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Iran, Albus Dumbledore, Scottish independence and KFC.....

Albus Dumbledore: A good role model Harry Ingamells explains...



Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts, Grand Soccerer, Supreme Mugwump, Chief Warlock of the Wizengamot and the most powerful wizard ever. During his lifetime he was in possession of the elder wand, the most powerful wand ever created.

Dumbledore was born in 1881 and died at the age of 115 years old on the 30th June 1997. His father left him when he was young and his mother died soon after this meaning Albus was forced to care for his brother and sick sister.

During his brilliant 115 years he displayed many occurrences of great leadership skills that helped bring good outcomes and inspiration to others around him.

His first leadership quality that he has is the inspiring to others around him. He inspires not only his students that he teaches but also his colleagues by helping them to strive to be

enthusiastic and encouraging. Many aspire to be like him in his wisdom, courage and thoughtfulness that he presents. He demonstrates this leadership quality of inspiring people when he says "Fear of a name increases fear of the thing itself". He tells this to a group of Hogwarts students when he sees them calling Voldemort "He who must not be named". Many of the students take this message to heart for example Hermione Granger who uses it in one of the later films. This shows us that he is inspirational with his words because people actually take them to heart, remember them and live with them day by day.

His second leadership quality that he demonstrates is when he founds and leads the Order of the Phoenix. The Order of the Phoenix is a secret society that helps protect Muggles and Wizards alike from Voldemort and his Death Eaters. Making this group that is not only against wizarding law but endangers his life and reputation. This shows us that he doesn't care much for himself but more for the people around him. It shows us that he cares for the greater good of something and that if there is a good cause it is worth fighting for.

Thirdly he has to be extremely wise. He always seems to make the right decisions and is always thoughtful about the choices he makes. His decisions aren't rushed and he has found out a lot about wizarding. For example he was the person who realised that Voldemort had made seven Horcruxes and it was he who sent Ron, Harry and Hermione on the trail of the horcruxes. He seemed to have an opinion that everybody trusted and respected and always seemed to know about how people worked and how the world worked in general.

Furthermore he is always calm and collected and during his time in the films he never shouted and was never

seen to be angry with anyone, not even Voldemort. He doesn't need to shout because when he walks into a room or stands up to make a speech, he is so well respected and has a presence about him that mean people look up to him.

To add to that, he is considerate towards other people. As I said before he knows how people work and therefore is very good at reading their moods and knowing what to say. We see an example of this when he tells Harry the truth about his parents and how they were killed. He knows how to make people feel better and in a leader this is a great quality to have because it allows him to build up better relationships with students and colleagues which means they will do more to help him and better communication is achieved. It also makes him more approachable and this also enhances the communication within Hogwarts which means he can see problems and where they are going wrong and rectify them.

He is also a role model to all new children that come to Hogwarts. Many people in the wizarding world, children and adults alike look up to him as someone to aspire to be. His thoughtfulness, consideration and general kindness to everyone are something to look up to. He leads by example and if he does something many others will follow because if Dumbledore is doing something, it must be the right thing to do. I believe that Dumbledore is the best leader the world has ever seen. He may be fictional but his qualities that make him a great leader are some that many other real leaders would aspire to have. His calm, cool composure to dilemmas make him somebody that made other new wizards look up to as someone they can depend on and trust. And this is something a leader must have because if he isn't trusted and can't be counted on then he isn't a very good leader in the first place.

War with Iran. Is it worth it? By Abbas Mirza



Following the successful Islamic revolution in 1979 and the inevitable toppling of the US led puppet, Reza Shah Pahlavi, tensions between Iran and the US have constantly been escalating. Before a judgement is made on whether the revolution was good or bad for the people of Iran, we must first discover how the Shah was appointed.

Meet CIA agent, Kermit Roosevelt Jr, grandson of former US president; Theodor Roosevelt. Kermit was dispatched into Iran under the 'Operation Ajax' whose main aim was to overthrow the democratically elected government of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Mosadegh.

John Perkins comments on Roosevelt Jr in his book, *'Confessions of an Economic Hit Man'*: "He performed brilliantly, winning people over through payoffs and threats. He then enlisted them to organise a series of street riots and violent demonstrations, which created the impression that Mosadegh was both unpopular and inept. In the end, Mossadegh went down, and he spent the rest of his life under house arrest. The pro-American Mohamed Reza Shah became the unchallenged dictator".

Following the revolution, Iran has a 'theocratic republic', where a president is elected as well as a parliament and ultimately through the 'Majlis' (a group of scholars) a Supreme Leader of Iran is chosen. The system aims to create a rulership based on Islamic thought

After the revolution, strong ties between Israel and the US; and for that matter the UK and other countries; have been a key corner stone in defining the relationship Iran has with many Western countries. The US and many of its close allies in the eyes of the Iranian leadership have questionable motives and hidden

agendas made worse by the many heinous acts they have committed around the world. These attitudes and activities have been a stumbling block for any rapport to develop between the West and Iran.

For many years the Islamic Republic has been a victim of many embargoes, sanctions media manipulation and foreign, unnecessary fuelling of political unrest within the country, most recently the accusations of development of nuclear weaponry in the country which have been refuted on countless occasions.

The main idea that is trying to be sold to us since 2005 is that Iran is developing nuclear weapons. This seems ludicrous when we look at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reports, which accusations are based on.

It shows no fundamental proof whatsoever of nuclear weapons being manufactured; furthermore Sayed Ali Khamenai, supreme leader of Iran has said, "**We don't have any belief in the atomic bomb, and don't pursue it. Our religious principles and beliefs forbid the acquisition and use of such weapons of mass murder. We consider such (nuclear) weapons to be a symbol of destruction**".

A hopeful Republican presidential candidate, Rick Santorum has recently said, "**We cannot allow the equivalent of al-Qaeda to have nuclear weapons**", in his speech to Florida. He seems to have forgotten the 'Northern Alliance'; an organisation set up in order to topple the Taliban and al-Qaeda itself, of which one of the main foreign countries involved was Iran. It's unfortunate these things amongst many more, don't get exposed through the

mass media but instead get swept under the carpet as they don't conform to the neurotic propaganda that some politicians are trying to convey. Unfortunately these statements seem to have been ignored and we are led to blindly follow and believe what higher powers are telling us.

The agreement by the EU to place an oil embargo on Iran will hit Iran starkly however it may backfire as in response it seems likely that Iran are going to immediately stop exports to Europe, including countries like Spain, Italy and Greece- who rely on Iran for a third of their gross oil import. This could potentially plunge already crippled indebted economies into unrecoverable situations and therefore is a testament to the stubbornness of foreign countries in pursuing their aims of dealing with foreign policies rather than their own convoluted problems.

News that 11 airships and a 'amphibious assault ship', as well as 'destroyer ships' that have been sent by the US and the UK respectively, to the Persian Gulf may be a sign of harsh times. This act of showing some 'scare tactics' is in line with a comment by Phillip Hammond- the UK Defence Secretary who says they are being sent in order to send a 'clear signal' to Tehran. He also added, "**The UK has a contingent capability to reinforce that presence should at any time it be considered necessary to do so**".



Potential war zone?

In response to this warmongering behaviour, Iran has also stated they may close the Straits of Hormuz- a strategic waterway, where a third of the world's oil passes through every day. This would send oil prices soaring, and could trigger a military battle, which could lead other allied countries to intervene such as Russia and China. Dmitry Rogozin, Russia's ambassador to NATO has recently said,- **"Iran is our close neighbour, just south of the Caucasus. Should anything happen to Iran, should Iran get drawn into any political or military hardships, this will be a direct threat to our national security"**, and Major General Zhang Zhaozhong said that, **"China will not hesitate to protect Iran even with a third world war"**, respectively.

With all the warmongering behaviour taking place and the exponential growth of tensions recently, regrettably

it seems a military confrontation with Iran may be inevitable which some commentators are saying may lead to a 'WWIII'.

All in all it seems that many people have had enough of their governments putting their hands into other countries' affairs, especially when they themselves are suffering from high unemployment, income inequality, poverty, exponential national debt and the list goes on. **"Things are falling apart at home while we are searching the world looking for dragons to slay,"**

Dennis Kucinich, a democratic congressman has said. John Huntsman, a republican congressman has echoed his opposing candidates comments and has said, **"What we need now is a healthy dose of nation-building here at home. Our core is weak. We need to focus on**

getting our own house in order right here."¹⁵

The time has come where people are starting to regaining their voice. It will be a great shame if the voices get drowned out and we are forced into a war with yet another country, adding to the ever growing list.....

"Listen to everyone, read everything; believe absolutely nothing unless you can prove it in your own research" William Cooper.



US seapower in the Gulf

Economic Forecast: Is the sunshine on the way? asks Balkrishna Naidoo

As far as George Osborne is concerned, little else could have been done to prevent the meagre growth figures of the last few months, the blame diplomatically left to external shocks to the economy (and by which, I mean mostly the Eurozone!).

With borrowing set to increase further (see OBR predictions) and growth predictions proving too optimistic, this could mean that much of the economy's future short term performance relies mostly on the budget.

So far, labour's claims seem to be holding true. The coalition government are taxing too fast and too deep. Monetary policy in the form of low interest rates and Quantitative Easing has been anything but effective. So what can Osborne do?

News, on that front, looks slightly better. The tax allowance bracket is to be increased further- income below £9,205 is tax free and this threshold is to be increased further by 2015 to £10,000, leaving the average taxpayer

£350 a year better off. Also, the 50p tax on the rich is to be reduced to 45p and this paid for by increasing property taxes. There is also a promise of furthering credit easing and access to microfinance for entrepreneurs and small businesses. Perhaps the chancellor has got it right.

Overall, a more positive outlook seems to be on the horizon. Inflation is set to fall further as gas prices and electricity bills continue to fall. The annual CPI fell from 3.6% in January to 3.4% in February. Confidence amongst businesses and consumers alike is predicted to rise and bump up production. Fears of a double dip recession seem to have eased. Nevertheless, spending cuts will be increasing felt in the wider economy as well as the increased threat of rising food and fuel prices (both have risen by an average of 1.2% last month), could well dim the silver lining that policy makers are desperately looking to attain.

Words of Wisdom:

Education is the art of making man ethical. *Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel*

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant. *Socrates*

Act that your principle of action might safely be made a law for the whole world. *Immanuel Kant*

Do whatever you will, but first be such as are able to will. *Friedrich Nietzsche*

Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices. *Voltaire*

Advocates of capitalism are very apt to appeal to the sacred principles of liberty, which are embodied in one maxim: The fortunate must not be restrained in the exercise of tyranny over the unfortunate. *Bertrand Russell*

Business Terms:

Exit strategy is a means of leaving one's current situation, either after a predetermined objective has been achieved, or as a strategy to mitigate failure. An organisation or individual without an exit strategy may be inviting trouble in the future.

Thinking outside the box is to think differently, unconventionally, or from a new perspective. This phrase often refers to novel or creative thinking. This is a business cliché best avoided if at all possible.

leverage (sometimes referred to as **gearing** in the United Kingdom) is a general term for any technique to

multiply gains and losses. It can be done by borrowing money. A public corporation may leverage its equity by borrowing money. The more it borrows, the less equity (share holder) capital it needs, so any profits or losses are shared among a smaller base and are proportionately larger as a result.

It's time for us to say 'Bye Bye' to Scotland says Ben

On May 1st, England will celebrate its 305th anniversary of alliance with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Like the EU and the Euro, it was doomed to failure since its inception.

In the most basic of economic terms, English membership of the United Kingdom is a daylight robbery of English taxpayers' money. This, as a result, has alienated many of the English, whose hard earned money is being wasted hundreds of miles away north of the border.

Figures revealed in the Treasury's annual Public Expenditure Statistical Analysis shows total public spending per head in Scotland last year was £10,212, compared to £8,588 in England. The gap widened from £1,409 to £1,624 – a rise of 15.2 per cent in a year.

The huge discrepancy in funding between Scotland and England derives from the anti-English Barnett Formula, which was introduced by the Labour Government in 1978. Scots receive a huge range of services free of charge, including long-term care,



prescriptions and university tuition. This outrageous subsidy means every English family is fleeced to the tune of £420 per annum.

Some claim that it is necessary to be aligned to Scotland in order to enjoy the North Sea Oil supply. However, North Sea oil production is only half what it was at its peak in 1999 and is in steep decline.

Why should English taxpayers' be fleeced to the tune of £12 billion per annum to subsidise Scotland; a country which is practically independent anyway as it has its own Parliament. Labour MP for the Scottish constituency of West Lothian Tam Dalyell, during a House of Commons Debate, posed what was known as "the West Lothian question." Tam

Dalyell argued that **"119 Honourable Members from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland exercise an important, and probably often decisive, effect on English politics while English MPs have no say in the same matters in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland."**

At a time when our national debt is exponentially rising, when families are

are living in times of financial restraint, when 40,000 pensioners die each year because they cannot afford to pay their heating bills, we should cutting expenditure which merits no financial benefit.

Saving £12 billion per annum by giving Scotland independence would provide a significant income which is both desirable and imperative. This, if used correctly, could be used to rebuild our manufacturing base, which has been dismantled by the liberal elite, and thus create economic growth.

This, quite simply, is something which the out of touch Labour/Tory/Lib Dem liberal elite seem to routinely ignore.

My Favourite Brand: KFC by Jake Field (Year 10)

My favourite brand, which also produces my favourite food and my favourite meals, is KFC. As it is the biggest fried chicken retailer, and also one of the biggest fast food retailing franchises in the world, it is world renowned for its slogan "*Finger Lickin' Good*" describing its secret chicken recipe.

KFC, known as Kentucky Fried Chicken, opened its first official outlet in 1952, by Harland Sanders, who is also depicted in all of the KFC brand logos. The original (and still secret!) chicken recipe was founded in 1930, where it was served in a dining area called Sanders Court & Café in a gas station in North Corbin, Kentucky. Since then the entire KFC franchise operation has been sold on from Sanders to four other owners, the most recent being 'PepsiCo' in 1986

until this present day.

KFC has been my favourite brand, simply because of the incredibly tasty and mouth watering chicken meals it has created and sold to me. My favourite meal is the '**Colonel's Crispy Strip Meal**', as seen above, because of its juicy spicy chicken strips, with fries offered with the drink of my choice.



Some Finger licking facts:



Buy your KFC in areas marked blue.

- KFC once part of the Pepsi group (now Yum!) has nearly 4,000 restaurants in China. China is the groups fastest expanding sales territory with growth in sales exceeding 13% in 2011.
- KFC has over 27,800 franchisee's worldwide and employs over 24,000 people.
- Revenues: (2007) \$520.3 million
- KFC's primary product is pressure fried pieces of chicken treated with the secret recipe of 11 herbs and spices.