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**Inside:** New games should you be looking out for.  
New Dinosaurs discovered?  
World Cup - who are the new stars? And  
who are the best players who missed out?

## Fortnite: is it really free?

*Tom King*

As many people may already know, the most popular Fortnite mode is Battle Royale, in which 100 online players fight on an island with various weapons until only one person or team survives. This mode also contains the item store where cosmetic designs can be bought with the in-game currency (also known as V-bucks). So is it really free?



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V-bucks can be acquired in three different ways:

- The game mode Save the World, which itself requires a minimum of £34.99 to gain access to where players earn them in various ways in the mode.
- The Battle Pass, players do challenges in the Battle Royale mode to level it up and can earn a limited amount of V-bucks as one of the many rewards.
- Microtransactions, this is the main way that people earn V-bucks when people convert their own money into the currency permanently in order to keep buying these cosmetic designs.

In a recent survey of 50 people on Fortnite, we found out that approximately **96%** of year 9 students play Fortnite on one or more platforms, which shows the immense popularity of the game. Furthermore, we also found out that **86%** of students have spent their own money on the game, with **30%** having spent **over £50** on the game.



The results of this survey surely bring up the question whether Fortnite is actually free or not. This could be because many people are made to feel pressured into buying cosmetic designs in the game as an indication of skill and experience in the game. People who have not spent money on the game are sometimes called things like “no-skins” meaning someone who has no cosmetic designs and is usually not very good at playing the game. Another name that people are called is “noob,” which unlike “no-skin” is not specifically associated with Fortnite. The term just simply means someone who is very unskilled or new at playing the game.

Another reason why so many people spend money on these things not actually affecting game play could be online gamers like the famous professional gamer Ninja. Ninja is a Twitch streamer who records himself playing the game with more skill than most others. Ninja almost always uses these cosmetic designs, which may influence his fans to buy these designs so that they can maybe associate themselves with him. Therefore Fortnite can arguably be called not free because how people are heavily influenced and pressured into spending money on cosmetic designs and how one of the two main modes requires money in order to play.

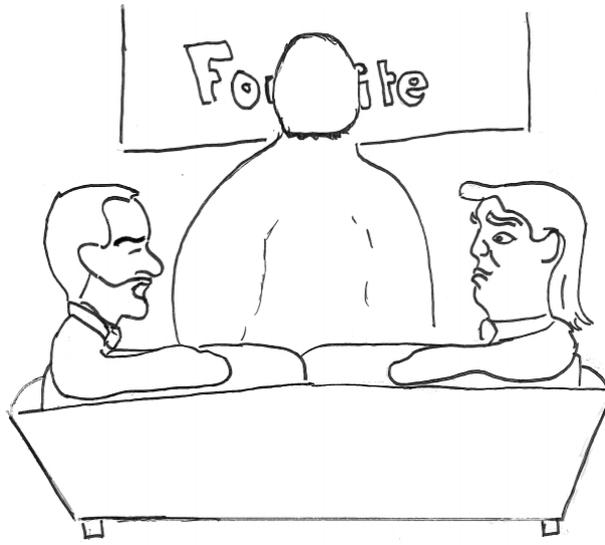
*The survey was carried out with 50 Year 9 students, using a convenience sample method. Interviews were carried out in May 2018.*

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Politics

All the bits and bobs you need to know and would like to know for June 2018



## The similarities of Jeremy Corbyn and Donald Trump

*Noah Findley*

Part One

Jeremy Corbyn has an immense cult following with fans chanting his name every time he enters a room, but he is also a widely hated politician with a controversial past. If you would look for a similar politician over the Atlantic Ocean, a certain New York billionaire comes to mind. The president of the United States of America is one of the loathed men in the world but has millions of supporters from all corners of the Land of the Free. He has had various scandals in his name and has made many infamous racist, homophobic and sexist comments but yet, still keeps his loyalty from his supporters. Though Corbyn and Trump's views are on different sides of the political scale how similar are they?

If we start with the patriotic billionaire who been seen in films and programmes such as The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and Home Alone 2 and now lives in one of the most famous houses in the world. Donald Trump started to show his political views when Barack Obama was running the Land of the Free, however he became loud when he ran for Republican candidate. Everyone knows his Make America Great Again campaign had its backlash as America was built on slavery. However, a man who was admired by many now wants children sent back to places where they lose a proportion of their human rights still seems to have millions of followers currently.

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Technology



## Upcoming games to be excited about

*Charlie Vidal-Read*

2018 has been a big year for video games with the releases of God of War and Far Cry 5 breaking records so with this great year of video games people are wondering what's in store for the rest year and here are some games to be excited about Red Dead Redemption 2 will hit stores in August and knowing Rockstar games it will be good. The Last of Us 2 comes and this year and we will finally reunite with Joe and Elly after 5 years of waiting it will be a massive release as a ps4 exclusive .Shadow of the Tomb Raider comes out later on in the year and will be the sequel to the awarded Rise of the Tomb Raider this will be on all consoles of next gen. Spider Man is a reboot of the well known comic book character so maybe spider man fans will get a good spider man game.

### Console updates

For xbox the release of xbox 1 S has come with major ups and major downs. I'll start with the ups because there aren't many... Their slogan 'the best console in the world' has not held up to standard so while the graphics are the best the console generation has seen, the 4k gaming slows down the actual gameplay. And is that why we play games? Also the storage is the same as the wii!! So to play multiple games at once is not an option and there is no extended drive so you cant get around it I say if you wanted a console for playability and user friendly games this is not for you.

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## Will Fortnite Battle Royale be the new csgo?

*Azan Haider*

If you happened to isolate yourself from everyone and do not know what fortnite is it is a 100 player (usually 98 or 99 as people leave) PvP battle royale game where people can pick up guns and loot supply drops the twist is that you can build and there are playful

Items such as the boogie bomb which makes you dance for 10 seconds but they changed it to 5 during this you cannot do anything but dance, move and jump. And if you happened to not know what csgo it is a fps like cod but the twist is one team are terrorists they have to plant a bomb and protect it the other team the counter terrorists have to defuse the bomb and avoid being killed as you only have one life. There are other game modes but this is the most notable but anywho cs-go is still played today and was released 2012.

As you can see cs go is popular and fortnite is the same but will fortnite die? Fortnite gets weekly updates bringing fixes and new items Reviving the game from dying but the game is in beta and when it comes out these may stop causing it to die. However rumors about fortnite are continuously told causing hype like the rumor that fortnite is coming to the switch (this rumor is true and I have played some games with my Friends on the switch but you must be on Xbox or PC for nintendo crossplay) and the blockbuster reward/ visitor skin which was released today and was leaked with the thermal scoped Assault Rifle update. This has caused clickbait to rise on both websites and video sites. The game will have some hope with rumors like this and may will be alive as they will continue making seasons but this will become just like other games ... it will be .....dead.

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Jurassic world: Evolution, a game 65 million years in the making



*Jurassic world:evolution cover art*

From snes games in 1993 to the pcs and console games of 2018, comes yet another jurassic park/world game. In this game, named jurassic world evolution, you can create your own jurassic world on 5 different islands, matanceros, muerta, pena, tacano, sorna and nublar. with a list of 41 dinosaurs and 1 hybrid (The *I-rex*) the enclosure possibilities are endless! You can have a tyrannosaurus with an enclosure full of velociraptors/deinonychus (another raptor species confirmed in the game). you have to pay close attention to your dinosaurs as if they aren't happy enough, they will break out and begin mercilessly murdering your guests! This game is really for relaxed people as of the many, many micromanaging aspects such as making sure you don't go bankrupt, making sure you don't have a power outages and paying attention to all the divisions (entertainment, security and science).

As i previously stated, there are 3 divisions, you do missions for the three and you gain a good reputation for that division but lose reputation for the other two, all the divisions have a sabotage rating, meaning how likely they are going to sabotage you. the many ways they can sabotage you is through infecting your dinosaurs with disease, opening ALL your enclosure gates or shutting down all of your electricity.

The way you get dinosaurs is through extracting dna from fossils. firstly you send an expedition team to a site, with in thirty seconds you will receive their finds, you extract these, giving you the DNA to make them, your genome must be at 50% to create them.

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## H1Z1

H1z1 is a Battle royale game that was released earlier this month for PS4 players( or at the time this was made)We still do not know if it is going to be released for Xbox. It is a free game that everyone can play, apart from XBOX players. (Proves PS4 is better)

H1z1 has a game mode called auto royale which allows you to have on driver in a vehicle and the rest of your teammates are in the vehicle but are shooting. The new beta for PS4 is making everyone talk about how it is a copy of Fortnite as they are both a Battle Royale Game. However H1Z1 was originally released in 2016 but was an official game on the 28th of February 2018. It is also like PUBG copying Fortnite however initially it was out first but no one really knew the game until FORTNITE took over.



(Some Fortnite news)

As Season 4 enters the game everyone is saying this is the best season yet, some may disagree as Fortnite Season 5 has been leaked as Aliens. We do have some information as the Meteor in Dusty Divot has turned out to have a Baby Leviathan that will rule the world. Also another map could be released in the near future. Or now it has been said that a robot is in the meteor as you can see the meteor break down each week.

(Back to H1Z1)

H1Z1 is a 150 player battle royale and challenge each other to be the last man standing. You can play a Deathmatch or Team Deathmatch. All thanks to Daybreak Game Company for making their 50th game as one of the greatest.(PlanetSide 2, DC Universe, EverQuest, Just Survive ,which is also called H1Z1 which is the article your reading now, and finally Landmark which is quite famous for its Multiplayer and Role Playing feature.



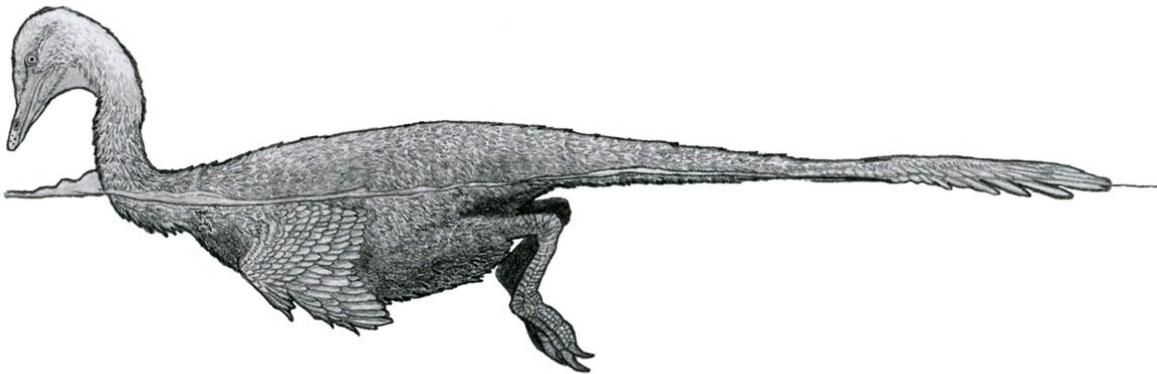
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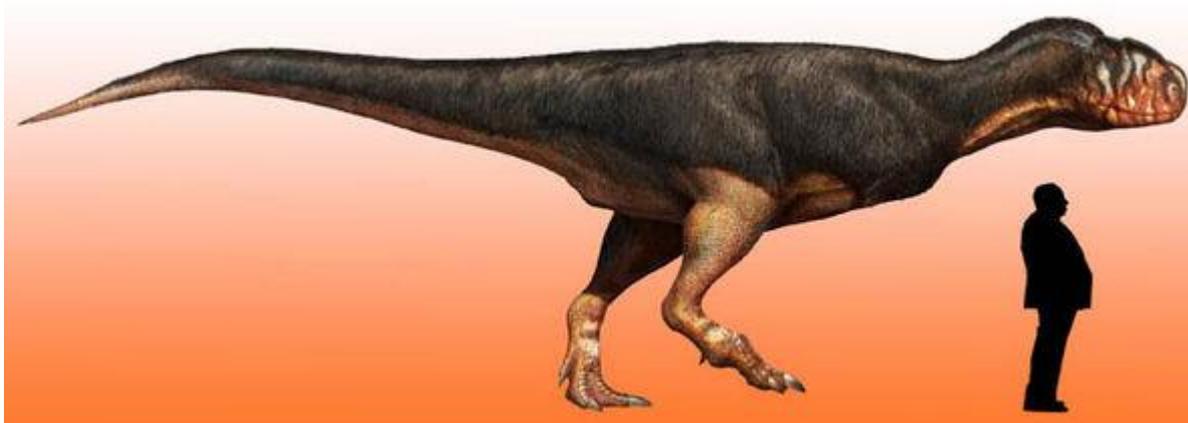
## New dinosaur discoveries: Halzkaraptor: the dino duck?

*Antonio Riccardi*



A new relative of the very famous velociraptor has been uncovered! It is named halzkaraptor. Meaning "halzka's plunderer" seem to be a link between dinosaurs and aquatic fowl! Although it's small size of 60 cm it was a vicious predator armed with sharp claws and a beak of razor sharp teeth. It would probably have spent the aquatic portion of its life, diving and catching small fish.

## Huge albelisaurid



Albelisaurus was the "pug ugly" of its time and was quite a small predator at only 20 ft long but a new fossil was recently unearthed revealing a huge 10 meter long albelisaurus! This creature was claimed to be the size of a double decker bus!

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Sports

## A Great Experience for the Year 7 Cricket team



Another game for the cricket team but unfortunately it was a loss although it was a great experience for this new team, who have never played before.

A great performance from Mohamed scoring a good 32. Raf (the captain) also had an unbelievable few overs, bowling a some people out.

Mr Szreider (the manager) says "there was some great fielding and we just need to improve on our batting," the whole team agreed and decided that is what they would do next training session.

Unfortunately, it was a loss but it was a loss to a wonderful team. It was a good fielding performance from the swans but the team need to work on their batting.

As the first hardball game they had played with each other it was fairly good. Everyone was proud of the team. This team could really go far if they keep up the hard work in training and games.

Raf Ruiz (the captain), Frankie Collins (the writer), Owen Scott, Mohamed, Freddie Lee, Sam Wasbrough, Lewis Williams, Ryan Lawless, Jamie Anderson, Anwaar and Harry Edwards were the players who played.

I am sure Mr Szreider will lead this team to great things.

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FA Cup Final

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*George Holden*

Chelsea vs Manchester united

In the FA cup final there was a new machine called the VAR it stands for the video assistant referee. It watches the match and if the ref can't solve the foul then he ask for the VAR and it will say if it was a foul or not.

Hazard got fouled by Jones and he was the last man but the law changed. He got a yellow card not a red card. Sanchez was a cheat that match he went behind Azpilicueta and dived behind him. Hazard scored a penalty that made it 1 nil for Chelsea.

Pogba was the closest to score for Manchester united but it nearly skimmed to post. The match finished 1 nil to Chelsea and it was their 8th win but the 8th was under Antonio Conte.

## Champions League Final: Writers' predictions

*Billy Wilde*

NB: This article was written before the Champions League final.

On the 26 of may, it will be the champions league finals and only the top 5 in every league will go into it. The finals will be between the underdogs Liverpool, and the team that won the last times, Real Madrid. The odds for Liverpool winning the final 2-1 is 10:1, which is the same as there odds for winning the premier league next season, so my bet is on Liverpool winning, but Real Madrid have won the last two champions league finals so they won't care if they lose because they have already won it 2 years in a row.

A year 7 student called George said that it depends on Real Madrid's line up.

A year 7 student called Kaeden said that Liverpool were going to win.

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World Cup



## The 5 best players not at the World Cup

*Lewys Timms*

Number one and most noticeably **Gareth Bale**. Despite Wales' shock performance in the Euros - making the semi finals before losing 2-0 to Portugal - Wales still failed to qualify for the World Cup from a tough group including Serbia, Georgia and The Republic of Ireland.

Number two: **Ciro Immobile** is Italy's star man up top scoring 22 goals in 33 league games this season. Italy failed to qualify for the world cup for the first time in 60 years after a shock 1-0 defeat to Sweden.



Number three: **Leroy Sane**. On the back of an amazing season in the premier league with Manchester City winning the league with ease. Germany released their 23 man squad before the World Cup and shocked the world when Sane's name was not on the list, and therefore causing unrest throughout Germany.

Number four: **Radja Nainggolan**. Even though he played a key role in Roma's squad this season scoring 4 goals and 9 assists in 31 games on top of reaching the champions league semi finals beating Barcelona along the way, he was somehow left out of the Belgium squad. This is possibly because he is rumoured to be a bad influence on the other players also smoking and drinking.



Number five: **Zlatan Ibrahimovic**, he retired from international football at the end of the Euro 2016. Zlatan is Sweden's all time top goal scorer with 62 goals

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## Who are the young Stars of the World Cup?



*Matthew Wright*

### **Mbappe Lottin**

The French national player Kylian Mbappe Lottin was valued around £110 million last summer transfer window and has not lived up to this huge price tag so far at his club team PSG. However, he still has great potential for the Russia World Cup as a 19 year old forward for France. France have some great talents but this 19 year old has the highest expectations. He has played 27 games for PSG this year and scored 13 along with 8 assists, these stats are good but are they worth £108 million?

### **Hirving Lozano**

Mexican international Lozano has recently appeared on the worldwide scene as an established talent. The 22 year old has lots of years in him but hasn't played in a top league yet. His year has been good with 17 goals and 8 assists for PSV for the 2017 -2018 season. With 4 goals in 9 games for the Russia World Cup qualifiers he has shown promise as an international player as well as a club target for many teams. The goal in Mexico's first game against Germany shows that Lozano can play very well against top international defenders, this leads to people feeling hopeful that he will continue his form.



### **Michy Batshuayi**

This Belgium forward did not start in the best of form at Chelsea, but at the mid season transfer window he had a sudden transfer to Borussia Dortmund. With only 2 goals in 12 games in the first half of the season he was not contesting as Chelsea's starting striker. His season turned around after this though, in the Belgium striker's first 10 games in the Bundesliga he scored 7 goals. This proves with the right players in the attack with him he can score goals.

