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Hi, I'm Kate Holland. And this is the first episode of the new Newsreel season.

Coming up: Students left heartbroken and confused by the exam fiasco.

And we learn how young musicians have been thriving under lockdown
But first.

Jacob Blake Protests

Protests against racism and police brutality have been happening again in the United States after the shooting of Jacob Blake in Wisconsin.

He was shot at least 7 times in the back by a police officer as he was getting into a car where his three children were sitting. He survived but his family say he will never walk again.

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets as part of the Black Lives Matter movement which has been around for a few years but has now become known across the world after the death of George Floyd in May.

Those protests turned violent and there were reports of people looting and stealing from shops which led Jacob's mother Julia Jackson to say this at a press conference. The clip is courtesy of CNN.

JULIA JACKSON: *"If Jacob knew what was going on as far as that goes, the violence and the destruction, he would be very displeased".*

KATE HOLLAND: The leaders of Black Lives Matter say they will continue to raise the issue of racism and violence against Black Americans but like Julia Jackson they are calling on supporters to protest peacefully.

Exams Fiasco

In England, in their last year of school, students sit exams called A Levels. These exams determine whether or not they get into University.

This year, though, the exams were cancelled because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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Instead the government introduced a different method of deciding their results.

One part was based on what the students' teachers said they were likely to get; the other part on what is known as an algorithm - a computer calculation which took into account where people lived and how well their school had done in previous exams.

As a result thousands of students, many from poorer parts of the country, didn't get the grades they needed to get into their first choice university.

Mia from London was one of those who felt that the way the grades were decided was unfair

MIA: *It can be so biased depending on who you are but it just seemed so unfair because you can't judge how hard people are working just by what you see you know and I didn't really understand the algorithm.*

Protests: "What do we want? Fair grades. When do we want it? Now"

That was the sound of students outside the houses of parliament, in London, calling for fair grades.

Days later the government admitted it had got it wrong and said that all students should be given the grades that had been predicted by their schools.

Underground Music

The past few months have been tough for everybody. Life for many of us has been turned upside down by Coronavirus. Here in the UK, there has been no school, no parties and no live music gigs.

But that hasn't stopped some very determined young people from using the so-called lockdown to produce their own music.

I spoke to Joe Taylor from Generation Z, a band of teenagers who have recently released their first single 'Strong'.

JOE TAYLOR: In lockdown, obviously, we we've had had a lot of free time, and, we kind of had to audition and we went to a recording studio and recorded our first single 'Strong'.

KATE HOLLAND: And what is the message behind strong?

JOE TAYLOR: Strong is basically a message to all ages to kind of stay together in these times.

KATE HOLLAND: Well that is all for today...I'll be back on the 19th of September.

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