

# Make the Leap...



# Introduction

Welcome to the eleventh issue of 'Make the Leap', the Ada Lovelace School magazine. For this issue pupils' reflect how they have 'made the leap' during the last term, both in and outside the classroom.

The school magazine is curated by Miss Sullivan, Head of Art, and features several submissions from pupils. If you have an idea for a future issue, email: [ksullivan@adalovelace.org.uk](mailto:ksullivan@adalovelace.org.uk).



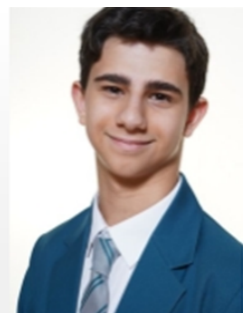
## Levon - Memorial service by Ms Adler

"In early May, we held a Memorial Service in memory of our wonderful Year 9 student Levon, who passed away in January. We held a small service in the chapel attended by Levon's family, staff members and Levon's friends. During the service everyone had the opportunity to share their own personal memories of Levon while listening to his favourite music from his Spotify playlist. We also got to hear how Levon's legacy will live on at Ada in several different ways.

Levon was an extremely kind and popular student, he excelled in his studies and was a talented artist. In September a new prestigious art competition will be launched in Levon's memory which will take place every year. The first theme of the competition will be 'Cows' as this was Levon's favourite thing to draw. The winners will be chosen by Levon's family and the work will be displayed in school.

The most special part of the memorial service was when everyone went outside to plant Levon's memorial tree, which now stands proudly at the front of the school. All of the teachers gathered with Levon's family to watch as his closest friends placed the final spades of earth around the tree and Father David said some words before revealing Levon's memorial plaque.

The memorial tree was chosen because it flowers in May, which is the time of Levon's birthday. It will grow into a large colourful tree – you can see an example of a similar tree opposite. The tree will be a constant reminder to our school community of what an amazing boy Levon was and how much he will be missed by everyone here."





# Sports by Ms Moran

I'm delighted to report that our Year 7 and 8 students performed brilliantly at the Junior Borough Athletics competition.

There were some excellent performances, with many students making finals and finishing in 4th and 5th place. However, there were four students who stood out in particular for placing in the top 3, to do so with limited athletics experience really is a fantastic achievement.

Podium finishes:

- Ahmed - 1st in Discus
- Cleo - 1st in 800m
- Lily - 1st in High Jump
- Isabella - 2nd in 1500m

A huge thank you to the PTA for the amazing athletics vests, brilliantly modelled by our students who look so professional and smart!



Another piece of exciting sport news to report! Ten girls across Year 8 and 9 represented Ada Lovelace as Guard of Honour for the Women's Sunrises game at Lord's.

They were able to meet some of the players, chat to the Head Coach and lead the elite players out before taking their seats to watch the game.



# Sports Day highlights



# Sponsored Walk

Each year Ada pupils partake in a sponsored walk to raise money for our sister school in Mozambique. Here are some highlights, particularly of the fancy dress. Some pupils managed to do 10+ laps!



## FA Cup Final by Akom (Year 10)

"On a bright sunny day, on the 25th of May, Wembley Stadium played host to 90,000 fans all wanting to watch a classic to unfold in a tense clash between the 2 Manchester clubs Man United and Man City. Heading into the game, Man City were by far the favourites after winning their 4th Premier League title in a row while United had just completed their worst season in their history finishing 8th . During the game, City had most of the ball but United used smart counter attacking football to get a shocking 2-1 win. This final was the first final to have 2 teenagers to score (Alejandro Garnacho and Kobbie Mainoo). This game helped United's manager to keep his job."



# Summer Arts Festival

This June we hosted the annual Summer Art Festival. The evening included musical showcases from bands, choirs and soloists, as well as a display of Year 9-11 Art and Graphics work in the LRC. The PTA kindly organised an array of drinks and treats as well as the ever popular ice cream van!





## Year 6 wider learning fair by sophia (Year 7)

"In the Year 6 wider learning fair, Leylah, Milena and I helped with the Art Club stall. It was really nice to see the new Year 6 students engaging in all the clubs available to them. There were many intrigued students enquiring about our club and participating in the activities provided. Leylah and Milena showed excellent leadership skills and were an amazing help for our new Year 6 students to look up to."

## Oliver! School Production

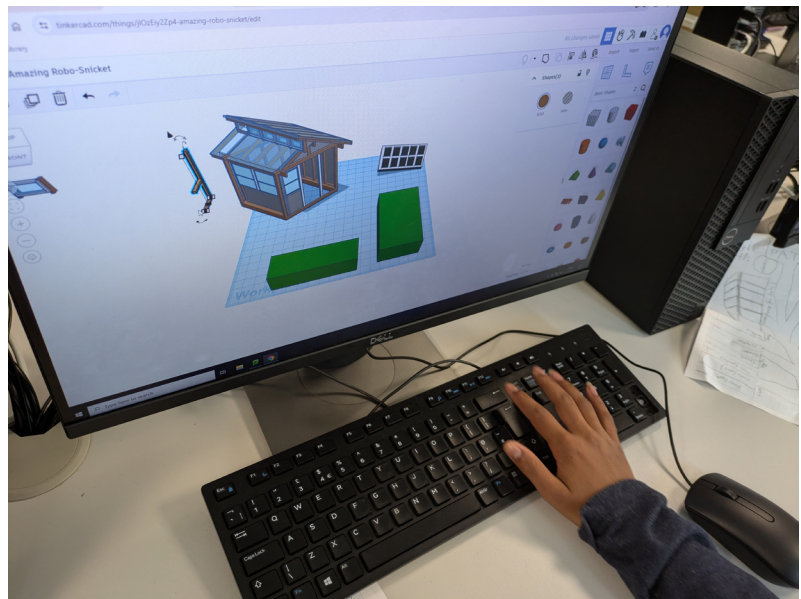
This year the school drama production was Oliver! Pupils from all year groups were involved in the making of props, costumes, acting and helping out behind the scenes. A big thank you and well done to Mr Giles for organising this opportunity for our pupils and to Mr Smith for conducting the musicians. Here are some highlights below:

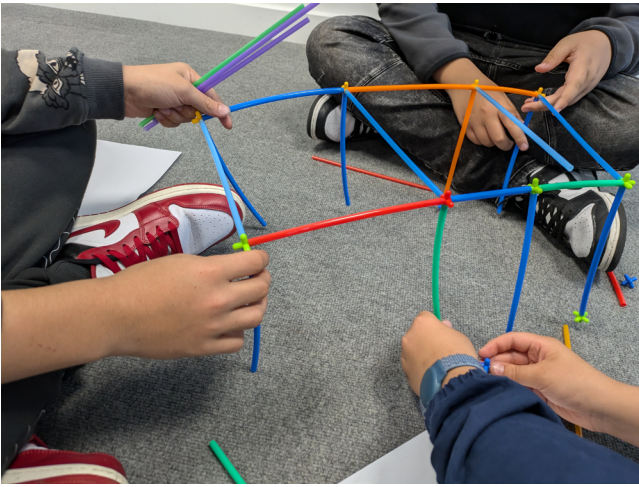


# Enrichment Week

Our last full week of the term is always packed with lots of enrichment activities for the pupils to participate in, whether it is in school, out on trips or abroad.

Here is a selection of some of the excitement over the week, including trips to a climbing wall, London Zoo, Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Natural History Museum, DT workshops, food tech experience, Cuffley Camp, etc...





# Art recycling workshop by Ms Shaw

"In June Art Club pupils and Year 10 GCSE Art pupils engaged in a recycling workshop run by Urban Trailblazer.

Urban Trailblazer is a company who are dedicated to transforming underutilized urban areas and turn them into flourishing community gardens to enhance neighbourhood well-being and provide environmental awareness in local communities.

Pupils created different objects for their bedroom using recycled materials. The session also intends to develop creativity, team-working, friendship, problem solving, as well as being sustainable and educating students on how to reduce, reuse and recycle."



# Hidden Heroes by Ms Sullivan

"During the Summer term the Year 8's completed a hidden heroes project. Pupils chose someone from their culture and/or subculture who resonate with them. Pupils wrote an essay on their chosen person and then created a mini zine about them. Pupils explored different ways to draw perspectives and facial features. Chosen zines have been photocopied for our Art zine library for other pupils to read."



## Theatre Review by Edie (Year 7)

*This issue's theatre show is..... Whispers in the Wings: a QYT production!*

It's an original mystery in the much-loved Judi Dench Playhouse of the Questors theatre. It's a play where theatre at its heart penetrates centre stage and rushes down the wings, where "Curtain up" and "Curtain down" are magical words. It's when murder and rivalry and tension and laughter are like carrots to my hamster. This 6-night run, which has a cast consisting entirely of Year Sevens up to Year Thirteens- wait, children? Children? But that will be carnage! They can't act; acting is only for people like Tom Cruise or Daniel Radcliffe or Emma Watson. Right?

Brought to you by an amazingly talented and hilarious group of young actors and the director of the local pantomime, Treasure Island, Whispers in the Wings will make you laugh, gasp and clutch the quintessential theatre seats at the same time. The Questor's Youth Theatre (QYT) production is an annual occasion, but this is a special one that marks the 70 years of this youth organization.

On the opening night in 1954, disaster strikes moments before the curtain is up. With the star indisposed, will the show go on? And will they work out whodunnit? Whispers in the Wings is a murder mystery twisted with a ghost story (if you are faint-hearted, you will be fine). It begins with a group of four children breaking into an abandoned theatre, where they wake up a ghost who is trapped there with a terrible past. The ghost tells the tale of a murder committed 70 years ago, as the children strive to uncover the story and resolve the case.

One of the most important parts of a murder mystery is its characters, and there is no difference with this 1950s arrangement of suspense and gags. The play consists of four modern-day children and an ensemble (chorus) acting as the fragments of the story, and, unlike any, they blend into the background to create the set. *Fun fact: "ensemble" in French means "together," which is exactly how an ensemble should act.* However, the main roles are neither of these, but instead a collection of curious people, one or more of which have blood on their hands relating to the recently deceased "Gerald Moose" [played by Joel Watson]. Created and performed by the older cast members, these quirky, colourful characters have been based off the classic family game, CLUEDO, that was first manufactured in 1949. This is one of the many features of the play which cleverly correlates to the period and that is prone to attraction by CLUEDO mega fans. Unfortunately, one of these mega fans is my sister...

Some of the most significant of these characters is Scarlett Swann [Kenza Hurley]: stunningly beautiful yet mortifyingly unintelligent! In the iconic red of Miss Scarlet, she immediately wins

the heart of Gareth Garton [Wilfie Goodliffe, an ex-student of Ada Lovelace] the southern Baptist preacher, now an actor. This is without forgetting the comedically overdone Dame Peggy [Hannah Goldsworthy, Y11 at Ada] who is not sure if she told you about the time when....

As the seven tread the boards, what will they find? What do they know? What can they uncover? Only time will tell to reveal the deep, dark truth - and just ONE MORE joke!!!!!!

I chose especially to write about Whispers in the Wings because I was lucky enough to be in the ensemble after successfully getting chosen for my performance in the audition. When I say I daydreamed about it for weeks after I am not lying. Being *in* the show just brings a unique, fantastic experience, like eating a cake: you always need one more slice!

Unfortunately, the run of Whispers in the Wings finished on 02/03/2024 but please support Ealing's only theatre by taking a seat at the Questors :)



## Genres

- **Mystery:** a fictional genre that usually portrays a crime and murder

**Recommendation – a good girl's guide to murder: Holly Jackson**

- **Fiction:** imaginative and creative and contains a narrative

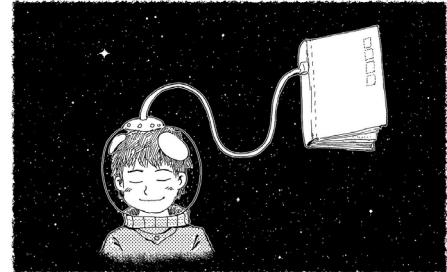
**Recommendation – wonder: R.J. Palacio**

- **Horror/ fantasy:** usually with a motive of creating fear

**Recommendation – Coraline: Neil Gaiman**

- **Non- fiction:** in contrast to fiction, this is writing based on true events

**Recommendation – Eleanor Of Aquitaine: Sara Cockerill**



## Holly Jackson

My rating: 9/10

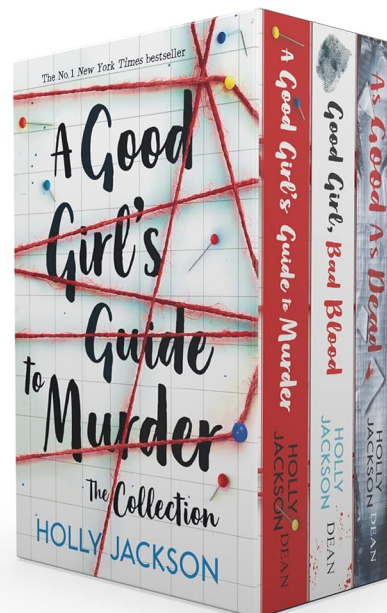


### Series:

- A Good Girl's Guide To Murder
- Good Girl, Bad Blood
- As Good As Dead

### About

This series revolves around a closed murder case from five years ago. After stumbling upon it a few times, a character finds herself intrigued and decides to search for answers of her own...





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# Book Ratings

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By anonymous

## Before The Coffee Gets Cold

By Toshikazu Kawaguchi



Genre- Novel, Time Travel Fiction, Fantasy Fiction, Magical Realism

About- A café has a magical ability that allows you to travel the future, but this café has certain rules that must be followed. This book contains 4 chapters with each chapter following a different point of view.

Opinion- I found some of this book quite sad and I don't usually enjoy sad books but surprisingly, I loved this book. Was it the most unforgettable book? No, but the plot was quite creative, I've loved the characters and I felt quite comfortable while reading this book, it was like sitting next to a fireplace while drinking a warm cup of tea.

Rating- 8.5/10

# A Good Girl Guide To Murder

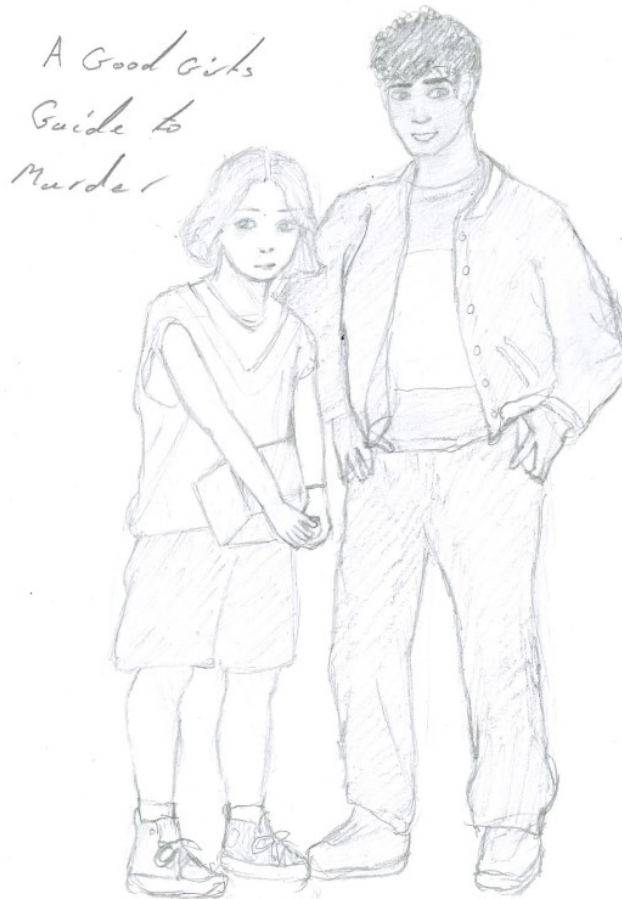
By Holly Jackson

Genre- Mystery, YA fiction

About- A girl named Pippa wants to solve the 5-year-old case of Andie Bell for a school project. An unsolved case in Pippa's village which people accused Andie Bell's boyfriend (Sal Sign) of her death.

Opinion- I honestly enjoyed this book. Sure, I'm not a big fan of mysteries but I think this book has changed my mind on the genre. I also loved the plot and characters and would have never predicted the plot twist.

Rating- 7.5/10



# The Inheritance Games

By Jennifer Lyne Barns

Genre- Mystery, Fiction

About- Avery Grambs is a teenage girl who lost her mum and now lives with her sister and her sister's boyfriend. One day, Avery finds out that a billionaire has left her in his will. However, in order to claim this inheritance, she has to live with the billionaire's family who aren't so happy with the idea of her inheriting a large sum of money.

Opinion- This book was alright; I loved the plot but wasn't a big fan on the writing or characters and honestly because of a good girl guide to murder I wanted to try reading mystery, but I wouldn't say that turned out so well. I did end up reading book two and I am currently reading book three, half of book two was terrible and the other half I loved and so far, book three is awful like the plot, characters, and writing is horrific so hopefully it gets better but overall, this book series is a mixture of being great and terrible.

Rating- 5/10

# *Once upon a broken heart*

By Stephanie Garber

Genre- Fantasy, Romance, Paranormal fiction

About- Evangeline Fox is a helpless romantic, always wanting a happily ever after and would do anything for the people she loved most. Unfortunately, the love of her life is about to marry her stepsister, Evangeline is heartbroken and believes her sister has cursed the love of her life to marriage, so Evangeline makes a deal with fate.

Opinion- I found the whole plot to be a big mess and I absolutely hated it, but I loved the writing and was fond of the main character and the main character only. (Book two was slightly better tho)

Rating- 6/10

# **The Fault In Our Stars**

By John Green

Genre- Novel, YA, Romance

About- Hazel Grace is a 16-year-old with thyroid cancer and by her mother, is forced to attend a cancer support group. However, her life changes after meeting 17-year-old Augustus Waters, whose osteosarcoma caused him to lose his right leg.

Opinion- was pretty sad.

Rating- 6/10

# I Fell In Love With Hope

By Lancali

Genre- Romance, Medical Fiction, Coming of age story, Contemporary Romance

About- A group of dying teenagers meet an immortal stranger forming a friend group and find hope as they all go through tough times together.

Opinion- Mostly my fault that I keep buying sad books I really don't know why I do that. This book felt as if the author was trying too hard to make it annotatable if you get what I mean, it could be that the author is quite young which is why I wasn't a big fan of the writing but this book was overall okay.

Rating- 5/10

## SHATTER

## ME

By Tahereh Mafi

Genre- Ya, Dystopian, Sci-fi, Fantasy, Romance, Fiction

About- A girl whose touch is deadly has been locked away by the reestablishment in a world full of ruins plans to run away and escape her dreadful cell.

Opinion- besides the constant whining from the mc and how cringe worthy some scenes are I think I would have enjoyed this book a bit more if it weren't for the constant spoilers I've seen before reading. Sure, the plot was nice, and the writing was alright, but I could not stand some of the characters. perhaps its because this book was written back in 2011 which can excuse the cringe worthy scenes. Will I be continuing the 9-book series? Yes. Why? Because I've brought the entire series and am still hopeful for it to get better. I would only recommend this series if you're a very patient person

Rating- 2.5/10

# Divine

## Rivals

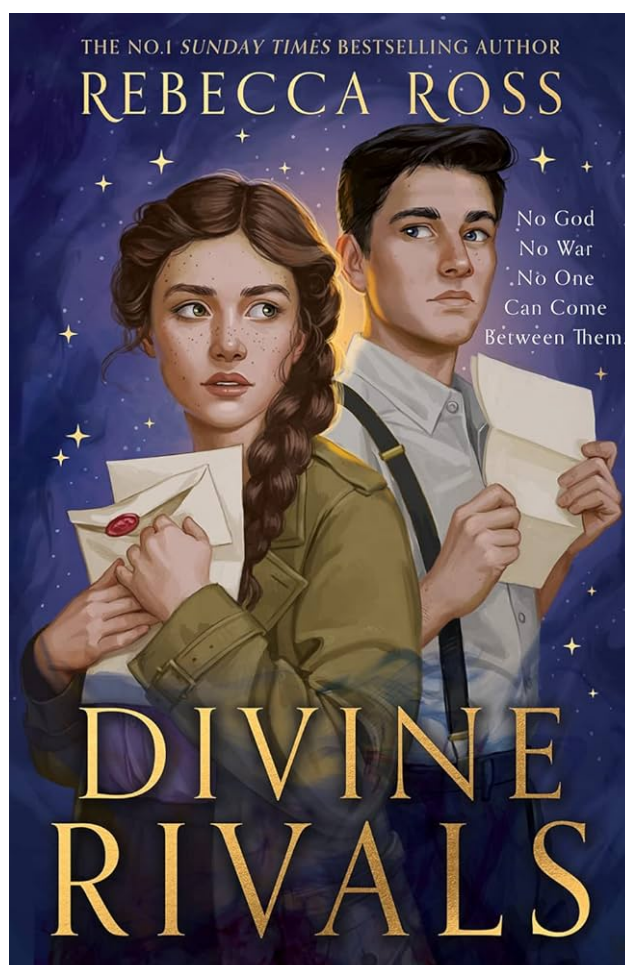
By Rebecca Ross

Genre- Fantasy Fiction, Historical Fantasy, Romance, Epistolary novel

About- Two rival journalists find love through writing letters to each other. Sadly, a big war between two Gods making it impossible to live a peaceful life. As they write about the war, they've found themselves enclosed in.

Opinion- This book was beautifully written, and I loved the characters. Started the second book and hopefully iris and roman get their happy ending.

Rating- 9/10



# Work in progress!



- by Leylah (Year 7) Photoshop experimenting



## CAT COMIC!



By Milena Petryniak

In magazine club, I've been working on drawing cartoony cats- I'm hoping that in the future, I can make my very own cat comic for cat-lovers to enjoy!

I'm hoping to make my comic adventurous and funny, with each cat character having their very own fun and interesting personality!

- I'm hoping to release some parts of my comic somewhere around spring.

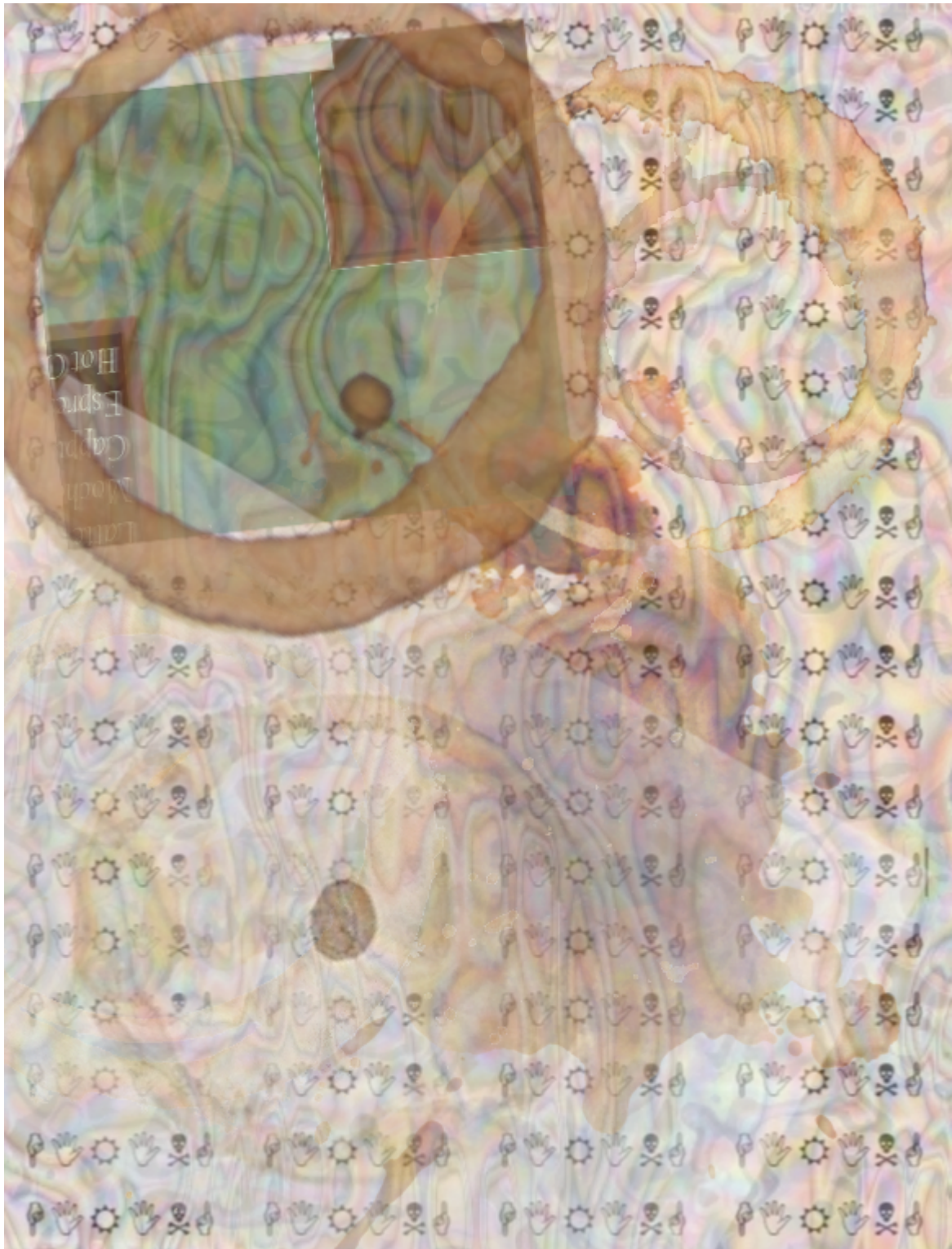
If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share with me, email be on [PETRYNIM@adalovelace.org.uk](mailto:PETRYNIM@adalovelace.org.uk)!

All emails are appreciated :)



- by Nicolas (Year 11) The Republic of Kiribati, is an island country in the Micronesia subregion of Oceania.





- Advert for an upcoming comic

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