

58,011 VOTERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Should online anonymity be protected? The majority of young people say Yes.

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UP FOR DISCUSSION: MODERN MASCULINITY

This week, VotesforSchools voters will be answering the question: "Is it difficult to be a man?"

Why not discuss what you think about this question at home? Is modern masculinity difficult to navigate?

THIS WEEK'S BIG READ: WHAT IS AN MBE?

Last week, hundreds of UK citizens, including actors, activists, and Paralympians, were awarded MBEs by the King at Windsor Castle. But what exactly is an MBE? It stands for "Member of the Order of the British Empire" and is a prestigious honour given to individuals who have made meaningful contributions to society in areas such as art, sports, or community service.

However, not everyone accepts this award. Some decline due to personal beliefs about the monarchy, while others feel they have not earned it. Famously, musician John Lennon accepted an MBE but later returned it in protest over British support for the Vietnam War.



COMPREHENSION CHALLENGE

- Where were the MBEs awarded recently?
- What does MBE stand for?
- Is accepting an MBE mandatory?
- Why might someone decline an MBE?
- Why did John Lennon return his MBE?

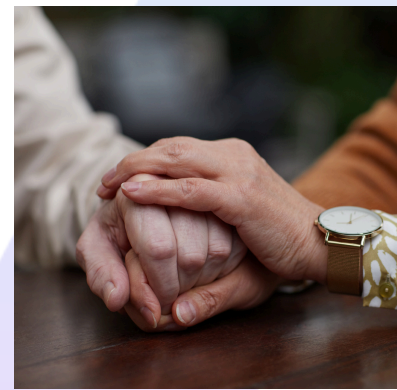
MORE WELFARE CUTS ANNOUNCED

Chancellor Rachel Reeves announced more welfare cuts after being told the previous reforms suggested would save less money than planned. The Government's assessment predicts that this will push 250,000 more people into poverty by 2030.



ASSISTED DYING BILL DELAYED

Assisted dying may not be available in England and Wales until at least 2029 after MPs approved an extension of the rollout period. The change was proposed by Kim Leadbeater, who said it was "more important to do this properly than to do it quickly".



NOT ON DISPLAY

The Senedd has decided that Welsh supermarkets will be banned from displaying unhealthy snacks near tills or on their website homepages from next year. Health Secretary Jeremy Miles said the rules would help "tackle Wales' growing obesity problem".



A "ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME" HOARD

A hoard of Iron Age artefacts has been found. The hoard, which consists of 800 items, was discovered by metal detectorist Peter Heads in 2021. It's named the Melsonby hoard after the North Yorkshire village near where they were found.

