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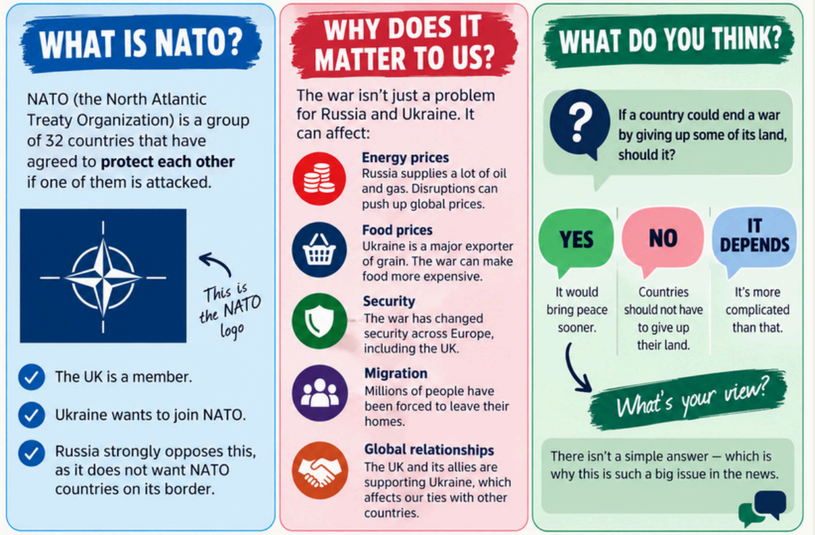
GLOBAL

Can the Russia-Ukraine war finally end?

The war between Russia and Ukraine has been going on for more than four years. Now there is another attempt to end it.

US representatives Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on 5th September to discuss a possible peace deal. They are due to travel to Ukraine afterwards.

For now, Russia and Ukraine has agreed to temporarily stop attacks on each other's capitals while the talks take place.



So why isn't it over?

The two sides don't agree on what peace should look like.

Russia wants Ukraine to give up some territory and abandon it's plans to join NATO.

Ukraine wants to keep its territory and have security guarantees so Russia cannot simply attack again.

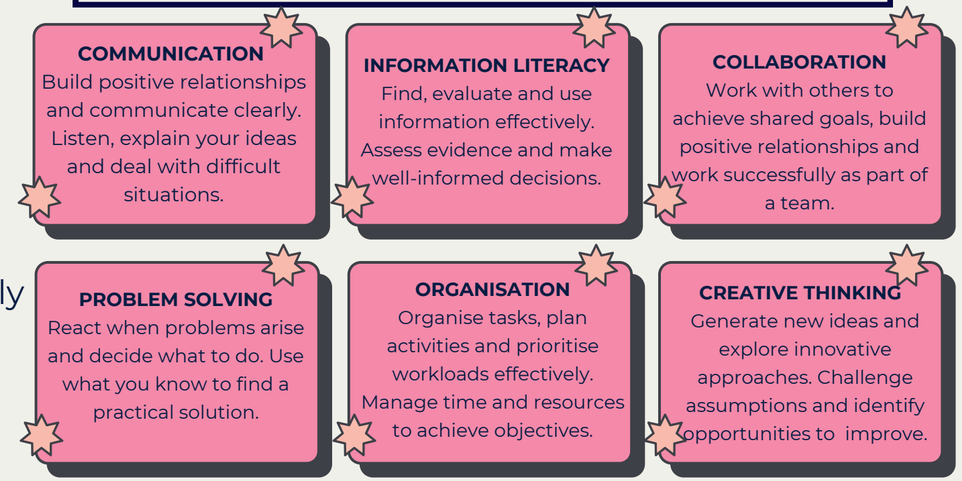
So although politicians are talking about peace, there is still a huge disagreement about what a peace deal would actually involve.

NATIONAL

What will get you a job in 2035?

A major new BBC report has been looking at what employers want from young people entering the workforce.

Research by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) identifies six skills that are expected to become increasingly important as AI and automation change the workplace.



What will this mean?

You don't need to wait until you're in work. Your PD sessions will help you to develop these skills.

Employers want to see real examples of how you've used these skills, even if you don't have much work experience.

The research suggested that AI and Automation could put up to 3 million jobs at risk by 2035. That makes human skills like these even more important.

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COLLEGE & OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Work will start on 14th September on a new pedetsrian crossing near Weston train station to make it easier and safer to walk into town.

Did you know?

Weston College is one of just **4** Technical Excellence Colleges in England for advanced manufacturing.

A new £2.6 million centre is opening in Filton this month, helping our learners train for high-skilled careers in aerospace, engineering and digital technology.

Welcome, or welcome back!



AWARENESS CALENDAR

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY - 8th Sep

Literacy isn't just about reading books. It's about being able to understand information, communicate clearly and make sense of the world around you.

If you did want to read a book, why not try...



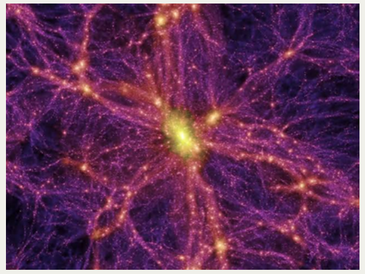
Between life and death, there is a library where the shelves go on forever, offering a second chance to see how life might have turned out if different choices had been made.

Also coming soon to the big screen!

GOOD NEWS

We might have found dark matter!

Scientists led by a team at University of Bristol have found a mysterious particle interaction that could be the first evidence of dark matter - something scientists have been searching for for decades. Dark matter is thought to make up 85% of the universe and, whilst scientists are certain it's there, it's invisible as it reflects no light. If this really is dark matter, it could change our understanding of how the universe works.





A rare bird is making a comeback!

New Zealand's kākāpō, the world's heaviest parrot, has now passed 300 birds for the first time in 75 years. The species was once extremely close to extinction.