

# Alexandria News

## Christmas at last

Well it's been a busy term for us in Alexandria; we've been hard at work selling over 100 Chocolate Santas and hand delivering them and doing our Raffle in aid of our chosen Charity Teenage Cancer Trust.



### Special points of interest:

- 4th January - Term starts
- 9th January - Y 11 Parents evening
- 12th-16th Feb - Half term

## Our highlights of the term

- Snow – something we hadn't seen in a while and gets everyone in the Christmas spirit
- Fireworks on the Hill – a really fun event for everyone
- Christmas Show – lots of Alexandria students on stage singing their hearts out

## Seven tips for Year 7s - from Year 11s who know

Advice column: Hannah, Year 11

1. If the first buzzer goes you do have time to make it to class without running without getting a detention.
2. Don't wear big backpacks. You don't need to bring all your books everyday.
3. BE A YEAR SEVEN- try and fit in with your year though it's also nice to make friends with the older years in your tutor group
4. Try hard in tests and with your work but remember not to stress out because it's only your first year
5. Make an effort to go to extracurricular activities e.g sports clubs: when you are in the higher years you have to spend more time revising and doing homework so may not have the same opportunities
6. Keep all your books and notes you do as they will build up over the years and will prevent you having to start from the basics every time.
7. Don't be too stressed out about friendship groups as they will change over the years and as you go through the school you *will* find the right people.



## Overhead @ Fortismere

Comedy editor: Amy, Year 11.

In Maths : 'I'm confused because it made sense'

'My pet squid's inky'

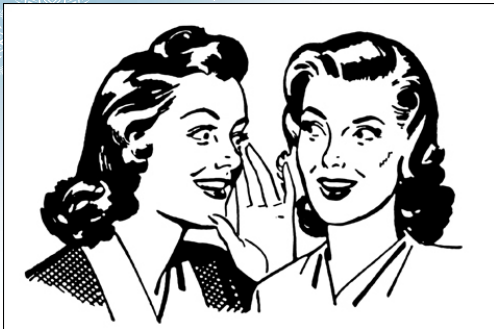
'Your pens skinny I think it needs some food'

'I don't care about your fluffy toenail!'

'Hygiene is optional, right?'

'I wanna quit school and live in the wilderness'

'Don't call me 'boss man', I don't work in no chicken shop'



## Album Review: REPUTATION by Taylor Swift

Music editor: Pixie-Lou, Year 8.

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Taylor Swift is one of the world's leading contemporary singer/songwriters and has recorded over 10 albums since 2006. She is also the third richest woman in the music industry earning a whopping \$44,000,000 last year alone.

Now, the big question that everyone's been asking is 'Does Reputation (already the best-selling album in 2017 even though it was only released last month) signify the end of her teeny-pop/country style and the beginning of an era in darker, more grown-up pop?'

In the video for 'Look what you made me do'

Taylor Swift comes out of a grave zombie-like and struts around in thigh-length boots which is definitely a departure from her previous high-school dating scenarios. The video has caused some controversy with her arch-rival Kim Kardashian claiming that Taylor is making fun of her Paris robbery ordeal by sitting in a bath full of jewels.

The video for 'Ready for it' which came out just before the album has already had over 132 million views on Youtube. The song and video are quite confusing and the main idea seems to be the battle between

Taylor's reputation and her new self. In the video Taylor is seen rapping (or trying to), stuck in a box naked, and having her face blasted off – you make of it what you will.

Reputation is more interesting than Taylor Swift's usual music but is it really a new Taylor and a new style or just a gimmick to sell her latest album? Whilst this question may not be as important as dealing with Brexit, Donald Trump or wage cuts it is one that will keep Swifties interested for a long time to come...

# Year Group Fashion Starter Packs

Fashion editor: Merle Year 11

## Year 7



## Year 8



## Year 9



## Year 10



## Year 11



