

LISTEN TO YOUR MUM!



Now she might go on a bit and she might have terrible taste in music - but hey - LISTEN TO HER when she tells you:

- ➔ To plan a safe route - don't cross where it's dangerous!
- ➔ The shortest way ain't always the best way!
- ➔ If there's a crossing then **USE IT** - that's what it's there for!!!

And **ALWAYS** let her know if you're going to be late - you know how much she worries!

This magazine is definitely the best thing I've ever read - certainly superior in every way to the complete works of Shakespeare...

It's totally Awesome!!



move ON UP!!!

YOUR GUIDE TO YEAR **7**



EXCLUSIVE
WHAT'S IT LIKE?

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MY BEST FRIEND
a pupil tells her story

24
action packed
PAGES



PLUS!

DANGER RACERS

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WATCH OUT!

LISTEN TO YOUR MUM! ★ THE BIG ADVENTURE ★ SPILL THE BEANZ!

Starting secondary school is one massive new adventure! It will be much bigger than your old school and there will be loads more kids around - so it's a new challenge, with new possibilities, but there are also DANGERS. So read on and learn how to survive!

THE BIG

ADVENTURE



"When I started secondary school I was always getting lost. Our teachers gave us maps to find our way round but I never was any good at reading maps so I was sometimes late for my lessons. I've got used to the school now and I'm never late for my lessons."



Everyone's excited and a bit worried before they start but just be yourself and you'll be fine! You make loads of new friends!

Hi there gang and welcome to our mag...

So you've just started at secondary school eh? Well sit down and relax! It's a year since I started and I was well scared I can tell you that! But hey, it's worked out just fine...

Now, when you start at secondary school there's a few things you've got to get sorted on your first day. **Don't** walk in with your Peppa Pig fan club badge pinned to your blazer and don't let your Mum send you with little sandwiches and fairy cakes for your lunch - **Oh no!** - you just stride in there like you mean business.

Anyway welcome to this magazine - it's all about starting secondary school - the thrills, the spills, the ups, the downs and we'll be there to guide you through. So take heart my friend - by the time you've finished this free, fab magazine you'll be streetwise, cool, sophisticated, witty and charming.

Well perhaps it's not that good - but it will help you stay clued up and stay safe on the roads which is the most important thing - after all, it could be a matter of life and death. So read on - we'd be most upset if you didn't...



It was strange at first, everything was big and new and loud. We have different teachers all the time. Now I look forward to going to all the different lessons!

A YEAR 7 KID GETS A SHOCK VOICEMAIL!!



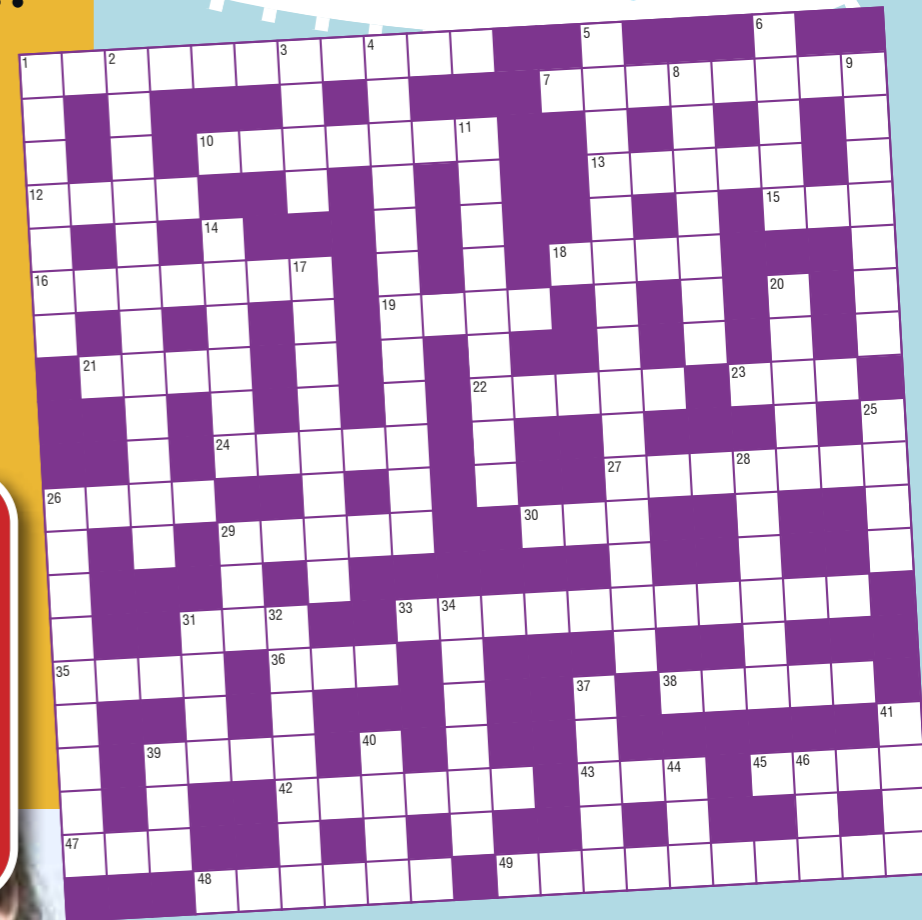
YOU MAKE ME SO ANGRY!

"I drive past your school every day and you're all a bunch of idiots. Kids come running out from everywhere and expect us drivers to stop in time - it's no wonder that accidents happen!"



"Hey who let him in here? This is a magazine for kids" "Yeah we're never dangerous outside school - well most of the time..." "Mmmm - well perhaps he has got a point though..."

Crossword!



clues...

Across

1. Famous young wizard (5 & 6)
7. Birds are covered in them (8)
10. Claret and blue for example (7)
12. Exams in year six (4)
13. Football team from Milan (5)
15. Type of monkey (3)
16. Hair that protects your eye (7)
18. Something you do when you are tired (4)
19. Smell badly (4)
21. Something you tie in string (4)
22. Have a ...Christmas! (5)
23. A type of transport (3)
24. Musical instrument with keys (5)
26. Part of the leg (4)
27. Where music comes out of CD player (7)
29. Intensely disliked (5)
30. Belonging to him (3)
31. A pet you take for a walk (3)
33. Disney film about a Clown fish (7 & 4)
35. The Green Cross (4)
36. Opposite to subtract (3)
38. School Dance (5)
39. Slip on ice (4)
42. Very surprised (6)
43. Square Pants' middle name (3)
45. A good thought (4)
47. Looks like a big mouse! (3)
48. This mag is about road... (6)
49. Jack and Sarah for example (5 & 5)

Down

1. Pet that runs around in a wheel (7)
2. Snakes that make a noise (12)
3. Birds that hunt at night (4)
4. Where lightning comes from (12)
5. A crossing with red and green men (7 & 8)
6. Cross over this striped animal (5)
8. Famous ship that sank (7)
9. Subject at school (7)
11. Superhero who makes webs (9)
14. Portable computer (6)
17. School for witchcraft and wizardry (8)
20. The sound a duck makes (5)
25. Musical instrument played with sticks (4)
26. What it says on the yellow zig - zags outside school. (4 and 5)
28. Men from outer space (6)
29. Chemical symbol for water (3)
31. What you sit behind at school (4)
32. Wizard from "Lord of the Rings" (7)
34. Pictures on a computer (6)
37. The middle traffic light (5)
39. What the cat did on the mat (3)
40. Opposite to West (4)
41. Watch out for these on the road (4)
44. Use this for Rounders (3)
46. Opposite of bright (3)

What's it like???

Kids speak out about starting secondary school...



"You really have to be careful outside school at home time - there's so much traffic."



"You've got to get yourself organised. Every day it's different books, PE kit - everything! PE is great! You get to do a lot more stuff. Things like athletics, we even got to throw the javelin - it was really exciting!"



"School dinners are better. You get loads more to choose from. The puddings are awesome!"

4 All these are real comments by real kids - but not by the ones in the pics - so stop being so nosy and read the rest of the magazine - thank you...



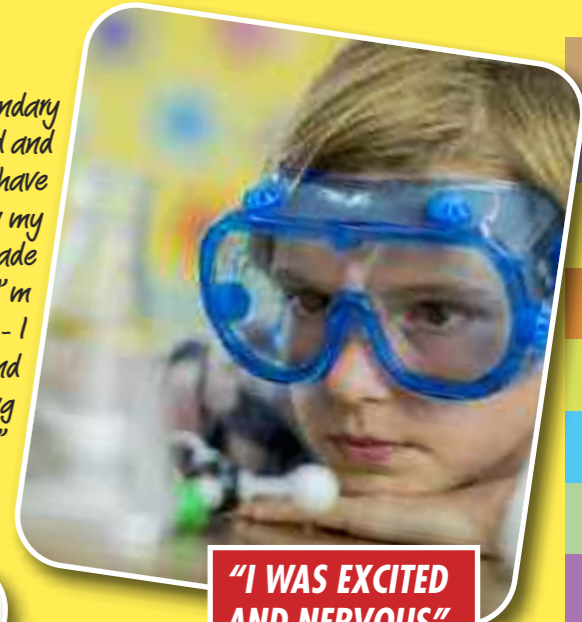
Secondary school is FUN! There's far more to do and loads better school trips. We went to a castle which was great, but the journey there and the gift shop were awesome!



"NOTHING'S BETTER THAN MUSIC"

"MUSIC is great! Nothing's better for me! You can play the piano, violin, drums - anything you like!"

"When I started secondary school I was excited and nervous. I didn't have many friends in my Tutor Group. I soon made new friends and I'm now enjoying school - I know my way round and I'm not getting lost anymore!"



"I WAS EXCITED AND NERVOUS"

"I thought my new school was so big! I got lost going to every lesson. It was like a maze, but now I find my way around just like that! And it's easy."

"IT WAS LIKE A MAZE!"



"I wasn't happy when I started at secondary school because I had to leave all my old friends and make new ones - I did not have any at all in my new class. But look at me now - I've got lots of friends!"



"I'VE GOT LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS"

freewheelin'!

Free-wheeling to freedom in three simple steps!

Cycling is a great way to get to school. It keeps you fit and doesn't cost the earth!

'Get Geared Up!'

Getting the right gear is just as important as getting the right cycling skills!

Use your head! - You will find your head to be of great use at school - it will serve you well in everything from tackling one of those tricky algebra problems to clearing the ball off the line in the school footy match. So take care of it - use a helmet, protect your head!

Are you bright or dim? - Be a smart cyclist and always wear something bright to make sure drivers can see you. If you're going out when it's dark, fit some lights on your bike too!

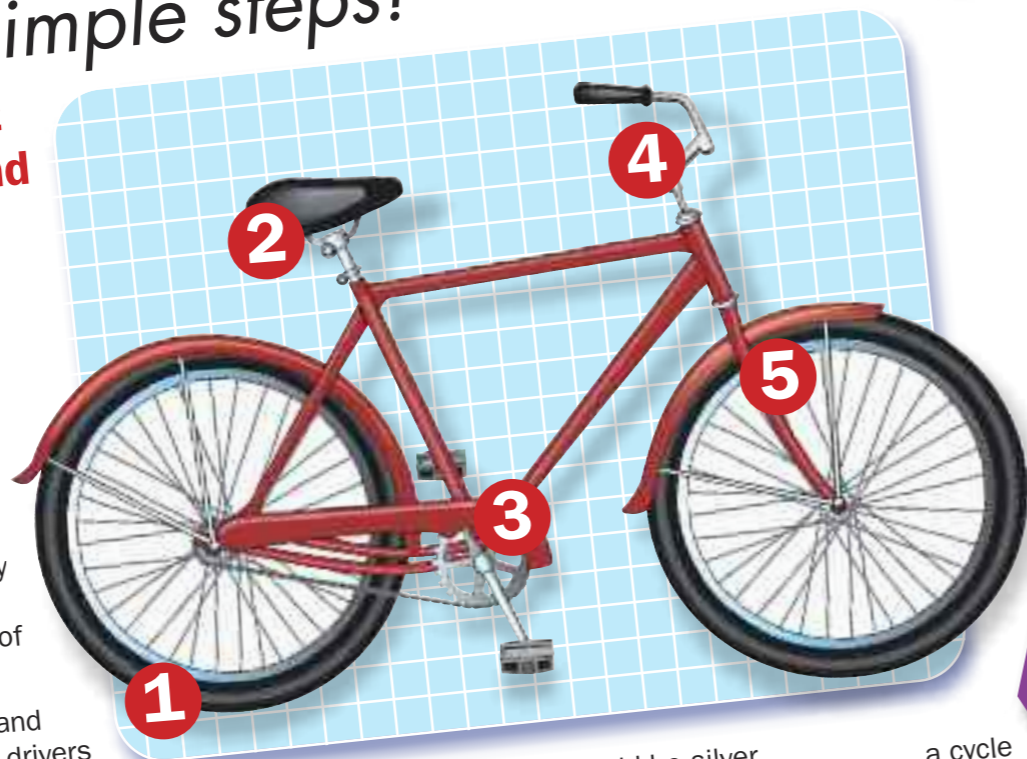
Keep it safe - So you finally persuaded your parents to get you that top-of-the-range bike you've been dreaming about for years. So don't leave it outside the shop for some naughty so and so to half inch it! Keep it safe, keep it secure and lock it to keep it!

Check It Out!

If you've got wobbly wheels you'll definitely be getting nowhere fast!

1 Tyres - Soft, squidgy and bald? No we're not talking about old Uncle Ivor, we're talking about your tyres! Give them a press with the palm of your hand to check they're firm and look to make sure the nobbly bobbly grip hasn't been worn off.

2 Saddle - Feeling stretched? To be comfortable and safe make sure your saddle is just the right height. Whilst sitting on your saddle you should be able to touch the floor.



3 Chain and Pedals - Your chain should be silver or black and NOT orange or brown. Give your pedals a wobble - they shouldn't feel loose otherwise you may find yourself pedal-less when you're mid-flow!

4 Handlebars - If you steer your bike to the right, you want to know you're going to go right, right?! Stand facing your bike, grip the front wheel between your knees, hold your handlebars and try and wiggle them left and right.

5 Brakes - If you find yourself pedalling like a bat out of hell and not getting anywhere, you may find your brakes have stuck and it isn't just that you're ridiculously unfit! To find out for sure, lift the front of your bike off the floor and spin the wheel round to make sure it moves round freely, then do the same at the back!

'On yer bike!'

Before you hit the road with your now finely tuned bicycle you need to make sure you have the skills to match! Get yourself on

a cycle training course to pick up some great tips on how to handle yourself and your wheels on the road.

Top Tips - Hey good looking!!! The best way to keep yourself safe on your bike is to be the best looker in town! If you're not too sure whether the cars can see you, make sure you can see them by always looking all around you and over your right shoulder.

If you know where you want to go but not necessarily the best way to get there on your two-wheels, there are loads of websites out there where you can find out about cycle routes and maps of your local area.

www.sustrans.org.uk covers over 10,000 miles of cycle routes across the National Cycle Network using an interactive map.

www.cyclinguk.org is not only a great source for finding out about cycle routes, but you can also find out about cycle training including mountain biking skills!

visit www.bikeability.org.uk and check out the sort of training on offer...





CROSSINGS

There's lots of crossings - so use 'em - what more is there to say?

You said
"Some people don't use the pelican - they just run across. One year 12 lad got knocked over doing it."
"You have to watch out - some drivers don't stop at the zebra"



Hey - It's mad out here at half past three so tell your mum not to park on these!!!



DRIVERS



You said:
"Lots of 20 year olds speed - they go really fast. Old people round here go really slow!"

"I crossed over on the Zebra but a driver came right through and nearly hit me"
"They just park anywhere - you've got to be dead careful when you cross over"

WATCH OUT THERE'S DANGER ABOUT

Well here we are outside school - seems like a **GOOD** time to tell you all about the dangers that are **JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

Yup secondary schools are fun fun fun but just take a look outside!!! Urrgh - it's a bit busy which is no surprise when you get 600 kids, 200 crazy parents and a million cars all trying to get home! And you can wipe that smile off your face or you can see me in my office after English!!!



ONE OF THE CROWD?

Hey - walking home with your mates is soooo much fun but watch yourself! If someone does something **REALLY** stupid it's usually when they're with a bunch of other people...

You said:
"One kid fell into the road when he was messing about - it was really scary"

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

Mmm thought not! Now it's **NOT** a good idea to cross wearing your headphones - is it??? This mag's all about keeping safe and you've just gone and ruined it all!

If you have music blasting through your headphones you're not going to be able to hear cars, buses, lorries **NOTHING!!!**

You said:
"I've seen loads of people with headphones on. They don't look like they know what's happening on the road."

"A car bumped into another one right in front of me - the driver was talking on the phone."



STOP NEVER CROSS AND TEXT!





TAKE THAT, CYBORGORILLA! YOU AND YOUR SIMIAN SQUADRON HAVE PINCHED YOUR LAST BANANA!

AARGH! CURSE YOU, LIGHTNING-BOLT!

This is totally lame.



Shut up, HyperTeam is awesome!

It's stupid!

Anyway, you've seen this one like five times already!



Come on, let's play ULTRA ZORGS instead!

I'm watching this!



Hyper-Team!

ULTRA-ZORGS!

Stop that! Come on, get your coats on, you'll be late for school!



We won't be late, Mum!

We've got super-speed!

Just... be careful!



Race you!

Last one to school's a bogey-faced toad!

I won't be last - I've got LIGHTNING SPEED POWERS!

Yeah? Well I've got ATOMIC HYPERSPEED!



ULTRAZORG BLUE AND LIGHTNING-BOLT LINE UP FOR THE RACE OF THE CENTURY!

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING!

READY... SET...



GO!!!



...AND LIGHTNINGBOLT TAKES AN EARLY LEAD AS THEY ZOOM OVER THE PYRAMIDS!

...BUT ULTRAZORG CATCHES HIM UP AT THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA! IT'S ANYBODY'S RACE!



THEY RACE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN! ULTRAZORG IS TOTALLY CHEATING!

AM NOT!

LOOK OUT! IT'S NEPTUNOR, GIANT MUTANT SEA TURTLE OF DOOM!

SWERVE!

You boys watch where you're going!



AND THEY'RE COMING UP ON THE FINISH LINE!



Lightning-Bolt is still ahead! it's lightning-bolt for the win!

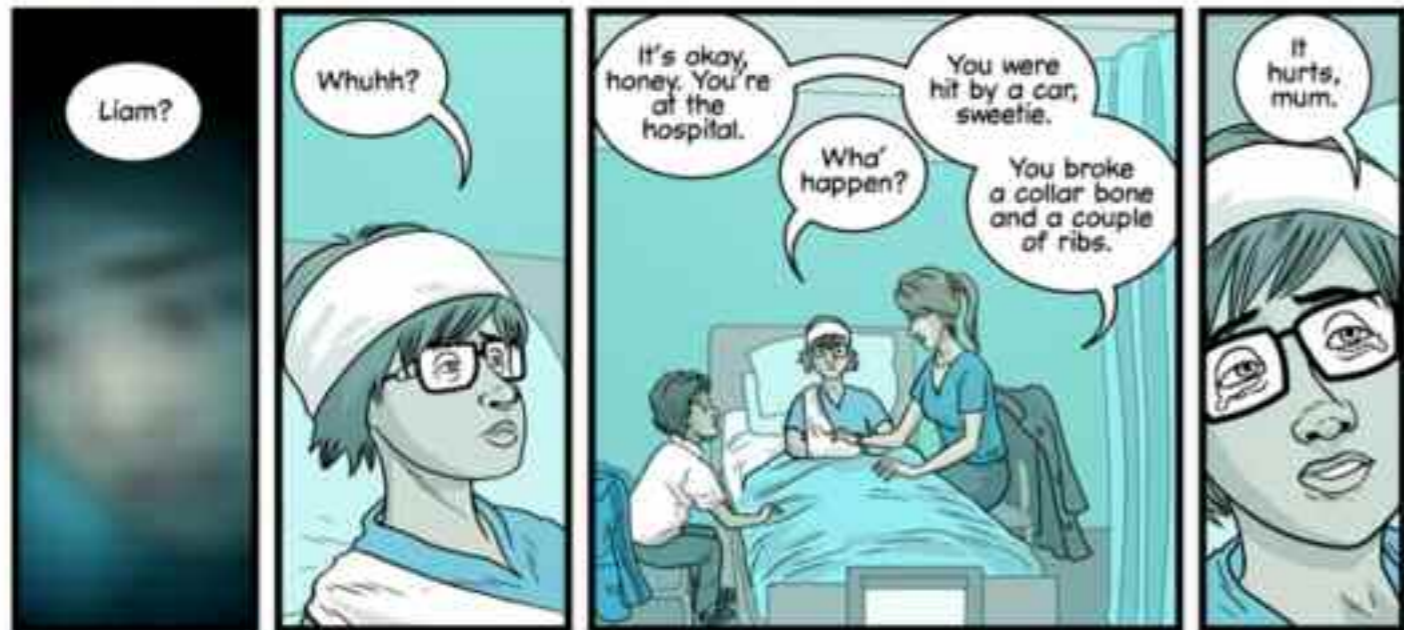


I'm gonna make it!

Liam, look --

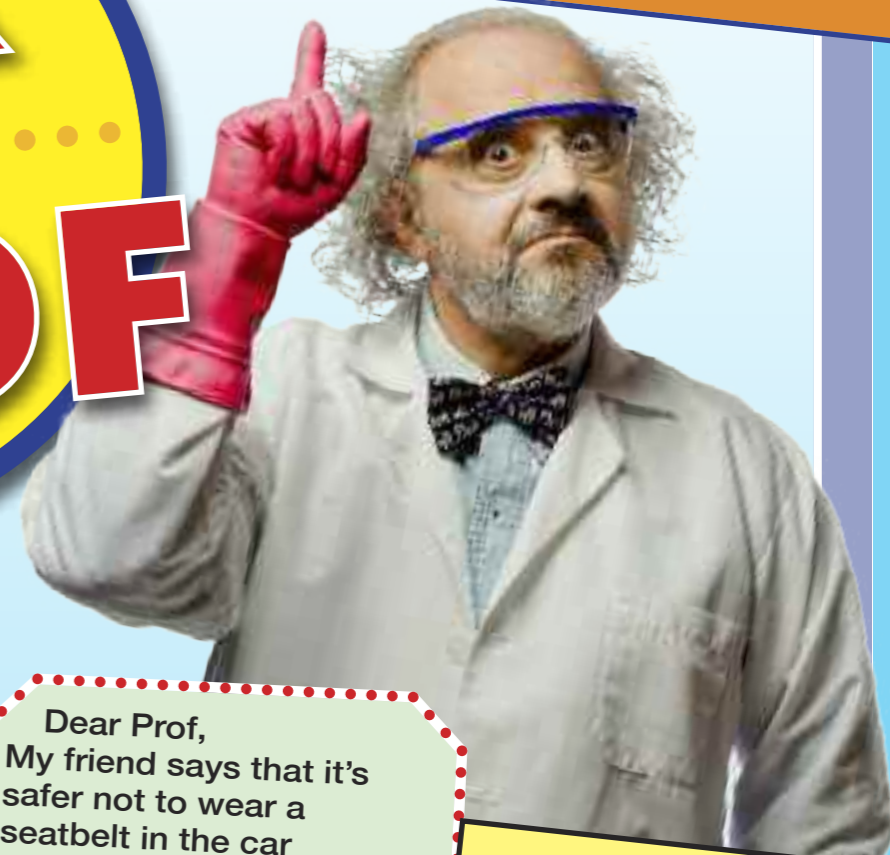


--out!!



ASK the PROF

Our resident road safety expert (also world's most intelligent man) answers your questions



Dear Prof,
I've always been safe on the roads but I'm having a real problem - my mates all go crazy when they leave school at night and start fooling around near the road. I don't want to get hurt but I don't want to get left out either - what should I do?

Dear Prof,
My friend says that it's safer not to wear a seatbelt in the car because you could get trapped in the car if you wear one.

Dear Prof,
When I have to cross a main road my mom or dad always seem to grab me in some way. I don't understand why they do this. Is it because they don't trust me?

The Prof says...

What a load of total rubbish - seatbelts save hundreds of lives every year. If you don't wear a seatbelt and you're in a crash, even if the car is going slowly, you could be killed. So wear your seatbelt **every time** you go out in the car.

The Prof says...

This happens to a lot of people and obviously it is a bit embarrassing and annoying to say the least!
The first thing you've got to remember is that your parents are doing this because they are worried about you when all the traffic is around.
The best thing is to wait until you feel calm about the situation and have a quiet word with them - explain to them that they can trust you to cross safely without being grabbed. When they do give you the opportunity make sure you don't blow it!

The Prof says...

You're not doing your friends any favours if you start being stupid with them near the roads. If they carry on like this then someone is going to get hurt or even killed. Make sure that it's not **you** by acting sensibly near the roads. Your friends will hopefully follow your example and do the same - remember it's not worth risking your life to look cool.



the ultimate quiz!!!

cycling SIGNS

Just listen up buddies, we've got just four signs for you to identify. What could be easier we hear you say?



1 Well what have we here?

Could it be:
 a) No cycling
 b) Cycle Lane
 c) To be honest, I haven't got a clue

2 And what about this?

a) Oncoming traffic has priority
 b) One way traffic
 c) Danger Above

3 Any ideas?

a) No entry
 b) Roundabout ahead
 c) One way

4 Now here's a tricky problem we saw down the street, just outside the chip shop. But what could it mean?

a) Traffic lights ahead
 b) Traffic lights out of order
 c) No right turn at lights

answers:

- 1** a) How observant! I like your style - Pedal on Dude!!!
 b) Ouch! A truly painful, excruciating and absolutely wrong answer.
 c) Thanks kid - at least you were honest - I expected a stupid answer and that's exactly what you gave me!
- 2** a) Nice try kid - unfortunately that sign has got two arrows on it.
 b) Correct - I think that you're a young genius despite what your last report said!
 c) The last thing you do when you're on a bike is to take your eyes off the road and by the way anybody who plays tricks on a bike on the road is in **serious** danger.
- 3** a) May I be the first to congratulate you on an absolutely brilliant answer - quite magnificent!
 b) Now aren't we getting just a little silly, I'm so disgusted with your daft answer that I'm going to write to your Headteacher to complain!
 c) Remind me to never follow you on a cycle ride.
- 4** a) No, No, NO!!! - If that was the right answer then why is there a dirty great big red line through the sign?
 b) Well done a fine answer my friend!
 c) Let's get real dude - that answer was absolute rubbish - I hope that you're thoroughly ashamed of yourself for wasting my valuable time!

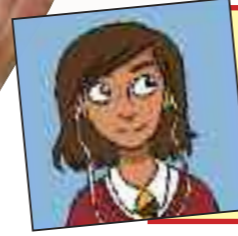


Well I'm afraid it's time for us to snitch on our mates - and tell you what they act like outside school - but don't tell anyone else, we'd hate to get into trouble...

EXCLUSIVE

IT'S TIME TO

Spill the Beanz!



Lilly Conroy, Thinks she's safe because she's in a group, doesn't care if she runs straight into the road. A real hospital case I'd say - or worse...

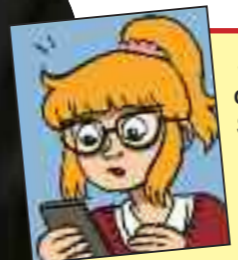
Jack Stableton, He always takes the most dangerous route to school. "Why's that?" I hear you say, reader, well it's quite simple. Young Jack saves *two minutes* on his journey by crossing two busy main roads. But he risks his life doing it...
 Groan. I was in his French class last year, brilliant at all that, but when it comes to road sense - thick as two short planks I'm afraid to say.



Josh Thompson - Hobbies - plays the drums, wears sunglasses, eats liquorice pipes when his mates aren't about - but generally an all round clever bod. When it comes to crossing the road he's his own man, *cool or what?* He's not going to let *anyone* else get him into danger - and he looks where he's going - he's my hero!



Jaydon Smith - Thinks it's cool to mess about on the roads. He says "I do what I want to - nobody tells me what to do"
 Really he's trying to impress people - he's a real idiot - and could get himself killed.



Sophie Cook - She says "School dinners are fab, my dad drives a Skoda and my mum plays in a ladies football team."
 Always on her phone, even when she's crossing the road. If she spent as much time looking out for cars as she does texting her mates, she'd be the safest kid in the school!

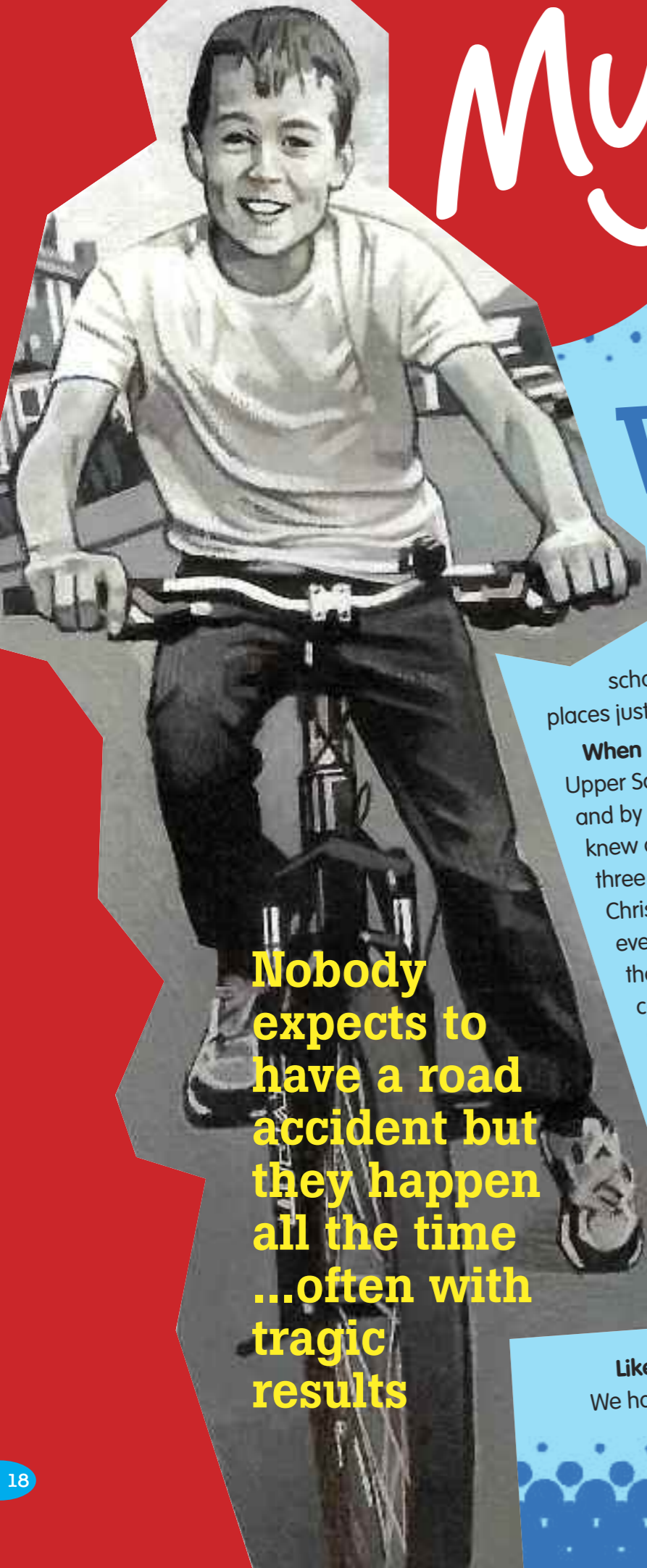
Ami Dixon - She's a good girl really but just doesn't concentrate. Now... let's look at her school report mmm - just as I suspected "Wastes time...", "Never listens in class", "Comes from another planet" - that's a bit harsh isn't it? But she is in serious danger on the road.



"Well that was certainly an eye-opener readers, but there's a salutary lesson for all of us - **WATCH OUT WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE SCHOOL!!!**"
 "Do you think any of them know what salutary means?"
 "No, but that's why they're going to secondary school to learn words like that and 'perpendicular'. So it's quite simple really..."

My

BEST FRIEND



Nobody expects to have a road accident but they happen all the time ...often with tragic results

Where I come from we do things a bit differently. Instead of having infant, junior and secondary schools we have lower, middle and upper. That means we don't go to our last school until we are 13. Some places just have to be different.

When I was 13, we had started Upper School in the September and by Christmas we just about knew our way round. It was three weeks before the Christmas holidays and everyone was excited about the Christmas production, Carol concerts and parties that were planned. You know how it gets in schools at that time of year. All the nastiness had vanished, everyone was friends with everyone else, peace, goodwill and the real Christmas spirit was everywhere. In the middle of all this happiness came the worst day of my life. I suppose because everything else was going so well that made it worse.

Like I say, it was just three weeks before the holiday. We had spent all afternoon practising for the production



and singing carols. Finally the bell went and it was time to go home. Everyone piled out of school, it was quite dark already. The grass in front of the school was covered with kids trying to find their friends, brothers, sisters, people to walk home with. I spotted a group of people I knew and went to join them. There were six of us altogether. Two of the lads had their bikes and were fooling about, weaving in and out of the crowds of people, pulling wheelies, that sort of thing. The road by our school was not very busy so I suppose what happened next must just have been fate.

The lad who lived over the road from me, my best friend, Ben, rode off the pavement and across the road. At that moment a car came over the hill and ploughed straight into him. I remember standing there looking at him just lying in the road, half under the car, his bike all mangled underneath him. I wanted to scream but my throat was frozen. I heard people around me running back into school to phone for an ambulance, but all I could do was stand and stare. My best friend was lying in the road and I couldn't move.

The teachers came out then and made us all go home. We walked down the street in silence. I couldn't believe what had happened. The day before Ben and I had had this massive row about him picking on my little brother. We hadn't spoken since and now this had happened to him. When I got home I saw Ben's mum driving off down the road. I knew where she was going. I went into the house and told mum what had happened. She gave me a hug and told me not to worry, she was sure everything would be alright.

I couldn't believe what had happened...

I hardly slept that night. Every time I closed my eyes all I could see was Ben lying there under the car. The next morning there was a knock at the door. It was Matthew, Ben's brother. He said he was sorry to bother us but he had some bad news. Ben was dead. His brain had stopped working so his organs had been donated and all the machines turned off. I can't tell you how I felt at that moment. I sat down on the stairs and cried. I would never be able to say sorry for the silly fight we'd had, his Christmas present would stay upstairs under my bed, I would have to go to school on my own.



I can't remember walking to school that day. I must have done because I can remember walking through the school gate. As I walked past his office, the head called out of the window to me. He asked if I'd heard how Ben was. What could I say? I know I started to cry again and I think I managed to get a few words out. "Ben's dead". I ran to my classroom and hid at the back. Telling the head was just the first of many times I had to say those words that day. Ben's dead. Nobody seemed to know. It was a terrible day. When I got home I looked at Ben's house. All the Christmas decorations had been taken down. There was no reason for them to celebrate that year.

The worst bit about this is that if Ben had stopped and looked before going on to the road, if he had been wearing a cycle helmet, if he had thought about what he was doing, he would probably still be here today and Christmas would have been the happy, family time it is supposed to be, and I would still have my best friend living across the road.



In the middle of all this happiness came the worst day of my life...

FOOTBALL NICKNAMES

Which football teams have the following nicknames?

- The Gunners
- The Baggies
- The Seagulls
- The Canaries
- The Magpies
- The Owls
- The Eagles
- The Foxes
- The Seagulls

the BIG QUIZ

- If you saw the letters **IDK** on a text what would it mean?
- Who was the **Professor of Potions at Hogwarts**? Who was he replaced by?
- Who wrote **Tracy Beaker**?
- Which planet is called the **"Red Planet"**?
- What are the two cheapest properties in **Monopoly**?
- Who was the villain in **"Beauty and the Beast"**?

wacky wordsearch

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Words to find...

- AMBER
- BIKE
- BRIDGE
- BUS
- CYCLING
- DANGER
- DRIVING
- GREEN
- KERB
- LIGHT
- LORRY
- PAVEMENT
- ZEBRA
- WALK
- VAN
- TRAM
- PEDESTRIAN
- PELICAN
- POLICECAR
- RED
- ROAD
- SAFE
- SUBWAY
- TRAIN
- TRANSPORT



Sudoku

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How to play

The object of Sudoku is to fill in the 9x9 grid so that each row, each column and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains the digits 1 through to 9.

answers....

- The Seagulls - BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
- The Foxes - LEICESTER CITY
- The Eagles - CRYSTAL PALACE
- The Owls - SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
- The Magpies - NEWCASTLE UNITED
- The Canaries - NORWICH CITY
- The Seagulls - BLACKPOOL
- The Baggies - WEST BROMWICH ALBION
- The Gunners - ARSENAL

JOKE TIME

A skeleton walks into a pub and says "Could you give me a pint of beer and a mop please?"

Patient - "Doctor, Doctor, I think I'm a pack of cards"
 Doctor - "Well sit over there and I'll deal with you later"

- Knock Knock "Who's there?" "Granny"
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- Knock Knock "Who's there?" "Aunt"
- "Aunt who?"
- "Aunt you glad that Granny's gone!"
- Why did the cat cross the road? It was the chicken's day off...
- Patient - "Doctor, Doctor, I only have 59 seconds to live!"
 Doctor - "Wait a minute please"
- Two fish in a tank - One turns to the other and says "Do you know how to drive this?"

