



RICHARD LITTLEJOHN: It's anarchy in the UK classrooms as middle-class 'green' militants encourage children as young as nine to play truant

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Next week is half-term for millions of pupils and, naturally, travel companies are hiking the cost of holidays to cash in. Take your children out of school early to beat the rip-off and you could be fined, or worse.

Punishments vary, from £60 minimum in England to up to £1,000 in Scotland and **Northern Ireland**. The standard £60 penalty doubles if not paid with 28 days.

In 2016, according to the latest figures available, nearly 110,000 parents coughed up on time and another 15,800 were prosecuted for non-payment. In extreme cases, you could face a prison sentence.

The Supreme Court has ruled that parents do not have the right to remove their children from the classroom during term time without authorisation.



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Schools will only grant permission in exceptional circumstances, such as illness, a family funeral or a religious day of observance.

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Whether a strike in protest at climate change falls into the category of 'exceptional circumstances' is unclear, although it is undoubtedly a quasi-religious event.

But that is what's happening on Friday. A mass walk-out by thousands of children is scheduled to take place in 40 towns and cities, including Cardiff, Glasgow, Exeter and Brighton. The strike is modelled on similar demonstrations elsewhere in Europe.

They are being egged on by the usual Rag, Tag and Bobtail army of self-styled, middle-class 'green' militants, including the 51-year-old son of Sex Pistols' manager Malcolm McLaren, who once burned £5 million worth of punk memorabilia during a protest about . . . actually, who cares what it was about?

He's so pretty, oh, so pretty, vay-cant!

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Other 'activists' urging pupils to strike include a former turtle conservationist and 57-year-old fanatical Remain supporter, who is planning to set up soup kitchens to feed the starving after Brexit.

In other words, the same kind of lunatics who delight in bringing airports to a standstill with sit-down protests and shutting London bridges during rush hour.

You'd expect these headbangers to be all in favour of brainwashing schoolkids and encouraging them to strike. What you might not expect is to find the National Association of Head Teachers supporting the action.

Yet in a statement the association said the walk-out should be 'applauded'. It went on: 'A day of activity like this could be a valuable life experience.'

So could taking your kids on a safari holiday, or anywhere they might broaden their minds and sample different cultures. But if you try that during term time, you could end up with a criminal record.

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If parents can be punished for taking children out of school, then why can't those we entrust to act in loco parentis? (stock photo)

Leaders of the 28,500-strong NAHT yesterday attempted to row back from endorsing the strike. But their initial reaction speaks volumes for the mentality of many of those charged with educating our children.

You can't blame the kids for teachers filling their heads with politically motivated drivel.

I'm sure most of them would welcome any excuse to skip lessons for a few hours, especially if it can be dressed up as saving the polar bears.

But, in plain English, what this boils down to is adults encouraging impressionable children, some as young as nine, to play truant.

And if parents can be punished for taking children out of school, then why can't those we entrust to act *in loco parentis*?

Maybe the courts could sequester the funds of the NAHT to pay a £60 penalty for each and every pupil who joins the walk-out. They did it to the print unions during the Wapping dispute.

Failing that, perhaps a group of parents could sue those middle-class militants for inciting their children to break the law — starting with Malcolm McLaren's overgrown brat of a son's attempt to create anarchy in the UK classrooms.

Call it £5 million for cash.

That should pay for a few half-term holidays.

Spare us the sound of silence

For the second week running, football fans have been required to observe a minute's silence/applause for the Argentinian player Emiliano Sala, who died in a plane crash on his way from France to Cardiff.

But until the accident, almost no one had heard of him and he hadn't played one game in the Premier League.

It was appropriate that this tragic loss of a young life — and let's not forget his pilot David Ibbotson — was marked at Cardiff City. But what's it got to do with, say, Spurs or Leicester City, who recently experienced their own tragedy when their club chairman was killed in a helicopter crash?

dollar bills during romantic Valentine's Day celebration... before she strips off for luxurious bubble bath

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▶ EXCLUSIVE: Ant McPartlin's ex wife Lisa Armstrong brushes off marriage woes with Valentine's Day £8.80 all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet

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▶ Ellie Goulding dazzles in bridal white as she enjoys romantic Valentine's Day date with fiancé Caspar Jopling in LA
Stunning

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▶ James Corden hilariously spoofs tidying expert Maria Kondo with the help of action star Jean-Claude Van Damme for Late Late Show skit

▶ Bethenny Frankel, 48, looks every inch in love with her younger beau



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lbbotson — was marked at Cardiff City (pictured)

Some may consider me callous, but I abhor football's incessant cult of enforced vicarious grief. Barely a game goes by without yet another sentimental, ostentatious display of mourning, utterly unconnected to anyone in the ground.

If the Premier League really wanted to acknowledge the loss of someone who made a significant contribution to the English football scene, they should have paid tribute at the weekend to The Sun's Vikki Orvice, the first female football reporter on a tabloid newspaper, who became a role model for other young women.

She died last week, aged just 56, and is missed not only by her family, friends and colleagues, but by millions more who read her work.

No disrespect to Emiliano Sala, but if anyone deserved a minute's silence it was Vikki Orvice.

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The Scottish Highland Games Association is considering introducing non-binary transgender categories for the first time in its 1,000-year history.

Until now, the Games have been an all-male affair. Women are still not permitted to take part. All that might change if the Highland Association follows the lead of Scottish Athletics, which recently agreed to admit 'trans' athletes. They could hardly allow transsexuals to compete, while excluding women. But stranger things have happened. If this does go through, I'd love to see the look on the face of the Duke of Edinburgh when he has to present the cup to the first trans competitor to win the caber-tossing contest at Braemar.



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James Morton, manager of the Scottish Trans Alliance, welcomed the move. 'With such a wide range of Highland Games events, including the tug'o'war, Highland dancing and solo piping, there doesn't need to be a one-size-fits-all approach.'

Curiously, though, he added that he was 'not aware of any trans individuals or groups who have been applying pressure on the Highland Games to become non-binary inclusive'.

No, the impetus has come from a Labour MSP threatening to oppose government grants unless the Games starts promoting gender equality. Not before time, either. Judging by the size of some of the birds you see in Glasgow on a Saturday night, they could easily give most of the men a run for their money. And it would certainly mean that competitors in the Highland Games would no longer be judged by what's under their kilt.

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Loved the story about the chimp who built a makeshift ladder and climbed out of his enclosure at Belfast Zoo.

That's one way to beat the Irish backstop. It only goes to prove that at least there's someone not intimidated by a hard border.

Paul Bernon, 41, as they pose side-by-side on Valentine's Day
Smitten

▶ David Beckham shares sweet snap as his wife Victoria and daughter Harper are surprised with lots of Valentine's Day gifts
Adorable

▶ Geordie Shore's Chloe Ferry displays her hourglass curves in a pale pink mini-dress as she hits 'The Toon' with her co-stars on Valentine's Day

▶ TOWIE's Amber Turner puts on an eye-popping display in a nude mini during Valentine's night out... after becoming latest victim of HUGE cast cull

▶ Liam Gallagher's son Lennon looks the double of his rocker dad as he models a turquoise knitted shirt during LFW
Seeing double

▶ Coleen Rooney celebrates her youngest son Cass Mac's first birthday with sweet Instagram post amid Wayne's barmaid bender drama

▶ Elizabeth Hurley, 53, flashes her cleavage in a low-cut top as she enjoys a girls' night out for Valentine's Day
Elizabeth kept up her glamorous image

▶ Love Island's Georgia Steel looks incredible in a microscopic bikini on a break from Celebs Go Dating filming
Georgia, 20, scoured the poolside for love interests

▶ Sam and Billie Faiers pen heartfelt messages to age-defying mum Suzanne Wells as she celebrates 50th birthday
Sam, 28, and Billie, 29, were celebrating

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slashed price by nearly \$4million

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Scott and Sofia appear to still be going strong

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Loving life

▶ Vicky Pattison poses poolside in a nude bikini as she shares how many attempts it takes to get the perfect holiday snap
Sizzling

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Cheeky

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Perhaps we should free this enterprising primate and put him in charge of the Brexit negotiations.

He couldn't do any worse than the chimps who have been running the show up to now.

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Work and Pensions Secretary Amber Rudd is threatening to jail for up to seven years bosses who mismanage their employees' pension funds.

Why stop there? Gordon Brown's cynical raid on private pensions in an attempt to create a vast Labour-voting client state has cost us £228 billion, at a conservative estimate.

Not for nothing did I dub him The Man Who Stole Your Old Age. Why shouldn't politicians who mismanage public funds get their collars felt, too?

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Soldiers from overseas who volunteer to fight for the British Army are not allowed to bring their families here because they don't earn enough to support them.

For a start, it's a disgrace that we're paying members of our Armed Forces such a pitiful wage. But if all else fails, they should tell their wives and children to stow away in the back of a lorry, or pay a people-smuggler to give them a ride across the Channel in a rubber dinghy.

Then they can claim asylum and they'll be welcomed with open arms.

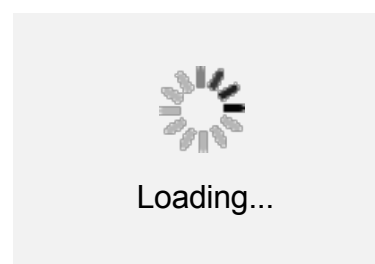
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Probably wasn't the best decision

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Secret wedding

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Night to remember

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Didn't hold back

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One to watch

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The 31-year-old took to Instagram

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Watch out for it

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Had to pull out

▶ **Justin Timberlake shares sweet photo of him kissing wife Jessica Biel as they enjoy Valentine's Day**
The couple looked head over heels

▶ **Kaia Gerber suits up in a structured coat for Valentine's Day outing with boyfriend Fenton Merrell**
Chic

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She has been married for over two decades

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Gifts

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The British born starlet, 29, cut a casual figure

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Jenner gets roses and Khloe spoils True

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The 44-year-old director gushed about Gaga

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She is one of the most well-beloved actresses

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Enjoyed their first Valentine's Day

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with sweet snap

Baby joy

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Added another four-legged friend

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Ageless

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▶ **Tatum O'Neal wishes her dad Ryan O'Neal happy Valentine's Day in an emotional Instagram post: 'I am me because of you'**
Cute words

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She was spotted sharing a kiss

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Aquaman was the hit film of 2018

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Good night?

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The singer, 20, looked red-hot

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The 23-year-old was headed for 30 Rock

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that she's asked Glee co-creator Ryan Murphy to officiate wedding to Zandy Reich

Bride-to-be, 32 will hold a mini Glee reunion

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The Pledge host joked she will bare her breasts

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Baby number two

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Demi Lovato appears to be all loved up

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Catwalk comeback

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Loved up

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Leading ladies

▶ **Khan Do! Veteran diva Chaka** returns after 12 years - and proves she is the queen of funk, jazz AND rock
Chaka Khan is often tagged the Queen Of Funk

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▶ **Tina Malone** has Valentine's night out at funfair in Manchester... amid court proceedings 'for re-tweeting photo of James Bulger's killer Jon Venables'

▶ **Justin Bieber** looks downcast as he plays basketball **ALONE** on Valentine's Day amid battle with depression... while wife Hailey picks up donuts

▶ **Kylie Jenner's huge \$1million** purse closet contains 'at least 400' designer handbags
The 21-year-old make-up mogul's interior designer revealed all

▶ **Ben Affleck's ex Lindsay Shookus is spotted out in New York amid rumors the two 'could get back together'**
Rumours

▶ **Gwyneth Paltrow's husband Brad Falchuk says 'holy f*** am I in love with you' as they both post sweet Valentine's Day tributes**
Smitten

▶ **Kendall Jenner hits back at perception she 'throws men in the trash' after several high-profile romances during candid interview with Hailey Baldwin**

▶ **Khloe Kardashian shares massive heart-shaped floral arrangement from Tristan Thompson before snuggling up to True on Valentine's Day**

▶ **Michael Avenatti says he has new video evidence of R. Kelly having sex with a 14-year-old girl and urinating on her as she calls him 'daddy'**

▶ **Gabrielle Union claps back at Instagram user who confused her for singer Brandy Norwood: 'Your eye witness testimony is a problem'**
Hitting back

▶ **Jude Law arrives home on Valentine's Day with a bouquet of three long stemmed roses for his long time girlfriend Phillipa Coan**
Romantic

▶ **Love Island's Kaz Crossley shows ex Josh Denzel what he's missing on Valentine's Day as she flaunts her cleavage in lacy red lingerie**

▶ **21 Savage gives first interview since his release on bond and says he was tracked with a helicopter by cops who said 'we got Savage' when they snared him**

▶ **Ciara gets topless in the hot tub as she and husband Russell Wilson get his and hers Mercedes for Valentine's Day**
Racy

▶ **Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, 31, gushes over 'my valentines' as she shares a rare snap of son Jack with fiancé Jason Statham, 51**
Family first

▶ **Rob Kardashian**

shares Valentine's Day photo of Dream as he says 'daddy loves you'... amid ongoing custody battle with Blac Chyna
Devoted

▶ **Strictly's Giovanni Pernice** hails girlfriend Ashley Roberts his 'princess' as he shares loved-up snap to celebrate Valentine's Day

▶ **Melissa McCarthy** enjoys romantic stroll with husband Ben Falcone days after stumbling out of a London party at 5am
Romance

▶ **Kerry Katona** flaunts her gym-honed figure in a bandeau crochet bikini as she takes a break from Celebs Go Dating filming in Tenerife

▶ **Holly Willoughby** lovingly gazes at husband Daniel Baldwin as she shares rare Valentine's snap of the couple
Smitten

▶ **Olivia Newton-John** biopic starring Delta Goodrem is set to air on Lifetime in America - a year after the Grease star said she was 'horrified' by the film

▶ **Gisele Bündchen** and Tom Brady share the love as cute couple cuddle up for his-and-hers Valentine's Day messages

▶ **A sexy Valentine's Day surprise?** Iggy Azalea, 28, strips down to black lingerie as her romance with toyboy rapper Playboi Carti, 22, heats up

▶ **Jeff Bezos** 'discussed marriage with Lauren Sanchez, sent her 20 intimate pics and tried to buy American Media after National Enquirer's affair expose' claims mistress' brother

▶ **Two persons of interest** identified in Jussie Smollett hate crime attack from surveillance 'include actor who has appeared on Empire' as both men are tracked down

▶ **Beyonce** takes the plunge in arty orange suit as she supports exhibition opening with husband Jay-Z during early Valentine's Day date night

▶ **Jess Wright** puckers up for kiss with sister

Natalya as they joke they are each other's Valentine while on holiday in Mexico
Sisterly bond

▶ **Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson reveals production has started on Jumanji 2 as he asks fans 'wanna play a game?'**
Remake

▶ **Billie Faiers and Greg Shepherd enjoy romantic Valentine's Day meal... as he surprises her with Louis Vuitton bag, balloons and pink roses**

▶ **Love Island's Laura Anderson 'left furious as co-star Megan Barton Hanson ignores her at industry events amid bitter feud'**
Fury

▶ **Katie Price's ex-husband Kieran Hayler attempts to shock by revealing he has 'become a daddy again' in attention-seeking post on Valentine's Day**

▶ **'Lucky me!' Andy Cohen celebrates with his 'TWO Valentines' baby Ben and dog Wacha before hitting the gym**
New dad

▶ **Wes Nelson reveals ex Megan Barton Hanson BLOCKED him after their split and admits DOI was to blame as she 'couldn't deal' with him being career-driven**

▶ **Extra host A.J. Calloway is spotted for the first time since sexual abuse allegations as his accusers reveal details of the alleged attacks**

▶ **Margot Robbie will NOT be returning as Harley Quinn in Suicide Squad sequel or Gotham City Sirens... and Jared Leto's Joker film is scrapped too**

▶ **Lauren Goodger shows off her eye-popping curves in sexy gold lingerie as she poses in corridor of Dubai hotel to wish fans a happy Valentine's Day**

▶ **Loose Women viewers in hysterics over 'cringe' and 'chaotic' live engagements... as three women propose to their VERY stunned partners**

▶ **Gwyneth Paltrow reps her Goop brand in \$595 chambray dress in Brentwood and chats Netflix series**

Netflix series

The 46-year-old Oscar winner dazzled

▶ **Jim Bob Duggar wishes his 'sweet, virtuous' wife Michelle a happy Valentine's Day with retro snaps**

The 53-year-old realtor paid tribute

▶ **Jennifer Lopez, 49, stuns in green gown as she reveals beau A-Rod spoiled her with roses, candy and cake during first Valentine's Day**

▶ **Katie Price books 'designer vagina' surgery as Valentine's gift to HERSELF after she 'bought expensive gifts for her exes and got nothing back'**

▶ **Charlotte Crosby sizzles in orange bikini on sun-kissed holiday as she says she will get 'lots of kisses with tongues' from boyfriend Josh Ritchie for Valentine's Day**

▶ **Peter Andre reveals daughter Amelia, 5, wished him a 'happy Fallon cystitis day' as he shares hilarious Valentine's Day text messages**

▶ **Wendy Williams and husband Kevin Hunter are '100 percent NOT involved' with changes to her talk show**

Apparently being increasingly distanced

▶ **Ferne McCann fans are MORTIFIED by her flirtation with Charlie Brake... as he discusses getting her naked, being in charge and her being his 'dessert'**

▶ **EastEnders SPOILER: Hunter Owen struggles to keep his cool during police interrogation after the brutal murder of Ray Kelly**

The net is closing in

▶ **Stacey Solomon sparks engagement rumours with Joe Swash as she HIDES her left hand after Valentine's Day surprise**

▶ **'The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return': Nicole Kidman posts a gushing tribute to her husband Keith Urban**

▶ **Melania Trump wears head-to-toe pink - including a \$1,800 wool coat - to make candygrams and exchange Valentine's**

Day cards with sick kids

▶ **Inside Georgia Kousoulou and Tommy Mallet's home: TOWIE stars have Valentine's Day makeover complete with plush textiles and mirrored gold furniture**

▶ **Charlie Sheen reveals he will not make cameo on RHOBH after ex-wife Denise Richards became housewife: 'I don't appear on shows I don't watch'**

▶ **Gretchen Rossi, 40, of RHOC shows off her baby bump while wearing lingerie as she's over four months into her first pregnancy**
Mum to be

▶ **Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton head to church amid claims they are trying to overcome 'obstacles' in relationship**
Outing

▶ **Kelly Brook can't keep the smile off her face as she steps out after sparking engagement rumours with loved-up selfie with Jeremy Parisi for Valentine's Day**

▶ **Malin Andersson pays tribute to 'ultimate Valentine' Tom and admits they have been 'absolute messes' after laying four-week-old daughter Consy to rest**

▶ **Camille Grammer FINALLY enjoys her honeymoon with David C Meyer in the Swiss Alps... after she lost her mansion during Malibu fires**

▶ **The Wanted's Tom Parker announces he is expecting first child with wife Kelsey Hardwick**
The couple will welcome a baby in the summer

▶ **Katy Perry transforms into catsuit clad android as she questions the existence of love in bleak futuristic video for brand new single 365**
Stunning

▶ **'It was very romantic... there was snow on the ground!' Hailey Bieber recalls her sweet first kiss - as she reveals the most romantic thing her new husband Justin has ever done**

▶ **Home in time for Valentine's dinner! Harry jets out of Arctic Circle on £20k private flight after three-hour trip to see Marines' training site**

▶ **Avril Lavigne stuns in low-cut jumpsuit while arm-in-arm with billionaire boyfriend Phillip Sarofim in New York PDA**

▶ **Davina McCall looks radiant in a red wrap coat and quirky bow tie as she gathers her showbiz pals and hosts annual ReRun bash Chic**

▶ **Peter Gunz of Love & Hip Hop gets trolled for praising Cardi B for Grammy win three years after slamming her on the reality show reunion Criticism**

▶ **SNL vet Kenan Thompson will produce a revival of the sketch-comedy series All That for Nickelodeon The SNL veteran will return to Nickelodeon**

▶ **Rebel Wilson says it's a challenge dating in LA due to Hollywood's 'unrealistic beauty standards' - almost two years after her last relationship**

▶ **Graham Norton and Alan Carr CONFIRMED as judges for RuPaul's Drag Race UK... as they join RuPaul and Michelle Visage on the judging panel**

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▶ **Spencer Matthews set to join Kate Garraway and Richard Madeley on Good Morning Britain for a special stint as a showbiz reporter**

▶ **Emmerdale's Joe Warren Plant, 16, splashes out on a blue 1967 Ford Mustang V8 Coupe (but he's too young to drive it!) Hold off**

▶ **Courtney Cox, 54,**

reveals she didn't lose her virginity until she was 21 when her MOTHER suggested it was time she sleep with her boyfriend

▶ Cheryl reveals she is on the hunt for a new man in cheeky Valentine's post... and is met by an influx of VERY enthusiastic responses from fans

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