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Dear Parent/Carer



CARDINAL POLE SCHOOL CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

October sees the whole school community celebrating Black History Month. We have a whole month of exciting activities, workshops, lessons, talks and enrichment opportunities. These include lessons on history, guest speakers, steel pan workshops, a special menu, trips to the theatre and a whole school competition. Last year was incredibly successful and we are determined to celebrate with the entire Cardinal Pole community.

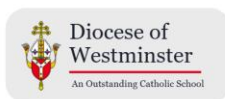
Activities this month include:

- Form time sessions on Black History and the inspiring people that form our communities.
- Drama workshops on the theme 'Black and British' and 'Windrush: Now and Then'.
- A sixth form trip to watch 'For Coloured Girls' at the Yarde Theatre
- Steel drum workshops
- African drumming workshops
- Creative writing workshops with celebrated author Ashley Hickson-Lovence
- A staff vs student Black History Month quiz.
- Trips to London Docklands and V&E East museums.
- Our cultural dress day on the final day of half term.

And finally,

- A whole school competition on the theme: **Honouring our Communities**

Students are invited to create a piece of art, poetry, interview with a family member, a video or any other creative entry about someone who they feel is an inspirational part of our community.





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Please see the full timetable for Black History Month 2026:

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			- Launch of competition: 'Honouring our Communities' - Distribution of Black History Month ribbons during formtime. -Canteen themed lunch	- Year 7 BHM launch assembly - Formtime prayer: Celebrating Black Saints
5	6	7	8	9
- Form time prayer: Celebrating Black Saints - Form time activity: Launch of BHM.	- Form time prayer: Celebrating Black Saints - African drumming workshops: (Y7+8)	- Form time activity: Celebrating leaders in our communities - For Coloured Girls – Y12+ 13 Drama Trip - Cooking club: Exploring world cultures	- Y8 literacy workshop: Ashley Hickson-Lovence - Windrush: Now & Then Workshops (Y9) -Canteen themed lunch	- Form time prayer: Celebrating Black Saints - The Music Is Black: V&A East Music Trip (Y10+11) - Black and British Workshops (Y7)
12	13	14	15	16
- Year 11 Reward Assembly - Form time prayer: Celebrating Black Saints -BHM Reward Trip to London Docklands Museum	- Year 9 Reward Assembly - Staff vs Student – BHM quiz -Staff BHM T-Shirt Day - African drumming workshops: (Y9+10)	- Year 12+13 Reward Assembly -Form time activity: Honouring our communities - Cooking club: Exploring world cultures	- Year 10 Reward Assembly - Steel pan workshops: (P3-6) - Canteen themed lunch	- Form time prayer: Celebrating Black Saints - Cultural Dress Day - Year 7 + 8 Reward Assembly

We are hoping for an excellent month, celebrating our rich history and the community we live in. Please keep an eye on our social media and school website of the activities during the week.

Yours sincerely,

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