of bosses at high end companies admit to hiring employers speaking in Oxford English. Surely, all this is doing is fuelling the social divide in Britain: encouraging those unlucky enough to not receive elocution lessons to lie in order to succeed. Consequently, this means that the honest, common folk are being systematically locked out of jobs based solely on the way they speak. Hey, I suppose everyone comes in full circle: we're all just trying to impress the clipboard bloke with a higher social status and a posher accent.

Have you noticed, also,



everyone in power has a posher accent? The Queen, the Prime Minister, Lord Sugar. This, again, re-establishes this idea that if you speak in a regional accent, barring Kensington, you are more likely to end up... ordinary? Please, say it's not true! In fact, it's practically confirmed; bosses say that two candidates could have the exact same qualifications, and they would favour the one who spoke using Received Pronunciation. Don't stress, for there is a solution: sign on the dole! They will probably understand your crummy accent in the Social Welfare Branch Office. Even Nina Nannar on ITV news adapted her northern accent to conform to the Queen's standard! I won't be too harsh on her; as the minute she



Congratulations!

We watched our own Michael Patterson compete last Friday night in the LEN European Water Polo Tournament. It was an amazing result for Great Britain's U19s qualified for this Summer's European championships in Minsk. This is the first time in 10 years that a British junior Men's team have qualified for the main tournament. Well done Michael and the team!

introduces herself on the telly, you're immediately tempted to carry on the tune of "Can't Get You Out of My Head" by the more famous Minogue sister. Nina Nannar is also a good example of defying another statistic; becoming successful with an unusual name. Thank you, Miss Nannar, for providing me with some hope.

However, this positive light shone on those with a posh voice does not mean that a regular speaking guy or girl cannot wriggle through and prove the stereotypes wrong. Us Northerners can be reet clever too, y'know! A survey held by the BBC in 2011, proves that non-RP speakers are considered more trustworthy and honest from the initial meeting whereas RP speakers, thought of as haughty, are guilty until proven innocent. There is also considered a stronger sense of community and togetherness in cities where it is uncommon to utilize the Standard English approach to expressing yourself; for instance, no matter whether you are Team Noel or Team Liam, you are obliged to support the Gallagher brothers solely based on the fact they are also Mancunians. Also, living in hope that one day they may reunite and have a massive concert, all accents welcome. Additionally, you are more likely to

win I'm A Celeb, if you reside in the Northern part of England. Perhaps, this is because we have fewer morals, and are willing to eat a witchety grub to win some pitiful, wooden crown: they call it foolish, we call it having pride. However, this is not to say that all people with posh accents are no good, look at Christopher Biggins, he wins every reality show he's on: Come Dine With Me, I'm A Celebrity, Big Brother...oh wait. Forget about that last one.

At the end of the day: accents and dialects are only skin deep, and do not define who you are as a person. Of course, we all have different prejudices towards different accents, just as we would towards food. Some may say that Brummies are the Brussel sprouts on the metaphorical Christmas Dinner that is Britain. No offense. Nowadays, you are exposed to a lot more accents than you were a couple of years ago due to TV and the internet, and over 78% enjoy hearing a variety of accents on a day to day basis. So be proud of where you come from, no matter where it is. Also, if you work hard enough, nothing should be a setback, let alone the way you pronounce "how now brown cow".

By Shaniqua Pearson, Year 12



Destination Success!

In March, we took all the Year 12s to the UCAS Convention in Manchester. It was a great opportunity for students to find out all about their post-18 options.

A Grand Day Out

The CISI annual Careers in Investment Management Insight Conference at AJ Bell was held in March 2018. Our students had a fantastic day researching and exploring the careers available within the finance industry. This event gave our students the opportunity to meet with Investment Management practitioners, hear about careers and future roles and network with local CISI firms such as AJ Bell, BNY Mellon, Barclays Bank and many more. Our students got to learn about apprenticeships along with graduate apprenticeships and the careers available within this exciting industry. We can't wait to go again next year!



Notices

The exam period runs from 14th May – 14th June 2018 for 6th Form students.

All students are to attend lessons until they have their AS exam.

Students should continue to attend lessons as normal if they do not have an AS in your subject.

All BTEC/Applied students should be attending lessons to complete outstanding coursework.

Year 12s will return to 6th Form on 18th June 2018.

The mock exam period for the 12s who do not have an AS in their subject will be 25th June - 29th June 2018.

Year 12s will leave 13th July 2018 and will begin their period of Work Experience on 16th July 2018.