Joining the Bloggerati

I’m going to start a blog!

I know, I know ... how sad are you, Headmaster, that you should join the over-active army of under-employed bloggers. Haven’t you got enough to do with your time? Try doing something useful like learning Balochi or something. (Look it up.)

Yes – you’re right. It’s time-consuming and it’s dangerous. All those students, ex-students, and grumpy parents; and all those who don’t like King’s having a rifle range, can say some jolly nasty things about you under the anonymity afforded by a cyber identity. Who needs that!

*Sticks and stones may break your bones but a blog can completely smash you!*

Despite all, I shall persist – buoyed by encouraging tales of ‘blogbarians’ being sued for defamation and liability, being fined, fired, expelled and generally beaten about the head and body. Nay Phone Latt (true name – parents must have enjoyed ringing each other), was sentenced to a modest 20 years in prison for an inappropriate blog. So – behave yourself!

The term ‘blog’ is a blend of ‘web log’, and is generally used to describe an online diary of comments typically listed in reverse chronological order. Responses to these comments are possible which opens up the potential for online discussion. There is even a Blog Day, when bloggers commit to get to know each other better. It’s 31 August because 3108 resembles the shape of the word BLOG.

So why start a blog?

Well – it’s probably because I’ve shed enough insecurity to be able to handle the risk, and gained enough courage to be able to cope with the crud that might be served between the more gracious and intelligent comments of the ‘Bloggerati’.

More particularly, I think society enjoys engagement and connection – even with its headmasters! The art of conversation is not lost, it has just evolved. And I like conversation.

That said, I don’t think I have much to offer on the value of certain dog shampoos or whether there is prudence in avoiding marriage when Scorpio is in Sagittarius. Therefore, I shall limit my musings to ‘education’ and ‘leadership’. If you want anything more than that, you’re going to be disappointed.

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