

THE EIRIAS CHRONICLE

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SUMMER CATCH UP

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Welcome to The Eiras Chronicle! As there wasn't an edition of The Chronicle released last term, here is your opportunity to discover what years 7,8 and 12 got up to in the final term of summer 2024.



YEAR 7 TRIP

Last academic year, 104 pupils in year 7 had the opportunity to visit adventure centre Boreatton Park. The students took part in a range of exhilarating activities, such as abseiling, axe throwing and kayaking. They all thought that it was a great experience which enabled them to try a wide range of new skills!

YEAR 8 TRIP

As well as the year 7 rewards trip, members of year 8 were also able to go on a trip of their own. The chosen destination was Alton Towers! The students were able to spend a full day at the park and some pupils were even brave enough to ride the tallest rollercoaster! All pupils really enjoyed the day and hope that this year's year 8 will be able to have the same experience!

ECO TEAM TREE PLANTING

After the success of their fundraiser bake sale back in March, which raised around £400, The Environment Team were able to use some of the money that they had raised to purchase a tree for the school yard. In the final term, the tree was planted by the year 12 members of Eiras' Environment Team.





CHARITY WALK FOR SARCOMA UK

RUBY
LANDER 



£4,000

TOTAL RAISED FOR SARCOMA UK

On the 19th- 22nd July I walked from Porth Eirias in Colwyn Bay to my old town Huddersfield from which I moved 5 years ago, completing a total of 108 miles. I knew when I set myself the challenge that it would push me to my limits but I was excited to accomplish such a feat.

This year I decided that I wanted to do something that I could feel a sense of achievement from, push me out of my comfort zone and make good use of my extended summer. I also knew I wanted to pay tribute to my auntie and so I thought why not join the two together? My auntie passed away from bone cancer, so when I heard about Sarcoma UK and how they dedicate their research to just that, I knew that that would be my reason for walking.

It took a large amount of planning and preparation, including several long distance training walks and regular runs. I was joined by a few friends each day, and was very grateful for their company, as it would have been so much harder without them motivating and helping me along the way.

I stopped overnight at Northop, Warrington and Manchester throughout the event and whilst some stretches of the walk weren't particularly pretty, there were points where we had stunning views of the UK, especially on the evening of the first day when we watched the sun set over Liverpool.



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It was scary, but exhilarating at times when we were walking through the middle of nowhere in areas that I had never been before. It was a journey I have done many times by both car and train, but it was such an amazing experience to see it from foot.

The hardest parts were definitely getting up in a morning knowing what I had ahead of me. Whilst it was simply just walking, it was quite difficult to put my walking boots on to trek 20 miles when I was still very sore from the days before. But I would always get into the flow, and when I started to recognise parts of Huddersfield and watched the miles count down, I was filled with a huge sense of achievement.



Sarcoma UK
The bone & soft tissue
cancer charity

By the end of August, I had raised £4000 which made the activity all the more worth the while.

I completed the walk in July, which is Sarcoma awareness month, but people continued to make donations throughout the summer!

Whilst I probably won't do anything like that again any time soon, it has certainly opened my eyes to what I can achieve if I put my mind to it, and sparked some ideas of what I could do a little further into the future.



READ MORE:

<https://www.northwalespioneer.co.uk/news/24471704.indie-pop-aunt-inspires-colwyn-bay-teens-100-mile-charity-trek/>



With a new school year having just begun, some members of the publicity team decided to interview some members of year 7. Here are their thoughts and opinions on their new school...

HOW ARE YOU FINDING EIRIAS SO FAR?

"Oh, so far, I am really enjoying it. Some of my old friends went to a different high school but luckily, I am making new friends." - year 7 girl.

A boy from year 7 says he enjoys Eirias and thinks it is really good.

"I'd say Eirias is great! Before I was nervous but now not so much." - another year 7 girl.

HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

"Not yet, but I am planning to join some later in the year." - Year 7 boy.

"I have been doing art and gymnastics, I really enjoy it because the teachers are nice to me. I will probably join some more clubs if I like the teachers." - Year 7 girl.

One boy from year 7 would love to join clubs but can't because he is busy after school. Once he is free, he will look at joining some clubs.

Do you prefer primary or secondary school?

"I prefer secondary school because it gives me more independence." - Year 7 girl

"I like secondary because I have more opportunities." - Year 7 boy.

"I really enjoy secondary school because there are more people and that means more friends!" - Year 7 girl.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER?

"I suppose I haven't really got to know any of my teachers yet, so I don't have a favourite teacher." - Year 7 girl.

"I really like Mr. Gavin, he is quite entertaining." - Year 7 boy.

"I like my PE teachers because they aren't as strict as my other teachers." - Year 7 boy.



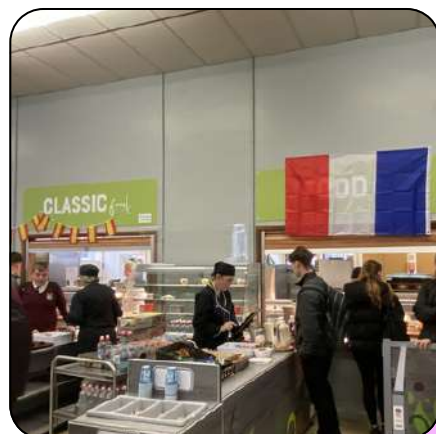
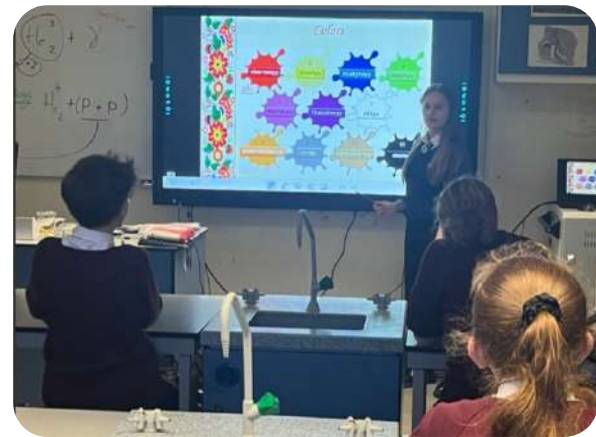
EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGAUGES 2024

Earlier this term, the International Languages Faculty once again pulled out all the stops to celebrate European Day of Languages on 26th September.

Learners took part in activities to promote language learning, discuss the exciting opportunities learning a language can bring as well as celebrating the richness and diversity of the languages spoken within the school community here at Eirias.

Yr 12 classes took part in the 'Great European Bake Off', researching and baking European delicacies which were judged by Deputy Heads Mr McKenzie and Mr Barons! They valiantly worked their way through samples of all the delicious bakes before deciding on the winning entries – a tough job but someone had to do it!

In order to promote the diversity of languages & cultures within the school community, some Sixth Form students who are fluent in other languages prepared and delivered 'micro lessons' - 10 minute taster sessions, during registration sessions. Year 7 pupils had a taster of German, Ukrainian, Afrikaans and Greek. They also had an insight into some of the cultural aspects of that country.





AN INTRO TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Black History Month, celebrated every October in the UK, is a time to honour the rich and diverse history, achievements, and contributions of Black people. Originating in the United States in 1926, it was established by Carter G. Woodson to recognize the significant roles Black individuals have played in shaping history.

The UK first celebrated Black History Month in 1987, marking the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the Caribbean. This month-long observance aims to educate and raise awareness about the often overlooked or misrepresented aspects of Black history and culture.

The theme for 2024, "Reclaiming Narratives," focuses on correcting historical inaccuracies and highlighting the full complexity of Black heritage.

Events and activities throughout the month include lectures, exhibitions, and cultural performances that celebrate the achievements of Black people in various fields such as arts, science, politics, and sports.

By shining a light on these stories, Black History Month not only honours the past but also inspires future generations to continue the fight for equality and justice. It is a powerful reminder of the resilience, creativity, and enduring contributions of Black communities to society.

**BLACK
HISTORY
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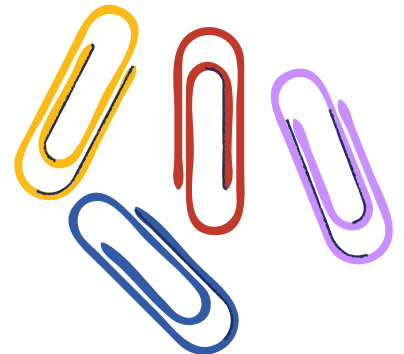


MEET THE NEW SENIOR TEAM

JOSIE MORGAN &
LAYLA STRYDOM

The Senior Team is a group of Sixth Form prefects who represent Ysgol Eirias' student body. Whilst they have responsibilities within Sixth Form, the Senior Team are passionate about being active members of our school's community. They've written introductions for this edition of the Chronicle, including advice that they would give to students in Ysgol Eirias.

JOSIE MORGAN



I'm studying biology, geography and English Literature at A-level. I'm hoping to study geography or environmental science next year at university. My advice for younger year groups is to stay organised with schoolwork. Getting into good organisational habits can really help you in the long run, as it stops you from getting overwhelmed with schoolwork and missing homework deadlines. This could be keeping a planner to track homework, or creating a revision timetable to manage your time in exam season.



LAYLA STRYDOM

I'm doing fine art, French, and computer science at A-level and hope to study animation production at university next year. I encourage students to be curious and learn new things outside of school - this is how I found my passion for film and animation!



MEET THE NEW SENIOR TEAM

SARAH JONES,
KAI BURKE &
OLIVIA ROBERTS

SARAH JONES

I study maths, economics, and personal finance, and I'm hoping to continue with these subjects and study international business and finance at university. My advice for younger year groups at Ysgol Eirias would be to have a growth mindset - it can make a big difference in how you learn!

KAI BURKE



I am currently studying maths, economics, and business studies to pursue accounting and finance at university next year. I joined the Senior Team because I want to help support a collaborative learning environment for students at Ysgol Eirias.



OLIVIA ROBERTS

I'm currently studying history, English Literature and Welsh and I'm hoping to go on to study English Literature and history at university next year. A valuable piece of advice I'd give to younger years is to try and explore your subjects outside of what you're taught in school. Watching documentaries or reading books that link to what you're studying really helps you to gain a more well rounded perspective of what you're studying, as well as potentially providing you with more information that could be useful in exams and help you to achieve a higher grade.



MEET THE NEW SENIOR TEAM

AMIE CHEN,
ELLA STEER &
RUBY LANDER

AMIE CHEN



I study economics, maths, and business studies. I want to study international business and finance next year. I would advise younger years to get involved with after-school extracurriculars as they're a great way to make new friends and learn something new.

RUBY LANDER

For my A levels, I am studying Geography, French & English Language. I decided to join the senior leadership team as I wanted to help others to get the most of life at Ysgol Eirias. My advice to the lower school would be to get involved in as many things around school as possible! Whether it be choir, student voice or sports clubs. It's a great way to meet new people and mix with other year groups.

ELLA STEER

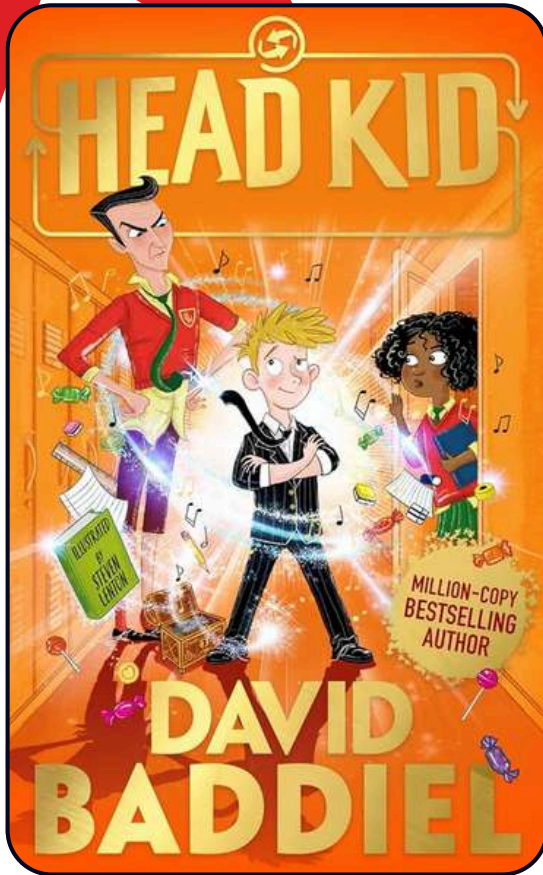


I am currently studying biology, geography, and German as my A-levels. My main piece of advice to the younger members of the school would be to keep a good school-life balance by maintaining hobbies outside of school and do things that you enjoy!



MY FAVOURITE BOOK

EMMA
LIDGETT



My favourite book is Head Kid by David Baddiel, who is a million-copy bestselling author. The book is all about the naughtiest boy in Bracket Wood school, year six pupil Ryan Ward. He switches bodies with the new headteacher of the school, Mr. Carter, and they must try and find a way to get back to their own bodies as quick as possible.

Ryan makes up bad rules, for example, only running, shouting, and bumping into each other in the corridor or they must wear non-uniform and those with the funniest hats getting achievement points. The school turns into chaos! In my opinion, Dionna Baxter is my favourite character because she is clever and interesting.

This book made me giggle, especially the time they dressed the tortoises in underwear.

Imagine Mrs. Evans, our Headteacher switches bodies with us for a day, what would you do?

This book is available in the school library or your local library. You can also listen to it as an audiobook. It has 400 pages, but it is well worth reading.

I would definitely recommend this book, and I give it 4.5 stars out of 5.





DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH

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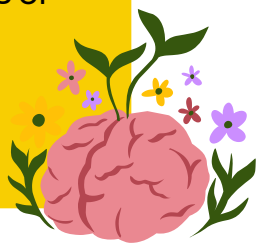
In 1994, the U.S. Congress initiated Depression Awareness Month to spread awareness about depression and other mental health issues along with emphasising the importance of seeking treatment and caring for others.

Every October, Depression Awareness Month is held to draw attention to depression and other mental illnesses. It aims to reduce the stigma around such topics along with encouraging people to be more open regarding their mental health issues. It is incredibly important as it helps spread knowledge and understanding about mental health as a whole.

Depression is much more than 'feeling sad' which is a common misconception, in fact, depression is a terrible condition that can greatly affect someone's school life, work, relationships and hugely impacts their thoughts, feelings and actions. It can affect anyone of any age, and is estimated to affect 280 million adults worldwide .

Symptoms of Depression:

- Feelings of hopelessness
- Feeling irritable or intolerant of others
- Lack of motivation or interest in things such as hobbies
- Low self esteem
- Continuous sadness or feeling extremely negative
- Disruption of sleep
- Lack of appetite



How can you get involved?

- Reach out to loved ones and spend time with them
- Donate to charities made to support the population's wellbeing
- Care for yourself
- Keep in touch with your friends
- Offer support to anyone struggling
- Volunteering at mental health organisations

If you are concerned with your own or someone else's mental wellbeing, please contact someone you trust, this can be a parent, medical professional, form tutor or a helpline, they will provide you with further support.

ChildLine - 0800 1111

Young Minds - 020 7089 5050





COLWYN BAY ART COMPETITION

**MIMI
HOLLAND
ROBERTS**

Hello! My name is Mimi Holland Roberts, my artist name: PENGOCH. I'm a thirteen-year-old art competition contender.

Around February this year, I saw a poster for an art competition in Colwyn Bay. This competition was held in INK (an art cafe just down the road from Eirias). I had to submit my idea for an exhibition, and how I would achieve it. The focus was: "A memory you have in Bae Colwyn."

I wanted to focus on memories of others, based around the memorial sight in The Queen's Gardens. The media that I wanted to use was a virtual reality site. After I was called into the exhibition, I worked with professional artists and tutors to decide what I would do for my piece.

In the end, I decided to use my digital modelling skills and script-making magic to create a mini scene in VR. This scene was based around the war memorial for WW1. I made a backing track with voice-overs, and I made drawings of the characters that you would be able to hear.

This exhibition was soon displayed in INK. In my own booth. The exhibition display was up for a month, from August until September. I am very happy for my accomplishment, and hopefully I'll be able to do more things like it!



<https://www.inkgallery.co.uk>

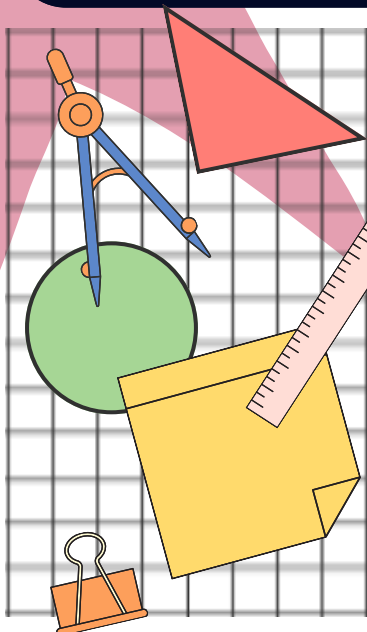




REVISION GUIDE

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With year 11 mocks just around the corner, I thought that I would share some revision tips, ideas and resources that really helped me to boost my revision for GCSEs. Despite there only being a few weeks until mocks, it is never too late to revise so here are some revision ideas to help with the key subjects.



ENGLISH

For English language, the best way to revise is to use the WJEC knowledge organisers and do lots of past papers! Language is a hard exam to revise for, so reading lots, analysing texts and brushing up on spelling, grammar and more complex punctuation is key to achieving high grades

To revise literature, I would recommend not only revising quotes by sticking up post-it notes but also by learning analysis around the quotes to show why they are important. Analysis is key, so when reading the books, really try to fully understand the context and analysis of the extracts before anything else. (YouTube clips linked) Making character posters with quotes, analysis and background information is really helpful to help to learn the key elements of the books.

MATHS

For maths revision, practise is key! Go through each topic at a time and complete past paper questions after each topic to ensure you can actually use and remember the knowledge.

You can use posters for key points (e.g conversations, trigonometry triangles and extra formulas) but past papers are the easiest way to test your knowledge.

Watching videos are so useful for learning concepts.

I highly recommend using MathsDIY for marking past papers as it has all the solution written in, meaning you can learn from your mistakes as the methods are shown.

SCIENCE

It can be difficult to find resources that are tailored specifically for the double award . Use Tanio & textbooks to accurately ensure that you have all the content (as you won't be tested on anything that isn't in the textbook) and then use BBC Bitesize & clips to ensure that you fully understand everything. It's also best to practise basic skills such as graph drawing for the summer exams and definitions of variables & scientific vocabulary for the practical exam. Although these may seem like minor details, these are things that you can collect easy marks from. When it comes to science, read markschemes carefully as they have very specific wording. Sometimes it's best to adapt the wording of some definition that you may have to ensure it fits more accurately to the way in which you will be marked.



REVISION GUIDE

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The most valuable advice I could give to those in year 10 & 11 is to revise as you go along. This may seem like a lot of work, but just by ensuring that you understand each topic before moving on, it can make the world of difference. Making flashcards during each topic is also so useful and even if you don't learn them until the summer, having them made and ready to go will make exam prep so much easier.

TECHNIQUES & METHODS

- BLURTING (PAPER OR WHITEBOARD)
- FLASHCARDS
- POSTERS
- MINDMAPS
- TEACHING OTHERS OR YOURSELF
- PAST PAPERS

MOCK PREPERATION

As mocks do not contribute to your final grade, it is the perfect opportunity to try out new revision methods. Prioritise the subjects that you find the most difficult as it will really help you to get an accurate overview of what grade you would be most likely to get in the summer.



TIME MANAGEMENT

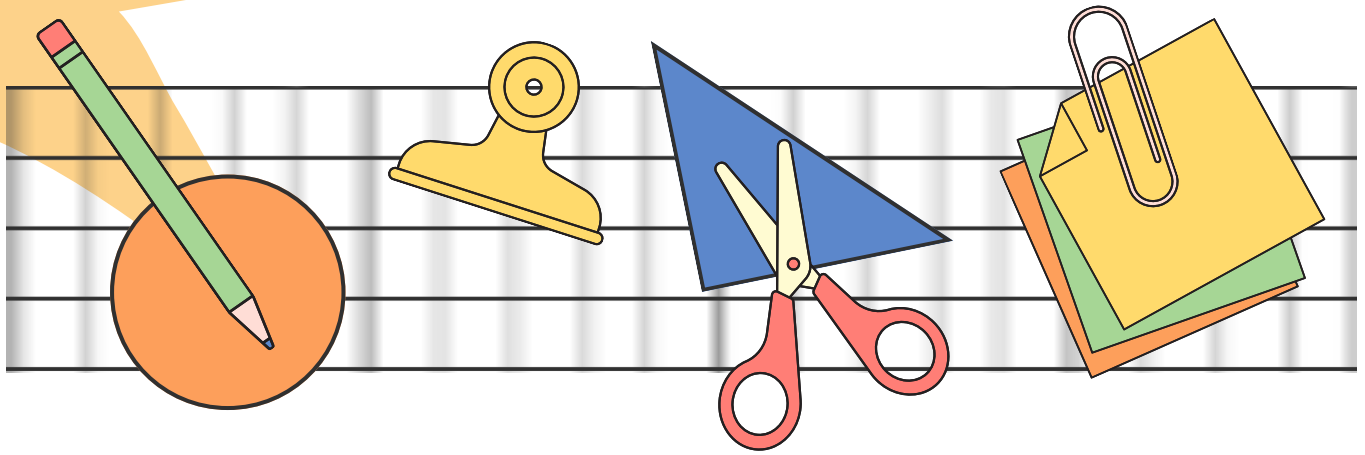
Managing the time that you spend revising can be difficult, especially as there are so many subjects. On Sunday, write a list of all the subjects that you want to revise that week. Be specific. Decide on certain topics and find resources on the Sunday so that you can get straight to revision after school

USEFUL APPS

QUIZLET- Makes for extremely effective flashcard revision - sorts flashcards, creates tests.

FLORA- Ensures that you do not spend time on your phone during revision slots, times your revision sessions.

LINKS FOR ALL USEFUL REVISION RESOURCES



<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision/revision-resources/new-knowledge-organisers/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtqICljZtcY&list=PLqGFsWf-P-cDvuiSH8SycEDh1Ugke9tmb>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Letts-GCSE-Revision-Success-Inspector/dp/1843153149>

MATHS

<https://www.mathsdiy.com>

<https://www.youtube.com/@corbettmaths/videos>

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<https://quizlet.com/features/flashcards>

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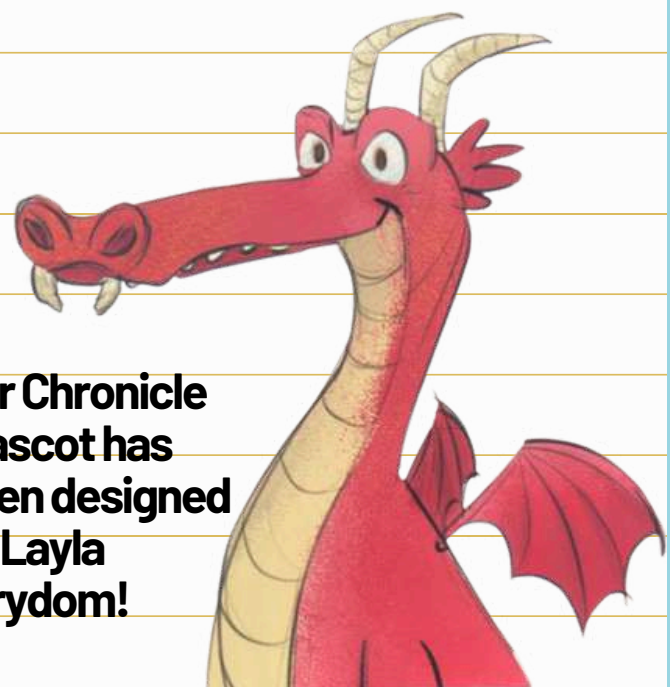
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