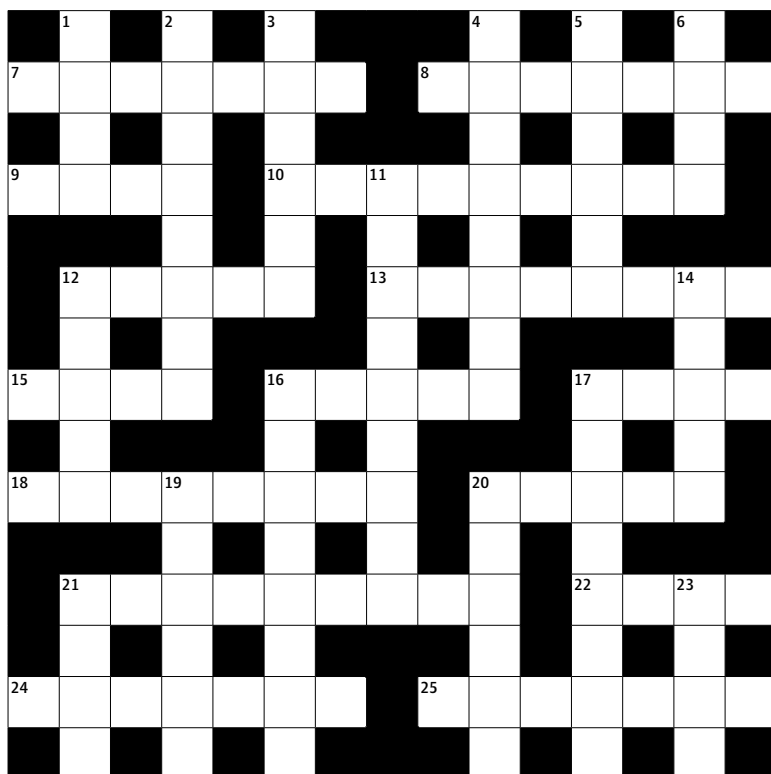


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,558 set by Qaos



Across

- 7 Show it's worth revising at college (5,2)
- 8 Painter to cut back piece of hair (7)
- 9 Old racehorse not about to be beat (4)
- 10 1, 2, 3 ... er ... 5 ... where's Dracula now? (4,5)
- 12 Adult leaves award for university oink (5)
- 13 Wizards are most active on Sunday (8)
- 15 Listen to music single (4)
- 16 Transport around 50:50 animals (5)
- 17 Boatman's a knave! (4)
- 18 Struggle with fine? See below (8)
- 20 I have been taken in by Doctor Daley, perhaps (5)
- 21 Left magnificent old pirate town (4,5)
- 22 Heather Graham looks nice in fancy tops (4)
- 24 Captain Kirk mostly gains power and potential energy on edge of space (7)
- 25 Black eyes see stars (7)

Down

- 1 Domestic help making tea (4)
- 2 Rodent's place for resting by river (8)
- 3 Hairstyle, say, extremely uniform all over (6)

- 4 Criminals swipe cash with rope (8)
- 5 Loud relative left before display (6)
- 6 Go away singing jazz (4)
- 11 Likewise, I'm a silly revolutionary to kidnap queen (9)
- 12 Good time to change sides with spirit (5)
- 14 O for a really big limo! (5)
- 16 Are North Korea's leaders unstable, supporting plot to make things black? (8)
- 17 No point to ripped Levi jeans, they can be chucked (8)
- 19 Not ready for difficult run? First, exercise! (6)
- 20 Ditches record into upturned shed (6)
- 21 Pointy-headed staff in shop (IKEA) (4)
- 23 Nothing turns head 90° for an emperor (4)

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