



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

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skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
confidence and ambition.*

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Dear parent/carer

Re: **Black History Month 2021**

October is Black History Month in the UK. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture, and heritage. During Black History Month we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and those who contribute to and help our society today.

The theme for this year's Black History Month celebrations is "Proud To BE..."

Inspired by the 2020 Black Lives Matter events. It will invite black and brown people of all ages throughout the UK to share what they are proud to be. For example, "Proud To Be Black, Proud To Be Brown, Proud To Be Black & LGBTQ+, Proud To Be Me".

We at Nottingham Girls' Academy are marking Black History Month by recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped the black generation.

Here is a selection of a few ways that we are celebrating Black History:

- Maths will be celebrating black mathematicians and the work they have contributed to the field and the challenges they have faced in doing so.
- PE will be celebrating inspirational black female athletes and their contributions.
- MFL will be exploring African and Caribbean dialects/languages and their evolution.
- Social Sciences will be discussing many topics including the problems faced by black people and overcoming them.
- In Humanities there will be a focus on historic moments and historic figures in black history.
- English will be encouraging discussions based on literature such as Halima Aden's 'Letter of Hope', published in Harper's Bazaar magazine following the death of George Floyd.

Assemblies will be celebrating Black History; there will be food on offer at the canteen that is linked to black heritage. Our film club will be showing a film linked to black culture followed by discussion. We have an external speaker coming into school to present to all year groups covering topics such as why we should talk about race, why it's hard to talk about race, challenging racism, biases, beliefs and stereotypes. This and so much more is happening in school; we would
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like you to continue celebrating Black History at home by encouraging your child to talk about what they are doing in school and the positive change that is happening in black culture.

We are always keen to learn from one another and promote understanding of different cultures and backgrounds. Please do get in touch if there is information or photos that you would like to share, or if you are able to support our BHM work in any other way. We would be pleased to receive these contributions.

Yours faithfully



Mrs M Heron
Assistant Principal

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