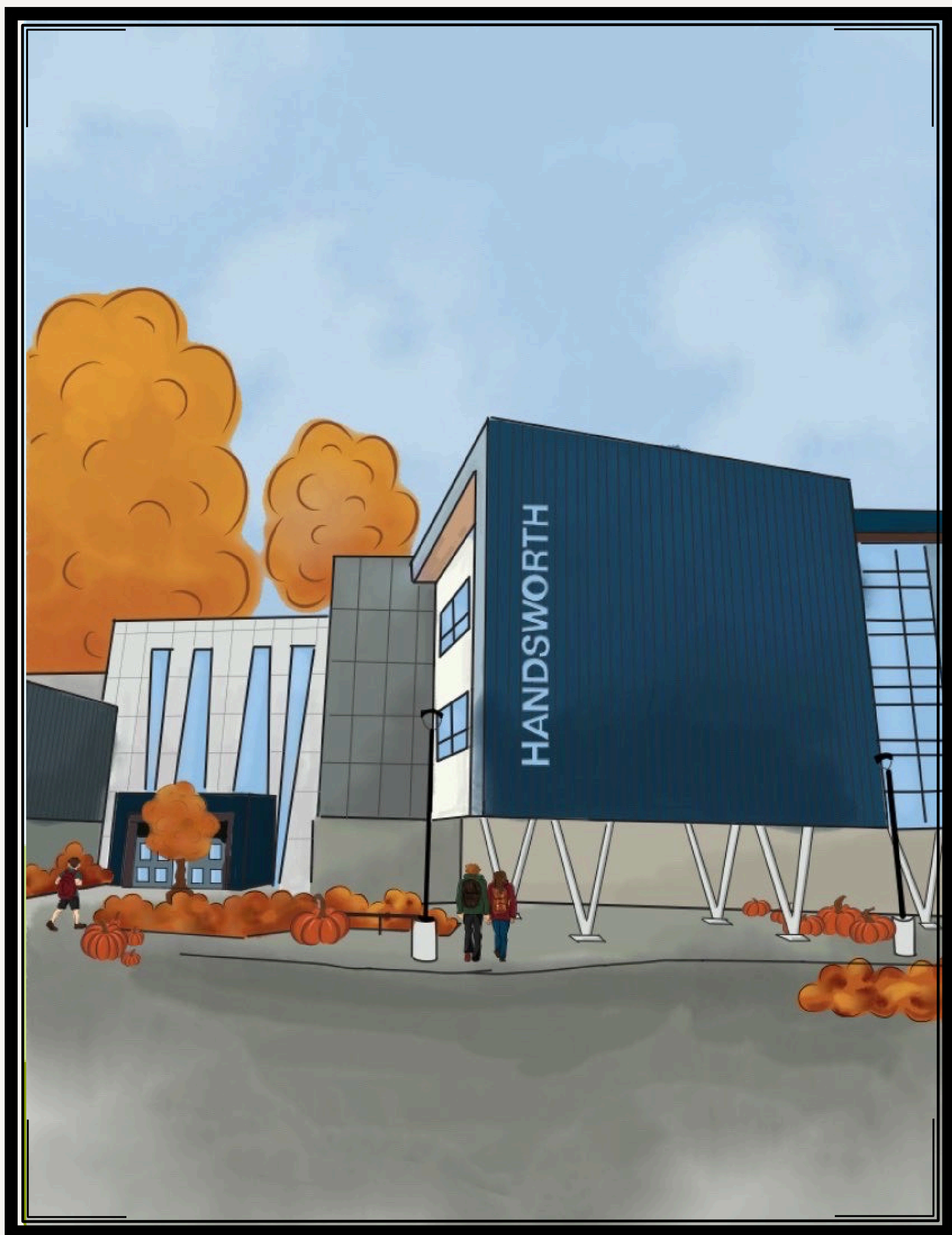


ROYALS REPORT

Fall 2025



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BUCHANAN BOWL



09/20

HANDSWORTH VS CARSON

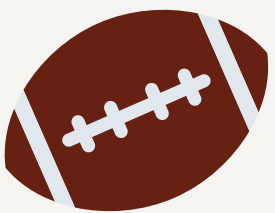
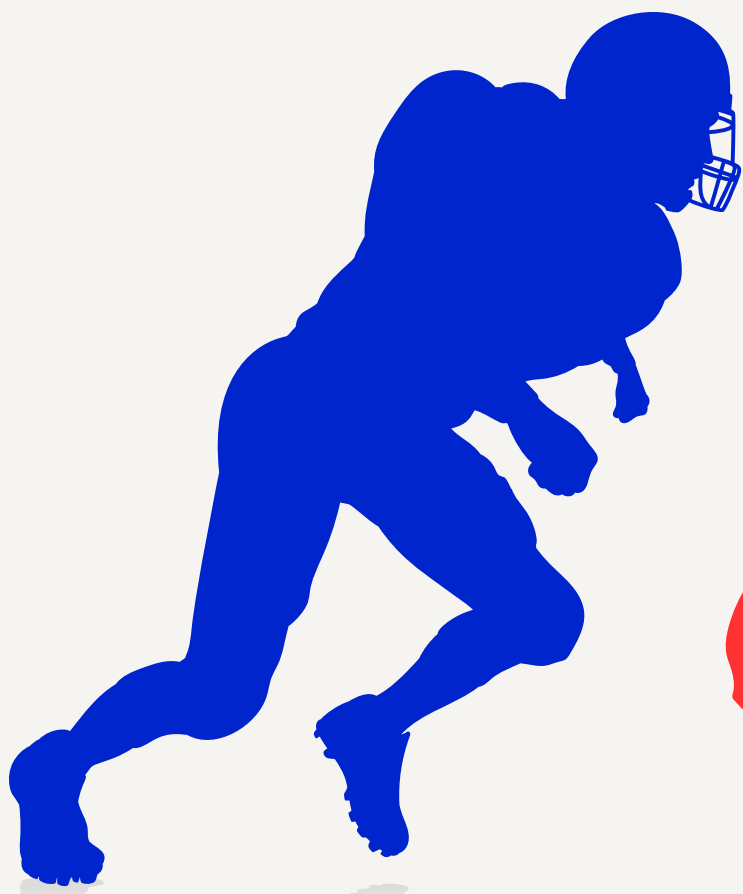
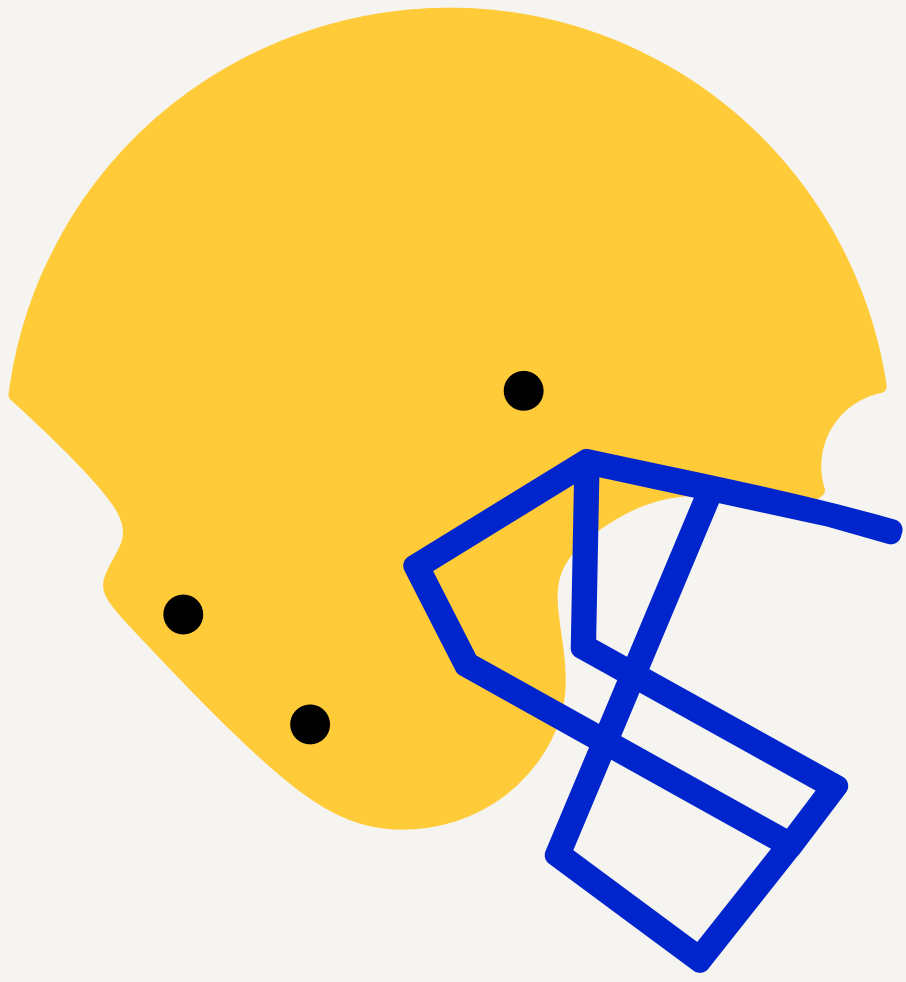
2025

The 38th annual Buchanan Bowl took place at Carson Graham on September 20th, and the Royals battled hard. The first Buchanan Bowl took place in 1987 and was named after the late James Buchanan, who had taught at both schools. Every year, the Royals Football team and fans look forward to the bowl to prove ourselves against the Carson Graham Eagles. The Handsworth students who travelled to the game to watch and support our Royals offered lots of encouragement to the players on the field. The Juniors were feeling a mix of excitement and nervousness heading into the game, with the pressure of the fans, and the moment offering plenty to think about. Boyes and the other younger seniors looked forward to the game as a chance to step up for the team in the name of success. The Royals are a formidable team this year and gave Carson a serious run for their money. The Royals Report's Sophie Chuttoo interviewed many Royals leading up to the big game.



"It's pressure, but it's good pressure," said Teo Lapuste (Grade 10), referencing the audience. Beyond the fans at the field, the players were pushed forward by their weeks of practice. When asked about the time put in, Junior quarterback Teo spoke about the importance of "alignment, assignment, and execution." A mantra echoed by the Senior's Dylan Boyes (Grade 11), put Handsworth into contention against the Eagles.

While the Royals did not get the result they were looking for, the team shows real promise for the rest of the season. The Seniors were spearheaded by an inspiring performance from quarterback Clayton Lee (Grade 12), which saw a second-quarter 20-yard throw to wide receiver Trey Adelaar (Grade 11) for our first touchdown. Clayton then stepped up to score the 1-point conversion in the absence of starting kicker Teo, playing for the junior team, and was thus disqualified from the senior team for the game. Finally, Lee scored himself a rushing touchdown in the 4th quarter, with a good effort from the rest of the team to push him over the line for another six points. He then again scored the point conversion. The final score was Handsworth 14, Carson 28. Next year, we can be sure the bowl will come home.





SPORTS



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

A good crowd can make or break a very close game. During the senior girls' home volleyball game on October 19 against Walnut Grove Secondary, the crowd pulled through to show support for our players. The atmosphere in the room was buzzing with energy and anticipation, making it a super enjoyable game to watch. The senior girls played amazingly. While they were beaten in the first set, they came back to win the second. After being tied for a majority of the third set, Walnut Grove got a 6-point lead. The girls were determined to win and tied the game. After a hard-fought comeback, Handsworth won against Walnut Grove! Everyone left the gym feeling very proud to be a Royal.



TOP 5 GIRLS SWIMMING

XC: CURRENT TEAM STANDINGS

- (Least number of points wins)
- Junior Girls
1. WSS, 54 points
 2. HANDSWORTH, 95
 3. Argyle, 97
- Junior Boys
1. HANDSWORTH, 20
 2. Mulgrave, 59
 3. Argyle, 80
- Senior Girls
1. Howe Sound, 34
 2. HANDSWORTH, 51
 3. Mulgrave, 120
- Senior Boys
1. West Van, 40
 2. HANDSWORTH, 62
 3. Carson Graham, 83

Name	Category	50 Free	50 Back	50 Breast	100 Free
Alexa Candlish	A	31	—	38.06	—
Andrea Diaz-	A	32.23	—	44.81	1:12.23
Melody Lachini	A	44.09	—	52.34	—
Ambra Petrollini	B	44.85	—	—	—
Auveen Hazfi	B	41.76	—	—	—



TOP 5 BOYS SWIMMING

Armen Necessian	A	—	—	32.04	00:58.84
Bardia Fallah	B	25.94	33.37	—	—
Brady Londergan	B	26.72	—	37	—
Colin Londergan	B	28.31	—	38.04	—
Matthew Bair	A	—	—	37.36	—



HANDSWORTH CLUBS

CARDS!

GAMES!

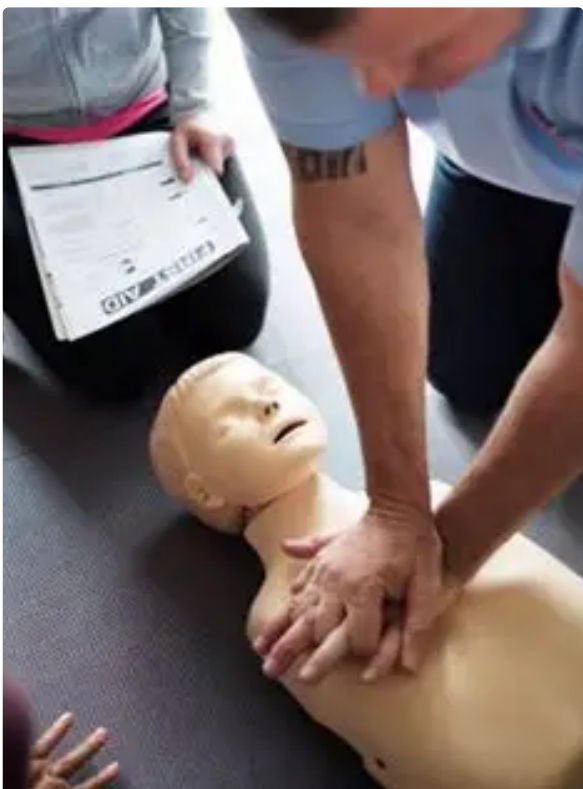
FIRST AID!

CARDS FOR CHILDREN



The leaders of Cards for Children are Kelly Lee and Helia Rahmani Tabar. They wanted to make this club to be able to give back to the community and provide support for children who are sick. Their goal is to cheer up the kids and show them that they are not alone in their scary situations. They meet only two times a month to make motivational cards with little quotes. They fill them with meaning and decorate them with their hearts. Kelly and Helia believe that you should join their club because “it is a good way to give back to the community and get involved through school, it is also a deed that goes a long way” (Kelly). Finally, if they were to add one thing to their club, it would be more stickers! If you would like to join, contact Kelly Lee on MS Teams.

FIRST RESPONDERS



Interested in joining a fun, unique, and hands-on club? First Responders Club might be the one for you! From providing informational sessions that help deepen first aid knowledge to offering experience, this club looks great on any resume. This wonderful student-led team carries pagers with them around the school on a shift rotation, and whenever they get a call from the office, they go and help whoever is hurt. Have you ever wondered what to put in that daunting piece of your personal essay where you must describe a time that helped shape the person you have become? In Moses Kim’s experience, he has found that some of the calls he’s received have “thrown him out in the middle of chaos” and have forced him “to figure out something along the way” (Moses Kim, Club President). All these adrenaline-pumping moments have contributed to giving him something unique to write about. All in all, this cool club that offers “education, experience and community” (Quinn Fellbaum, Club Vice-President) always loves new members that are keen to help others in times of need.

MAHJONG



Have you been thinking about what clubs to join? Do you want to learn a new game to play with your friends? Well, if so, look no further than the Mahjong club run by President Kenn Li. The Mahjong club is a fun, inclusive club centered around the popular East Asian game: Mahjong. Every week, the Mahjong Club hosts tables of Mahjong for people to come and enjoy, as well as teaching the game to new players. Drop by room 3015 every Tuesday during lunch to participate in games. Everybody is welcome!

SEPTEMBER'S SIGNIFICANCE

SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH



**9-8-8: SUICIDE
CRISIS HELPLINE**

**1-800-784-2433
310-6789 MENTAL
HEALTH SUPPORT
LINE**



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



The 5th annual day of Truth and Reconciliation was observed on Tuesday, September 30th this year. All students and teachers should already know what this day represents for the country and its people; it is a day to remember and honour the children who were sent to the Residential School system and acknowledge the atrocities that Indigenous Peoples were subjected to for far too many decades. Here at Handsworth, we had Orange Shirt Day and asked all of the English classes to fill in a paper orange shirt with significant phrases/quotes. The story of the orange shirt reminds us of the loss of freedom and culture many Indigenous children experienced. We highly recommend learning this story at orangeshirtday.org. You can also read or watch other stories about this topic; many are available as animations on YouTube. I recommend The Hidden Path.

“Orange Shirt Day educates me about the issues of Residential Schools, understanding Indigenous communities, and then sharing what I learned with others.” (Grade 9 student voice)



FASHION SHOW

Did you know that 92 million tons of textile waste are produced every year? This fact led the Handsworth Drama department to put some of these old textiles to good use by creating the very first Handsworth Fashion Show! This production was led by Mrs. Primrose alongside the creative minds of many in the Handsworth community who have a love for fashion and theatrics. The show consisted of many different catalogues, such as the Denim-wear, Men's-wear, and Fancy Fits; however, fashion wasn't the only entertainment of the night. Between every few beautiful catalogues, there was a scene performed by students either originally or in parody of a well-known skit. The evening buzzed with excitement as students, parents, and faculty filled the theatre, all ready to witness the hard work from both students and teachers pay off in this impressive spectacle.

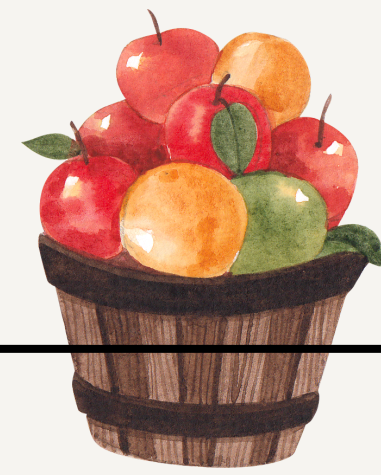


The first performance of the night was a short scene performed by Arman Tavakol alongside Finn Komuniecki and Daniel Ershad. When asked about what it was like to work on this production, Daniel (Grade 11) said, "It was a blast, I got to work alongside so many of my friends, and I really liked the idea of mixing elements of humor with the fashion industry." Many of the beautiful and creative designs were student-led through the usage and collection of clothing assembled over the years in the drama department, coupled with the closets of the students themselves. This helped to put emphasis on the importance of giving old garments a new life. As the final model walked the catwalk, the crowd broke into wild applause, celebrating the efforts, creativity of the students.

Bravo Royals!



STUDENT LIVES



MAX RINZEMA - GR 11

Max, also known as the Cardio King, primarily races Cross Country, Mountain Biking, and Cyclo-Cross. What he really likes about biking is meeting up with friends. "I sometimes also like being outside alone, [which] is one of the bigger things". Some of his best races are the 2025 XC Provincials at Hartland Mountain Bike Park in Victoria, where he placed first, becoming the U17 provincial champion. "I'm also very happy with my performance at the 2025 U17 XC Nationals. I had a few mechanical issues, but I feel like I learnt more at that race than any other I've done," says Max. In November, Max will compete in the very exciting U19 Cyclo-Cross nationals in Quebec. "In the future, I want to be a pro biker, but if that doesn't work, I want to have my career based around biking."

Keep it up, Max!



QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THEME WEEK OUTFIT?

"My favourite is either Tacky Tourists or Frat Boy Friday. Actually, it's got to be Frat Boy Friday. And honestly, it's [a] really comfy [outfit]! I would wear these clothes all the time, like... my Tacky Tourist outfit was similar, but with all the beads and things, it was annoying to wear. For the Frat Boy Friday outfit, I just feel like I look cooler. Yeah, if you look good, you feel good. So, I would have to say Frat Boy Friday was my favourite day for sure, because of style points and comfort."

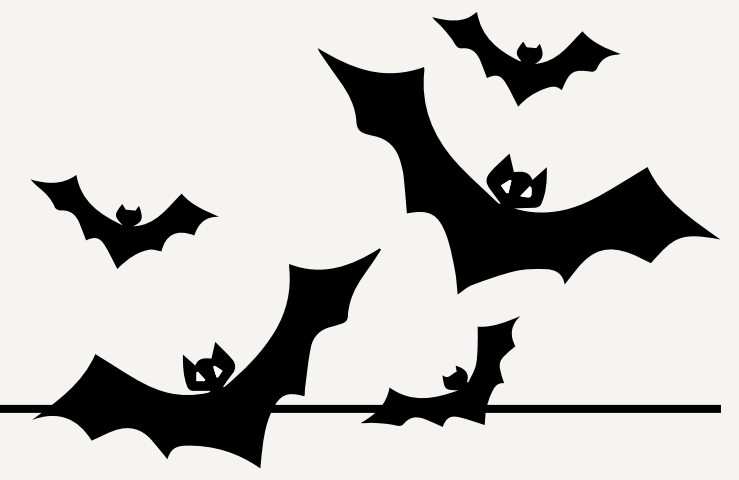


WHAT IS DRAMA TO ME?

"This question could be answered by hundreds of different responses depending on your experience, but to me, it is community. To some, drama is just an elective to try something new, but after having been part of the drama community for over a year, I can say without a doubt it's more than just an elective; it's a journey through different lives. Drama has shaped my life in more ways than I can count, not just through these different perspectives, but through every amazing actor, director, and tech member. The hours dedicated to every production show how tight-knit the community is, and that it's a home where anyone can feel valued. The confidence built in performances helps us better express ourselves, and the collaboration necessary for every show allows us to grow our ability to work with others and communicate. It's communities like this where people see school as a place where they can thrive in their own individual and creative way."

- Arman Tavakol, Grade 11

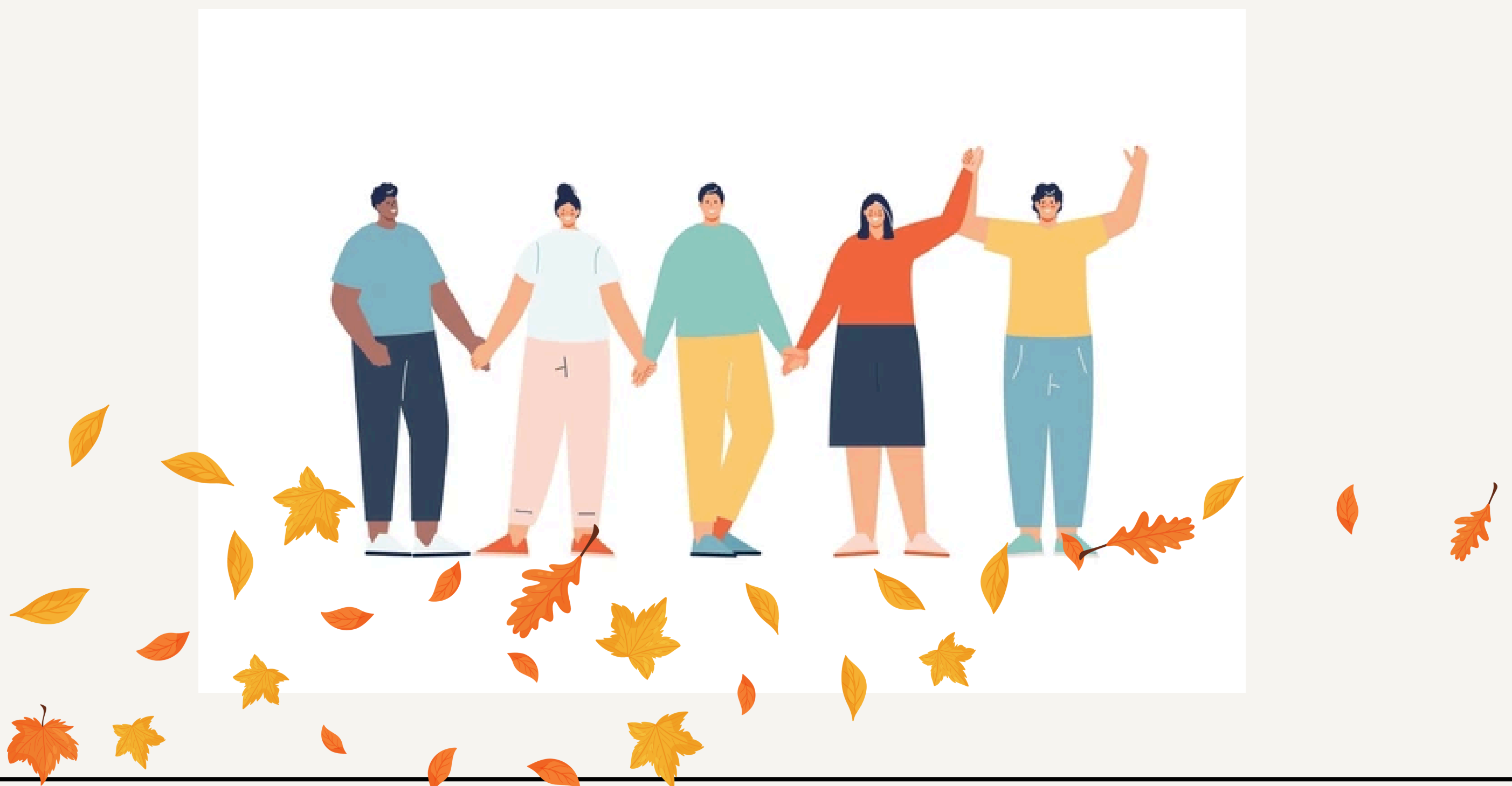
DIVERSE LEARNERS...



AND THE BEST BUDDIES CLUB

The Best Buddies club is a great opportunity to meet new friends and connect with old ones. This is a very positive outlet and space for students to connect with people they may not have known otherwise. "It's really easy to sign up!" Helena says. "We come into lunch, and we hang out just like you would on any normal day in a classroom with all the kids." She continues to describe how you really bond with the other members and quickly become good friends. One of the ways that the students build relationships is through fun activities and games. For example, Noah "really likes to play basketball with [his] friends, and [his] favourite player is Lebron James." Another student enjoys "making friends and drawing and listening to music". Everyone in the Best Buddies Club really enjoys being there, and they value the time that they get to spend doing fun activities with old and new friends.

Best Buddies isn't only beneficial for the students; it also helps many teachers and staff be able to better understand and work with Diverse Learners. This is a really important space for the Handsworth community, so they're always looking for ways to make it even better, such as being able to have more inclusive activities for all the students. One way that you can help them achieve this goal is to get involved! "The best way that [students] can be involved is to talk to the teachers who work with some of the students to get a better understanding of how they interact with each other." She goes on to say that this "makes it easier to make friendships with the kids and fuel that relationship with them". Best Buddies is a vital club for the Handsworth community, creating a safe and fun space for everyone. They are open to all ages, any day of the week.

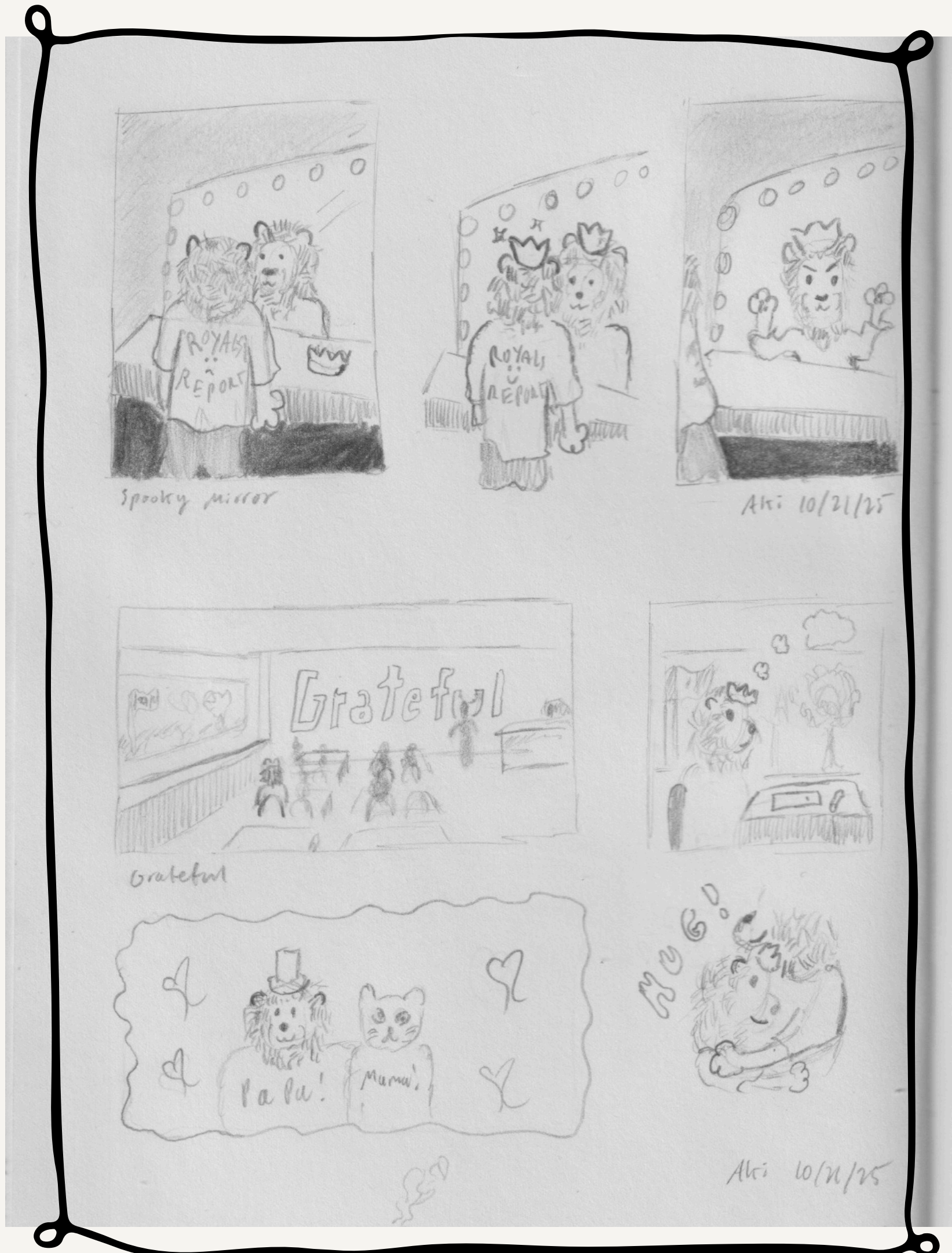
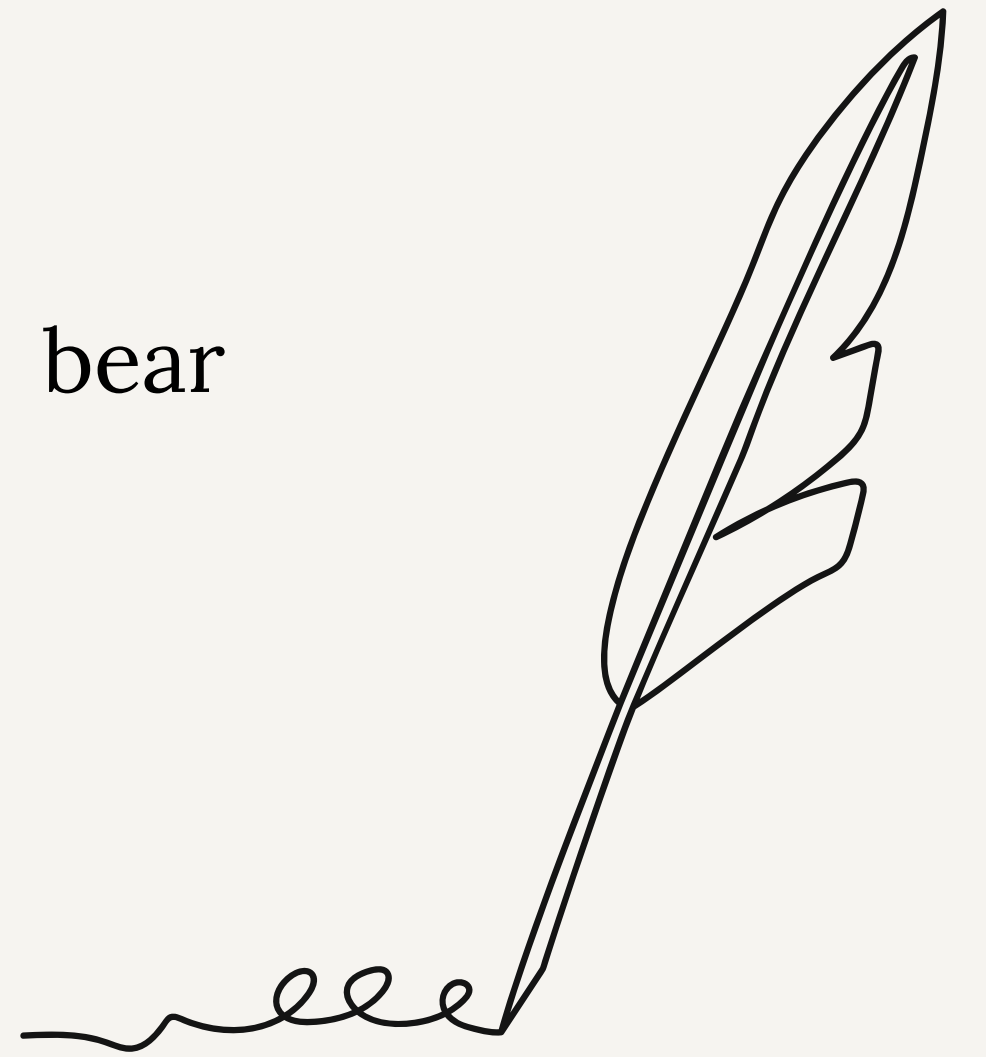
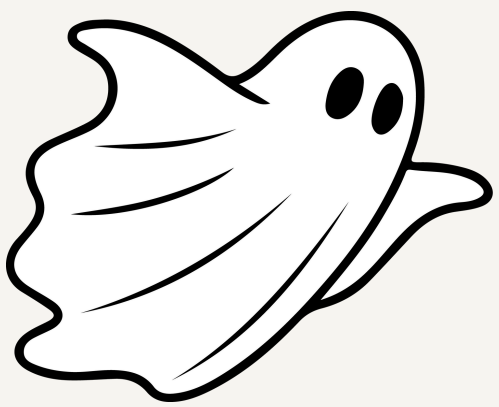


STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

A Quiet place, By Dora Xu

Beneath the stars we ache to know,
Why kindness fades and a tyrant
We chase the truth through ash and flame,
Each wound remembered, none the same

The sun forgets the cries of men,
Yet we still rise to plead again.
Though hope is bruised and hearts bear
stains—
Wounds heal, love lasts, we remain.



ROYALS COMICS !



WHY HAVE A ROYALS PAPER?

WELL...

The Royals report was created in an effort to connect all the students at Handsworth. The initial goal was to have everybody at the school be excited about one thing. Whether that be seeing your writing printed out, or your sports stats on paper, everyone can look forward to the Royals report. The report releases a new edition, covering new topics and a brand new layout, every season, so we welcome you to submit any ideas you may have for our winter edition through the flyers in the halls or through our Instagram page, @Royalsreport.

Our amazing, talented, and hardworking team of students spent months putting together this edition, from writing, to photography, and drawing. They have all worked very hard to make this a special outlet for our amazing and talented school.

Thank you to our phenomenal Royals Report team!

Go Royals!



THE ROYAL'S REPORT TEAM



Roza Nikkhah Bahrami (front left) and Sarah MacPherson (front right) as chief editors and founders.

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Maggie Cormack (7th back) and Parto Nemati (2nd middle) as photographers.

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