



Greatfields Gazette ~

Black History Month Edition



Illustrated by Emaan Minhas – 9FKhalo



Why is Black history month important to Greatfields?

- By Greatfields' Gazette Team

This month-long observance is a chance to celebrate Black achievement and provide a fresh reminder to take stock of where systemic racism persists and give visibility to the people and organizations creating change. Black History Month affords us the chance to challenge what we learned in history, dig deeper, and find out the actual events of the past that were not taught in schools. It allows us to learn about, celebrate, and honour Black leaders. We celebrate Black British pioneers also, such as Daniel Kaluuya and Idris Elba who have paved the way for Black British history. Greatfields' school vision involves making the school a safe space and ensuring students within the diverse community feel heard and seen, and through celebrating BHM we are including all members of the school and community to feel supported and celebrated.

Studio 3 Arts School Trip:

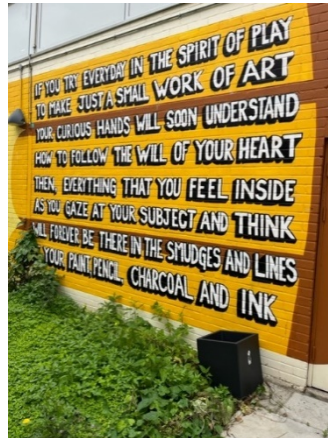
60 students visited Studio 3 Arts in Barking, a performance space that offers free workshops in Dance, Drama and Music.

Students were able to work with dance and drama practitioners who work within the industry.

Students enjoyed learning a street dance choreographed by Claire Dough, who has recently finished touring and backing with well-known singer Anne Marie. Students enjoyed the workshops and found the question-and-answer session at the end very interesting. Thank you to all the students that attended. If anyone would like to take part in free Dance and Drama lessons after school, please take a look at their website.

- Miss White

www.studio3arts.org.uk





Year 9 rewards School Trip: By Sajid 9FKhalo

On Friday 30th September the whole of year 9 finally attended their long awaited trip to the National Science Museum in South Kensington. Students were unable to attend at the end of year 8 due to the heat wave that struck the U.K. in the last few days of term. Students were ecstatic to attend as this was their first school trip due to COVID in the last 3 years. The behaviour on the trip was impeccable both on the journey and around the science museum and Hyde Park.



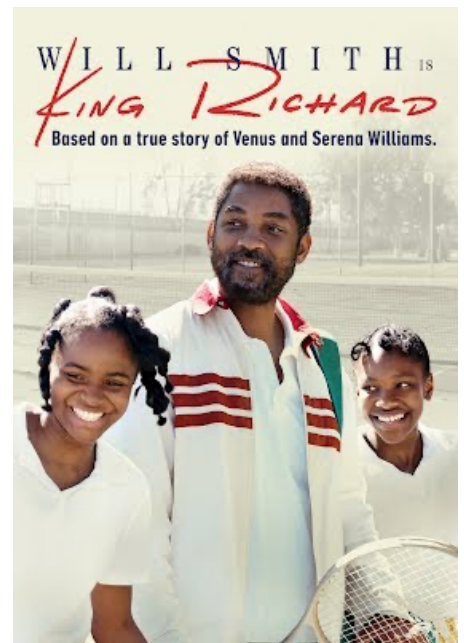
Students mentioned that they were elated to learn about the history of science and the role science has played in their lives. They loved seeing the medical edition on the 2nd floor including human skeleton and the background of how science has grown and developed over the years. Safe to say we hopefully will have some medics from Greatfields in the next 10 years! ☺



King Richard Review –

By Sajid Jafri – 9FKhalo

In celebration of amazing Black talent, we must give credit to the amazing movie King Richard which was released in 2021. Richard Williams, played by Will Smith, is determined to write his two daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. As they train for tennis, Richard teaches them valuable life lessons and turns them into world famous tennis super stars. The Williams family work together and face any challenge that life threw at them. The movie is said to highlight the amazing talent of Venus and Serena and is a great way of capturing the tough work ethic instilled into the girls that has made them award winning and world-renowned Tennis players. Will Smith captures the authenticity of their father’s love and desire for his daughter’s success amazingly! If you are yet to watch it, this is your sign to do so!





A RACE TO EMBRACE

By Emaan Minhas 9FKhalo

Being black is not a joke,
It's who you are so do not choke.
When others laugh and mock your race,
Use it as something you can learn to embrace.
For I am black and I am proud,
Cause I know by heart I am allowed.
To explore the world and be myself,
I'm not a toy you afford through wealth.
I love who I am,
I do what I can,
To show the world, I am perfect,
Just the way I am.



Black History Month

Proud to be celebrating the past, present and future.



Queen Elizabeth: **A timeline of her lineage**

- By Emaan (9FKhalo) and Anna (9MAngelou)

21 April 1926

Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor is born at 2.40am at 17 Bruton Street, London, her maternal grandparents' house. It was home to her parents, Elizabeth (née Bowes-Lyon), and Albert, Duke of York, the second son of King George V and Queen Mary. She was third in line to the throne behind her father and Edward, Prince of Wales.



6 February 2017

The Queen becomes the first British monarch to commemorate a sapphire jubilee.

5 April 2020

The Queen gives a rare televised address to the nation, the fifth in her 68-year reign, as an unprecedented lockdown is enforced. The monarch thanks her subjects for following government rules to stay at home, praises key workers, and asks people to "take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return". She adds: "We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again." The broadcast is watched by an estimated 24 million viewers.

6 September 2022

In a break from tradition as a result of her ongoing mobility issues, the Queen appoints the 15th prime minister of her reign, Liz Truss, at Balmoral Castle rather than Buckingham Palace. The outgoing prime minister, Boris Johnson, also travels to Scotland to offer his resignation to the Queen. The following day she postpones a privy council meeting, which she was due to attend virtually, under doctors' advice to rest.

8th September 2022

The queen sadly passes away at Balmoral Castle, Scotland after 96 long years and 70 years of reign.



BHM Interviews: what does Black History Month mean to you?

- By Adeanna (8MAngelou), Diya (9FKhalo)



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Mr. Woodhouse:

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Mr. Woodhouse: I would describe black history month as enlightening and empowering

Interviewer: What does black history month mean to you?

Mr Woodhouse: To me black history month is very important that we look and understand it a lot more, when I was younger, we were taught the topic but not to this extent.

Miss. Worrall:

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Miss Worrall: I would describe it as Important.

Interviewer: how do teachers like you celebrate black history month?

Miss Worrall: so, in my job as a history teacher I would try to incorporate as many black stories as I can and embrace more of the culture in my day-to-day life.

Dr. Calladine:

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Dr Calladine: I would describe it as diverse

Interviewer: the 2022 black history month theme is black health and wellness what do you think about this topic?

Dr. Calladine: that is an interesting topic, and I would really like to learn more about it, and for people to feel that they have really good wellness



Mr Adeleke

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Mr Adeleke: Triumphant

Interviewer: the 2022 black history month theme is black health and wellness what do you think about this topic?

Mr Adeleke: I strongly believe in celebrating and uplifting black individuals who are paving the way for those following and changing the narrative of black people and what they can achieve.

Miss Olumoyegun

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Miss Olumoyegun: Celebration

Interviewer: the 2022 black history month theme is black health and wellness what do you think about this topic?

Miss Olumoyegun: I think this is essential because black people have only recently been afforded the luxury of being able to care about their mental health, therefore it is necessary and an amazing theme for this year.

Miss Adeniyi

Interviewer: if you could define black history month in one word, what word would it be?

Miss Adeniyi: Talent

Interviewer: the 2022 black history month theme is black health and wellness what do you think about this topic?

Miss Adeniyi: I believe that it is a phenomenal theme because not long ago black people's health were non important and not prioritised. Therefore, through having this open dialogue I hope it changes outlooks and opinions about the wellbeing of black individuals.





School events to look forward to:

- **Greatfields' Black History Month Bookmark Competition**
 - o Collect a template from the school library to enter.
 - o Task: create a bookmark inspired by Black History Month.
 - o The winner will have their bookmark published for pupils to use.
- **Greatfields' Black History Month Festival:** come along to our festival to celebrate the talents of students and teachers!
 - o **Location:** Cedar Hall
 - o **Time:** 3-4pm

Black History Month Festival

Thursday 13th October 2022 | Cedar Hall | 3pm - 4pm

Events for the night:

- Speeches
- Dance performance
- Bookmark competition
- Chalk Drawing
- Slam poetry speakers
- BHM bracelet making stall
- Food stall
- Face painting
- Art Exhibition

If you would like to attend or participate please Ms Khanam (216) or Ms Windsor (Birch Hall)

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