



100-hour painting marathon



Pictured: Nigerian art student, Chancellor Ahaghotu, breaking the longest painting marathon world record. **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR X page.

Guinness World Records has declared that Nigerian art student, Chancellor Ahaghotu, has broken a decade-old record for the longest painting marathon. Chancellor, who is studying at Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, completed a massive 100 hours of continuous painting. The previous record of 60 hours of painting was set in 2013 by Roland Palmaerts. During the four-day art marathon, Chancellor created 106 separate pieces, including paintings of celebrities, food, plants, and animals. There are strict rules to be followed, which state the painting or paintings completed during the record-breaking attempt must be of recognisable images (abstract art is not

permitted for this world record) and that no longer than a five-minute rest break can be taken for each hour of painting. The artist said, 'I came to the United States to pursue my dreams and build up my career as a recognised artist. Breaking the record will boost my recognition as an artist both in my school and the world at large.' He went on to discuss his artwork, saying, 'One thing I love about the paintings I created is that they were representing my different moods and how I was feeling when I created them.' Finally, he added, 'There was joy and celebration when I completed the 100 hours.'

Do you enjoy painting? How long do you think you could paint for?

Crisp Comeback

10-year-old Grace, from Edinburgh, missed her favourite flavour of crisps so much when they could only be purchased during certain seasons, that she wrote a letter asking for them to be available all year round. Grace decided something must be done and she was going to take action! She wasn't the only one missing the haggis and black pepper-flavoured snack made by Taylors Snacks. The company said they heard from lots of customers who were disappointed when they could no longer find this niche flavour on the shop shelves. Grace's letter was addressed to the managing director of the crisp company, James Taylor, and was written on mermaid paper, decorated with stickers. In it she asked for the haggis crisps to be made available in all seasons. She signed off by writing, 'If you can thanks, if not I will be sad 😞.' The snack company responded by announcing the crisps would now be available at all times of the year, sent Grace a taxi full of haggis crisps and a ticket for a VIP tour of their factory! Mr Taylor commented, 'When Grace's letter landed on my desk I was blown away by her enthusiasm and initiative. The Taylors team put our heads together to see how we could celebrate our biggest haggis and black pepper crisp fan and

can't wait to show her and her family around our factory here in Errol.' Grace's mum, Becky, said, 'It's fantastic that the team at Taylors took the time and effort to respond and it really made all of our days. It also helps Grace see the power of communicating with creativity and care. Grace was the one who had the idea to write to James and to get such a wonderful response really validates and empowers her.'

Have you ever written a letter asking for change? Do you believe that we should campaign for what we want? Have you ever tried haggis-flavoured crisps? Do you think you would like to?



Pictured: Grace campaigned to have her favourite flavour of crisps brought back, here she is with her taxi full of prizes. **Source:** Taylors Snacks Facebook page.

British Sign Language GCSE



Pictured: British Sign Language on Elm St Graffiti Alley, Roath, Cardiff. **Source:** Jeremy Segrott on Flickr.



Pictured: Using British Sign Language. **Source:** British Sign Language @BritishSignBSL X page.

The government has announced that British Sign Language (BSL) will be introduced as a GCSE in England from September 2025. This new qualification will be open to all students and will teach how to use signs and the history of BSL. In 2022, after the British Sign Language Act was passed, BSL was officially recognised as a language in the UK. A twelve-week public consultation with input from parents, teachers and organisations from the deaf and hearing communities, has helped to finalise the curriculum. This will now be reviewed and accredited by exams regulator Ofqual, before the syllabus can be taught in schools and colleges. 17-year-old Daniel Jillings, who is profoundly deaf and a full British Sign Language user, has been passionately campaigning for BSL to be taught as a GCSE for five years, stating that it was unfair he couldn't take a GCSE

in his own language. He commented on the recent announcement saying, 'This is a significant moment in the history of the British deaf community, as it is a powerful step to equality. It will also allow hearing students to learn BSL so they can improve their awareness of the deaf community.' He added that he hopes the new GCSE will help 'deaf students to feel less isolated in school'. Discussing the GSCE, Daniel said, 'It's all about learning a new language. It's a new skill, you'll be meeting the deaf community and it's going to provide some amazing opportunities. BSL is a beautiful language, it's a visual language and it's got its own culture and history which will be taught as part of the GCSE'.

Do you know how to sign? Could you teach someone else what you know? Would you like to learn?

Last week's topic:

Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



I love to see decorations. They make me feel warm inside!
Greg

Decorations can make people feel happy!
Jasper

Not essential, but a nice extra.
Fran

I don't think you need them, but people like to have them around.
Jane

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