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Sam Mendes Best Film BAFTAs 2020

Best Actress went to Renée Zellweger for her fantastic portrayal of Judy Garland in the film *Judy*. 22-year-old actor Michael Ward received the EE Rising Star Award for his performances in the Netflix drama *Top Boy* and the popular film

Blue Story. The recipient of Best Actor Joaquin Phoenix for his role as Joker in, you guessed it, *Joker* dedicated his speech to talking about the racial prejudice that people of colour face in the film industry. He said that although he was "honoured" to accept the award he felt that "so many of my fellow actors who are deserving don't have the same privilege" he went on to urge the industry to dismantle the "system of oppression"



Renée Zellweger Best Actress BAFTAs 2020

and that he wanted people to be "appreciated and respected for their work." This comes after the amount of criticism of the fact that no people of colour were nominated for the four film acting categories. The Oscar nominees list which consisted of predominantly white males also received criticism for its lack of diversity. However, even though the two main winning movies of the evening, *1917* and the Korean thriller *Parasite* were

very deserving of their awards, people couldn't help but notice that there was one movie in particular that was completely snubbed.

This was, of course, Martin Scorsese's hit film *The Irishman* starring Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Jo Pesci. Despite the film being nominated for ten awards it walked away with nothing. Similarly, *Little Women* which was nominated for five awards including Best

Adapted Screenplay and Best Film Music whilst also having the two stars of the film Saoirse Ronan and Florence Pugh (former Wychwood student) nominated for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress only walked away with Best Costume Design.



Michael Ward EE Rising Star Award BAFTAs 2020



Joaquin Phoenix as Joker



The cast of *Little Women* (from left to right) Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Saoirse Ronan, Eliza Scanlen

SCHOOLS FROM AROUND THE WORLD BANNING THE ABSURD

Katya Bellers and Caitlin Masey World

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BEST FRIENDS

Imagine hanging out with your best friend at break time but then a teacher comes over and tells you that the school has banned having best friends. The reasoning; teachers are afraid of kids being left out or when the friendship ends it could be really upsetting for children.

HUGGING

At a Northampton elementary school, students are not allowed to hug in order to teach kids about personal space. However, parents say that children need to develop social skills during their growing years and this ban may prevent the children from doing so.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Some schools in Scotland have banned children from making Father's Day cards so that kids with only a mum or two mums don't feel left out or excluded. What if some kids have no mum or have 2 dads?



A snowball fight between students has led to the banning of all snowball fights in one English school



Best friends banned in many schools worldwide

LOL AND OTHER ACRONYMS

Students in a South Yorkshire School have been banned from saying "hiya", "cheers" and "lol". The faculty apparently believe that this will teach the children to speak proper English and not be lazy.

SNOWBALL FIGHTS

In the north of England a school sent two children home after having a snowball fight. They have since banned snowball fights because they saw it as risk to the students' safety.

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATIONS

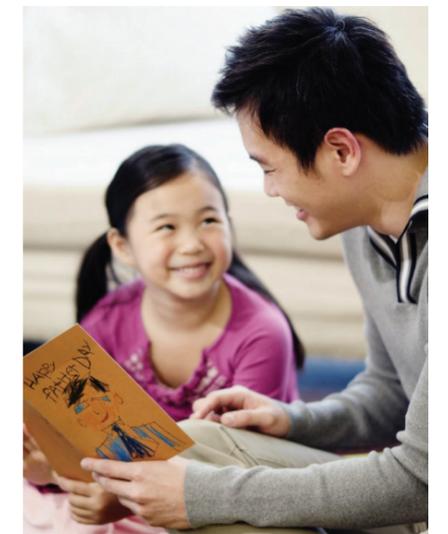
A school in Midwest England have banned birthday party invitations because they feel that it is unkind for children to hand out invitations in front of children who have not been invited.

UGG BOOTS

A school in America has banned UGG boots for one simple reason. They believe that students were hiding their mobile phones in the bottom of their boots. Now the pupils must change into trainers before entering school.

HOODIES

A Connecticut school has banned hoodies in classrooms because it's another way of kids hiding a smartphone. Kids chat on mobile messengers by hiding them in the front pocket of a hoodie.



Father's day cards banned in school

APPLE VS ANDROID

Caitlin Masey Opinion

So I'm pretty sure the longest debate in all of humanity is: "Which is better, Apple or Android?" So hopefully by the end of this article I will have helped you decide which side you're on...

HERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS AND QUESTIONS:

WHICH IS MORE EXPENSIVE?

iPhone owners tend to spend slightly more on their mobile phones than people who buy Android, according to new data from the Consumer Intelligence Research Partners (CIRP). Although Apple is more expensive, they do tend to have better storage and better cameras.

WINNER: APPLE

WHICH HAS MORE ABILITIES?

In terms of which has more apps, Android has 500,000 more apps than Apple, having a total of 5.7 million apps available on their Play Store which means that Apple have 5.2 million apps available on the App Store. Android can also connect to other devices that aren't made by Android, whereas Apple devices can only connect to other Apple devices such as MacBook and Apple Watches.

WINNER: ANDROID

WHICH ONE LASTS LONGER?

Reports have shown that after a year, iPhones retain around 15% more value than Samsung phones. Apple still supports older phones like the iPhone 6s, which will be updated to iOS 13.1 giving them a higher resale value. However, older Android phones, like the Samsung

Galaxy S6, don't get the newest versions of Android.

WINNER: APPLE

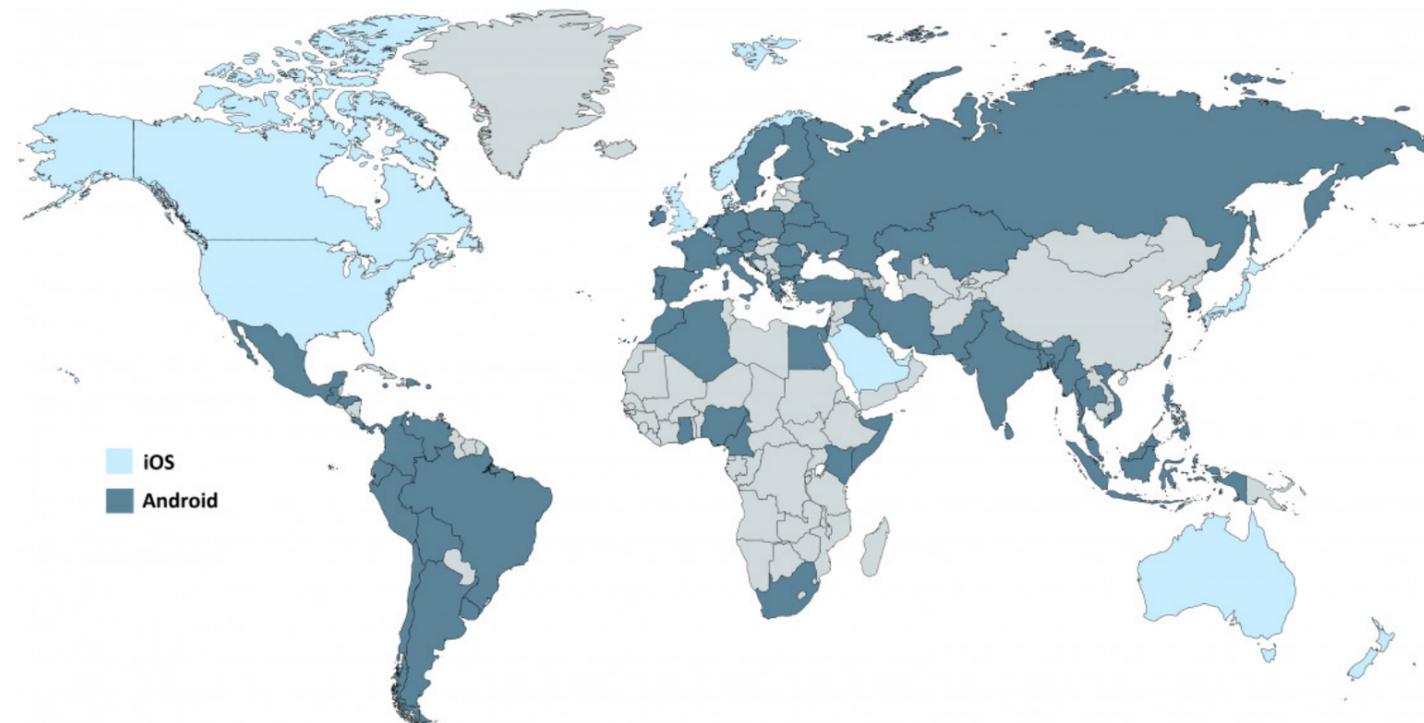
In conclusion, Apple is victorious but I'm pretty sure this debate will go on for many, many, MANY more years. Personally I would buy Apple but everyone is entitled to their own opinions! Hopefully this has helped you to decide which side you're on in this debate.



Price gap between iOS and android widens: average selling price of iOS and Android smartphones worldwide



Toilet texters



Countries dominated by either Apple (iOS) or Android



The ruthless rivalry between Coke and Pepsi

PEPSI VS COKE

Tillie Cooke Opinion

The Coca-Cola Company and PepsiCo are the two biggest soft drink companies in the world. They have been rivals for over a century and are constantly trying to outdo each other to be the number one cola.

Pepsi's most recent advertisement features a taste test against another unnamed brand which is quite clearly a thinly veiled Coca-Cola. The taste test reveals that Pepsi is the winner, however of course this is scripted since the test taste is a calculated Pepsi advertisement.

Although, Pepsi is designed to perform very well in taste tests due to the sudden burst of flavour in the first sip. The sweetness of Pepsi is the big advantage over Coca-Cola in taste tests. Pepsi contains more caffeine, sugar and calories than its competitor thus making Pepsi the sweeter beverage and creating that sudden burst of flavour. The more subtle Coca-Cola is reported to taste better in larger quantities than those of taste tests. I personally prefer Coca-Cola over Pepsi because I don't like the syrupy

taste of Pepsi.

Both PepsiCo and The Coca-Cola Company now sell more than just cola. PepsiCo is winning in categories such as water, juice and iced coffee. However, in terms of which cola remains most popular: Coke wins every time. Coke is the number one selling soft drink in the world. The Coca-Cola Company dominates approximately 18% of the market share among soft drinks. Coca-Cola is easily one of the most recognisable brands in the world with seemingly endless marketing potential and contracts with many global giants such as McDonald's. Pepsi remains at number two. Diet Coke is number three and Mountain Dew comes in at fourth.

In regular quantities rather than mere sips, the better tasting cola would most likely be Coca-Cola because it is designed to have a better taste when consumed gradually in a regular amount. The reason Pepsi may do better in taste tests is because of its sweeter, more sudden flavour.

5 MUST-SEE NETFLIX SHOWS

Hannah Burton Entertainment

STRANGER THINGS

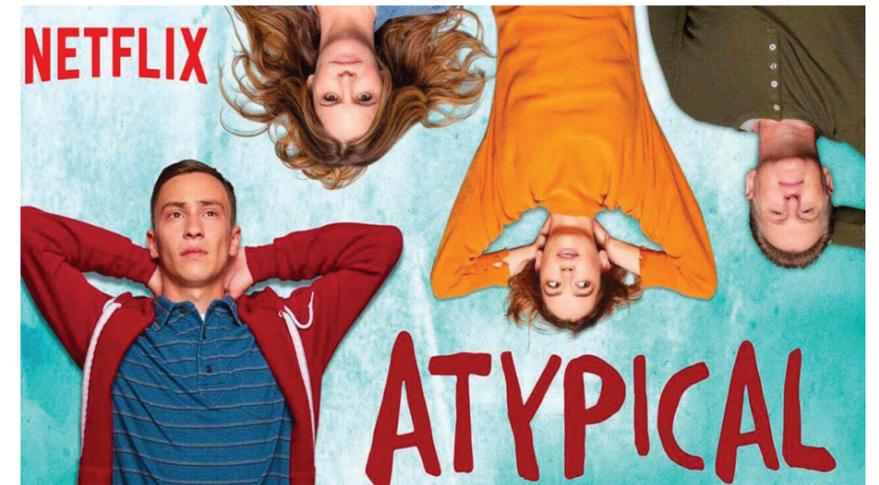
Netflix's nostalgic sci-fi is a hit for most ages. *Stranger Things* is set in Hawkins, USA, in 1985. The story follows a group of awkward teens as they become unwillingly tangled in a Russian science experiment. A dark force is looming over Hawkins as citizens find themselves under the influence of a strange presence, and some, even fall into a mysterious, alternate dimension, known as the Upside Down. This three season lineup will certainly keep you on the edge of your seat.



Stranger Things Netflix

RIVERDALE

Based on the original Archie comics, *Riverdale* is an American series revolving around the lives of a group of friends as they face daily problems... and a few cases of man-slaughter (as you do). With a cast consisting of Lili Reinhart, KJ Apa, Cole Sprouse and Camilla Mendes, *Riverdale* were bound to be a hit from the start. Fans were delighted to hear that season five has just been renewed to continue their viewing obsession.



Atypical Netflix

ATYPICAL

This coming-of-age television series focuses on the life of 18 year old Sam Gardener, who is on the autism spectrum. The first season received mostly positive reviews but some negative feedback for the lack of autistic accuracies and autistic actors. However, the second season features many more accurate depictions of the autistic spectrum and new autistic actors and writers. The third season develops even further and has generated outstanding reviews. This heart-warming series deserves its extraordinary praise and is definitely worth a watch.

CHILLING ADVENTURES OF SABRINA

Chilling Adventures of Sabrina is Netflix's newest supernatural horror series. Like *Riverdale*, *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* is based on an Archie comic book series of the same name. Sabrina Spellman is facing the challenges of high school. Oh, and the fact that she's half witch, half mortal (duh). Once she turns 16, Sabrina must claim her witch ancestry through her dark baptism and pledge her loyalty to "The Dark Lord" (Satan). The increasingly strong power of this young witch is sought after by The Dark Lord as



Chilling Adventures of Sabrina Netflix

he plans to use her for his evil bidding. Sabrina must battle her way through both the human and the witching world. She is forced to make difficult decisions along the way, with consequences not far from doom. Fans of *Riverdale* are sure to also enjoy *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* as they are part of the same universe. This show is funny, spooky and full-of-attitude and a great watch for teens and young adults alike.



Riverdale Netflix

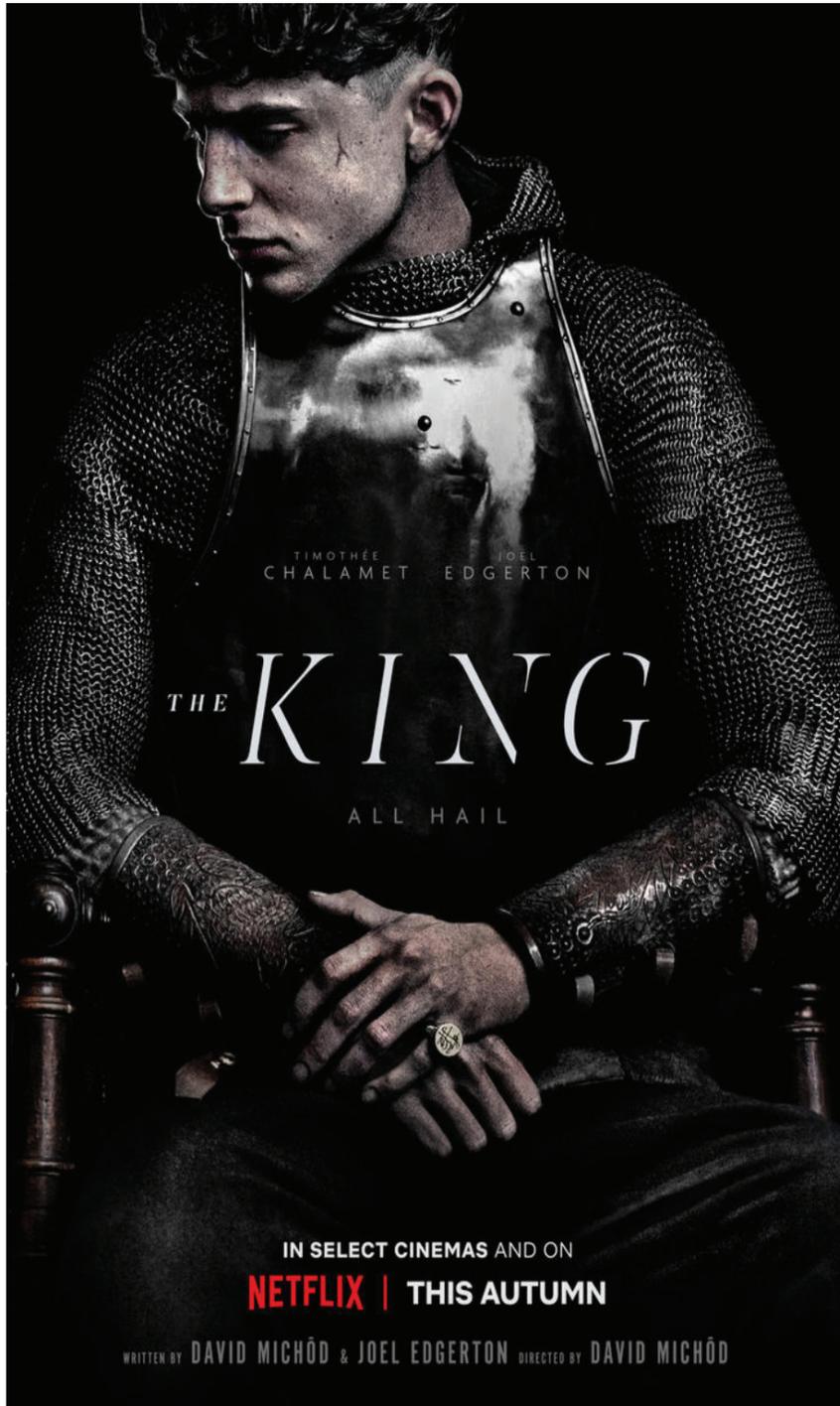
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The Netflix film retells Henry V's occupation of French territory. However, many history critics and academics have criticised the film for its historical inaccuracies. While Timothée Chalamet's performance received high praise, Robert Pattinson's over the top old French accent has been met with mixed reviews. Many think Pattinson's accent mocked and stereotyped the French accent whereas some applauded it, for example his French speaking co-stars congratulated Pattinson.

The costume design was very accurate to the time period and the general special effects were also tasteful and accurate leaving less opportunity for historical inaccuracies. The film begins as Henry IV summons his son to his deathbed to tell him he is a disappointment and despite being the eldest son Henry V will not fulfill his kingly duty. The throne is to be passed onto his brother because of Henry V's fondness for alcohol and disinterest in war. The film unfolds as Henry V is crowned and is plunged into a world of conflict and political espionage. Lily-Rose Depp's appearance in the film is unusually short for her to be included in



Promotional Poster for *The King*

the main cast however this was possibly for marketing purposes to boost the film's box-office revenues and popularity. Regardless, her performance in *The King* is powerful and riveting delivered with a

great sense of emotion. Regardless of the possible historical inaccuracies, *The King* stands as an dramatic, thrilling, interesting and gripping film with naturalistic acting and fantastic sets and costumes.



Timothée Chalamet as Henry V



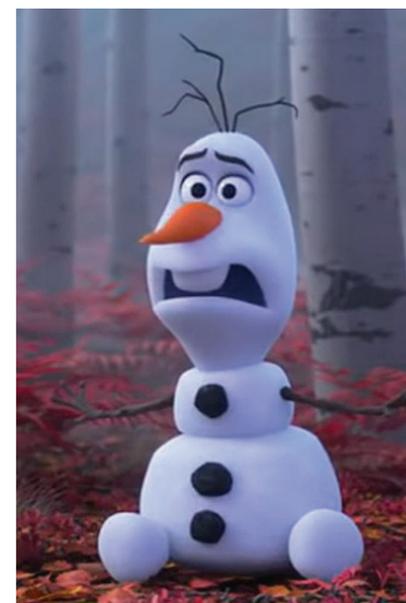
Robert Pattinson as The Dauphin



Lily-Rose Depp as Chatherine, Timothée Chalamet as Henry V

FROZEN II

Tillie Cooke Entertainment



Olaf *Frozen II*

Frozen II is a huge success according to Disney fans with its record-breaking trailer raking in over 60 million views on YouTube. The film is about two sisters who go through separation, trauma and death to uncover the truth about their parents and home. Only then do they find out that in order to do the right thing, they have to destroy the one thing they have fought to protect.

Anna, Elsa, Christof, Sven and Olaf all travel to enchanted woods after waking the four angry spirits; fire, water, earth and air. They do this after Arrandale

is attacked by the spirits air and earth.

I would personally rate *Frozen 2*, a 10/10 because the songs are incredibly powerful and catchy whilst still having a moving storyline. However, a few critics disagree because they think Elsa was less emotionally present than in the original *Frozen*. I personally don't agree because Elsa was very emotive as the whole storyline revolves around her emotional journey. As always, Olaf the snowman is hilarious and steals the show. *Frozen II* is an amazing sequel, however, the original *Frozen* is simply unbeatable.

HOROSCOPES

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PISCES

FEBRUARY 19TH – MARCH 20TH

Consciously realize that you're someone unique and special. Remember this throughout the entire month and let your actions reflect this declaration. There's a rather distinct intensity to the month that might cause others to be on edge, so don't be disrupted if there is an element of "freaking out" in your world. The good news is you should be able to handle this blast of emotion easily because emotions are your forte!

October 23rd – November 21st
SCORPIO

November 22nd – December 21st
SAGITTARIUS

December 22nd – January 19th
CAPRICORN



WHICH STAR SIGN ARE YOU?

January 20th – February 18th
AQUARIUS

February 19th – March 20th
PISCES

March 21st – April 19th
ARIES

April 20th – May 20th
TAURUS

May 21st – June 20th
GEMINI

June 21st – July 22nd
CANCER

July 23rd – August 22nd
LEO

August 23rd – September 22nd
VIRGO

September 23rd – October 22nd
LIBRA

THE NEW CLUBS OF WYCHWOOD

Natalie Dickinson News

THE BRANCH: Wychwood's student newspaper. This isn't really a new club, as it was created in 2018 over the summer. However, there is exciting change as we have a new gap supervising, Miss Werger who has studied two university degrees one in German literature, and another in English publishing. We only have 4 members, so we need some new recruits! Join today to review, investigate, edit, write, interview, design and take photos, become a journalist today! Every Monday, first prep. Please contact Lily or Mabel at lily.forster@wychwoodschoool.org

FOOTBALL CLUB: This year, we have a new football club! Coaches; Mr Dickinson and Mr Boland are football experts. At

this club, we practise football to hone our skills or learn from scratch!

DISNEY CLUB: Come one, come all, to analyse and watch Disney movies! Here you get to learn cool facts about Disney movies that you probably never knew! This club is run by Miss McCutcheon.

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