

Our News

Starkid

"What the Devil is going on here?"

"That's absurd."

"Starkid Potter..." the theatre company that's been taking the internet by storm. As their website states: "Starkid Productions is best described as an ensemble of writers, actors, directors, designers, producers and other goof-offs." Over the last few years, they have produced four comedic musical

theatre productions which promptly went viral!

In 2009, a group of students from the University of Michigan, with a budget of under \$150, wrote, produced and performed *A Very Potter Musical* (a fan-made musical based on the Harry Potter series). It stars Darren Criss as Harry Potter (who some of you may know as Blaine Anderson from *Glee*) and starts with a solo as he ponders the prospect of going *Back to Hogwarts*.

This goes on to introduce the audience to most of the cast in a ten minute song. It is set in Harry's second year of Hogwarts and mixes the first, fourth, sixth and seventh books to form a witty and entertaining satire of the Harry Potter franchise.

On the back of the success of the musical, they created *A Very Potter Sequel* (which is effectively a prequel! Confusing or what?) This is set in Harry



Potter's first year and compiles the third, fifth and second books. It tells the story of Voldemort's minions (or Deathaters) going back in time to defeat Harry Potter, before the boy wizard defeats them.

Earlier this year, Starkid's third offering graced YouTube as *Starship*, a science fiction comedy based loosely on *The Little*

Mermaid. It follows Bug, an alien, in his dream to become a Starship Ranger. Set on a bug planet where the people like to "kick it up a notch", it follows the cast in their fight against the evil G.L.E.E (a nod to Darren Criss's affiliation with the cheesy television show).

Starkid has a whole list of other projects including

another musical which we can't mention in this article because it's for "big starkids only". With funding from external sources, Starkid produced *Little White Lie*, a web series, which aired slightly after their first musical. Also part of the Starkid image are redvines (a tasty snack) and blue head bands (an iconic sign of a Starkid musical). The theatre company runs entirely on donations and often find it hard to put together their productions but they still ask very little from their fans. So next time you're browsing YouTube, type *A Very Potter Musical Act One Part One* into the search bar and start the Starkid journey like over seven million others.

Hannah Hobson and Alyx Adams
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The Award Ceremony

On the 18th November, at half past six, South Holderness Technology College's brightest and best flocked to Hull City Hall for the annual award ceremony: an event celebrating all achievements from the sporting and artistic to the academic. City Hall played host to parents, teachers, students and honoured guests, including Rachel Brown (goalkeeper for England and Everton).

The ceremony began

with Marche Triomphale played by Mr King on the organ as students, friends and family all took to their seats. Following this Mr Cooper, our headmaster, welcomed everyone and we were presented with a photo-slideshow illustrating the last school year in all its glory. Then, after an apt introduction from Mr Cooper, the choir sang their rendition of Howard Goodall's *Big Tunes* - a medley of

theme songs from our best loved comedies. This was a brilliant performance for Grace Christiansen, a year eleven student, to follow with her astounding guitar and vocal solo (*Everybody Hurts*). Mr Cooper then took the stage once more to give a report of the academic year, reflecting on sporting achievements, exam results and the general progress of the school. Once the

speech was done with, Emily Tindall from the Sixth Form, took the stage with Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu*, displaying an extraordinary range and talent.

Then our deputy head Mr Gunning, in his first award ceremony, began to announce the students as Rachel Brown presented the multiple certificates and awards. Recognition was given for academic excellence and

personal progress in all the subjects taught at the college, as well as outstanding exam results and individual mention for other achievements. After this Rachel Brown gave an inspiring speech about going after your dreams, no matter who tells you that they are not possible.

The evening finished with a vote of thanks and then we all departed with a smile. Certainly a night to remember.

Hannah Hobson -
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Technology College



Mr Cooper and Rachel Brown

Our Fashion



Fashion on a fiver

At this time of the year when it's getting cold and frosty outside, we aim to keep warm through the season.

To keep warm we usually wear woolly jumpers, hats scarves and gloves.

Recently, knitted cardigans have sprung back into fashion and we wanted to keep them popular during this chilly season.

This fashion is stylish for males and females, young and old. They can be bought for around ten pounds in high street shops but only £1 in local charity shops!... Bargain!

They can also be worn all year round as an equal to a jacket so they are definitely worth getting and wearing!

By Amy Pickering
Withernsea High School

The Twelve Crazes of Christmas

For the twelfth craze of Christmas,

Our school friends gave to us:

Twelve gurus styling,

Eleven boys a chilling,

Ten games Kinecting,

Nine fingerless gloves,

Eight girls a chatting,

Seven kids a growing,

Six teens a planking,

Five head bands,

Four gobstoppers,

Three movies,

Two computer games,

And wearing your trousers too low.

Beth Atkinson and Hannah Hobson
SHTC Style Gurus



Our Sport



Jordan's Swimming

There is a young strong boy at Withernsea High School who has won many swimming medals and he is only 12 years old! His name is Jordan Wearmouth and he has also been on the Media sub-group for the past 5 terms. Jordan's parents must be so proud of him as he won a gold medal at the club championships, and has also won one silver and 2 bronze medals this term.

I think he is brilliant for the dedication he gives his swimming. He started having

lessons when he was only seven years old and practices every week for over seven hours. I don't know how he manages to fit 7 hours practise in a week! What do you do that is worthwhile for 7 hours a week on top of your school work?

Jordan enjoys swimming and we would love to see him as a competitor in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, we think he can do it, keep training hard Jordan.

by Lexy Audas (Year 8)
Withernsea High School



Zumba

Zumba is a new dancing technique which is great for losing weight, getting fit, or just simply having fun. It is held in lots of areas in the community and is done with different types of dances to suit lots of people's enjoyment. Since it has started to become more popular recently, schools have started trailing it with students in the area. Teachers are getting professionally trained to use with students in p.e lessons to create enjoyment and still keep active. The trail has proved to be a success with Withernsea high school students with the teacher, Miss Oliphant trying zumba with the year 9 and 10 girls. All the girls enjoyed it and will continue to have lots of fun doing it in and out of school.

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