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KATE HOLLAND: Hi and welcome to Newsreel. In London, I'm Kate Holland.

Coming up:

- **How much would you pay for a piece of movie history?**

SIAN: We've got Harry's acceptance letter from the Philosopher's Stone. We expect that to go for around seven thousand pounds.

And which sport is best for your brain?

But first:

- **HIV and Stigma**

Gareth Thomas: Hello, I'm Gareth Thomas. And I want to share my secret with you.

Earlier this month, the former Welsh rugby captain revealed on his Twitter that he is HIV positive.

And in the US, Jonathan Van Ness from the Netflix show "Queer Eye" also said that he is an "out-and-proud member of the beautiful HIV-positive community".

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus and it can cause weakening of the immune system.

In the 1980s scientists found that HIV can be passed between humans through blood or unprotected sex. And there was a famous advert in the UK about it...

Advert: There is now a danger that has become a threat to us all...

But it was later criticised for stigmatising those with the virus. Stigmatise means to treat someone unfairly and disapprove of them.

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However, huge progress has been made in treating HIV. There's still no cure, but effective medication means most people with the virus can live long and healthy lives.

And, with celebrities like Jonathan and Gareth revealing they're living with the condition, charities believe it will help to further remove the stigma of HIV.

- **Prop Auction**

A prop is an object that has been used in a film. Would you like to own a prop from your favourite movie?

Because here in London, there's a massive sale of film props taking place. And they're expected to sell for a total of more than six million pounds.

There's a whole range of props up for auction, from special effect masks to pretend swords.

I went to a cinema in central London to see them and to meet Sian who works for the company that's selling them.

KATE: So, what are some of your favourite items here today?

SIAN: I think my favourite has got to be the baby Tyrannosaurus Rex from Jurassic Park: Lost world. It was just a fantastic film and they're beautiful little pieces.

KATE: And you have some items from Harry Potter.

SIAN: Yes, we've got Harry's acceptance letter from the Philosopher's Stone. We expect that to go for around seven thousand pounds.

KATE: What sort of people want to own these memorabilia?

SIAN: Anyone who has grown up loving a film will instantly feel an attraction to something in the auction. And even some museums are interested in getting stuff for their archives too.

KATE: I spotted some of the costumes from Batman and they are beautiful. If someone buys something like that, is it likely that they will ever wear it?

SIAN: Costume pieces is personal preference. But one of the things to consider is how delicate it might be. Our Batman costume is 30 years old. It's made of a rubber and it's getting a little bit delicate now, just through age. But something like a top hat...? I'm sure the owner will probably wear that at some point.

Sian says it's up to the new owner whether they wear the costume or not. Especially if it's old and might get damaged. But a top hat? Well that's very likely to be worn.

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- **Table Tennis**

It's well known that playing sport is good for your physical health. But now scientists have confirmed that the best sport for your brain is table tennis.

The game not only helps your concentration, but table tennis (or ping pong as it's sometimes known) also improves your ability to solve puzzles.

So next time you're passing the ping pong table, will you be picking up a bat to help your brain?

That's all for today. I'll be back on the 19th of October. Thanks for listening!

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