

BRITANNICA BULLETIN



BRITANNICA WRITING COMPETITION

In the previous term, the Britannica Writing Contest followed the SCI-FI theme! All of those who chose to participate did an amazing job. Unfortunately for this competition, there was no assembly to celebrate the winners. Thus, we decided to show the winner - Dalija from Year 8, and two other great contestants who entered the contest, in this winter edition newspaper, allowing the wider Britannica community to enjoy these pieces!

EDEN OF CORRUPTION.

Chapter 1

Rain had begun to fall, again. It was all you could hear in the almost desolate streets overshadowed by the grey, metallic buildings. All that water was beginning to collect in the roads and atop the buildings. Swiftly, she sidestepped the puddles, her feet splashing along the rooftop in the rain at a speedy pace. Occasionally she would look back in what seemed to be an almost frantic manner. The rain seemed to pad on endlessly, and however much it annoyed her, at least it masked her footsteps and heavy breathing while she ran from rooftop to rooftop. Looking down, she could distantly see the odd umbrella or another - but she knew that they were Sentinels, set up by the Government.

Leaping onto another rooftop, she kept the pace and urged herself to hurry, lest anyone was following. A loud clang, sounding something like metal banging on metal, sounded behind her. She whipped her head around in a panic, thinking that she had been found, but nothing. Once she turned back around, abruptly she halted and skidded slightly on the wet concrete. She stood there panting and clutching her bag. In front of her were stationed two men and a young woman with looks none too friendly. They weren't there a moment before... all bore masks and some high-tech machinery around their waist that she couldn't define. All of them... were staring right at her.

"So, who do we have here, running around the high road?" asked one, almost teasingly. She tensed. They probably knew about her, and the faster she got out, the better.

“She’s from the posters.” said the woman, in a menacingly clear tone. “The Governor sent us out, especially for this one.” The other two shared a puzzled look before agreeing. The woman rolled her eyes. It was obvious that the other two were Sentinels.

“Yeah... Bella, was it? The Shadow of Ancris?” She sighed. However gormless they might seem, the woman, who had made the accusation, seemed cold and calculated. It was definite that the woman was one of The Governor’s subordinates. Bella stepped forward slightly.

“Alright, back up a little, could we come out of this without a fight? I mean, you don’t have to take me to the Governor-” She was interrupted by the woman’s footsteps coming closer to her. The rain seemed to have only gotten stronger, yet she could hear the woman’s steps as clear as day. Bella’s hand automatically moved towards her waist, where her revolver was stationed. Her gaze hardened on the woman.

“Panicking already? You were always hasty and reckless, Isabella,” the woman stated softly, enunciating every syllable clearly for Bella to hear. Bella paused. No... no one knew her full name, every one of the Sentinels thought it was Bella, and that was on the posters too. Bella was her nickname. This person... whoever she was...must have known her prior to the Activation.

However, her thoughts were cut short as the woman lunged forward, causing her to spring out of the way. A cloud of dust mixed with the pouring rain, and when it cleared, there was a crater in the concrete where Bella had been a second before. The woman raised a metallic stick as she stepped towards Bella, on which dazzling pieces of white light were woven around. Huh, so that was a Light Stick. Not a very creative name, Bella thought. Raising her head, which was illuminated by light, the woman smiled. She knew that Bella was cornered. The woman bounded towards Bella, Light Stick unsheathed. Bella jumped back. BANG!

BANG! Two shots fired from the revolver.

They hit the Light Stick and dented the side. The woman staggered, regained her composure and pounced again. This time, Bella felt it hit her head; the next moment she was on the floor, coughing up blood. However, before the woman could end it, a small knife whizzed through the air, hitting the woman square in the shoulder, who let out a terrible scream of pain.

She lurched backwards and dropped the weapon, almost on Bella. The two men who were sentinels had been standing idly back there the entire time. Apparently the woman forgot to tell them to fight, and now it was coming back to bite her. The person who had thrown the knife revealed themselves to Bella as her ally Cora.

Cora quickly observed the woman writhing in pain on the slippery concrete before helping Bella up.

“Thanks” “

No problem”

Suddenly, Cora doubled over, coughing and spluttering. Bella grabbed hold of her to keep her steady. Bella looked away from Cora for the moment, and an almost hopeless look formed on her face. It was only getting worse, Cora needed rest, but they were both on the run from the Government. She sighed.

Cora was... ill. Ever since... The Activation. Everyone had a chip in their neck, yet no one knew how or why it was there. It was certain though that you could achieve superhuman feats using it. Then, one day, everyone just...changed. Bella and Cora, being roommates, stuck together after noticing the change. It was strange, they weren't different.

Soon after they realised that the chip was The Government's way of controlling everyone. That was the story of how they became vigilantes, on the run, wanted for “treason” or some other silly reasons. But it was a cover up. They knew. They weren't controlled.

They began using the chips to their benefit, to escape the Sentinels or to fight them. Until... Cora overexerted hers. Cora wasn't as strong as Bella, but she used her wits and the chip to make up for it. One day, Cora fell back, unable to stand. It was clear something drastically bad had happened, and it was true. The chip had gone into overdrive, and it was emitting a frequency which was destroying Cora's cells rapidly.

Cora regained composure, but it was clear that they had to get the hell out. The vigilantes nodded weakly, and set off through a familiar network of alleyways, leaving the scene of chaos behind them.

Written by Dalija, Year 8



The following two articles, unfortunately, did not win the competition, however, they were close runner-ups!

QUANTUM LIFE BREAKTHROUGH

Earth was on the brink of collapse in the year 2150. Overpopulation, climate change and resource depletion have pushed humanity to the edge. The governments of the world had given up on finding a solution. The only hope lay in the stars.

Dr Emily Anders was a brilliant astrophysicist who had spent her entire life searching for habitable exoplanets. After decades of research, she had finally identified a promising candidate, a planet named Elysium, but it was located over 100 light-years away.

Desperation led to innovation as a team of scientists, engineers, and volunteers gathered to build the "Starbreaker," a spaceship that would employ a radical technology known as a warp drive. The warp drive would create a wormhole, allowing them to reach Elysium in a few weeks, relative to the outside universe. The perilous journey had a price: any traveller would age only a few weeks during the trip, while Earth would age 100 years.

The Starbreaker was constructed with unwavering determination. When the day of departure came, Emily was a 30-year-old scientist and her son James, a 10-year-old boy. They boarded the spaceship, knowing they would return to a world profoundly changed.

The warp drive hummed to life, and the ship hurtled through the wormhole. The experience was surreal as if they had been thrust into another dimension. Days passed like seconds, and before they knew it, Elysium appeared before them.

The planet was a paradise — a lush, green world teeming with life. Emily and her fellow travellers marvelled at the beauty of a new home for humanity. But their joy was tempered by the knowledge that they could never return to Earth. They had made the ultimate sacrifice for the survival of their species.

They settled on Elysium by building a colony with detailing their findings and sending back a signal to Earth. But there was no response, which led to a realization that, as far as Earth was concerned, they were now relics of the past.

Years turned into decades in Elysium and Emily had become a renowned scientist on the planet. James had grown into a capable leader and the colony had thrived. They had given up hope of ever hearing from Earth when suddenly, a transmission arrived. Earth had received their message. The message from Earth was filled with apologies and gratitude. Humanity had faced dire consequences after their departure. In the absence of the scientists, the world's governments had been forced to unite to combat the crises they had ignored for so long. The progress they had made was remarkable and Earth was now on the path to recovery.

Emily and her fellow settlers faced a difficult choice. They could return to Earth and be hailed as heroes but at a great personal cost. For them, it had been only a few decades, but on Earth, a century had passed. Their friends, family and colleagues were long gone.

After much contemplation, Emily, James and the others decided to stay in Elysium. They had built a new life there and they believed in the future of their new world. The Starbreaker would remain their only connection to Earth, a symbol of hope for both planets.

As the years passed, humanity flourished on both Earth and Elysium. The two planets exchanged knowledge and technology, forging a connection that transcended the vast distance between them. It was a testament to the resilience and determination of the human spirit.

In the end, the sacrifice of the Starbreaker crew saved not one, but two worlds. They had given humanity a second chance at survival, and the legacy of their journey would be remembered for generations to come. It was a story of courage, sacrifice and the indomitable will to explore the cosmos in the face of adversity.

Written by Sanjey, Year 10



A DAUGHTER'S PURSUIT OF A FAMILY LEGACY

In the year 9,999, somewhere in the isles of Canada, we walk into a lone house on top of a steep hill. The temperature is freezing but the only thing Pauline wears is a thin winter jacket with 6 pockets. Pauline was no stranger to the cold. As she started to walk inside, a rush of memories suddenly engulfed her, making her stop and wonder if she had done the right thing by coming here. But she goes in anyway, boosting her confidence back to 100%.

The girl's name was Pauline Evergreen and she was 18 years old. I know you're probably wondering what she's doing in a random house without her parents, but do not fear, she has her own reasons for coming to this place by herself.

Even if Pauline decided to stop herself from going into the house, which you're probably all thinking that's what you would do, she couldn't. Coming here took a lot of trouble, especially sneaking out at night out of her house; which included 2 sacks of potatoes, a pillow, some of her hair and 6 coils of special rope which comes from Alaska.

See, her family wasn't just any family, they had a complicated line of ancestors with a ton of secrets intertwined with every line the family said. And that was why Pauline had run away, away, away, to discover what secrets there were to find, the secrets that her parents had buried deep. She had one lead, and one lead only, and that lead had led itself to this haunted house on the shores of Prince Edward Island.

Much had changed since the invasion of The 333; an organisation of the most evil men in the history of the world brought back together by using a time machine, (I know this is hard to process, but you'd better believe it) people such as; Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Vlad the Impaler. Now, they were chasing her, chasing her that she will have nowhere to go, chasing her that she will fall into her own game. But that's enough talking, let's get back into the story, shall we?

Pauline glanced at the ruins of Moonstone Manor and thought of the bright times she had had here, of the dazzling sun and the grass that her sisters and she always played in. But those times were gone now, and nothing was going to bring them back. She got sentimental and shooed that thought away quickly. Somewhere in the sea, she heard shouting nearly on the shores of the island, the shoutings of “Find her! Dead or alive! And bring it to me!” of the Captain, the Captain was Adolf Hitler’s general so he had a German accent, he was known to be very strict with his soldiers. He never ‘said’ anything, he barked or shouted. It was said that one time, when he was training at a boot camp, that he survived three whole days without food and exactly one sip of water. Of course Pauline knew all those things from studying the books that were in the family library, which had been part of Moonstone Manor (that was one of the reasons why she was nostalgic of the place). Swiftly, Pauline looked outside the window and relaxed a bit, she still had time until the guards came. Without further notice, she started to search for the thing she had been looking for, the thing that solved all the secrets of her family, her answer.

After a few minutes of looking, Pauline found a bookshelf that was positioned weirdly on the side of a wall right next to the door, even sort of blocking it a little. She put herself directly at the side of the bookshelf. She knew the soldiers would hear the crash and come for her. However, she took the chance and kicked the wooden bookshelf with all her might. With a deafening ‘CRASH!’, the bookshelf was knocked down, and on the wall, behind the smoke, there was a tiny door so small that only a mouse could get in. Even though the door was closed, she could make out the glow of the something that she needed.

Nevertheless, Pauline now saw that she needed a key for the door to open, and she started turning the manor upside-down to find the key. She searched inside the drawers, she kicked all of the shelves down and she moved around the walls pressing, searching for a hidden trap-door that might hold the key that she needed. Alas, she could not find the key anywhere she looked.

Pauline peered outside the window again and found that the jolly-boat was almost to the beach. She began to panic but that only increased when the captain of the whole operation of finding Pauline spotted her behind the broken window and shouted “I SEE HER! ROW FASTER YOU USELESS LUMPS!”.

Her panic had caused her brain working furiously, because in one minute, she was going to the nursery. ‘Of course!’ she thought, ‘If I were to hide something, I’d hide it in plain sight!’. She arrived at the nursery and Pauline searched the ground for the thing she wanted. At that point, she found it, the key to the small door behind the bookshelf. Pauline had found the mobile which was on the ground, broken, and there in one of the strings, she saw a tiny golden key with a single ‘P’ on it with her favourite font ‘Coventry Garden’. For this was the crib and the mobile that Pauline was nursed in, where she grew up. So this key must be hers...

Written by Yoonji, Year 7





BRITANNICA POETRY

In light of the weather that we have experienced in Budapest in the past weeks, some of the students have shared their creative writing about the snow. Here is a poem and a short piece of writing, we hope you will enjoy!

WINTER WONDERLAND

Gentle flakes slowly fell onto the soft, white powder. On the other side of the road, there was a kiosk. Its warm embrace surrounded everything, replacing the cold. It smelt of apple pie, and Christmas blues were playing. Rose-cheeked children beamed at the sight of snow, and gleefully rushed outside, their boots crunching the snow. Laughter was everywhere.

Further down the road was an old man. Nobody knew anything about him, and he rarely ever came outside. But the children, the merriness, the snow made him remember things he wanted to keep away. The door creaked, and snow gracefully swept into his house. His eyes sparkled.

Even further down the road were more children. They were making a snowman. They had everything, except for a carrot. "It looks like a blob." a child muttered. Another child sniffed. His nose was VERY red. Then they heard crunching. It was the old man, holding a carrot. The children smiled like jack-o-lanterns- or rather those Santa drawings kids make.

They thanked him and dragged him to a kiosk up the road. The warmth embraced the man. He gobbled down the food in one gulp.

Merry Christmas!

Written by Maria





SNOWFLAKES



The snowflakes fell,
but not as they used to fall back home.
They were bigger, whiter and more dear.



The lights are no longer covered
by the white, icy blanket.

My wardrobe doesn't own parachute pants
nor a puffy jacket.



I am no longer home.

I used to wish for mush and ice to disappear,
but now I wait and linger



for snowball fights and frosty fingers.



I am surrounded by nature and the heat.

My memories of home
started to distort with time.

Home is an idea that is told to me by folks
who brought me to this
warm and unfamiliar place.



On those desert-like days, I fail to recall my roots.

But when the flakes fall down,

I suddenly remember -

how it feels to be at home.



Written by Jane



CHRISTMAS FILM SUGGESTIONS

Finally, it's December! Even though you might not celebrate Christmas or New Year's, here are some movie recommendations for the holiday season. So, YOU can get into the mood of this time of year.

NON- ROMANTIC FILMS

If you are someone who absolutely hates romance, then here are some of the classic holiday movies for you!

- **The Grinch / How the Grinch Stole Christmas** - I am sure you have heard of this classic whether the original live-action (made in 2000) or the newest animated movie (from 2018) - it is an enjoyable movie for everyone.
- **The Nightmare Before Christmas** - The Nightmare Before Christmas is a movie made in 1994. Its traditional stop-motion animation created exciting (but quite scary) characters who stumble on a Christmas world, creating an amusing adventure.
- **The Christmas Chronicles** - The Christmas Chronicles is one of the most memorable childhood movies for many people. The story follows a girl and her brother finding Santa and saving Christmas. Although it might sound clichéd, it is an utterly amazing movie.



ROMANTIC FILMS

For many the holidays are about spreading love and joy! Here are some of the most wholesome romantic movies on streaming services:

- **The Holiday** - In this movie, two strangers meet online and switch houses. One lives in Hollywood and the other lives in a small cottage outside London. Obviously, through the course of the film, they become happy with their choices, and both meet love interests.
- **Falling for Christmas** - Falling for Christmas is a feel-good movie starring Lindsay Lohan. Its main plot is the typical 'Big city girl' and 'Small town love interest' but this one stands out from the others and adds something new to the genre. It has some issues, but overall, it is a great movie.
- **The Christmas Prince** - This movie might make you want to pause it at the beginning, however, believe that the plot will change your mind. A newspaper writer gets a job to interview The Royal Family of Aldova. She then sneaks around the castle to meet the prince. I definitely recommend it!

Written by Lena



BLOOD TYPES & PERSONALITIES

Did you know that you could find your personality by looking at your blood type? Check if any of your personality traits fit into your blood type!!

TYPE A



- Hard-working.
- Always make sure that everything is precise.
- Kind to other people.
- Hard to heat up but hard to cool down.
- Hates when things are halfway done.
- Sometimes they follow their own rules only.
- When they get really angry, they can be easily outspoken.



TYPE B

- Work at their own pace.
- Takes time to get to know you.
- If they are not interested, they will show uninterest honestly.
- Talks to themselves in their brain.
- Optimistic.
- Suddenly gets bored.
- If they don't have their own time, they will get annoyed.



TYPE AB

- They are relaxed, but at the same time, they work really hard.
- Precise and serious in an odd way.
- They show their lack of interest if they are not interested in something, and go straight for what they are really interested in.
- They like to be alone, but they sometimes feel lonely.
- They often use onomatopoeia when explaining things.
- They are genius but feel lazy to teach.
- Their emotions are up and down.



TYPE O

- Rough.
- Tends to be the leader of a group.
- Laughs at different times than others.
- "Hungry" and "Sleepy" are the common words.
- They are usually generous, but when they really get mad, they become foul-mouthed.
- They like to be alone but hate loneliness.
- They have an excellent memory and remember a lot of things from the past.
- Most things are resolved when they sleep.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES

March 21 - April 19



In December, broaden your horizons through learning. Accept this season of education and the importance of using your platform, no matter how small or large, in your corner of the world.

You must present yourself as authentically as possible. However, remember to prepare with intention, ensuring that each word is spoken with thought and purpose—hurriedly spoken words may need to be corrected later.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20



Respect the power of silent progress in the rhythm of life—not every step requires public acknowledgement to be considered real and true. And cherish the truths that are hidden within your heart—not all of them need to be revealed to the rest of the world.

Welcome the phase of personal growth and expansion. Some of the most profound changes take place quietly. Move quietly.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21



Relationships are the foundation of life. Despite society's emphasis on individualism, it is your connections that weave the fabric of your life's purpose. Prioritise the people who matter the most to you. Share your burdens with trusted loved ones who can share—and possibly lighten—your load. Seek solace in the company of those who care for and love you.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22



It is always ideal when purpose and play coexist. However, responsibilities may conflict with the demands of your relationships this month. Find balance by making good use of your time. Make time for both, honouring only the most important obligations while creating relationships. It is in this balance that the melody of your life resonates, creating harmony between duty and cherished connections.



LEO

July 23 - August 22



December is a blur of excitement and responsibility. Find solace in a creative outlet to recharge your tired body during the hustle. Look ahead and feel the shifting winds. You're coming to the end of a journey, whether personal, professional, or otherwise. Balancing pleasure and obligations can be difficult but grounding yourself will give you the strength to navigate this hectic season, ensuring your well-being and progress remain steady.

VIRGO

August 23 - September 22



A peaceful atmosphere will envelop you and draw you home. Accept this reflective period and nurture your need for peace. A creative flame will spark and grow throughout the month, inviting more exploration. You may notice changes or outgrow what was once familiar to you. Remember that evolution is a natural part of life.



LIBRA

September 23 - October 22



Take the time to empower your environment to combat any feelings of helplessness. Connect with others to prevent despair—being isolated often magnifies your problems. Keep home moments in mind for establishing your spirit. Remember that changing your beliefs is natural—you're human, and you have the right to do so.

SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21



You might be experiencing some growing pains. Evaluate your current resources and understand your capacity for anything beyond your daily survival needs. You must find the exact words to express yourself right now. Find the precise language to convey your genuine intentions; clarity becomes the beacon at this point of change.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Concentrate on taking care of yourself so that you can be more available to others and the causes you genuinely care about. Take stock of your resources, including your strengths and skills. Recognise that making mistakes is a necessary part of the learning process. Learn from them and apply what you've learned to move forward. Be kind to yourself as they are opportunities to grow.

AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Expect a flurry of social engagements. However, a desire for quieter surroundings may emerge. Take advantage of this opportunity to reflect. Finish any outstanding tasks or work projects to clear the way for new beginnings. Accept this transition, which marks a period of renewed aspirations and meaningful connections by balancing reflection and eagerness.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Amid the extroverted buzz, appreciate the beauty of silence. Allow yourself plenty of meaningful solitary time, to unwind from the outside world. It's an opportunity to re-group, reflect, and gather the strength needed for what lies ahead. Allow this quiet time to serve as a beacon, guiding you to greater understanding and renewed endurance.

PISCES

February 19 - March 20

This is your opportunity to shine. Have the courage to express yourself and share your thoughts in public. Help communities that reflect your values. Prepare to be inspired in new ways as you welcome new approaches to creativity. Remember that you are actively shaping your legacy. Accept this moment with bravery, inspiration, and purpose.

Written by Kate

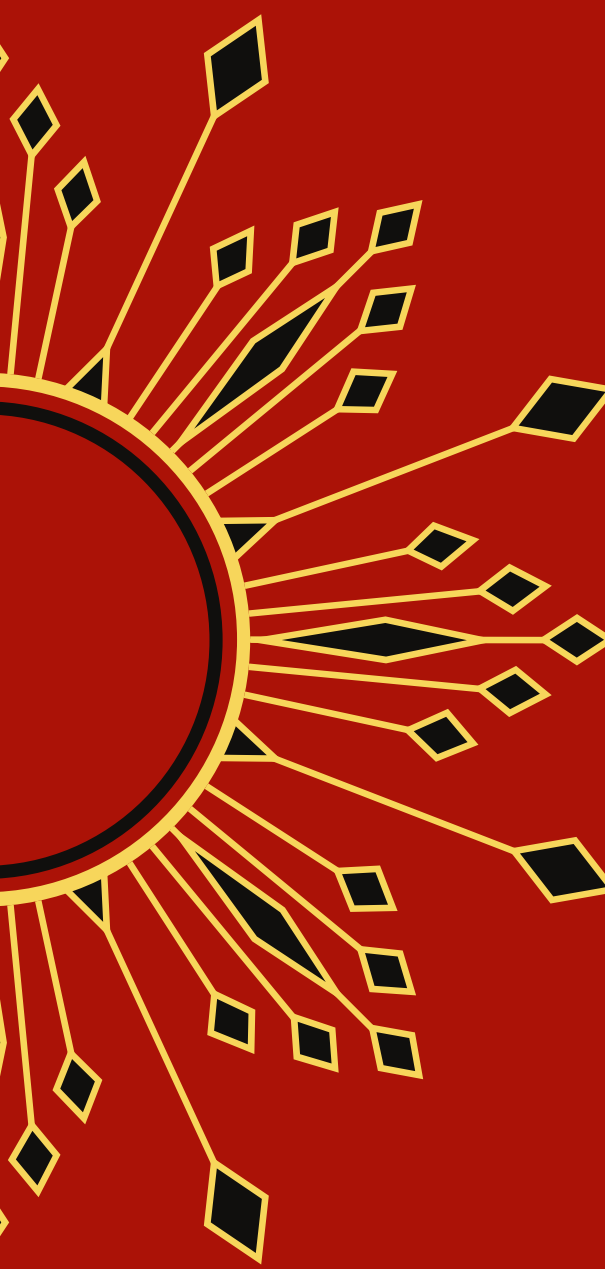



VEDIC ASTROLOGY

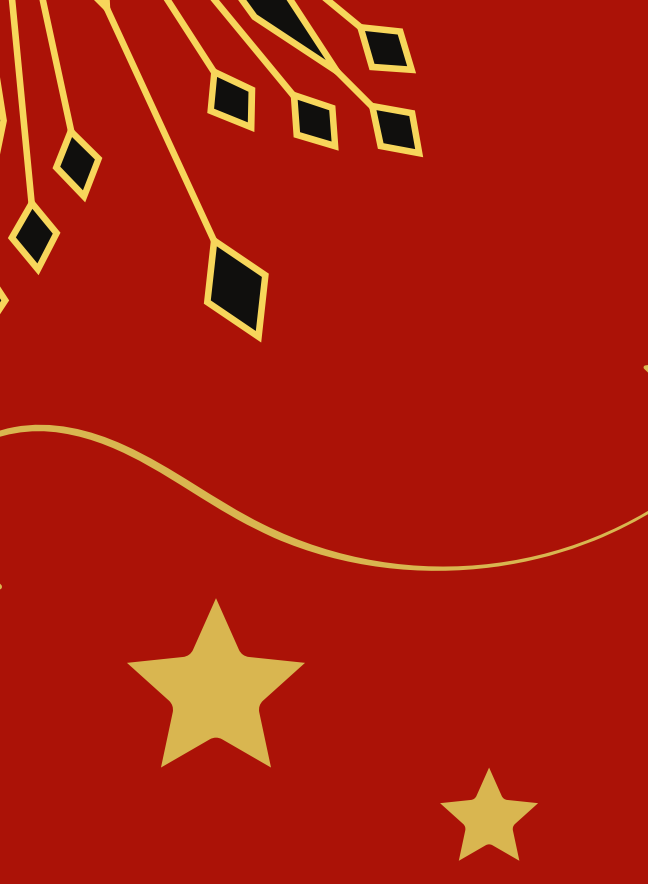


What is Vedic Astrology?

Vedic Astrology (Hindu Astrology) originated through an ancient Indian text, called the Rigveda, in 10,000 BC. Vedic Astrology is integrated into rich spiritual traditions and is also a big part of the mythology of ancient Indian culture.




At the beginning of recorded history, Vedic astrology was known to calculate the key dates of sacrifices and rites although this system got individualized allowing individuals to study planetary motions trying to penetrate their own destinies.



Similar to Western astrology providing a map to a greater understanding of physical, emotional, spiritual and even financial experiences.



Differences between the Vedic Astrology and Western Astrology

- Western astrology takes on the tropical calendar and four seasons (focuses on the fixed positions of the planets
 - Vedic Astrology uses the 'sidereal system' which takes into account the shifting of constellations
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Vedic signs - Rashis

The 12 Rashis are the same as those in Western astrology however the only difference is the time period of each of the determining Rashis.

- Aries: Mesha (April 13 - May 14)
- Taurus: Vrishaba (May 15 - June 14)
- Gemini: Mithuna (June 15 - July 14)
- Cancer: Karkata (July 15 - August 14)
- Leo: Simha (August 15 - September 15)
- Virgo: Kanya (September 16 - October 15)
- Libra: Tula (October 16 - November 14)
- Scorpio: Vrishika (November 15 - December 14)
- Sagittarius: Dhanus (December 15 - January 13)
- Capricorn: Makara (January 14 - February 11)
- Aquarius: Kumbha (February 12 - March 12)
- Pisces: Meena (March 13 - April 12)



Kundali - the Natal Chart

- The chart that depicts the sun, moon, planets' astrological aspects at a certain moment in time



- The Kundali of the sky, and planets, at the time of a person's birth





Football season: 23'



Welcome to Britannica Sports! Let's give you an overview of the football season 23'. Current season: Basketball 🏀

Tournament MS ⚽ boys: 30.09.23

- Britannica vs LFB2: 2-1
- Britannica vs BBIS: 1-2
- Britannica vs LFB1: 1-2



DVAC National ⚽ Tournament:
MS boys: 07.10.23

- Britannica vs AISB1: 2-0
- Britannica vs AISB2: 6-0
- Britannica vs ISD: 4-1
- Britannica vs BBIS: 2-1



DVAC ⚽ Vienna Tournament:
HS boys: 11.11.23

- Britannica vs StGilgen: 3-1
- Britannica vs ICSV: 2-1
- Britannica vs DIS: 2-1





DVAC National ⚽ Tournament: MS girls: 07.10.23

- Britannica vs ICSB: 3-0
- Britannica vs AISV: 3-1
- Britannica vs ICSV: 0-1



MS ⚽ girls Tournament Bratislava: 04.11.23

- Britannica vs ICSB: 4-1
- Britannica vs AISV: 1-1
- Britannica vs ICSV: 1-2



Volleyball season: 23'

Budapest Cup 🏐 girls: 14.10.23

- 1st place



JV Girls 🏐 Tournament Vienna:
04.11.23

- Britannica vs AISB: 1-2 sets
- Britannica vs ICSV: 1-2 sets
- Britannica vs RIV: 1-2 sets
- Britannica vs VIS: 1 -2 sets





CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AT BRITANNICA



Interview with Ofir

- How do you celebrate the December/January break?** We light candles and go skiing.
- 2. Is that part of your religion or family tradition?** My religion, yes the holiday, Hanukkah. And I go skiing with my Father.
- 3. Is there any traditional food that you eat?** Yes, anything with oil.

Interview with Juan

- 1. How do you celebrate the December/January break?** I am going to Colombia with my family.
- 2. Do you have any family traditions?** Yes, we wait until midnight to open the gifts.
- 3. Do you Celebrate Christmas?** Yes, being with my family.
- 4. Do you eat any special food?** Yes, Buñuelo and Natilla



Interview with Hanna



- 1. What do you do during the winter break?** My family usually travels to warmer places because my dad doesn't really like the cold.
- 2. Do you celebrate Christmas?** Yes, kind of. If we're home when it's Christmas, we have a Christmas tree and get presents on the 25th. If we're not at home we get presents before or after Christmas or when we're travelling, but they're small.
- 3. What special food do you eat ?** We have gingerbread cookies every year. We have these cookies but for other than that, we don't have anything special.





4. How do you celebrate New Year? We usually stay up and when we're home we celebrate with family but when we are away we celebrate with ourselves, have more food and see fireworks. Sometimes we travel with my brother is friend and we spend New Years with them



Interview with Miss Happiness



1. What do you do during the winter break? I usually go see family or friends that live in Germany. Most of them live in the NRW so Düsseldorf, Dortmund and Essen. I usually spend the Christmas holidays with them because it's cheaper than going to South Africa for just two weeks.

2. What special traditions do you have?

Unwrapping Christmas presents in the morning and having a drink called amarula, which is a South African drink. You add a little

bit of milk and then you warm it. You can drink it cold or warm and add that with some junk food and a lot of Netflix and that would be a tradition!

3. Do you celebrate Christmas? I celebrate Christmas on the 25th because Christmas in South Africa is on the 25th instead of the 24th.

4. What special food do you eat? There's nothing special but usually what it would entail is a lot of food: so turkey, ham, rice, desserts.... Yeah, so meat and starch and potatoes! The more I think about what I eat at Christmas, I think it's more about having a wide variety rather than having anything special. Ideally, though, it would be a three course meal so there will be a starter, which is not a soup like here in Europe, but a cold platter or something like charity board so something like that and then there will be the main course, which would be meats and rice and salads or steam bread. Finally, there would be dessert, which is like trifle or some pudding or cake. A lot of food!

5. How do you celebrate New Year's? I usually spend New Year's with friends so usually we have a house party and then we would probably order food and have some drinks and a lot of dancing. No fireworks - because I do not like fireworks I'm scared of them and they just freak me out.





INTERVIEW WITH MR. DAVIS

1. **Do you like Budapest?** “Yes, I moved here two months ago... no three months ago now. I do really like it, as it's a vibrant city with multicultural opportunities and lots of fun. It has a lot of nice pretty things to see, so I do love it.”

2. **Do you like the new school?** “I love Britannica, the staff made me feel really welcome, the students were amazing, and I enjoy the sports we do. It is really good to be involved in so many sports here. The food is really good as well and I also think that the location is really good, as we are so close to town, while also having the space for a sports pitch and things like that. So I feel really really lucky. Yeah, I love the school.”

3. **Do you have any family linked to Hungary?** “It's one of the complex ones, we are doing family history in year 7. I've got an uncle that lives out here, he's not really my uncle, he's sort of a man who married my auntie, and they split up, but he's staying in contact with my family, he's supportive, he helped me move out here. He has sons of his own, who are my age and have been really nice to me, so I have some links to Budapest and Hungary, but nothing apart from that. He's a great help.”

4. **Do you like a specific kind of food and if it's from another culture please elaborate?** “Sure! So, my dad is from East Africa from Zimbabwe, so I love Zimbabwean food. I am a complete sucker for Moroccan food, North African food as well, and basically, everything that is vegetarian or pescetarian, as long as it got fish or vegetables, I am a sucker for it. Mexican food is good as well, so if you have some recommendations, please feel free to share them with me.”

Written by Vincze



A watercolor illustration of a young girl's face, looking slightly to the right. She has brown hair and is wearing a red and white plaid scarf. A string of colorful Christmas lights is draped across the middle of the image. The background is decorated with various snowflakes in shades of blue, red, and pink.

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