



## CRAIG HOUSE CHRONICLE

A SUPERB SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS JUMPERS TO SEE OUT A VERY LONG TERM. WE WISH THE CRAIG BOYS AND THEIR FAMILIES A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. PLEASE READ ALL ABOUT THE FANTASTIC MICHAELMAS TERM 2019.



# INTRODUCTION AND KEY DATES

Wednesday 28 August is where it all started, when the sun was shining brightly and the four new Year 12s and 12 new Year 9s were about to begin their Craig House journey. They were welcomed by 46 returning Cronkites who were all eagerly awaiting the fresh challenges of Michaelmas 2019. The term has been a beast of 16 weeks - including two for half term - and they have packed so much in. We have had a very successful end to the term, leading the boys inter-house sports cup, winning the Christmas decorations competition (improving on third place last year) winning Year 9 house drama and coming 2nd in Year 9 house rugby, in sudden death!

We have seen lots of changes to school this term with the introduction of lanyards, the new timetable, split chapel and the horizontal tutor system. The boys have embraced these changes and the majority wouldn't want to go back to the old timetable, with Super Saturdays having a very relaxed feel about them. They all seem to really enjoy their tutor groups and Friday tutor time has a more relaxed feel to it, with space for some meaningful conversations too. We say goodbye to Mr Chan who moves to Wargrave and hello to Mr Canning who arrives from Wargrave. Mr Canning brings a wealth of experience to the house. He is head of Classics and Head of Curriculum. It is likely that he will pick up a couple of Year 11 tutees to see them through an important term and a half.

Herbie trying on the current Head Boy's blazer, to represent the journey of a Year 9 through the College



The Year 9s with Mr Holgate on their induction day in June



## KEY DATES FOR LENT TERM 2020

### SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

House open 8.00am-8.00pm

### MONDAY 6 JANUARY

Bell 8:20am

HM Assembly

Year 11 Mocks start

### SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

First hockey fixtures

### THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Year 10 Parents meetings 3.15pm

Exeat begins (please note date)

### FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Half term starts 2.35pm

Year 11 Parents meetings 3.15pm

Followed by A-level options evening

### FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Futures convention

### SATURDAY 14 MARCH

CHAPS - Craig House Amateur Performance Society

### FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Lent Term ends, 3.00pm



# ACADEMIC REPORT

In what has been a long and demanding term there have been a considerable number of academic achievements. There are some that stand out as examples of genuine excellence, worthy of recognition. At the pinnacle of academic endeavour, two Cronkites, Joshua Moreton and Lewis Goater, put forward applications to Oxford or Cambridge. Joshua was called for interview by Cambridge in early December and we wait to hear. Lewis should be commended for producing a wonderful application from which he will have gained a great deal.

In geography, David Udegbe entered this year's Royal Geographical Society competition, while William Brown has been producing an essay for the 17th International Geographical Olympiad competition. In the physics Olympiad Joseph Shouksmith received a participation award.

William Brown was also highly commended in the Headmaster's challenge which was good news on his birthday.

## eRC EFFORT SCORES OUT OF 7 AND MOST IMPROVED PER YEAR AND OVERALL

### Y9 Top five eRC effort (7)

1.	Ben Clark	5.81
2.	Struan Dunlop	5.71
3.	Alexander Bailey	5.53
4.	Rufus Piper	5.34
5.	Marcus Skyrme	5.29

#### Most improved (+):

1.	Marcus Skyrme	0.41
2.	Alexander Bailey	0.23
3.	Ben Chambers	0.21
4.	Rufus Piper	0.15
5.	Jamie Gordon	0.14

### Y10 Top five eRC effort (7)

1.	David Udegbe	6.06
2.	Oliver Shouksmith	5.94
3.	George Auer	5.69
4.	Harry Marson	5.44
5.	Hector Summers	5.22

#### Most improved (+):

1.	Kieran Haffenden	0.81
2.	Hector Summers	0.55
3.	David Udegbe	0.39
4.	Oliver Shouksmith	0.30
5.	Savya Kafle	0.25

### Y11 Top five eRC effort (7)

1.	Freddie Dunkley	5.36
2.	Declan Skyrme	5.05
3.	Teddy Groves	5.00
4.	Fin Tomlinson	4.85
5.	Will Chambers	4.85

#### Most improved:

1.	Teddy Groves	0.60
2.	Jimmy Hasell	0.32
3.	Freddie Dunkley	0.22
4.	Will Chambers	0.20
5.	Declan Skyrme	0.19

### Y12 Top five eRC effort (7)

1.	William Brown	6.00
2.	Jake Ellwood	5.89
3.	Cameron W-Carville	5.67
4.	Arthur Lewis	5.31
5.	Leon Wood	5.29

#### Most improved (+):

1.	William Brown	0.69
2.	Arthur Lewis	0.25
3.	Joshua Veitch	0.12
4.	Hugo Askaroff	0.08
5.	Scott Williams	0.02

### Y13 Top five eRC effort (7)

1.	Joseph Shouksmith	6.42
2.	Joshua Moreton	6.06
3.	Alex Field	5.50
4.	Tom Coomber	5.13
5.	Lewis Buckle	5.08

#### Most improved (+):

1.	Tom Coomber	0.38
2.	Archie M	0.25
3.	Zak Hebron	0.22
4.	Rory Boulter	0.21
5.	Oliver Carter	0.14

### CRAIG Top five eRC effort

1.	Joseph Shouksmith	6.42
2.	Joshua Moreton	6.06
3.	David Udegbe	6.06
4.	William Brown	6.00
5.	Oliver Shouksmith	5.94

#### Most improved (+):

1.	Kieran Haffenden	0.81
2.	William Brown	0.69
3.	Teddy Groves	0.60
4.	Hector Summers	0.55
5.	Marcus Skyrme	0.41

# Praise points system

## Y9 Top praise points for the term:

1. Marcus Skyrme 37
2. Rufus Piper 27
3. Alexander Bailey 25
4. Ridley F 23
5. Jamie Gordon 21

## Y10 Top praise points for the term:

1. David Udegbe 53
2. Oliver Shouksmith 36
3. Hector Summers 24
4. George Auer 21
5. Harry Marson 16

## Y11 Top praise points for the term:

1. Freddie Dunkley 20
2. Daniel Morris 14
3. Freddie Collard 11
4. Fin Tomlinson 11
5. Jack Soltermann 10

## Y12 Top praise points for the term:

1. William Brown 13
2. Jimbo Culme-Seymour 8
3. Scott Williams 8
4. Domenico Chu 7
5. Joseph Lewis 6

## Y13 Top praise points for the term:

1. Joseph Shouksmith 14
2. Tom Coomber 8
3. Rory Boulter 6
4. Lewis Buckle 6
5. Zak, Archie, Joshua 6

## CRAIG TOP TEN

1. David Udegbe 53
2. Marcus Skyrme 37
3. Oliver Shouksmith 36
4. Rufus Piper 27
5. Alexander Bailey 25

## December praise points:

Year group	1st	2nd	3rd
9	Rufus Piper	Marcus Skyrme	Ben Chambers
10	David Udegbe	Joshua Mayhew	George, Kieran, Seb
11	Teddy Groves	Declan Skyrme	Jimmy, Jack, Fin, Bryn
12	Arthur Lewis	Domenico Chu	Joseph Lewis, Leon Wood
13	Rory, Alex, Tom	N/A	N/A

Overall for December: Rufus Piper (1st), Ben Chambers (2nd) and Marcus Skyrme (3rd)



David Udegbe, pictured left, has had a fantastic first term academically. He set the standard in the first two months winning the Cronkite of month award and will receive his £10 Amazon voucher on the last day of the school year. David's effort paid off. His exam results had an average of 8.10 which included a year-group best of six 9s.



# Creatives report

The Year 9s, directed by Arthur Lewis and William Brown (C12), put on a fantastic performance of Robin Hood within the space of eight comical minutes. Herbie Sleep, fresh from Y8 playing Aladdin, played Robin. He had great chemistry with Jamie Gordon who played Maid Marian. Not to be out done by these main characters, Ben Clark played the Sheriff of Nottingham in a very funny way, despite the annoyance of King John, played by Rufus Piper. Ridley and Marcus had a comedy stand off and the crowd loved Ridley's swim hat. Matteo Chu was the enemy in disguise as Guy of Gisbourne and Tom McDonald added some more humour as the Chef's (Sherriff's) assistant. Ably supported by the band of merry men : Struan, Alfie, Alexander, Louis and Ben. The judges mentioned Ben Clark, Herbie Sleep and Rufus Piper as the stand-out performers but it was the commitment and chemistry among the boys that staved off strong competition to win the day house first place award.



Clockwise from the top. Herbie and Jamie share a moment in their 'just friends' relationship. The Merry Men have just come to Robin's rescue. The winning team knowing they've done themselves proud. The team bow that took a long time to perfect.



Clockwise from the top right: Arthur treats the Year 9s to some sweets for their victory in Year 9 drama. Jani and Nico get to work on their piece for CHAPS. Arthur and Josh help Sasha Marlow in her Recycled Runway fashion show. Jani on the piano again, he's going to be busy at CHAPS. Top left - where it all began for the victorious Year 9 drama team.



# House Song



Left and right:  
Herding cats for house song.



Despite the judge commenting on the fact he thought we were at a football match and criticised us for how we were standing, I was incredibly proud of how the boys sung this year's house song *Wave your flag*. A select few sixth formers chose the song and it really was - for some - getting behind a song they didn't want to do. With this in mind the result was fantastic. It started with Herbie and Rufus singing a duet of the line "when I get older I will be stronger" and it finished with Ben Clark singing a solo of the same line, with the Craig flag (courtesy of Mrs Stewart Blacker and Tom, flying in the background. What is not to like?





# Social Report

This term there have been many social events to look back on. The horizontal tutor groups give the opportunity for boys in the same year to be taken out to dinner by their tutor and we have had the Year 12 dinner too. We have also enjoyed the Craig house dinner. This year we were on our own and the theme was Hawaiian. David and Seb - in Year 10 celebrated - their birthdays (and the end of Year 10 exams) with a Fifa tournament. Josh was the winner who then beat Mr Holgate in the super final 2-0. The inter-house table tennis competition has taken centre stage this term and the games room has benefitted from it. Joseph Lewis beat Joshua Veitch in a competitive and exciting final. This was preceded by CHIPS (Craig House Individual Performance Society) where Ethan Hackett (Year 12) was awarded the Mrs Holgate award for being the most polite boy in house. Louis B in Year 9 came a close runner up.



Mrs Sinnett's tutor dinner



You could have mentioned the dress code lads

Welcoming the new Year 12s, for those that weren't at the cinema



No wait, my next  
joke will be better



Year 11 tutor dinner at  
Pomodoros



Around the tables at house dinner





Mixed years playing in the table tennis competition and the Year 12s celebrating Will's birthday with a caterpillar cake.



JOs



The finalists receive their bats from Australian umpire, Jani

Joseph Lewis wins house table tennis



I've got the net, fellas.

Sixth form end of term social





No, I'm Spartacus

Oliver playing at Christmas lunch



Bond, James Bond

If I put this wig on, Mr Holgate might not recognise me

The Mrs Holgate award - Ethan

End of term pizza



Josh wins the Year 10 Fifa night

# SPORTS REPORT

## Rugby

This term the boys have mainly participated in rugby on Saturdays. We have been well represented across all the teams and DHoH Zak Hebron, Oliver Carter, Joseph Lewis, Leon Wood, Joshua Veitch, Ethan Hackett and Joseph Shouksmith have all represented the 1st XV in their incredible run in the national vase to the last eight. Oliver Carter finished the season with the most tries (12) and Leon Wood was named players' player of the year. This means - among his team mates - he received the most votes. Zak Hebron was also awarded full colours midway through the season. Joseph Shouksmith won coaches' player of the year in the Bucks (2nd XV). There was also a strong contingent of Cronkites in the Bucks with Joseph Shouksmith (captain), Jimbo Culme-Seymour and Ethan Hackett, with Lewis Buckle and Goater starting the season with them too. They joined Tom Coomber in the Tigers towards the end of the season. Special mention must go to Scott Williams who dislocated his shoulder for the third time but committed to the 1st team every match day to help with pitch-side duties. Half colours in rugby were awarded to: Joseph Lewis, Joseph Shouksmith, Leon Wood, Oliver Carter, and Joshua Veitch. The seniors entered two sides to house rugby but the season had clearly taken its toll and they didn't make it out of the group stages. The Under 16s - coached by Mr Holgate - had a mixed season of results but improved as a squad. Bryn Watkins moved up from the Bs last year to make the no.9 shirt his own, Jack Soltermann pulled the strings at 10. They were joined by Teddy Groves, Will Chambers, Daniel Morris, Jimmy Hasell and Declan Skyrme. Jack was selected for Craig Senior A team, while Bryn, Daniel and Teddy played for the Bs. Hector Summers, David Udegbe and Oliver Shouksmith had a good cup run of their own under the guidance of Craig's Rev Peat in the 15As. George Auer and Josh Ansell finished the season in the Bs and Seb Isepp, Harry Marson, Josh Mayhew and Henry Sutherland committed to the Cs each week they were selected. The highlight being a 55-29 home win against Caterham in the penultimate match of the season. The boys couldn't emulate the success of Year 9 house rugby coming up against some bolstered Year 10 boarding sides on day one. The U14s also had a good showing in the A team from Craig House with Tom McDonald, Jamie Gordon, Alfie Hunter, Marcus Skyrme, Ben Chambers and Rufus Piper. They had a very successful season only losing to St John's and Seaford. The B team saw Herbie Sleep, Alex Bailey, Matteo Chu and Louis B pull on the shirt in their mixed season of results. While the Cs welcomed newcomers to the sport, Ben Clark and Struan Dunlop who played at 10 and 13 respectively. The Year 9s did incredibly well to get to the final of house rugby losing by sudden death in the sports hall.

Other sports: Joseph Lewis and Leon Wood found time around their rugby training to play in house fives. They beat every other house very convincingly to win the points for Craig. Leon was carrying an injury towards the end so Joshua Veitch stepped in. The CAT (Craig Aquathlon Team) were up next with Alex Field winning the seniors and Freddie Dunkley winning the middles. They were chased by Teddy Groves, Cameron Wallace-Carville, Sam Williams and HoH Lewis Buckle. Joshua Moreton has been a regular for the senior basketball team competing in the Sussex league. Rory Boulter and hat trick hero Will Harris have represented the 1st XV recreational football team, with Jani Flind making some appearances too. Jani has also contributed to the golf team's success who are in the latter stages of two national competitions. Lucas and Hugo Askaroff, along with Oliver Carter, have played for the senior indoor hockey team who were just one win away from the national finals and finished fourth in the south east. Dan Jeffrey and Theo Marsden have represented the College at squash most weeks this term and although the team didn't record many wins they picked up a few individual wins along the way and the middles inter-house squash looks promising with Theo being awarded half colours. Many boys have been having cricket lessons, with Bryn, Will C, Ridley, Fin and Josh A being invited onto the Sussex pathway. In steeplechase we came third overall and we won the participation award which means we had the highest percentage of participants - or fewest to the med centre beforehand. Freddie Dunkley won the middles by 0.36 seconds, Marcus Skyrme and Alex Field came 2nd in the Year 9 and senior races respectively. Craig house is currently leading the Inter-House Sports Cup for boys.



Zak receiving his full colours from the headmaster.









Can you guess what team we are?



FOUR!!!



Great try, Marcus





Err, not the light, Josh!

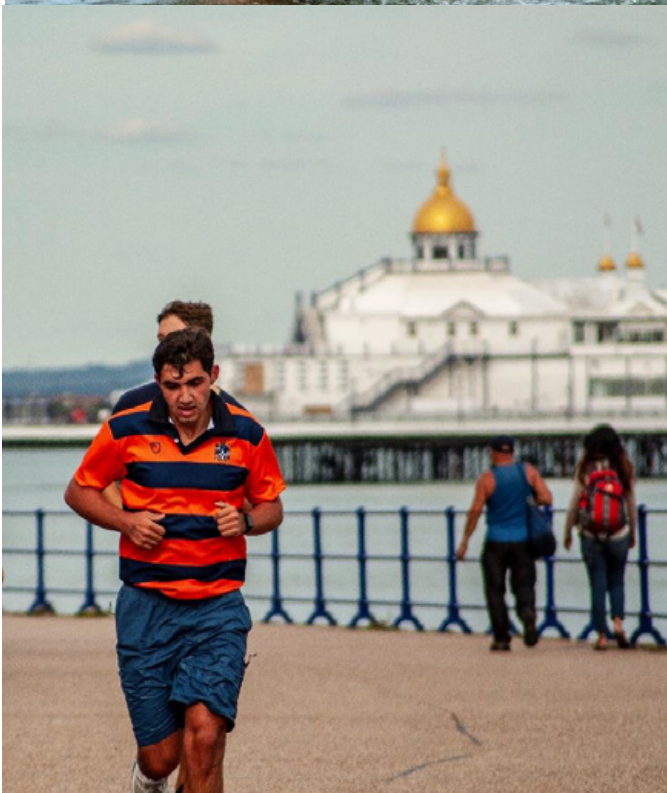


Intra-house golf



Can we turn the floodlights on please?







# SERVICES REPORT

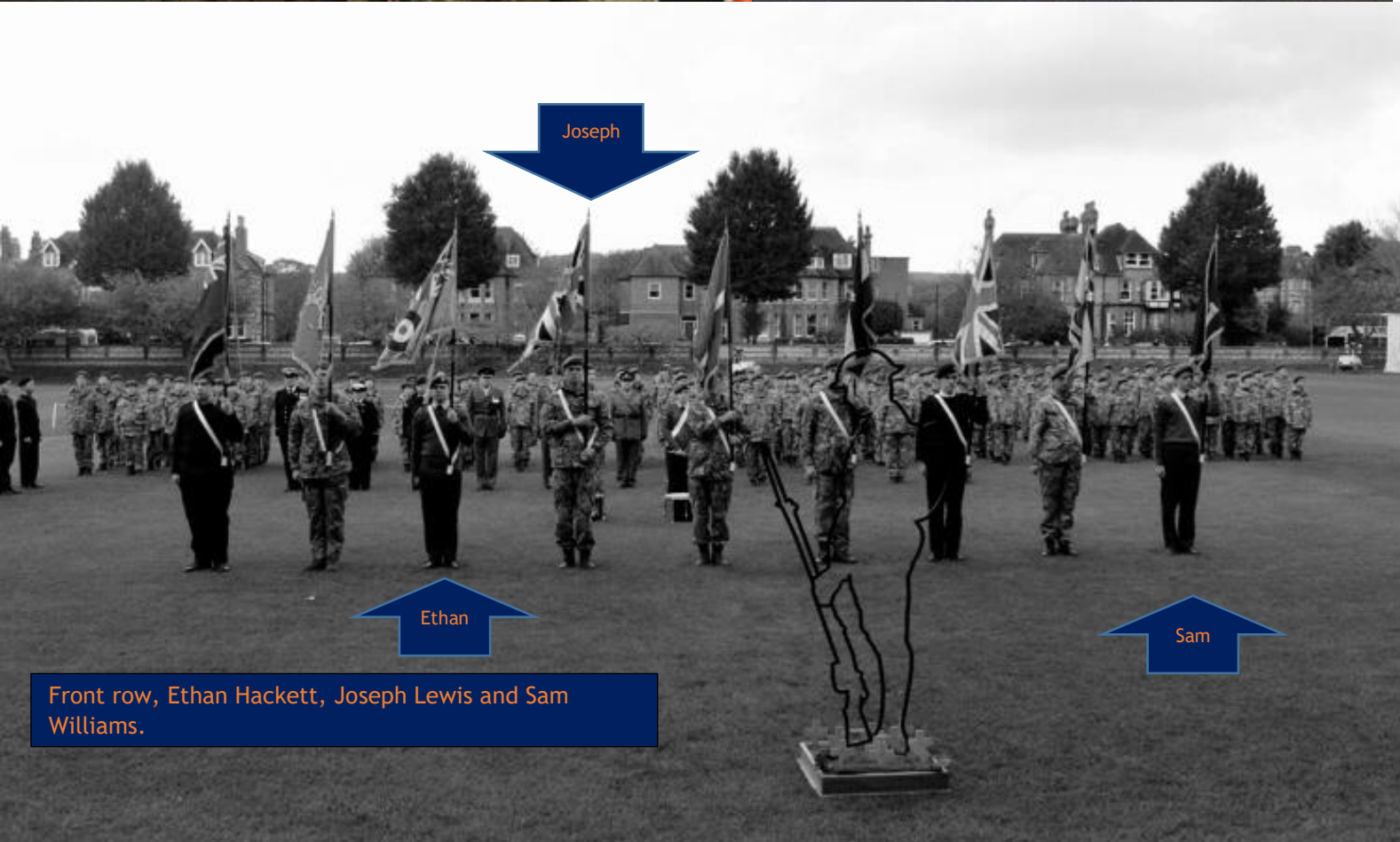
This term has seen a very busy and fulfilling programme of service activity.

In the CCF congratulations must go to and Ethan Hackett for being appointed the head of his section in the RAF. Well done to all Craig boys who were involved in the Remembrance Parade. Special mention must go to; Sgt Ethan Hackett (RAF), Cpl Lewis Goater (RAF), LCpl Jimbo Culme-Seymour, Sgt Joseph Lewis (Army) and Sgt Scott Williams, who all played key roles. Sam Williams also took on a vital role as a flag bearer in the church and out on the field.

Year 11 members of A Company completed a challenging overnight field day in late September but they were not cowed by the elements. The RAF section were able to get some 'air experience flying' under their belts while the Navy section completed a day of water-based activities in the Eastbourne area. A small cohort of volunteers also learnt some new field-craft skills associated with working in a built-up area, including tunnelling and house clearances. Alongside the CCF, 125 members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in service activities this term. Sixth formers have been involved in a wide range of activities at the College and in the local community. Dan Jeffrey and Theo Marsden (C11) have helped out in charity shops, and Declan Skyrme (C11) has helped with activities sessions for disabled adults at the Chaseley Trust. This year Joshua Veitch and Leon Wood (both C12) have helped with the College's Wednesday club which sees a group of elderly people come in for some activities. Outside of the College, pupils have maintained wheelchairs in the Arndale Centre for the Shopmobility service, and during the recent cold weather pupils have helped to set up the Winter Night Shelter for homeless people in Eastbourne. Members of the Gardening Group and the Green Team have been working hard to improve the environment, including Will Stewart-Blacker who was involved in undertaking gardening projects at Chaseley.

The Duke of Edinburgh award has continued to be successful this term and Will Harris has been nominated and appointed as one of two DofE ambassadors for the College. He was joined on a four day Gold expedition by Joseph Shouksmith, Lewis Goater and Alex Field.





# Miscellaneous report

We have had many a fire alarm this term and to that end I am now banning spray on deodorant. It is the cause of too many fire alarms. Please put roll-on deodorants in your sons' Christmas stockings this year.



Year 10 tutor dinner



Year 10 Fifa night



Oliver and Joseph in the choir at the carol service.



Scott reading at the carol service.



Year 12 Dinner, dress as something beginning with the same letter as your name.





# To finish

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing your sons in January (before 8.20am each day) ready to hit the new term in 2020. Year 11s have mocks and will need to work hard in house in between exams. A reminder that for all boys hair should a grade three minimum and it shouldn't be noticeably dyed. Years 9 and 10 should wear the school coats only and Years 11 to 13 should stick to their coat rules, in particular the right colour and length. Please continue to send the boys in wearing full school uniform.

Social media is ever present in today's society. Please see the link below for a fun video about putting your phone down this Christmas. for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edc08Jlm1MA&feature=youtu.be>

