



# Finest

## COVID-19 In Brazil: Why have Coronavirus cases skyrocketed?



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Brazilian President

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### **New Film Recommendations:**

"Dating Amber" (Irish Comedy-Drama/Romance) and "The Fundamentals of Caring" (American road Comedy-Drama).

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This Month's Special Guest is Mr Duffy

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Welcome to the Fulford's Finest advice corner, the place where our Year 13 students tell us the things that they wish they could tell their Year 12 selves. Having already been in the Sixth Form for a year, they are going to give you the insightful wisdom and guidance that you never knew you needed...

- So, it's nearly time for us Year 13s to leave the Sixth Form. But as many of us revise and prepare to leave... Year 12s still have another year to enjoy. It goes without saying that we haven't had the normal Sixth Form experience: instead of exams, we've had well-uncertainty, instead of normal lessons, we've had Zoom and Teams, and instead of the social side, we've had social distancing and shielding (fun, right?) As we reminisce on the past few years, we realise just how much we've missed out on. So, for today's advice, we'll tell you what we would have done if it wasn't for COVID-19, and hopefully you'll be able to do some of these things in Year 13...
- The prospect that most of us feel cheated out of, of course, is the social side. We all joined the Sixth Form, some of us from completely different schools and not knowing anyone, then had a good few months getting to know each other when lockdown hit, forbidding any of us from seeing each other for months. If not for this lockdown, we would've experienced much more of the social side of Sixth Form. Even simple things like sneaking off for a McDonald's in free periods, or hanging out with our friends on the field. And of course, another side that comes with Sixth Form is the parties with new friends. Yes, zoom parties have been done, but they're not the same. So, our advice to you is to make lots of plans with friends. You know that invitation that you just rejected? Say yes! These are the years to make the best friends of your life.
- Another experience that a lot of us feel cheated of is the ability to have face-to-face teaching. We know that Year 12s have experienced this too, and we hope that you'll have lessons in person throughout the entirety of your Year 13 experience. Engage in the lessons and, most importantly, rejoice in the fact that your teachers print things off for you! Many of us at home didn't have a printer, or had one that had the technological complexity of a toaster... Also, take advantage of the fact that businesses are opening and go and get some work experience!
- I think that you definitely have an idea on what we feel we have missed, so please take this invitation to enjoy these on our behalf. Even though you have had a COVID-19 filled Year 12, make up for this by enjoying all the parts of Sixth Form limited by the lockdowns.

# Polished Politics

## ‘We are an example to the world’-

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The Senate’s probe is the most recent, and potentially most politically damaging, attempt to hold the far-right president accountable for one of the world’s worst coronavirus outbreaks, and joins dozens of impeachment requests already filed against him. Whilst the probe has been described as ‘potentially explosive’ this effort, mirroring previous attempts, is unlikely to gain momentum due to Bolsonaro’s solid



base of support among centrist parties and good terms with the speaker of the lower house, Arthur Lira. Such an inquest pandemic is being led by an 11-member parliamentary inquiry committee which is expected to publicly scrutinize some of the most problematic aspects of Brazil’s official response, including delays in the purchase of vaccines, lack of oxygen for patients and mixed messaging. Out of its 11 members, only four are openly pro-government. Two are against it and five are seen as independent.

Alongside Brazil’s ticking time bomb, external forces (i.e. The United States) have been claimed to be at play with it being assumed that Brazil rejection of the Russian vaccine ‘Sputnik V’, provoking the response ‘We hope that science, not pressure from another country, will be used for decision making’, was largely owing to the United States’ discouragement of said vaccine. Despite the lack of further testing, leading to critique from many health officials, the shot has been deemed safe and effective at preventing coronavirus infections in recent tests. Brazil has so far approved COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca and Sinovac.

Only recently was Brazil overtaken by India as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most pandemic-impacted country.

# Film Recommendations

## As underrated as Niall Horan's mad vocal abilities and solo albums:

### *Dating Amber:*

Directed by David Freyne, this Irish comedy-drama coming of age film features two closeted teenagers in 1990s rural Ireland. Starring Fionn Shea (*Normal People*) and Lola Petticrew, the characters start a fake relationship during their final year of school in effort to 'fit in' and gain some peace from the (irritatingly generic in my opinion) school bullies. It could be dubbed a transatlantic '*Love, Simon*' but '*Dating Amber*' takes a more awkward and realistic spin on its teen protagonists as well as addressing the culturally consequential internalised homophobia that lingers behind many LGBTQ+ coming of age films. While visually striking, it's captures the bittersweet balance of being moving while also involving witty humour. Maybe be aware of what the Irish slang 'shifting' is before you watch, otherwise I'm sure you'll catch on soon enough by its hundredth inclusion in the script.



### *The Fundamentals of Caring:*

Starring Craig Roberts and Paul Rudd, this 2016 dark comedy follows a young man with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and his newfound carer who decide to go on a spontaneous road trip to see the most random American roadside attractions including the world's deepest pit. The dry humour and quick-witted sarcasm of the two protagonists makes for a unique and interesting dynamic on screen. Ben (Rudd) has a darker element to his arc as he comes to terms with recent trauma and the breakdown of his marriage, which brings depth and sentimentality to the plot while we witness Trevor (Roberts) stepping out of the boundaries he placed himself in as a result of his disability. If you're easily offended by crude humour, this one might not be for you. **Available on Netflix.**



# Interviews for Intellectuals

## Interviews for Intellectuals:

So, for this week's interview we have Mr Duffy a wonderful social sciences teacher!

1. Worst hairdressing experience?

Lots in lockdown- I bike to work with wet hair so often arrive looking like Elvis. Most are bad experiences.

2. If you could be an inanimate object, what would you be and why?

Weather vane – outside and you follow the wind (I windsurf so wind is important).

3. Top 5 places to eat out?

Rustique, Ambiente, Skosh, Dormouse -York sports club.

4. A time when you cried with laughter?

Guilty pleasure -Borat –the first movie- the naked wrestling bit.

5. Trickiest situation to deal with?

Someone phoned a taxi in my lesson (a Sixth Former) :O



6. If you could experience the life of a famous music artist/group-who would it/they be?

Dunno- a boring one who lived a long time...Tony Bennet's in his 90s.

7. A moment you are most proud of?

Working with British Library on a campaign to abolish slavery (and commemorate 200th anniversary of British abolition). Teaching though offers loads of moments to support or help people- gratified rather than proud if people in a difficult place pull through.

8. Something you want everyone to know about you?

Quite private – pass.

9. What made you want to become a teacher?

A great teacher a secondary school's trips, patience, sage advice etc and I enjoyed (and still enjoy) learning new stuff.

10. Do you have any allergies? If not, are there a food/ animals/ thing that you wish you were allergic to?

Hate kidneys and liver but avoid eating them so if I had an allergy, it would be no different.

# The Food Fanatic

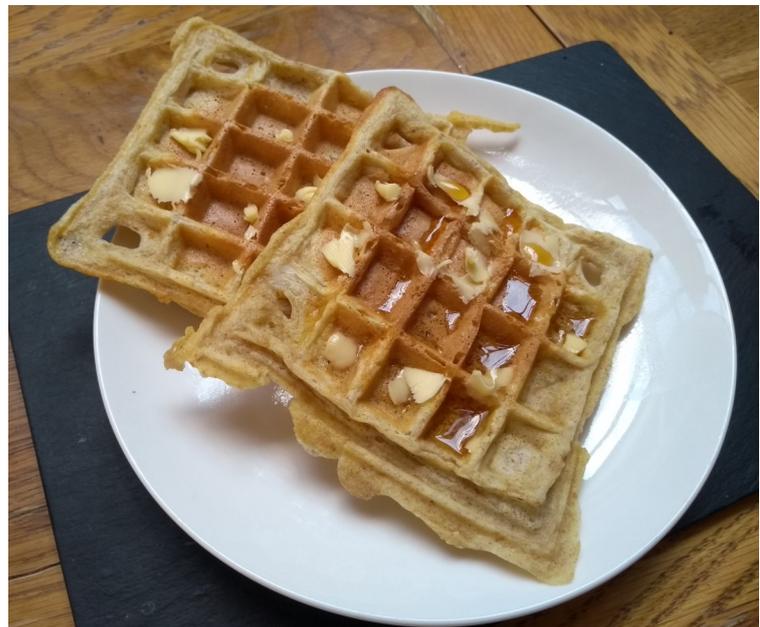
Not the most inclusive recipe, I know, but I've had a waffle iron for over a year now, and it is life-changing. No more repetitively flipping pancakes for hours, instead, an easy way to make a lot of deliciously soft, light waffles, perfect for a weekend breakfast.

Recipe of the  
Month: Breakfast  
Waffles

**Makes 15**

## Ingredients:

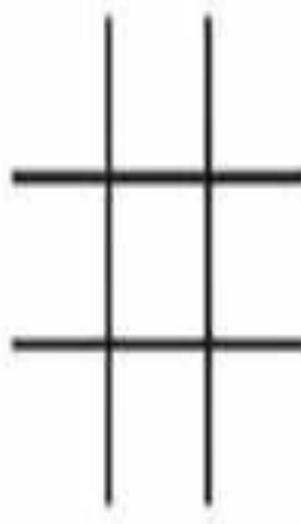
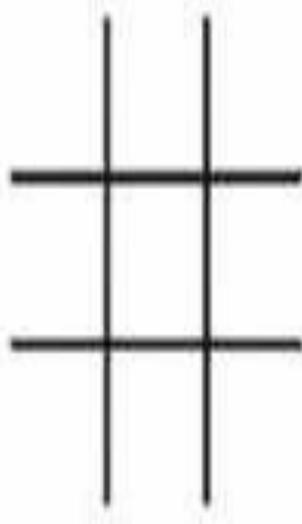
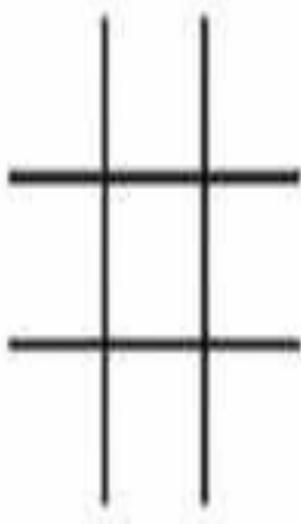
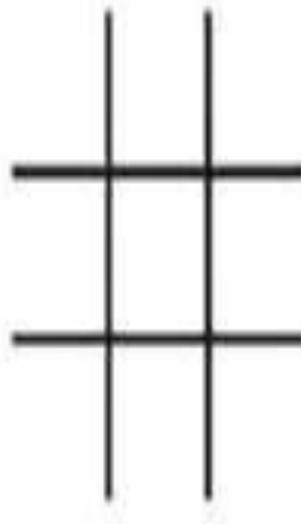
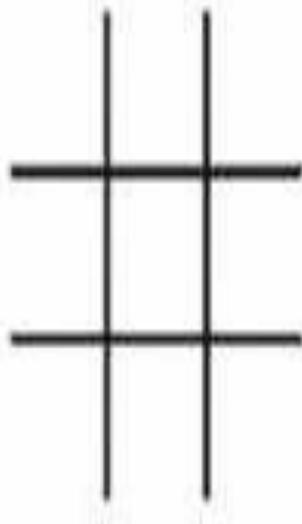
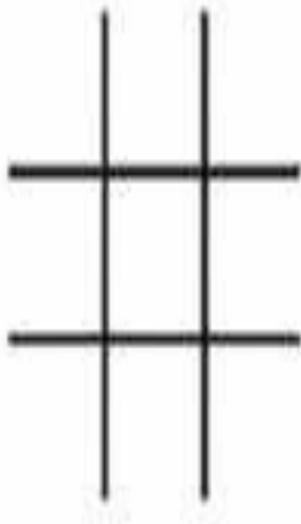
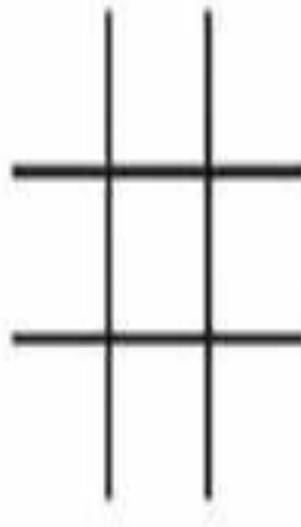
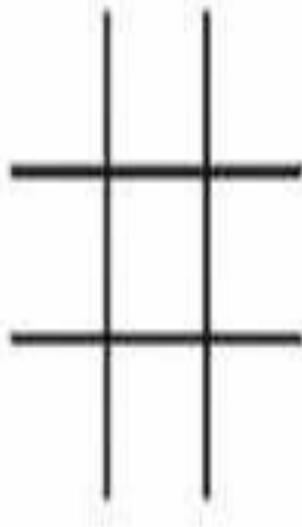
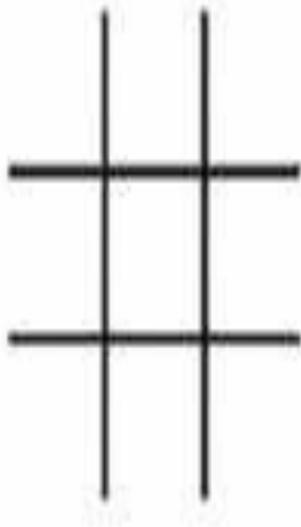
- 2 1/4 cups of flour
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 50ml melted butter
- 3 eggs, separated
- 400ml milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence



## Method

1. Preheat your waffle iron. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon in a bowl. Don't bother sieving it, we do that later.
2. Separate the eggs into two bowls. Combine the egg yolks with the melted butter (be sure it has cooled, you don't want scrambled eggs), milk and vanilla essence. Sieve over the flour mixture in thirds, stirring each time so that there are no lumps.
3. Whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form, then scoop a small spoon off it onto your batter and stir it into the top (this is to help the egg white to become incorporated). Gently fold the remaining egg white into the batter, trying not to crush the air out of it.
4. Depending on the size of your waffle iron, heap a generous spoonful onto the griddle and leave to cook for 2-4 minutes, depending on your waffle iron and how crispy you want it. Serve warm with butter and maple syrup.

# Noughts n' Crosses



## Your Yorkshire slang word search

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