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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

I'm sure that all the teachers tell you to read more to gain “knowledge outside of the textbooks”. However, how many of you actually do that? To help all of you, we have chosen to write about Strange Things – no, not the TV series but the strange things in our daily lives. Each featured article is dedicated to explaining the weird things around us like the Deep Web or the Mandala Effect or even some uncommon facts.

I do not think that learning these strange things will help you to pass tests. But who knows? Maybe the teacher will ask you about some Japanese AI youtubers? Maybe not... Nonetheless, I am certain that you can use the knowledge to brag to your friends because I have.

So, enjoy reading the 86th volume of Our Ladian and stay weird.

Yours truly,

Fabiola Tsang

Chief Editor of the School Press Team



Conspiracy Theories - Are They Really True?

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First of all, what is a conspiracy theory? According to Merriam-Webster, it means a theory that explains an event as the result of a secret plot, usually by powerful conspirators. So, basically, these conspiracy theorists believe that nothing happens by accident, nothing is as it seems and everything is connected.

Most people consider these conspiracy theories absurd or impossible. However, many find it extremely entertaining. However, you are warned not to take them seriously as they are just theories which means that they may not be true. The last thing the world needs is more crazy conspiracy theorists. Without further ado, the following are some fascinating examples of some of the conspiracy theories.

The “Fake” Early Moon Landings

Some have claimed that the early moon landings of NASA (USA) are all fake! When the Soviets landed on the moon, it concerned a lot of Americans. Naturally, the US government had to intervene to calm the public down. Therefore, a “moon landing” was staged in NASA to reassure the US citizens that their government is capable of space travel.

The first moon landing of NASA is called the Apollo 11. When the astronauts landed on the moon, they put a flag on the moon and the Apollo 11 did just that. The pictures, however, show otherwise. The Apollo 11’s flag is missing from the recent satellite photos. NASA has explained that it was “blown off” when the Apollo 11 rocket took off. Strange, right?





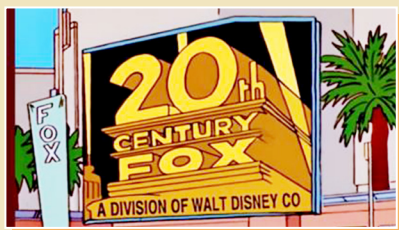
The Simpsons “Predicts” the Future

The most famous one yet is the prediction of Trump’s presidency and the states that elected Trump as president. The accuracy is highly suspicious. However, one can argue that Trump got the idea to run for president from the Simpsons.



But this is not the only thing they predicted correctly. They predicted that 20th Century Fox (the movie company) was acquired by Disney 19 years ago. The show also foretold a Nobel Prize finalist!

How can a cartoon predict this? Some have said that it is the government giving us “glimpses of the future” through the Simpsons. This is rather ridiculous though as the Simpsons are known to joke about the current social events. Plus, the “predictions” actually are patterns of reality. How so?



Take the acquisition of 20th Century Fox. It is universally known that Disney is known to acquire other companies, like Marvel, Lucasfilm (Star Wars). Moreover, Fox was experiencing some financial crisis. So, it would be logical that they would acquire 20th Century Fox as well.

America Has “Weather Weapons”

While researching for this article, I came across one ridiculous theory. A conspiracy theorist named Alex Jones claimed that the American government has “weather weapons” and added that the tornadoes and floods which occurred in America are all created by the government.

However, this theory is immediately dismissed by the public as tornadoes and floods are actually a natural phenomenon. Yet, Alex has insisted that they may have been orchestrated by the government, which he said “can create and steer groups of tornadoes”.



Conspiracy Theories That are True

There are not a lot as most of them are quite insane. But one stood out to me as the craziest that became true.



Most of us are not so familiar with the Vietnam War. However, one does not need to delve deep into the history behind the war to understand this theory. North Vietnam and South Vietnam started a war and America decided to join South Vietnam in the war because America needs to be involved with everything.

The whole science behind this war is extremely complicated.

Anyway, around 10 years into the war, the Americans started to lose their hope of winning the war. Thus, President Johnson devised a plan – to fake the sinking of an American ship, and blame it on North Vietnam. This happened in an area called “the Gulf of Tonkin”. This news created great support among the American public, and gave more power to the US military. For years, people have been speculating that the US government has fabricated this incident.

Then the conspiracy theorists’ dreams came true. In 2005, the US government confirmed that there, in fact, was no Gulf of Tonkin.

This gave hope to many conspiracy theorists that their theories might be true. However, there are so many theories that are so ridiculous that it is absurd to even write them down. Like, the Beatles never existed or the Earth is flat or that Hitler is still alive or the moon does not exist.

The Reality

Even though there are some chances that these theories may be true, but we shouldn’t blindly support them. It is strongly advised that you do your research behind the theory before supporting it. You may be one of the flat-Earthers if you do not research thoroughly.



Is it the Mandela Effect or Just False Memory?

Moni Fok 5A

Have you ever been affected by the phenomenon called the Mandela Effect? I bet most of you have heard of this term, but do you know what exactly it is?

What is the Mandela Effect?

The Mandela Effect refers to a group of people's memories concerning a certain event being contradictory to reality and to other people's memories.

This can be explained by parallel universes. It is very difficult for those affected by the Mandela Effect to prove that their version is really true. They can only rely on their own memories and other sources based on the event.

Why is it named as the Mandela effect?



The Mandela Effect is named after Nelson Mandela, the South African statesman and civil rights activist. When he died in 2013, news of his death stirred up some surprising - and mysterious - memories. People around the world reported that they remembered hearing of his death decades earlier, in the 1980s. Some even vividly recalled watching his funeral on television.

Maybe you would like to learn more about this term. Here are some examples:



Next Year Today (明年今日)

Next Year Today, a song by Eason Chan is one of the most well-known songs in the Cantopop music industry. There's a controversial line thought to be affected by the Mandela Effect.

“永遠在床上發夢 (*Dreaming on the bed forever*)”

This is the original lyric of the song. But many people have suggested that it should be:

“永遠在床上發呆 (*Being in a daze on the bed forever*)”.

What do you think? Which side are you on?

KitKat vs Kit-Kat



Originally, the dash between 'Kit' and 'Kat' was to represent a cake placed in the middle. Over time, the dash is no longer there. Many customers claimed that it used to be there. However, a YouTube video showed otherwise. This false memory is confusing us every day.



The Mandela Effect Could be Unreliable

Even though the Mandela Effect sounds convincing, there are still many comments opposing its existence.

One example is the event which gave the phenomenon its name, the Mandela incident itself – there is solid proof that Mandela was out of jail in 1988, and was a president of South Africa in 1990. He cannot possibly have died in 1980.

Maybe It's All Just False Memory?

If you look up the term online, you will find most sites already stating that “the Mandela Effect” is a kind of “False memory”. What differs is that “the Mandela Effect” supports the existence of parallel universes. However, “false memory” is just claiming all the theories and proofs you’ve just read are all nonsense, and just your brain’s fault.

So, what do you think? Is the Mandela Effect real? Or is it just a case of false memory? Or are there really parallel universes? The debate continues!



5B 何咏淇

不知道大家在空閒的課餘時間、家中悶得「發霉」之時，會不會拿起你的智能手機，然後點擊那紅色播放器頭像的應用程式「YouTube」來觀看影片消磨時間呢？在大家眼中，哪位 Youtuber 的影片尤其吸引你訂閱和追蹤呢？今天，讓我要為大家介紹一下擁有着幾十萬訂閱者的「YouTube 界名人」給大家，名為「虛擬 Youtuber」。

虛擬 Youtuber 又稱為「VTuber」，指的是利用電腦製作出動畫角色，透過動作捕捉感測器來擷取實際人物的表情及動作，然後套用到 3D 模型上。並加上真人的配音，以架空的虛擬角色，成為富有形象的影片創片者。簡單來說，她們的影片是 3D 動畫片，而這些動畫中的角色 VTuber 就像真人一樣，會談心、會主持討論、答覆問題、進行遊戲實況等，甚至她們會進行一些跟真人 youtuber 無異的活動，例如和粉絲進行互動、回答留言欄位中的問題、進行直播等等。說起「VTuber」，那就不得不能提及來自日本的「人工智障」絆愛和「哈姆太郎」輝夜月這兩個人氣 VTuber 了。

「人工智能」？「人工智障」！

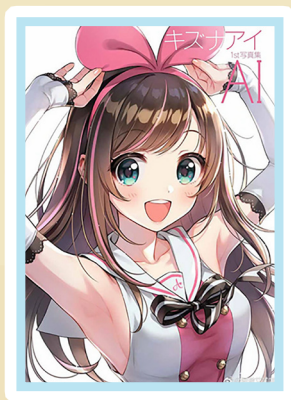


絆愛（Kizuna Ai）是公認的第一個 VTuber。她擁有著一把滑順長直、具未來感的粉紅色漸層染髮、宛如寶石般閃耀的湖水綠色眼睛；而頭上那粉紅色呈心形樣貌蝴蝶髮飾便是她的象徵，對應了名稱中的「愛」字。看上去就是一位可愛的少女。



虛擬 YouTuber 絆愛

由於影片的風格均是走幽默搞怪的路線，因此絆愛在影片中經常作出奇怪的表現。會在影片裏做出種種豐富的面部表情，眼神十分鬼異、面容不時扭曲的。加上她很容易受「刺激」，並會立即作出十分大的反應，這些充滿喜感的動作為影片增添不少的樂趣，甚至令觀眾笑至滾地呢！所以她能夠吸納不少來自世界各地的粉絲。



寫真集《キズナアイ 1st 写真集 AI》封面



絆愛常常自信的自稱自己為「賢惠的超級人工智能」，還堅信著自己的智力和體力高於普通人。為證明這一個「事實」，她製作了一則體力測試影片，向觀眾展示她的「高強體能」。在「原地跳高」的測試項目當中，她聲稱自己能超過健力士紀錄的122cm，跳至200m高。結果經過多次嘗試後仍跳不起來，還以「可能（觀眾們）只是看錯了」和反問「為什麼把這個項目加進來」作理由，替自己找台階下！她那好勝心強、傻氣滿滿又笨手笨腳的樣子，不禁令觀眾發笑，替她封上了「人工智障」的尊稱。



絆愛的搞怪表情

除了日常的影片以外，絆愛亦有遊戲實況和歌曲翻唱的影片。雖然她只是一名虛擬人物，但她進行遊戲實況時，亦跟其他的遊戲實況主一樣，遊玩時會一邊遊玩着遊戲，一邊評論和猜測着遊戲的內容。若在玩恐怖遊戲中被突如其來的事物嚇到，她便会露出嚇怕了的表情，立刻抱頭大不斷叫著「啊啊啊」、「好恐怖」。那誇張的反應真的使人不禁使人捧腹大笑起來啊！絆愛亦會翻唱一些著名的歌曲，她的歌唱技術高超，猶如天籟之音。

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「脖子被掐的哈姆太郎」！

另一位知名的 VTuber 便是非輝夜月 (Kaguya Luna) 莫屬了！輝夜月擁有著一把銀白色的頭髮，髮型為日本隨處可見的微卷雙馬尾，一雙碧藍色的貓眼睛炯炯有神似的。頭上的那雙貓耳和似遊戲手掣的髮夾是為她的特徵。影片內容大部分為輕鬆搞笑的日常清談短片，偶爾也會有一些較短的遊戲實況。



演唱會宣傳圖



畫師 Mika Pikazo 幫輝夜月畫的圖

輝夜月的最大特色為有著異常高昂的情緒及獨特的說話方式。每當她張開嘴巴說話的時候，總是似要按捺不住高漲的情緒般，十分興奮激動的吵鬧起來。於是觀眾對她那「天然瘋」的形象便留下了深刻印象，為她冠上了「脖子被掐



哈姆太郎」的名號。正因為她這把聲音和說話方式，能夠為觀眾帶給來無限的歡樂；而且這吵鬧的性格與她柔弱可愛的外表造成了極大的反差，令她的形象和性格更加鮮明突出。



會計妹

本土製作的 VTuber ?

當然，除了日本的 VTuber 以外，我們香港也有著「自家製作」的本土 Vtuber 呢。想必同學們從電視廣告上也略有聽聞過她的名字——「會計妹」。同學可能對她那一身紅色的連身裙、雪白的外套，左手持著印有標楷體大紅字「會計」的黃色快勞和富有個人風格的向外捲曲的短髮的形象並不陌生，但未必知悉她另一個身份——VTuber。



會計妹健身操教學



由於會計妹創作的意念本來是為【會計妹集團】企業公司的品牌頭像，所以她初期的影片內容主要是為其企業公司推廣及宣傳。到後來才推出了其他類別的影片，包括日常生活話題、健身操教學的影片。其中健身操的教學為會計妹的特色之作。在影片中，會計妹的口雖則在動；但影片則沒有聲音的，故此觀眾只是透過附帶英文字幕和流暢清晰的動作輕鬆地學習健身運動。

無論是 youtuber 抑或是 Vtuber，他們都具有相同的目的和特色，為我們帶來了豐富的資訊和訊息，以及作娛樂消閒之用。坐言不如起行，大家平時觀看真人 YouTube 時，不妨也嘗試搜尋和觀看一下 VTuber 的影片，可能你也會被她們的魅力深深吸引著呢！



陌生的網絡世界

5A 黃凱汶

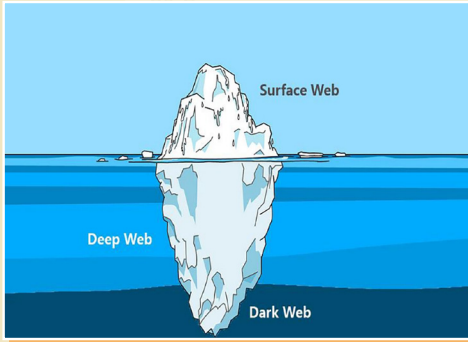
互聯網 (Internet) 一詞便於世界上 1996 年被廣泛使用，其出現大大收窄了人與人之間的距離，讓資訊極速在世界各地流通。然而，基於惰性，互聯網局限了人類接收資訊的來源，人們的空間思維從而被大幅度壓縮。

網絡上的資訊看似一應俱全，有來自不同國家、不同媒體、不同網站的資訊，但你從網絡上接收到的資訊真的如此可靠，如此全面嗎？筆者能肯定地告訴你一絕非如此。

隨著網絡的發展與進步，互聯網漸漸分支為「表層網絡」（即光明網絡、明網）、「深層網絡」、「黑暗網絡」和「影子網絡」等等。這些不同層面的網絡導致部分資訊未能讓大眾簡單直接地存取，也正正形成「深網」、「暗網」、「影子網絡」。

我們遊走於網絡世界的何處？

互聯網與手機結合，上網已經變成了人們的基本日常。我們一般人取得資訊，大部分都只能使用表層網絡，一些網站例如：google、yahoo、Wikipedia 等等，就是表層網絡，但你有否想過，除了這些社交平台外，還有許多被隱藏的網站？這裏所指的隱藏網站是即使我們使用「google 大神」也無法尋找到的。情況就有如上圖，透過一般的搜



尋引擎，如 google、firefox，我們只能接觸到 4% 的表層網絡 (surface web)，你所獲得的資訊也就只僅僅限於冰山一角。雖然「明網」的透明度極高，但這並非完美無瑕，因為這同時增加了個人私隱外洩的風險。

我們無法接觸深層網絡嗎？

有看 Q1 的您，可能以為普通人就只能存取明網，但深層網絡並非遙不可及的。深網的資料泛指一些不能被普通搜索引擎索引的網絡資料，簡單來說，銀行機密資料、軍事機密、你我的私人電郵，皆屬於深網的內容。生活中，我們都只會稱呼這些為「私人網站」，而「深網」只是並非為人所知的別名。

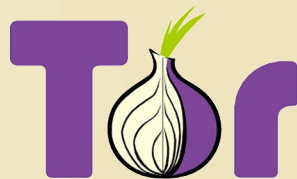
我們未能使用普通的瀏覽器直接進入這種連接，因此「在搜索引擎裏面搜索不到的網頁，就幾乎可以被認為不存在了」這種想法是絕對錯誤的。你未能存取連接，只是因為你不被允許內進瀏覽，卻不能因此否定相關網頁的存在。要造訪深網 / 暗網，特別的瀏覽器是必需品，最為常見的是 TOR 洋蔥瀏覽器。



什麼是 TOR ？

TOR 是 The Onion Router 的縮寫，其設計原意在於保障用戶的個人私隱，以及不受監控地進行秘密通訊的自由和能力。惟有些利圖謀不軌的 Tor 用戶利用可以匿名地瀏覽在線網站、聊天和發送即時資訊的優勢，把 Tor 應用於非法

目的上。，例如犯罪企業、黑客行動、詐騙、泄密等，當中大部分都涉及金錢交易。如你使用 TOR 只為了可以瀏覽正常網站，如 YouTube 等，筆者並不同意你這樣做，因為使用 TOR 大大增加你誤入暗網 (多為不法網站) 的機會 。



TorProject.org

為什麼有深網的出現？

你若想要存取深層網絡的資料，就必須要取得限權或者相應的破解碼。深網一詞的概念是，不能被搜索引擎索引的頁面，就是在水面之下的深層網絡。這種「隱形」效果在保障資料和加密一些機密資料上，是有一定價值的。除了軍事、金融紀錄等，還有一些與日常生活密切相關的功能，例如我們日常使的社交媒體中的私人對話紀錄、要求登入才可造訪的鏈接、郵件， 以上所述的種種，皆是深網的範圍。



原來我們都有使用深網技術，那有什麼好怕的？

以上這樣解釋好像把深網說得不是怎麼一回事，但筆者必須澄清，深網非僅如此。深網創造者的原意是不想人人都可以能夠輕易地取得訊息。然而世界不是完美的，總有人性扭曲的人類。假設你在深網搜尋一些敏感字眼，你就很可能已經誤入暗網，無意中造訪不法分子的網站，隨時被不法分子攻擊你的電腦、盜取你的個人資料，甚至能夠存取您的位置。暗網陷阱處處，你永遠都無法知道自己何時墮入圈套。

暗網是什麼？怎麼區分深網和暗網？

其實本來並沒有二者之分，兩者都是在表網以外的訊息。然而，後來不法分子利用了這些隱形的網路世界，才產生了所謂的暗網。

罪案可包括：匿名誹謗、洩露政府敏感資訊、上下載侵權作品、分發非法色情內容、人口販賣、販賣受管制藥物、武器及被盜的信用卡號碼、洗黑錢、銀行詐騙、信用卡詐騙、身份詐騙、假幣兌換等等，多不勝數。

犯案者如何在網上進行金錢交易？

相信大家都聽過 Bitcoin 一詞，中文即是比特幣，是加密貨幣的一種，但任何人都可以使用，是個不受政府監管和控制的貨幣。這種虛擬貨幣的應用範圍甚廣，深網 / 暗網也是其中一部份，但價格十分高昂，以港幣為例，需要最少六萬元才換到一個 bitcoin。





Bitcoin 的創始人——聰本中採用了密碼控制的技術，用於控制貨幣的流通及生存，由於它沒有中央的發行機構，比特幣不會受到人為因素影響其價值。事實上，這也成就不法人士的犯罪温床越來越大。

大家如果對暗網或一些世界的禁忌議題感興趣，筆者並不建議你親身去造訪暗網，我們未必具備相關專業的技術去瀏覽這些危機四伏的網絡。筆者建議大家可以先行參閱恐懼鳥的作品（掃描 QRcode），率先了解自己對暗網世界的接受程度。





4C 黃碧嵐

什麼？！瀏覽社交媒體，手指一直向上撥動已經撥到沒什麼好看？
那你可要看看以下介紹的 Instagram 專頁了！以下是一些冷知識——你知道嗎？

「你知道嗎？」

其實，這個專頁是以「你知道嗎？」這一句作為每一個帖文的開首。
帖文中那些看似無用，但又富趣味性的「冷知識」，之所以能夠引起我們閱讀下去的興趣，原因是我們能從中得悉日常生活中較少留意或忽略了的情況和現象。

這個專頁均以生動有趣、短篇的方式介紹各式各樣的冷知識。內容淺白，容易讀懂，段落分明。故十分成功在這個「速食文化」的世代中「脫穎而出」。



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「你知道嗎？同一個字看久了就會不認得它喔。」

同一個字看久了就不認得的現象真有其事，又被叫做完型崩壞或者語意飽和。

目前並沒有專門的研究佐證背後原因，比較可能的解釋是，人在持續受到刺激後，神經活動會受到抑制，注意力不再集中，進而破壞了對文字的整體認知，是你突然對那個字感到既熟悉又陌生。



「你知道嗎？人類天生就無法避免雙重標準喔。」

心理學的認知失調說明了這個現象。任何人心目中，都有一套用來理解世界的信念。每當遇到和信念矛盾的事實時，我們本能上不會先懷疑自己的信念出了問題，而是死命去找別的證據或理由，來否定這個事實。

這種為了支撐一貫信仰，堅定既有立場，而專挑對自己有利的證據來講的現象又稱作「確認偏誤」或「動機性推理」。

而當你選擇性地去解釋同一類事實時，看在別人眼裡，自然形成了雙重標準。



在 Beginneros 這專頁裡會有「說穿了系列」，提到大大小小的議題，並列出正反方的意見。使同學能瞭解一些事實議題，從中加強批判性思考。這個專頁有較深入的定義和解釋。其中「這個知識不太冷」這個系列就曾做過「FOMO」這個嶄新的潮語定義，或者是「樽裝水會過期嗎？」這些在我們生活中可能會感到疑惑的問題，這個專頁是每一天都會更新，我們可以每天「學習更多」呢！



「說穿了，強制器官捐贈是資產盜竊」你同意嗎？

自願器官捐贈在香港的實施不如理想，有建議立法將先行自願捐贈改為預設默許捐贈，如死者沒有表示反對捐贈，法律上將認為死後願意捐出器官。

你同意強制器官捐贈嗎？



「手指皺紋的原因——為什麼碰水太久手指變皺紋？」

手指變皺的原因是一種生理上的條件反射，有助人類在溼滑的地方更容易捉緊物件表面，作用就好像輪胎上的紋理。同時，坑紋能夠引導水流，形成一條條分水嶺，就如一個排水系統一樣。

同學不妨透過閱讀這些
「冷知識增長站」，增廣
一下見聞！





台灣交流團

3A 尹衍穎

各位同學還記得本年中四同學的台灣交流團嗎？相信各位同學對本次旅程也感到十分好奇，我們一起揭開本次旅程的神秘面紗吧！

是次交流團的活動目的是希望青年學生透過服務與被服務、由體驗到思維轉化為行動去積極面對生命、關懷身邊的事物等等，讓青少年自己成為生命的領袖。所以在揀選學生方面，其標準為願意服務人群的學生。老師們分別在紅十字會、班會幹事、學生會中，揀選一些符合資格的同学參加。並希望同學回港後能成為推動者，發揮所學，感染他人。

我們訪問了幾位交流團的參加者，以下是訪問的內容。

1. 交流團期間舉行了什麼活動？

第一晚我們要準備晚會，而晚會中我們要負責進行表演，其後便有祈禱的儀式。而第二天我們要聯同台灣學生進行團隊活動。活動的內容十分緊張刺激的，我們都要挑戰自己，做一些我們認為自己做不到的事情，例如爬樹、過紅外線陣等。

2. 在是次台灣之旅有什麼特別難忘或印象深刻的事情？



同學 A：在第二晚舉行的「台上 1 分鐘」，最為難忘。當日，整個營隊一共 80 多位青年人也要在台上演講 1 分鐘。我認為這個機會是十分難得的。因為平日我們並沒有什麼機會能在其他人面前演講，加上我們並不能用自己的母語來作演講，十分具有挑戰性，亦讓我們增加自信心。

同學 B：最深刻是「玩蜘蛛網」，這是一個團隊合作遊戲。但是我們對其他組員不相熟和沒太多認識，合作亦有一定的難度呢！但大家對自己組員也十分信任，又會為他人着想，因此活動的過程也進行得十分順利。

3. 在本次活動有何得著？

同學 A：在是次台灣之旅，我可以跳出自己的舒適圈，因為活動富有挑戰性及需要相當多團隊合作。在體驗營之前，我並不認為自己能夠完成這些高難度的任務。但經過體驗營之後，卻發現了事情不是你想像得那麼困難的、不能完成的。只要願意努力和堅持就能成功。

同學 B：經過是次台灣之旅的活動，我學到體驗愛、分享愛及活出愛；以及領會到作為一個領導並不是要「高高在上」的，而是要與其他組員發揮互助精神。

相信參加交流團的同學定必學習到不少知識和得到了珍貴的體會和回憶，希望他們能夠將這些體會與同學們分享。

What's Special on Netflix?

Kathy Cheung 5A

I trust that most of you have heard of Netflix and considered whether you should subscribe to Netflix or not. In this article, I'm going to recommend you some different kinds of movies or tv shows produced by Netflix and end your struggles.

There is a glut of drama series, comedy shows, documentaries and much more than you think. And I really want to tell you that Netflix can help you relax and learn English... even learn some moral lessons.

The most well-known drama series from Netflix are Stranger Things, 13 Reasons Why and Black Mirror. If you already have a Netflix account, you should have watched them before. Therefore, I want to recommend some which are not that famous to all of you including dramas, talk shows and documentaries.



NETFLIX

New superheroes - *The Umbrella Academy*

Everyone knows that Marvel and DC produce almost all the superhero movies. However, apart from them, there is another choice of superhero which is closer to our lives. The Umbrella Academy is totally different from other superhero movies. Most of the characters in The Umbrella Academy have a sad past or trauma. Plus, when they grow up, they save the world and they won't make any mistakes.

In The Umbrella Academy, there are 7 children with superpowers. After they grow up, they go different ways. However, when their father dies, they group together to save the world after 17 years. Every character has their distinctive personalities which makes the drama even more meaningful.



The characters in this series are very realistic as well! The “superheroes” in this series are imperfect, unlike the Marvel and DC superheroes. They are just like ordinary people. They’re flawed. They make mistakes. Besides, in this drama all the main characters don’t want to team up with each other. Every time something happens, they try to deal with the problems themselves rather than solving them as a team. Surely the problems couldn't be solved without each other! In this drama, it really shows the importance of teamwork. The

messages behind the stories and the storylines are so impressive that they make this drama series so worth watching.



Mysterious Town - *Riverdale*

Another incredible series is Riverdale, which is about our kind of school life, although a more dramatic one. Riverdale seems like a little normal town but it's full of mysteries.

The main story is about the death of a boy called Jason Blossom, and the characters try to investigate what's going on. Later they discover some secrets about the town.

Watching this series, you will keep looking for the truth in the next episode. Also, it's different from other mystery dramas as the investigation is carried out by teenagers.

In this drama, a sharp contrast can be seen between adults and teenagers. The teenagers want to discover what the truth is, but their parents try to hide it, just as many parents are doing nowadays.

The drama uses a cool tone when shooting scenes, which upgrades its mysterious feel and we can sense the chilling atmosphere while watching it. Besides this, what you expect to happen never appears in the end – the ending is always unpredictable!

Riverdale is a must-watch drama series on Netflix.





Deep Stories behind the *Street Food*

When you hear the word documentary, you may think about a show which is very informative but dull. On the contrary, this documentary is very interesting, and you won't fall asleep while watching it.

Street Food gathers 9 stories from different cities. It's about how some street food shops become famous and the hard work behind the success. Every owner has their own story of persistence with street food. Even though some are old, they still want to serve scrumptious food to others.

This documentary has some incredible visual effects and leaves you hungry after watching it as the food looks extremely appetizing and mouth-watering. The documentary starts from the cooking process to how the customers feel after eating the street food. It's a great documentary that boosts your appetite.





Know More about Tolerance - *Comedy Specials*

Many viewers of Netflix only watch tv series and movies, but do you know that there are many comedy specials? There are two comedians I want to recommend to you - Vir Das and Trevor Noah.

Vir Das comes from India and Trevor Noah from South Africa. They both have suffered discrimination before and they share their stories during these comedy specials. They live in America right now and they often criticize the policies of Donald Trump.

Das and Noah like to re-enact some scenes from their lives and they will use the accents of different countries to make the stories more convincing and interesting.

Criticizing the government doesn't require some extreme methods, like petitions or demonstrations. This kind of relaxing method can resonate with others.

As for the discrimination, they both have a positive attitude to deal with that. And because of cultural differences, some terms can be offensive. To know more about the terms to avoid discrimination, the comedy specials hosted by these two comedians are the best choice ever. The style is just like the stand-up comedy of Dayo Wong in Hong Kong.





科幻英雄

5B 潘卓琳

有人說：「一部電影就像是一個人的人生，有起點、有高潮、有終結，同時又有著不同的道理等著我們去明白。」不少同學也喜歡以為電影作消閒娛樂的方式。而且透過觀賞不同的電影，我們也領悟到不少的道理。但我今天想介紹的，並非甚麼電影推薦，而是電影的幕後製作。



《復仇者聯盟》

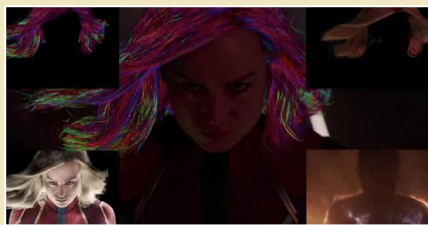
相信有一系列很熱門的電影是人所皆知。那便是《復仇者聯盟》。它是一部於 2012 年上映的超級英雄電影，改編自同名漫畫，為漫威改編的電影中第一部獲得超過十億票房的電影，同時也是世界電影史上票房收入第七高的電影。這是因為裡面的人物形象均打造得十分精彩，英雄角色都有屬於自己的特點、優勢。



Reviews

在劇情中的設定當中，每一個英雄都有獨特的超能力。包括第一類英雄，如雷神和洛基。他們都是奧丁之子，是「神」的級別，超能力是與生俱來的，能控制雷電。第二類就如鋼鐵俠和蜘蛛俠，他們雖然是一個人類，但鋼鐵俠有超乎別人的財力。他能設計自己和蜘蛛俠的裝甲，讓他們如同其他英雄般，有上場戰鬥的能力。而第三類的英雄，就是變形俠醫和美國隊長那一類的。他們同樣是因為身體被注入了激素、血清，才導致他們能有在電影中的能力，和能夠所謂的變身。這些種種有別於現實世界的魔幻場面，同學又有沒有想過它是如何成真的呢？

這些功勞都是歸於一群幕後制作人員！在《復仇者聯盟》當中，最常見的科幻場面不過就是英雄們的打鬥情節。例如雷神用雷神之鎚來召喚雷電、美國隊長把敵人打飛倒、敵人大軍來襲、周遭的高樓大廈倒塌的場面……這一切的場面也需要幕後的工作人員添加效果才會令電影的感覺更真實、更具感染力。他們利用「特殊效果技術」，包括實景合成或是全電腦圖形學（Computer Graphic，CG）的動畫製作。打造這些



幕後特效團隊的精心打造「MARVEL 隊長」變身的方式



特效的過程分為三個階段，第一是前期規劃，劇組必須先想好有哪些畫面需要用到哪一些特效，並做出相應的模型。第二便是把拍攝的素材交給數位影像技師（Digital Image Technician，DIT）將影像材料轉檔後交由導演開始剪接，並商討哪裡需要用特效修補或增加。最後就是後製階段，藉由散佈在不同城市或國家動畫師團隊利用三維軟體及電腦算圖等科技製作動畫，並加至影片，形成我們見到的「效果」。

可見，這些幕後制作人員付出了他們的時間、汗水，以他們專業的技術和知識實現了一切「不可能」的事物，才令電影富有真實感，打動了觀眾。希望大家能了解更多有關於科幻電影的製作的過程以及幕後製作人員的辛酸，抱著欣賞的眼光去看電影。



5B 何咏淇

最近，小編發現不少同學三五成群討論著某些奇怪的東西：「今晚食不食雞！」「來！快開麥克風，我們一起食雞！」……「食雞」前「食雞」後，究竟他們在幹什麼呢？難道真的是一起去餐廳吃雞的嗎？彷彿與世隔絕的小編為尋求真相，便決定了向那些同學找尋一下「食雞」的真相。

「Winner winner, chicken dinner」

據同學的解釋，「食雞」是指一款由韓國推出的射擊型遊戲，而命名「食雞」的原因是遊戲的贏家會在螢幕上看到「Winner winner, chicken dinner」的句子，故取其遊戲為「食雞」。這類型遊戲的玩法為每局遊戲會安排一百名玩家在荒島中，玩家需要用精湛的技術和不同的道具，如槍械、頭盔等，擊敗所有敵人，最後能留下來的一隊便為之勝出。而遊戲最為吸引的地方莫過於是「多人模式」了！同學可以在空閒的時間裡，與朋友結成「聯盟」，一起出發「食雞」了。在遊戲中，我們不但要小心行事，不可鬆懈和輕舉妄動，以免敵方發現，亦要抓緊適合的攻擊機會射擊對手，方可取得勝利，成功「食雞」。這些遊戲帶來的緊張刺激感，實在令人忍不住要多吃幾回「雞」呢！怪不得深受了同學的歡迎。



「音 Game」？

另外，小編亦注意到一批同學的手指頭總是富有節奏地拍打著手機螢幕。在遊戲進行時，手機又會播放出動人的歌曲和樂章，究竟又是何方神秘呢？根據我的觀察後，原來他們是「音 G」黨派。「音 G」是指音樂遊戲，而 G 為「Game」的縮寫。在遊戲中，玩家需要配合音樂與節奏，依畫面的指示按鈕作出相應的動作。如果做出的動作完全符合或貼近節奏，即可得到分數；而相反的情況下則可能會扣分或沒有得分。有些更具挑戰性的遊戲更會有「血量」限制的設定，如果玩家失誤過多便會「失血過多」，而需要強制結束的呢！這類型遊戲的最終目的便是取得沒有失準（Full Combo）的成績。音樂遊戲的特色在於它具有多樣化的音樂以及達成「Full Combo」的目標後，那份猶如成為一名偉大音樂家的成功感。



音樂遊戲遊玩時的畫面：< Cytus >

最後，無論同學是玩什麼類型的遊戲，也要記得做好時間的分配，切忌投放太多時間在遊戲上，而荒廢學業呢！我們還要注意自己的言行舉止，不要因太過激動和興奮而有失女孩子的儀態啊！

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