

Digital and Physical Worlds - by Toby, November 2022

For my study piece, I am going to talk about one of my favourite bands, The Gorillaz. Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett are the creators of this virtual band, and Damon also voices the singer, whose name is 2D. They are purely digital, which means that all their music videos are cartoons.

The reason I have chosen to talk about this is because I found a good link to the theme of my Torah piece in one of the earliest Gorillaz songs, *Tomorrow Comes Today*. The song lyrics say:

"Don't think I'm all in this world / the camera won't let me go / the verdict doesn't love our soul / the digital won't let me go."

These lyrics reference how it's possible to turn everything digital, which we can perceive as good or bad. For example, we use fewer physical books and letters, and far more e-books and emails.

On the other hand, I can value both, because I enjoy listening to vinyl records and I even make my own cassette mixtapes to listen to.

In my Torah piece, there is a very physical ritual, which you could never replace, and I will be talking about that later this morning.