

What is popular this school year?

22 TRENDS OF 2021-22

1. Spotify



"I listen to [Spotify] to get away from my problems. It's a really good app when you just need some downtime."

– Ranjani Ganesh (10)

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2. Oversized Clothing

"I think you have to style it correctly. You can't wear everything oversized or you look goofy."

– Anirudh Venkatraman (11)

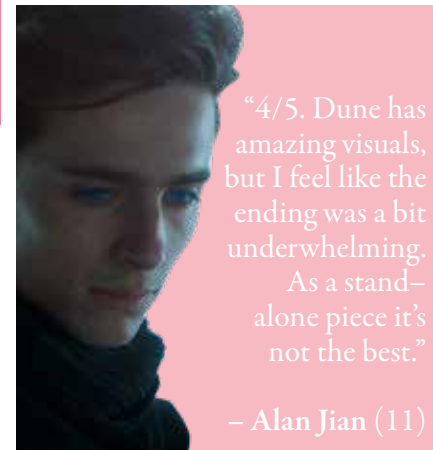
3. Tom Holland

"I like his movies. He has a funny media presence. He's always spoiling his movies and everyone around him is always laughing."

– Ranjani Ganesh (10)

6. Dune

Warner Bros. Entertainment/TNS



"4/5. Dune has amazing visuals, but I feel like the ending was a bit underwhelming. As a stand-alone piece it's not the best."

– Alan Jian (11)



"[My favorite flavors] are Thai tea and wintermelon tea. I like the way it tastes and the texture of the toppings."

– Sylvia St. Georges (10)

4. Boba Tea

5. Genshin Impact

"Genshin Impact is a fun game. The amount of characters you can unlock and the stuff you can do is pretty interesting."

– Zain Mohsin (9)



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9. Arcane

"[I would give Arcane a] five out of five. The storyline is amazing, the animation is beautiful, the mix of 2D and 3D animation is great. There is also good representation of different cultures and LGBTQ+."

– Julia Lohman (9)



7. Mobile Games

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8. Claw Clips

"[Claw clips] have definitely been trending. It's just so much easier to put your hair back than with a hair tie."

– Lauren Becker (12)

10. Taylor Swift

"[Her re-released albums] are good. I think they're much better than her other albums, which are kind of depressing."

– Yael Orgad (9)



Jeff Blake/The State/MCT



"[Converse shoes] are just comfortable and easy to style with clothes."

– Uyenthi Theresa Vu (11)

11. High Top Converse



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12. Doja Cat

"She's cool. I like her music and aesthetic. I like to animate characters and sometimes I'll use little clips of her songs."

– Faith Watters (10)



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15. Euphoria

"I really like it but I feel like people romanticize it too much— the show's about actual problems. It's very overhyped, but I'd rate it a 4.5/5."

– Nicole Wolff (9)

Eddy Chen/HBO/TNS

16. Thrifting

"Because of fast fashion, people are buying new clothing and throwing them away faster. It's nice that there's a place where you can put your old clothes that are still wearable so somebody can buy it for less."

– Arina Shpin (10)

17. Plant-Based Foods

"I think [plant-based foods] are a much more sustainable option. It's a good alternative that both satisfies meat eaters and helps the environment."

– Varun Vijay Mani (9)

18. K-Pop

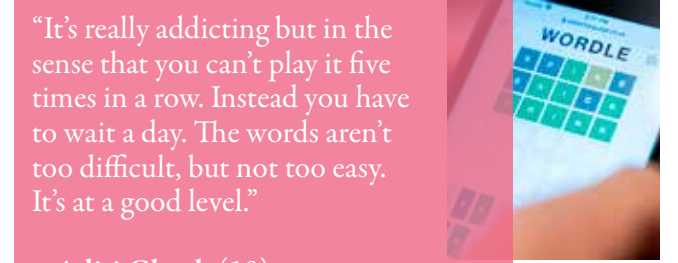
"I like K-Pop. It's cool to see my culture being so popular on campus and the dances are fun to watch."

– Allison Park (12)



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19. TikTok



"It's really addicting but in the sense that you can't play it five times in a row. Instead you have to wait a day. The words aren't too difficult, but not too easy. It's at a good level."

– Aditi Ghosh (10)

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13. Wordle



"I'd give [Spider-Man: No Way Home] 3.5 stars. It was kind of boring. It felt like a copy-pasted Marvel movie."

– Luke Vodenikov (9)

Columbia Pictures

14. Spider-Man: No Way Home

"It's not one of those games that gets boring over time— There's always new things to do and new people to play with."

– Chance Brainard (9)

18. Minecraft

21. White Sneakers



Photo by Mikaela Kwan

"White goes with everything. Shoes like Air Force and Reeboks are also easy to move in and don't require breaking in."

– Kelsey Shan (11)

22. Valorant

"If you're into competitive experiences, [Valorant] is a great game. If you're not, or if you don't like being yelled at, then maybe not."

– Matthew Grogan (11)

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