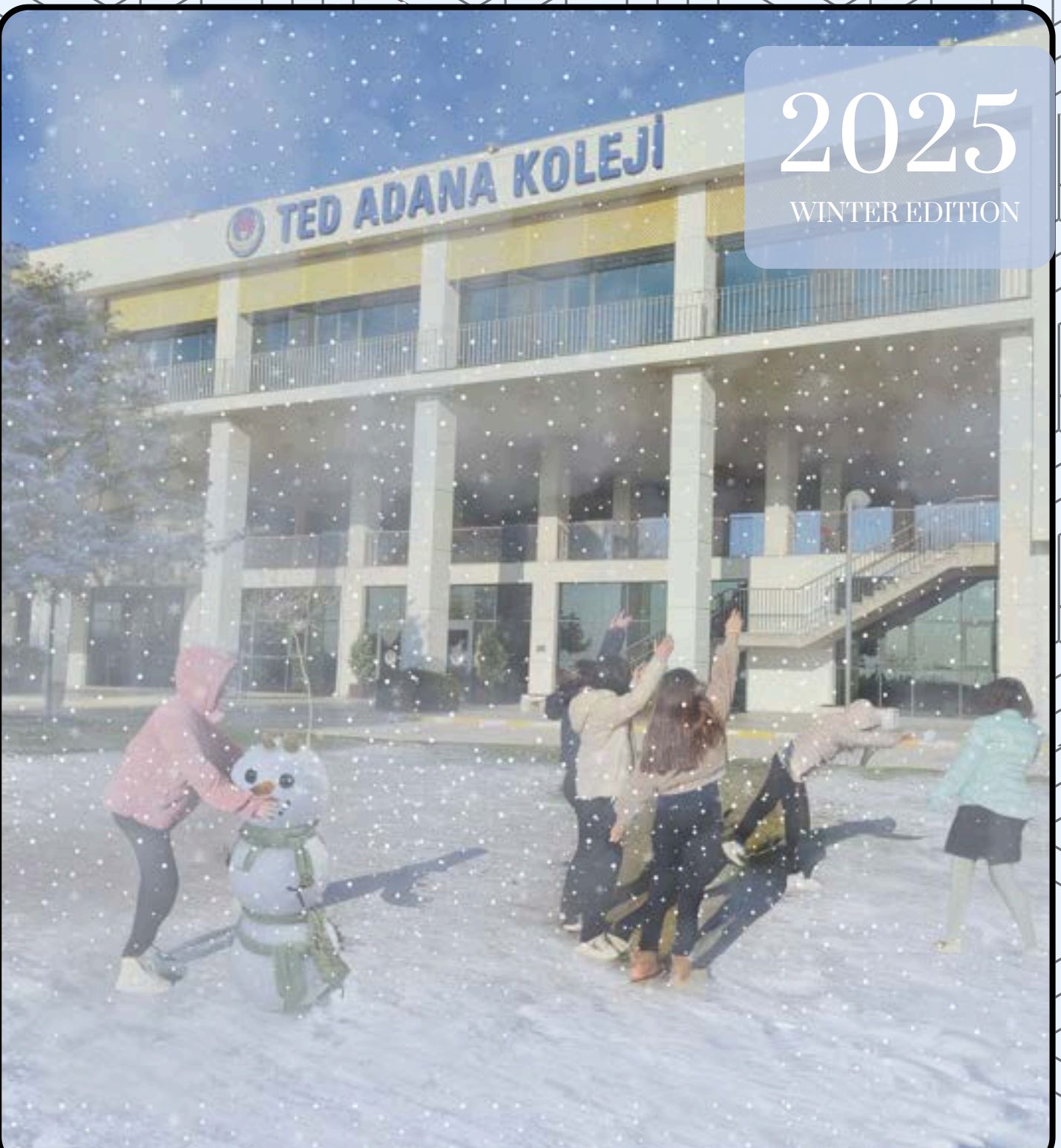
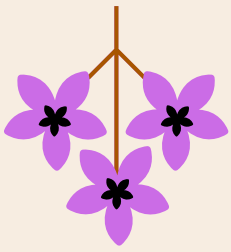




# TED ADANA COLLEGE CAMPUS CHRONICLES

2025  
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# MEET US

Hello! I'm Masal Karaali, a seventh grader. I enjoy traveling, discovering new languages, and I have a keen interest in space, geography, and art! ^^

Hi, I'm Ahu Zeren! I love art and astronomy, enjoy drawing, and participate in sports. I also love reading and building LEGOs. Check out my creative work on Instagram @copybarartist.

Hello, my name is Helin Arya Tuncer. I am in the 8th grade. I enjoy watching movies, and I have a deep passion for LEGO!

Hello! I'm Zeynep Sedefoğlu, a 7th grader. I have a passion for drawing, even though I don't see myself as particularly talented. I also really enjoy creating designs using the app Canva.

Hello! I'm Nil Çetinkaya, a seventh grader. My favorite hobby is gymnastics. While I may not be great at drawing, I truly enjoy the art of designing!

Hi! I'm Beliz Venüs Kızıklı. I am a 7th grader. I love reading books, doing yoga, drawing and also anime. Enjoy our magazine!

Hello! My name is Derin. I have a passion for art, books, and animals. I hope you enjoy our magazine!



# CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a special holiday for Christians. It is the celebration of the the birthday of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be the son of God.

Most people celebrate Christmas on December 25th, the day chosen by the Roman Catholic Church to remember Jesus' birth. However, the exact date of Jesus' birth is not known.

In Turkey, New Year's Eve is a joyful celebration. Families and friends come together to share delicious meals, exchange gifts, and enjoy fireworks. The night is filled with music and special TV shows, creating a festive atmosphere as everyone welcomes the new year with happiness and hope.





# Christmas Traditions Around the World



In Italy, children celebrate Befana, who is a kind witch bringing gifts instead of Santa Claus, on January 5th. She flies on a broom, comes through chimneys, and fills stockings with treats and toys. Children wait excitedly for her arrival!

The Christmas tree tradition started in 16th-century Germany. A fun custom is hiding a pickle ornament in the tree for children to find, with the finder getting a special gift, adding to the holiday excitement!



Tió de Nadal is a fun tradition in Spain. It is a small wooden log that looks like it has a face and legs. Families decorate it with a blanket to keep it warm. At night, they pretend to feed the log, and later, it "magically" gives gifts. Children love it because they sing songs and tap the log to get their surprises!



# New Year In Our School









# New Year Show









## INTERVIEW WITH EBRU GÜÇLÜ, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



***Q: As a Turkish citizen, what inspired you to take on the role of head of the foreign language department?***

-My passion for teaching and creating vibrant educational environments led me to this position. As a Turkish citizen, I've always believed in the power of languages to open doors to the world. I wanted to establish a dynamic, student-centered language learning environment where Turkish students can both compete and collaborate on the global stage. This role allows me to inspire not only students but also teachers to view language learning as a means of cultural understanding, not just another subject.

***Q: What do you think are the biggest challenges when managing a team of foreign language teachers?***

- I'm fortunate to lead a team of passionate and dedicated teachers, all working toward the same goal: delivering the best foreign language education to our students. However, managing a diverse team presents challenges. Teachers come from different backgrounds and have unique teaching styles and personalities. While diversity strengthens our team, it requires careful balancing to ensure everyone feels valued. My aim is to foster an environment where all team members thrive.



***Q: How do you support both students and teachers in achieving success in the foreign language department?***

-This revolves around two key principles: motivation and self-belief. I firmly believe that self-confidence and motivation are critical for success. My focus is on helping both students and teachers recognize their potential. Everyone has incredible capacity and skills—it's just a matter of unlocking them. By encouraging belief in oneself, I've seen remarkable progress in both students and teachers.

***Q: What are some key qualities you look for when hiring teachers for your department?***

-First and foremost, teachers must have an excellent command of English and be well-versed in effective teaching techniques. Strong communication skills are essential—teachers should genuinely enjoy working with students and be attuned to their needs. Passion for teaching is fundamental, as it creates a positive classroom atmosphere. Teamwork is also vital. With nearly 30 teachers in our department, collaboration and mutual support are non-negotiable. Finally, teachers must be open to integrating technology into their lessons and staying updated on trends relevant to young learners.

***Q: How do you balance the needs of different language programs in our school?***

-Balancing these needs requires a forward-thinking approach. Our responsibility is to equip students with the language skills they need for academic success and beyond. Whether they're applying to top universities abroad or preparing for the future workplace, we ensure they're ready to meet those challenges. Preparing students for a globalized world is at the heart of what we do.

***Thank You to All Our Teachers!***

*To our English and subject teachers: thank you for your guidance, care, and endless support. You make learning exciting and inspire us every day. We appreciate you all!*



# FASHION

## Elegant Clothing Style



**Dressing like a million bucks?  
Yes, please! An elegant clothing  
style serves up sophistication on  
a silver platter, flaunting clean  
lines, luxurious fabrics, and  
timeless cuts that scream class!**



### 6 Timeless Wardrobe Essentials for a Classy Look

- 01 | A stylish pair of black pants.
- 02 | A versatile neutral button-down shirt.
- 03 | Classic white sneakers.
- 04 | An elegant black turtleneck.
- 05 | A well-fitted pair of jeans.
- 06 | The iconic little black dress.







# Glamour (leopard) Clothing Style

Glamour was incredibly popular in 2024, especially with the emergence of leopard print clothing styles.



Many celebrities and influencers wore leopard-print coats, dresses, and accessories, making the style even more popular. It wasn't just in clothing—leopard print also appeared in nail art, home decorations, and phone cases.

Shops offered many options, so everyone could enjoy the trend. By the end of the year, leopard print became a symbol of confidence and style, making it one of the top fashion trends of 2024.



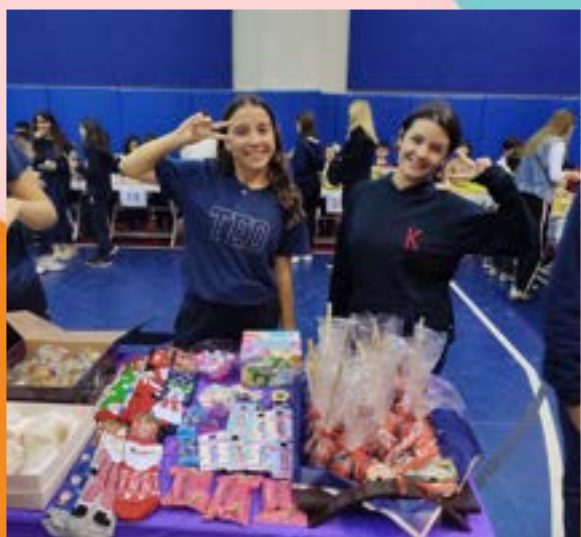


# ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY





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# HUMAN RIGHTS

10TH OF DECEMBER

Human rights are very important for everyone. They are like strong supports that help build freedom, justice, and peace in the world. Every person should live with respect and without any unfair treatment. Human rights allow everyone to join in and share their ideas, no matter their background. They help people speak out against unfairness and ask for equal treatment. By supporting human rights, we can make the world kinder and fairer, helping everyone to reach their full potential!





PERSON IN FOCUS



# *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Civil Rights Activist*

January 15, 1929 to April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King Jr. was a Baptist minister and scholar. He was a social activist and led the civil rights movement against racial segregation during the 1960s.

## *Did you know?*

- \* King was inspired by Mahatma Ghandi's peaceful and non-violent protests.
- \* He is well known for his speech "I Have A Dream" where he emphasized the importance of peace, equality, and freedom.
- \* He received a Nobel Peace Prize when he was thirty-five years old and was then the youngest recipient of the award.



# ***Present Ideas***

## **Ugg Boots**



**Ugg boots are really cozy and comfortable. They are great for winter because they look good too.**

## **Body Mists**

**Body mists are an excellent option for New Year's Eve. There's no better way to welcome the new year than with delightful fragrances.**



## **Longchamp Bags**

**Longchamp bags make an excellent New Year's gift for young girls, as they feature an aesthetic appeal that is both stylish and practical for everyday use.**







## Parfume

**Fragrance is an excellent choice for men; captivating scents play a crucial role in their personal presentation.**

## Lego

**Lego is a fantastic option for both boys and girls. It stands out as a wonderful activity to enjoy together as a family.**



## X Box

**An Xbox makes for a fantastic gift, as many people enjoy such entertainment options for fun. I believe it's an excellent choice.**



# **BLUE CHRISTMAS**

## **21 DECEMBER**

*Blue Christmas is recognized as the longest night of the year, though it is only 1-2 minutes longer than other nights. Additionally, Christians commemorate December 21st. The color blue symbolizes Mary, the mother of Jesus. Some churches within Western Christian denominations have been observing this tradition since 2016.*

*On this day, many people go to churches to remember their loved ones who have passed away. They do this to support family members and friends who are sad and find it hard to feel happy during the holiday season. It is a way to show love and care for those who are grieving.*





## ***SOME FACTS***

- ***In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21st marks the shortest day of the year, which is why it is also known for having the longest night.***
- ***The longest night of the year often occurs on December 22nd.***
- ***This big difference depends on where you are. For example, in London, people see daylight for 7 hours and 49 minutes.***
- ***In Iceland, people experience daylight for only 2 hours and 14 minutes during certain times of the year. This means that the nights can be very long.***
- ***The closer you get to the equator, the less you notice the differences in temperature and daylight. At the equator, the weather is usually warm and the days and nights are about the same length all year round.***



# WINTER DRINKS

## Gingerbread Hot Chocolate



**Prep: 10 Min**



**Cook: 5 Min**

### Ingredients

- 150ml milk
- 50ml double cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp dark brown soft sugar
- Zest of  $\frac{1}{2}$  orange
- Pinch of ground ginger
- Pinch of ground cinnamon
- 1 clove
- 2 drops of vanilla extract
- 50g dark chocolate, chopped





## **\*Instructions:\***

**In a small saucepan, combine the milk and double cream.**

**Add the dark brown soft sugar, orange zest, ground ginger, ground cinnamon, and clove to the saucepan.**

**Heat the mixture gently over low heat, stirring occasionally. Do not let it boil.**

**Once the mixture is warm, remove it from the heat and add the chopped dark chocolate. Stir until the chocolate is melted and smooth.**

**Add the vanilla extract and mix well.**

**Strain the drink to remove the clove and any solid bits.**

**Pour the drink into a cup and enjoy warm!**

**This drink is rich and flavorful with a lovely hint of orange and spice.**



## School Club Visits 2

Let's keep exploring! From sparkling designs in the Jewelry Club to crafting magic in the Woodworking Club—don't worry, no Pinocchios were harmed!

In our club, we design jewelry, and we sell these pieces on specific days and weeks. We established our club to donate pet food to animals. Students need to have manual skills, the ability to design, and most importantly, they must be suitable for teamwork.

What makes this club special is that it was established for a meaningful cause, such as supporting an animal food donation campaign.



Jewelry Design Club



Woodworking Club

In the Woodworking Club, we work with driftwood and recycled wood to create unique designs. Driftwood is wood that washes up on shores after traveling through rivers and seas. Students learn to use tools like saws, drills, and carving tools, improving their motor skills. The club focuses on sustainability, turning waste materials into items like spoons, mirrors, bowls, and lamps. It's a creative space where students produce useful objects from scratch.



In the Stop Motion Animation Club, students learn to create animated films using the stop motion technique. No special skills are required—just an interest in animation and the ability to follow simple steps. What makes this club unique is its connection to cinema, involving elements like literature, history, technology, theater, and music.



Stop Motion Animation Club

Basketball Club



In our club, we focus on basketball, teaching basic, intermediate, and advanced moves, as well as practicing them. Not all students in the club are experienced players, so we start with drills and training sessions that everyone can follow. The criteria are simple: a love for sports is enough. If you enjoy basketball, running, having fun, and playing games, that's all I need!



# **Winter Scenarios for Animals**



*The Arctic fox is a special animal that is very good at surviving in winter. It has thick fur that keeps it warm and helps it blend in with the snow. Bears, on the other hand, spend the winter sleeping. They hibernate to save their energy for the arrival of spring. There is also the snow bunting, a bird that flies to warmer places during the cold months. Each of these animals has its own unique way of dealing with winter, showing how clever and strong they are when the weather gets cold!*



*In cold landscapes, life goes on in surprising ways. The tough conditions create a special balance among the animals and plants, helping them work together. As the seasons change, the land shows its hidden beauty and strength.*

*These cold areas are also important for scientists who study climate change. By watching how living things adapt, we learn more about how climate changes affect the world. This information is important for protecting different habitats on our planet.*

*Finally, the ways plants and animals survive in these harsh places teach us about the power of change and strength. They show us that even in tough times, life can thrive, giving us hope for the future of nature.*





# ***ICE SKATING***

Ice skating is a sport performed on ice while wearing ice skates. It shares similarities with other forms of skating.

It might appear that the only distinction is the ice, but when ice skaters attempt to skate on solid ground or when traditional skaters switch to ice, they often face difficulties. Learning figure skating requires a significant amount of time and practice, which is why most ice skaters begin their training at an early age.





# ***FUN FACTS***

Normally, male ice skaters wear black ice skates, and female ice skaters choose white ice skates.

The original ice skates were basically prehistoric bone blades! What a slippery start!

It is among the oldest sports in history.

There are over 7,000 ice rinks in Canada.



# Movie Recommendation



## ICE AGE

*Imagine a frozen world where unexpected friendships can change everything! Ice Age takes you on a wild adventure with Manny, a grumpy mammoth, Sid, a clumsy sloth, and Diego, a clever saber-toothed tiger. Together, they face challenges, share laughs, and learn the true meaning of family while trying to help a baby find its home. Full of hilarious moments and heartwarming lessons, this movie is a cool classic you won't want to miss!*

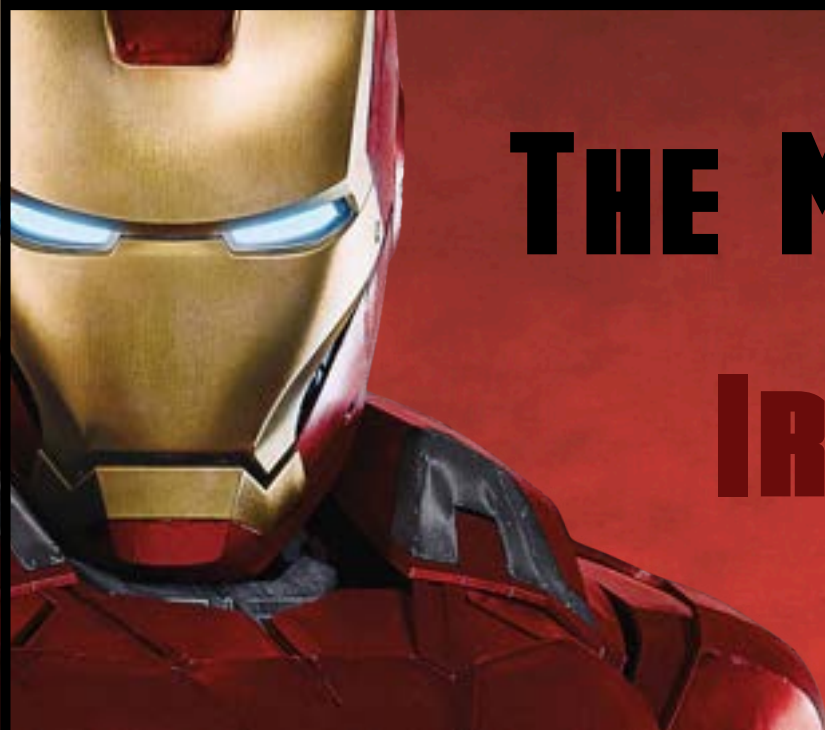




# ZOOTOPIA

***Zootopia is a fun and exciting movie about a city where all animals live together. The story is about Judy Hopps, a bunny who wants to be a police officer, and Nick Wilde, a clever fox. They work together to solve a big mystery. The movie is full of colorful scenes, funny moments, and an important message about believing in yourself and treating others equally. It's a great movie for everyone to enjoy!***





# THE MAN BEHIND

## IRON MAN

*Robert Downey Jr. is one of the most talented and beloved actors in Hollywood today. Born on April 4, 1965, in New York City, Robert began acting at a very young age. He became famous for his role as Tony Stark/Iron Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, but his career spans much more than just superhero films.*

### **Career Highlights:**

- *Iron Man (2008): The movie that made him a global star and launched the Marvel Universe.*
- *Sherlock Holmes (2009): Played the famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, in this action-packed series.*
- *Chaplin (1992): Robert received an Academy Award nomination for his role as Charlie Chaplin in this biographical drama.*

*While Robert's career has been filled with success, he faced personal struggles, particularly with addiction. However, he overcame these challenges and made a major comeback, inspiring many with his resilience and determination.*

### **Fun Facts:**

- *Robert started acting when he was just 5 years old!*
- *He loves martial arts and has a black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.*
- *His favorite food is burgers—he even shared his love for them on social media!*





# Dua Lipa

## The Queen of Pop Hits



*Dua Lipa is a British singer, songwriter, and global superstar known for her catchy pop hits and unique voice. Born on August 22, 1995, in London, Dua has quickly risen to fame with songs that top charts worldwide. Her roots are in Kosovo, and she is one of the most influential young artists in the music industry today.*

### **Musical Journey:**

- "New Rules" (2017): This smash hit made Dua an international sensation, with a catchy beat and powerful lyrics.
- "Levitating" (2020): One of her most popular songs, featuring a blend of pop and disco vibes.
- "Don't Start Now" (2019): A dance anthem that topped the charts in multiple countries.

*Dua Lipa is also known for her bold fashion choices. From glamorous red carpet looks to casual street style, she always turns heads and influences trends worldwide.*





Book  
Recommendation

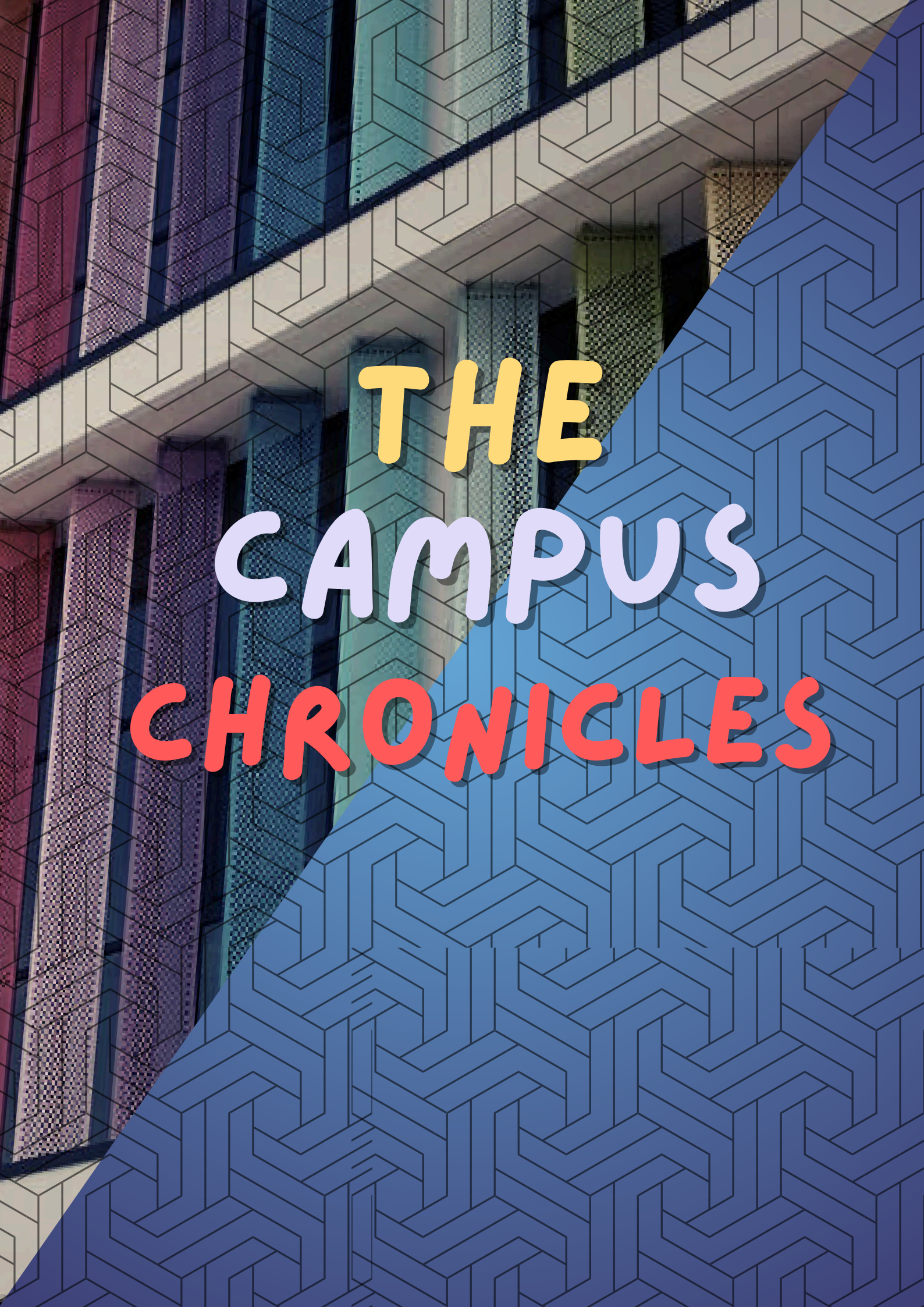




The Christmas Pig by J.K. Rowling is a magical story about love, friendship, and bravery. When Jack's favorite toy pig goes missing, he sets off on an extraordinary journey to the Land of the Lost with the help of the Christmas Pig. Together, they discover the true meaning of loyalty and sacrifice.

This heartwarming tale is perfect for anyone who loves adventure and a touch of holiday magic. Don't miss this unforgettable story!





# THE CAMPUS CHRONICLES