

22nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Celebrating Black History Month 2025

We are delighted to share with you the exciting plans we have in place for Black History Month 2025. This year's programme will be filled with activities, performances, and opportunities for students to engage with and celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black communities.

Lunchtime Activities: 1st – 3rd October

From Wednesday 1st October to Friday 3rd October, our Youth Leadership Team will be running interactive lunchtime activities in the KS4 and KS5 Hub areas. These sessions will give students a chance to take part in fun, engaging activities while learning more about Black history and culture.

Black History Month Themed Lunches

Throughout October, our school canteen will be serving Black History Month themed lunches. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of dishes that reflect the diversity and heritage of African and Caribbean cuisines.

Assemblies and Tutor Time Activities

There will be a series of assemblies and tutor time activities dedicated to Black History Month. These will give students a chance to reflect, learn, and celebrate together.

Annual Black History Month Launch Event

Our Black History Month Launch Event will take place in the Studio Theatre on Friday 3rd October.

- Tutor time will be collapsed on this day, and students will be dismissed from lessons at 12.20pm to take an early lunch.
- The event will begin at 12.40pm and will include student performances and a fun culinary competition: *West African cuisine versus Caribbean cuisine!* Following Nigeria's famous victory over Ghana last year in the jollof rice showdown, we are excited to see which cuisine will triumph this time.

KS5 Arrangements on Launch Day: Friday 3rd October

For KS5 students only:

- As there will be no tutor time, KS5 students are free to leave the site for lunch at 12.20pm and then return at 12.40pm for the event, should they wish to.
- If they have **no lessons after lunch** and do not wish to attend the event, they may leave for the day.

- However, if they **have lessons after lunch, they must return for these**, whether they attend the launch event or not.

90s Themed Non-Uniform Day – Friday 3rd October

To add even more joy and excitement, Friday 3rd October will also be a non-uniform day with a 90s theme. Both students and staff are encouraged to pay homage to the vibrant and iconic fashion trends of the 1990s, inspired by notable Black cultural figures of the decade.

We are looking forward to a month of celebration, learning, and fun. Black History Month provides us with a valuable opportunity to recognise the profound influence of Black heritage and culture, both past and present.

Thank you for your continued support – we cannot wait to celebrate together with our students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JK', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Ms Julia Kibela
Acting Vice Principal