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# Television's winter hiatus is finally over

'The Vampire Diaries,' 'Glee' and 'Once Upon A Time' premiere new seasons

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The CW's 'The Vampire Diaries' will premiere the remainder of its fourth season on Thursday, Jan. 17. / Photo courtesy of The CW

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With the start of the new year comes the onset of addicting television shows. Returning to The CW on Thursday, Jan. 17 in the middle of its fourth season is the action packed supernatural drama "The Vampire Diaries." The show follows human Elena Gilbert and her vampire love interests, brothers Stefan and Damon Salvatore, as her life and the lives of her friends are constantly threatened by supernatural forces.

This season has Elena learning to deal with her newly acquired status as a vampire and her unnatural ties to Damon, her brother Jeremy's newfound vampire hunting abilities, and a load of new vampire-werewolf hybrids.

"The 'Vampire Diaries' has become such a huge show, especially among girls," said junior Aditi Lamba. "It has great acting, storyline, romance and drama. Everything a good show requires and extremely good looking men."



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Also in its fourth season is "Glee," FOX's musical comedy-drama series that channels today's music into a high school glee club setting. Glee's spring premiere is on Jan. 24.

The show is currently following the McKinley High graduates such as Rachel and Kurt, who move to New York to pursue big dreams, along with a new cast of students. "The current storyline is great and all the popular, present day songs they sing make it awesome," said junior Anika Leszkowicz.

ABC's "Once Upon a Time" is a fantasy-drama series in its second season centering around fairytale characters who were transported to the real world in a town called Storybrooke and robbed of their memories, and highlights the one woman with the power to break the curse, giving the characters their memories back. The show returned on Jan. 6.

"It's based on fairytales, but they are retold in different ways," said junior Agnes Wasilewski. "It is the best show ever. It's full of twists and turns and there is really no way to know what is going to happen next." In the show's second season, the memories of the characters have been returned while the fates of the fairytale world and Storybrooke become intertwined.

"It's very interesting how they melt different fairytales all together," said Leszkowicz. Mystery-thriller drama "Pretty Little Liars" returns Jan. 6 in the middle of its third season on ABC Family. The series follows four friends, Aria, Spencer, Hanna and Emily, and a mysterious "A" haunting them after the disappearance and murder of Alison, former Queen Bee, who threatens to expose their darkest secrets.

Season three takes place after the discovery of the first "A" and the girls' realization that there is actually a team of "As" tormenting them. More investigation is being done on the murder of Alison, and on a more recent murder as well.

"I'm anxious to find out who the next 'A' is," said senior Alyssa Palenzuela. "The compelling storylines, complex, yet realistic characters and the constant cliff hangers always manage to keep me watching."

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