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## FILM REVIEW: ELF



## FASHION: AW 14- THE LOWDOWN



## COLUMN: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



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## EDITORS LETTER

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Mia-Kate Shanahan

*Hello students! The Sixth Sense team have been hard at work with a Christmas themed issue this term and are here to bring you the inside scoop on Christmas commotions.* Our columnist has a traumatic experience dealing with throngs of Christmas shoppers and battling slow walkers, don't we all know the feeling? The in house fashionista has the LBD of Christmas and we have some weird and wacky presents that should hopefully get your creative juices flowing. Film reviews galore, we have a mash up of Christmas cheer and a little bit of creepy left over from Halloween in this issue. Personally I'm not one for horror movies so, with a large gingerbread latte I settled down to a Christmas movie marathon: Elf and the Holiday. What's your favourite Christmas movie? Lots of things to look forward to in the last week of school: the cast of *A Christmas Carol* have been working hard getting ready for their performance, the Christmas concert and year 13s Christmas fair in the main hall. Make sure to bring in £4 for charity! Merry Christmas.

EDITOR

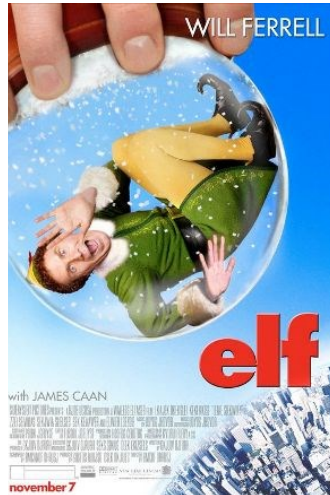
*Mia-Kate Shanahan*

And the sixth sense team



## FILM REVIEW: ELF

Ellie Mercer



*"Elf is by far the most enjoyable, light-hearted and hilarious Christmas film going.."*



Is there anything more Christmassy than Will Ferrell dressed as a six foot elf in yellow tights wondering around New York City? I doubt there is anyone in Bullers Wood who hasn't seen the hilarious Christmas classic, Elf. For many it is considered offensive if you don't start off every December wrapped in a warm blanket, with your favourite hot drink and Buddy's festive cheer to get you in the Christmas mood. But, it's November and I've already watched it three times- a bit excessive maybe?

I am a huge fan of Will Ferrell, whether it be his role as Ron Burgundy in Anchorman or his hilarious act in Step Brothers. However, none of his characters quite live up to the high-spirited, childlike character of Buddy the Elf. All Christmas films are designed to enhance life-affirmation, but Elf is by far the most enjoyable,

light-hearted and hilarious Christmas film going. There is no one like the jolly Buddy who can support you through the winter months and heighten your Christmas spirit.

Buddy is impossible to dislike, he is not a real elf instead he is a human raised by one in the North Pole. Oblivious to the fact that he is actually human, despite being six foot and lack of toy making abilities, eventually after 30 years he wises up and understands that he is human and makes his way to find his real dad in the hectic and festive city of New York. Luckily he has his snow globe to guide his way to its skyline... But the first major problem of the story is revealed when Papa Elf informs Buddy that his father is on the naughty list!

When finally meeting his father, Walter Hobbs



a miserable publisher of children's books, Buddy is dismissed by Hobbs who tries everything in his ability to rid this weirdo in yellow tights. But the tireless Elf doesn't give up on his faith in his father, his tactics to gain Walters love includes tickle fights, snuggling and calling him every five minutes. Whilst experiencing the busy New York lifestyle, Buddy falls in love with a fellow toy store employee named Jovie and takes her on a date to try 'The World's Best Cup of Coffee.' When Walter discovers that Buddy is in fact his son, he works hard to change him into a 'normal' human.

There are a range of societal problems that Buddy and the people of New York City work together to solve. This heart warming scene of Jovie and the crowd of people singing to build Christmas spirit and saving Christmas for us all is one of the best scenes. However it is impossible to choose a favourite part from the wonderful film as

it contains constant comedy gold from beginning to end including, the speedy snowball fight, the back to back revolving door scene, the fight between 'fake Santa' and Buddy and the list goes on and on.

The completely ludicrous plot, slapstick comedy and traditional, lovable soundtrack make "Elf" enjoyable for the whole family. "Elf" never fails to spread Christmas cheer amongst everyone cuddled on the sofa with a box of Quality Street on Christmas Day. In fact, this film is so good that I think it is perfectly acceptable to watch it all year round; after all we should all be a bit more like Buddy and find joy out of the everyday things such as escalators and enjoy smiling as much as he does ("I just like to smile! Smiling's my favourite.") Without Buddy and his childish ways Christmas wouldn't be the same, so make sure to watch it immediately.

## COLUMN: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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Sophie Tuckwood



*Deck the malls with crowds of shoppers – you know it's Christmas time when the festivities not only include fairy lights and roast turkeys but also hoards and hoards of impatient Christmas shoppers.*

Everyone always hopes to get to the shops especially early before the crowds come tumbling and spilling into every nook and cranny of every shop, which always happens without success. You become one of those unfortunate souls trapped in stagnant and everlasting queues and as the minutes slowly tick by you lose that hopeful, happy spirit the thought of Christmas is supposed to ignite. And finally when the beaming ray of the checkout is in sight, there is always that one person in front of you who seems to have bought the entire store and then realises that they've forgotten something. Brilliant.

There also seems to be something wrong with so-called valid Christmas offers and coupons, which delay the painful process and tighten your budget even further. During this stressful and expensive time of the year you would think that businesses would advertise potential presents at appealing prices. However, that offer is only valid for a special certain type of product – which has therefore incidentally run out! You can never find that perfect present, because a) it's too expensive and b) it's out of stock.

However, nothing tops the consistent never-changing Christmas music which accompanies this army of shoppers and attempts to lighten the atmosphere filled with anxiety and desperation. I may sound more like Scrooge than Santa, but thank God it's not Christmas every day, a white Christmas will actually stop me from getting to any shops, and for the last time Mariah Carey, all I want for Christmas is a shopping centre which isn't full to bursting. Is that wish so hard to come true?



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## FASHION: UNLIKELY FESTIVE STYLE ICONS

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### Louise Mason

*IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, WHICH SOME PEOPLE FEAR BUT I HOPE MOST OF YOU EAGERLY ANTICIPATE IT BECAUSE I THINK YOU CAN SEE THAT I AM BASICALLY THE AMBASSADOR OF CHRISTMAS!* However, I feel that the title of this article

needs some explaining, before we commence... Well, I could have done the usual low down on must have Christmas and New Year party dresses, but I thought this twist, would give you all some extraordinary fashion inspiration, whether it's a fiesta or just an outfit to make the winter chill a bit more bearable.



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### TINSEL

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If it can make a Christmas glamorous, then why only does it have that

tree go from just green to shouldn't it work for us? Not traditional golden sparkle, but

Online Exclusive  
Pleated Halter  
neck Skater Dress  
TOPSHOP £46



Structured Lurex  
Sweat  
TOPSHOP £60





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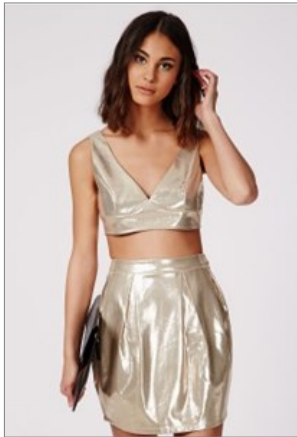
## TURKEY IN TIN FOIL

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I can safely say that the turkey is not the style guru in this situation; it is all about that tin foil. It reflects the light, to give an iridescent glimmer and of course metallic are always a winter must have. It turns out the turkey is a la mode after all.



Loafer Silver  
Leather Black  
Pony Effect  
OFFICE £68



MISSGUIDED  
TOP £17.99  
SKIRT £19.99



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## CHRISTMAS TREE

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The Christmas tree is a festive icon and you too could turn the leaves, flaunting an alpine green number. Whether it's for day or night, a forest green garment, will switch on all the lights this Christmas. Christmas trees ooze style, not only because of their rich emerald green color, but their fuzzy texture, which is 'hot' topic this season.



PINS & NEEDLES VELVET DEVORE DRESS  
IN GREEN

—  
URBAN OUTFITTERS

£52





LUREX CROP TEE

—  
TOPSHOP

£22



BELLA VELVET  
BOW HEADBAND

BOOHOO.COM

£6



## SNOW

The snow never fails to look dazzling, as it twinkles underneath the moonlight and its delicate touch, has the ability to warm the heart. White, fluffy and sparkly, what could make a more angelic look? Clean, classic and...cool; let it snow!



FAUX  
CURLY FUR  
COAT  
ASOS £75

FEATHER HEM  
SLIP DRESS  
TOPSHOP £55



SHILIN SEQUIN  
MESH INSERT  
MIDI DRESS  
MISGUIDED  
£36.99





## FILM REVIEW: MISERY- "I'M YOUR NUMBER ONE FAN"

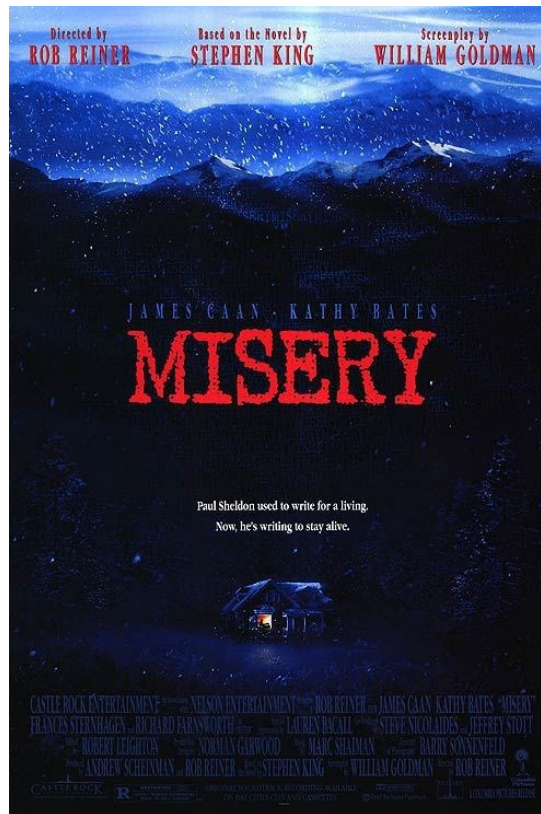
Ellie Mercer

*"Misery is a deranged psycho-thriller that does not fail to entertain, frighten and disturb its viewers."*

This week at Year had the satisfaction-of 'Misery'. This darkly based on the novel by Stephen unusually entertaining film. The rather sadistic themes make it sitting on the edge of your seat

The films protagonists' include-author who is renowned for his Misery. Annie Wilkes, a nurse Sheldon's 'number one fan.' On York from the Hotel drafts every one of his novels, causes Paul to swerve off an icy trapped in heaps of snow. After Wilkes, Sheldon wakes up in a cabin home, where Annie and her him back to health. Immediately confused as to why she never hospital- the obvious solution.

that due to the harsh weather conditions all roads are blocked off and all communication has been lost. Sheldon is trapped, with multiple injuries, in a strange cabin, surrounded by snow and accompanied by an irritatingly affectionate woman who proclaims herself as Paul's 'number one fan.' Little does Sheldon know that his troubles are only just beginning.



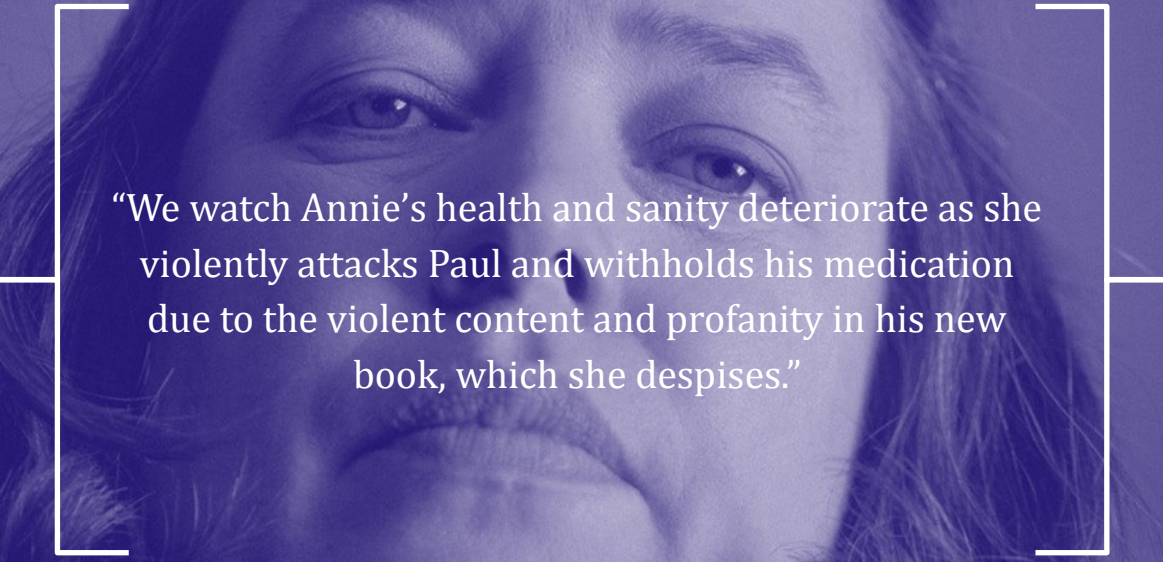
Original misery film poster, 1989

Twelve Film Club we some kind- of watching humorous thriller, psychological horror King, is a convulsive yet unnerving plot and intriguing and has you throughout.

Paul Sheldon, a famous trademark character who claims to be his journey to New Boulderado, where he extreme weather road and crash his car, being saved by Annie bed in an unfamiliar

medical supplies nurse we, as an audience, are took Sheldon to the However, Annie claims

The film, directed by Rob Reiner, comprises of a chain of abuse and misery as Annie's mental health problems and emotional instability is unveiled. We watch Annie's health and sanity deteriorate as she violently attacks Paul and withholds his medication due to the violent content and profanity in his new



“We watch Annie’s health and sanity deteriorate as she violently attacks Paul and withholds his medication due to the violent content and profanity in his new book, which she despises.”

book, which she despises. Her irrational disgust leads her to extreme measures in which she forces him to burn his book and re-write it. The enigmatic narrative is similar to a game of cat and mouse, as we sit on the edge of our seats in anticipation wondering if Paul will escape. One scene in particular is unbearably graphic as we see Annie injure Paul further by breaking his feet to insure that he cannot leave.

‘Misery’ is an entertaining and suspense tale that lightly explores the power that literature can exert on a deranged mind. The film is highly enjoyable, not only because of its frightening and exciting narrative but also because of its thought provoking and intelligent insight into mental health and the extremity some people go to as a result of devotion and religion. Intensity is a major theme throughout the film and the ending was not dissatisfying, a lot of answers are revealed about Annie’s mentality throughout her life and the plot ends predominately resolved. Except for the future of Sheldon’s mentality after the trauma he has been through.

The overall verdict of ‘Misery’ is positive; everyone at Film Club enjoyed the film but were uneasy throughout the thriller. I commend Kathy Bates on her phenomenal performance as Annie Wilkes, without her mad and daunting acting ‘Misery’ would not have been as engrossing, and humorous. I recommend this film to anyone who enjoys psychological horrors/ thrillers as it provokes a wide range of emotions- all Film Club members laughed and screamed throughout.



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## COLUMN: SLOW WALKERS

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Sophie Tuckwood



It's a typical morning. You've just left the house, school bag on your shoulder, all set for the day ahead. You hope today will run smoothly and that nothing will stand in your way. Not so fast.

There isn't a traffic jam that's slowing you down or even a collision. It's a group of students.

Now, you encounter this group of students every single morning and they're getting right on your last nerve. They think it's OK to just mindlessly stroll along at a snail's pace, stopping abruptly in the middle of your path to wait for their friends or show each other something mildly amusing on their phones. They are being an unnecessary obstacle in your journey, one that TFL hasn't warned you about, even if they disrupt the fast flow of pedestrians on a daily basis. And what's more they don't seem to notice that you're behind them, battling to get past them.

But this doesn't just happen on the way to school. These snail-paced strollers are EVERYWHERE. They saunter around shopping centres, supermarkets and streets. More infuriating still is when they come to a halt in the middle of a supermarket aisle, pondering the meaning of life, while the already fuming shopper stuck behind them is mentally yelling, "Move out of the way!" Yet they stay put, because they don't feel you glaring daggers at them.

So, how do we resolve this issue? Either we make walking under a certain speed illegal or these turtle-paced trudgers realize who they are and instead of ambling away, they actually step aside. It would save us students who walk at a decent pace a lot of patience. Rant over.



## LIST: THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Ellie Mercer



- \* Advent Calendars
- \* Family Time
- \* Food- mince pies, hot chocolate etc.
- \* Films- Elf, Home Alone, Grinch etc.
- \* Decorating your house- Christmas tree, tinsel, fairy lights, ornaments etc.
- \* Christmas music
- \* Ice Skating
- \* London Days Out- shopping, Winter Wonderland, Starbucks etc.
- \* Christmas Jumpers
- \* Buying presents for friends and family
- \* Receiving presents
- \* Being happy and relaxed
- \* Possibility of Snow
- \* Hot Chocolate
- \* Warm clothing
- \* Christmas Sales
- \* Gingerbread Men
- \* The Coca-Cola and John Lewis advert
- \* Christmas Cracker Jokes - they're so bad that they're good





## FASHION: AW 14-THE LOWDOWN

### Louise Mason

*“The leaves are changing, temperatures are changing and therefore fashions must change too.”*

I don't know about you, but I am always in favour of change and the arrival of autumn, is the perfect excuse to add some 'je ne sais quoi' to your style. Without further ado I think it's time I take you on a journey through this season's closet of dreams...I am fully aware that our bank balances have suffered enough throughout the summer. So, no need to thank me, but I have taken the liberty to find some, purse friendly pieces, inspired by the A-listers of the fashion world.

Unfortunately, I didn't manage to hunt down any high street twins for this range, but I just had to mention it. I don't understand how Moschino managed to create my range before I did. Their AW14 collection is me woven into the polyester form. I understand these are not the usual garments, you see gracing Bromley high street, but you have to be in awe. Why would you not want to wear your favourite restaurant, or flaunt some cartoon couture?...



## On with the tour...



1. Slick, clean cut and perhaps a little masculine, but tailoring is the business this autumn. Whether it's rocking the classic blazer, (calling all sixth form students!) or adding a hint of femininity with some tailored shorts. Tailored styles will be your fashion best pal this season.



3. You are sure to be starry eyed over one of autumn winters cult classic trends. Metallic. Don't be afraid to jazz up your everyday outfit, with perhaps a metallic gunmetal crop top or if you're feeling a la mode, maybe some metallic brogues. However you want to inject this cosmic trend into your look, make metallic a must this AW14.



2. Ice cream is not just for summer you know, as mint choc chip and strawberry flavoured pieces are a given this season. You could even marry together two trends, by showcasing this bubble gum blue tailored coat.



4. Our final destination on the trend tour is maybe a little vague and something you may not be familiar with and that is texture. I reckon most people do not think twice about the texture of the clothes they buy, but texture can be the best way to make a statement. Whether its fur (faux of course), leather, quilting, or even clashing textures; be sure to add some feeling to your look this season.



## WACKY PRESENTS

### Mia-Kate Shanahan

With Christmas just around the corner we're all trying to get Christmas shopping done, but what to buy? You've brought your mum three limited edition Thornton's chocolate boxes in a row and now you want to be different. Well here are some weird and wacky Christmas presents that might just set you out from the crowd.

TheRandomshop.co.uk have made it their life's mission to give you unique Christmas presents, from life size Harry Styles cut outs to USB cookie mug warmers. First up for all you rebels out there we have the bush tucker trial buffet, mealworm anyone? You're sitting down watching I'm a celebrity when your dad sits up and says 'I could do that', well now he can, each buffet has 6 boxes full of critters for you to munch on.



Up next is the 80's retro iPhone case, vintage has taken on a whole



other meaning with his gift. A flash back to the past and a unique funky gift this will definitely set you out from the crowd, forget watches and chocolates this is the present to buy at Christmas!

Last but certainly not least we have the most expensive board game in the world, a mere £7,990 this board game is fit for royalty. The aim for the game is to use skill and cunning to steal the crown jewels from the tower of London. The board game is graced with gold leaf, sapphires, diamonds and rubies, This is the perfect gift for someone who likes style, it comes with a travel case for safety and a plaque with the edition number engraved on it. If your bank account can handle it treat someone to the most expensive board game ever! Definitely weird and wacky, has this given you any ideas?

