

## Academic Specialisms

This half term the Scholars have been focusing on individual Academic Specialisms.

This newsletter features excerpts from a range of the articles and work produced by the Scholars.

The work was undertaken independently and topics were chosen by the Scholars.

## The Changing Face of Employment Elaine Li (Lower 5)

85% of jobs that will exist in 2030 have not been invented yet. As jobs change, the skills we need will change. Although we do not exactly know what jobs will be created in the future, technological skills, emotional skills and social skills will be vital for our careers.

## Dark Universe Nevidu Jay (Lower 4)

Our universe is immense! Alas, our solar system accounts for less than 1% of our known cosmos; however, what constitutes the other proportion of our macrocosm...? The enormity of our universe is extremely great, that every action we experience on a daily basis, is a minor fraction of the ultimate reality. Normal matter (the substance that establishes planets, ourselves, trees, rocks, atoms etc.) forms a diminutive 5% of our universe. The remaining 27% is dark matter and 68% is dark energy.



# Scholars' Newsletter

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## China's Plan to Become the Next World Superpower Ziyan Baloch (Lower 6)

It is already acknowledged that China is one of the most powerful countries in the world, and its only rival for the ultimate prize of being crowned the superpower of the world lies within the US. As China's growth slows as it is no longer able to sustain annual growth in the double digits of GDP figures, thereby switching from an industrializing economy to an industrialized one, it has come up with a collective Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) plan to combat this, and extend its sphere of influence.

BRI involves China's involvement in making loans and investing in infrastructure projects in developing nations in 3 different continents, affecting a population of 4.5 billion people (60% of the world's population). It is the single largest infrastructure project in history, and has an estimated cost of \$4-8 trillion. The numbers are staggering, and so is the aim.

## Scholars' Journal

A dedicated editorial team has been meeting regularly to work on the Scholars' Journal 2019-2020.

Kaan Suphi, Zoe Dahse, Izzy Webb, Abby Dopson, Tom Ade-Parsons and Nevidu Jay are working hard on producing their vision for the journal.

We look forward to seeing the final publication: June 2020.



## Why Learn Spanish? Ola Navasivayam Hashemi (Lower 4)

Although learning a new language may be difficult, doing so can teach you many things. Language skills can be a great competitive advantage against your peers, give you improved memory and critical thinking skills and help to connect with others. But why learn Spanish?

## Introduction to Absurdism Will Hart (Lower 6)

Camus proposed that in order to live a 'full' life, it is useful to base your actions on a consistent moral code, while maintaining the recognition that the code is 'meaningless'; this satisfies one's inherent desire for meaning and purpose, without sacrificing intellectual honesty.

## Spring Term Focus

The Scholarship focus for the Spring Term will be Leadership and Service. The Junior Scholars will be participating in a Teamwork and Leadership Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Abby Dopson, Jake Hall, Clara Harris, Hannah Masood, Joshua Muthu, Zachari Muthu, Ola Navasivayam Hashemi, Abbie Pendower, Gezana Rai, Hannah Stainbank Izzy Webb, and Ethan Wood have all volunteered to deliver Monday morning assemblies to all sections of the School.

