

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month marks the beginning of Black History Month and we have kick-started it with an assembly on diversity and PSHEE sessions. Our Sixth Formers are leading the way with their work on delivering presentations to their peers and to younger students. We also have other initiatives such as Student Voice and a curriculum review, which are all to ensure our curriculum is fully reflective of our community. In Mr Hunt's assembly he discussed the ideas of equity and equality. Equality being parity, where everyone gets the exact experience, equity where you treat people differently to ensure the outcomes are the same. At EBS we strive for equality for all and in order to do this we consider the equity of our provision. We want all students to feel safe, happy, and secure so that they are able to excel both socially and academically. What can we all do to ensure both equity and equality for the young people in our care?

### Covid-19 Update

We continue to ensure that students and staff are kept as safe as possible. With cases rising in the area, please ensure your child understands the reason why they must wear a mask and wash their hands regularly. Please help to keep our community safe by following [this guidance](#) and do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid-19.

L. Swaine, Headteacher

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This October marks the start of the UK's 33rd Black History Month. At EBS we are undertaking several initiatives and learning activities to ensure that this isn't just a one-off event. Below is a list of initiatives:

- Mr Hunt has delivered an assembly to the whole school on the themes of equity and equality.
- Students to be asked for their views in the next few days. Please watch this space for future events!
- If you would like to be involved, have something to say or have some ideas that you would like to share, please contact Mr Iordanou.

### A message from Mr Drugan, Head of PSHEE:

The events of the last few months and the subsequent issues highlighted by the Black Lives Matter movement have provided an opportunity for our school to focus on how we celebrate and represent the diversity of both our school and national community. Whilst we have and will continue to celebrate Black History Month, we also wish to share with you our intent and commitment to ensure that the richness of diversity within our school is celebrated and represented throughout the entire year and across all curriculum and non-curriculum areas. To achieve our goal, we have set up working parties to look at issues in school as well as wider society to help ensure our response and any subsequent actions are rigorous and successfully provide positive role models that students can relate to, building self-esteem and their sense of justice as well as raising their aspirations for future happiness and well-being.

We would welcome participation from our wider community to help us develop our approach. If you would like to share any opinions or ideas, please contact Mr Iordanou.

## DATA CHECKING

Exciting news! We have a new way of communicating with parents, this means all reports, trip letters and information about rewards and sanctions will now be shared electronically!!

To ensure you are kept up to date and informed, please complete the data checking sheet that will be distributed over the next few weeks. Thank you!

## REMINDERS / NOTICES

### STUDENTS

Please remember, at the end of lessons, tuck in chairs, put your mask on and crucially, tidy your desk and take all your belongings and wipes. On the way out, place all wipes in bins! Let's stay COVID free!!



### PARENTS

During the current Covid situation, the school office will no longer accept any items your child might have forgotten at home. Please remind your child to check they have their PE kit, work books, lunch etc every day.

### SUPPORT

Barnardos are offering a service to families to help identify and support children and young people who are struggling to cope with the impacts of Coronavirus. For more information and to refer your child please click [here](#).

### VACCINATIONS: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Recent events disrupted our vaccination programme last year, but we were able to arrange the second HPV dose for Year 9 girls during lockdown; completing their programme of vaccinations. We have been able to arrange the following vaccinations this year:

- Year 7: Nasal Flu Vaccination on Monday 2nd November.
- Year 8: Dose 1 HPV in early May.
- Year 9: DTP/Men ACWY along with Dose 1 HPV (which they should have had in Year 8) at the end of March.

## PTFA NOTICES

The first PTFA Meeting of the academic year took place on 1st October and was 'virtually' well attended. Thank you to all, in particular new Year 7 parents, carers and EBS staff.

If you would like to make a donation to the PTFA, you can do so via ParentPay, or if you would like to add a bit of excitement to your support, why not join the PTFA Lottery - you could even win a cash prize! All details are on the [school website](#).

Watch this space for details of our Virtual Quiz, where there will be many prizes, as well as an auction to raise much needed funds for the school.

The Virtual Quiz will be a sponsored event.