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Students take over the newsroom for the first issue

Replace this standfirst with one sentence explaining why the story matters to the people reading it.

BY A REPORTER, YEAR 10
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Sports day brings a record turnout

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Library opens an hour later on Thursdays

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Drama club announces the spring play

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