

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer



### Cardinal Pole Catholic School Celebrate Black History Month 2023

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:

- Lessons on Black History and role models, led by staff and students
- A trip to watch Hamilton, the musical
- Workshops on the history of Carnival
- Steel drum workshops
- Leading celebrations at local community clubs - working with the elder members of the community to lead their Black History Month celebrations
- Poetry workshops and dance workshops
- University visits and a visit to the British Library, for a Black British literature workshop
- Every student will receive a booklet, with extracts from famous black authors. The books for all of these extracts can be found in our school library.

And finally,

- A whole school competition on the theme: **Who inspires you?**

See overleaf for the full timetable of events.

**Students are invited to create a piece of art, poetry, interview with a family member, a video or any other creative entry.**

**Please see the full timetable**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2	3	4	5	6
Wk1	Whole School Competition Launch  Form competition Launch!  Student's receive there extract booklet! 5 Extract from famous Authors!  TREE OF LIFE: Exploring our past	Lunch Activity – Library Reading and discussion  INTO UNIVERSITY – Workshop  Alumni Talk - D. Anderson (Poet)	History Film Club – BHM celebration  Fashion Design – BHM Theme	Form Activities – Celebrating our Hair  Hamilton: The Musical	Form Quiz – Trailblazing Women
	9	10	11	12	13
2	TREE OF LIFE: Exploring our past  SIXTH FORM WINDOW DECORATING ALL WEEK  We Don't Stop Dancing – Carnival History and Dance Workshop	Speaker – Anya James  Lunch Activity – Library Reading and discussion  British Library – Black British Literature Workshop  Year 7 – African Cup of Nations (Interform competition) Student Led	BHM Lunch  History Film Club – BHM celebration  Art Sculpture Club – BHM Theme  Year 7 – African Cup of Nations (Interform competition) Student Led	Form Activities – Celebrating our Sisters  Balance Up – Business  Braiding with my sisters – Hair Braiding workshops and demonstrations	Form Quiz – Role Models  Celebrate your hair day  Coffee Morning – BHM student work display  Sixth Form – Cultural Food celebration
	16	17	18	19	
3	Rewards Assembly Year 11  TREE OF LIFE: Exploring our past	Rewards Assembly Year 10  Tropical Isles – Carnival History and workshops  Lunch Activity – Library Reading and discussion	Rewards Assembly Year 9  Steel Pan agency - Steel Pan Workshop ALL DAY  Jayda David – Poetry Workshops  BHM Lunch  Competition Deadline	Rewards Assembly Year 8  Form Activities – Celebrating our Sisters  Chats Lunch Club - visit to the local community lunch club	Rewards Assembly Year 7  Cultural Dress Day  Staff Vs Student Quiz

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 for the activities during each week.

Yours sincerely,



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