



## Fullbrook Black History Month

Fullbrook Black History Month is an opportunity for all people in the Fullbrook community to learn about, learn from and celebrate all People of Colour and their contributions to the world. Our current model includes cross-curricular lessons alongside pastoral and extra-curricular activities.

## Why does Fullbrook celebrate Black History Month?

Most history taught day to day in British schools is white history (Guardian Article on British Secondary History Curriculum), despite Britain's long legacy of interacting with Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Colour around the world. We have a duty to make sure that history is shared and we have a vision to celebrate multiculturalism and the contributions of People of Colour to our community, to our nation and the world at large. One day, Black History Month will not be necessary, as what is taught across each year in school will be more representative.

If all lives matter, then black, indigenous and People of Colour's lives have to matter as much as all the rest, which statistically is not the case in Britain right now. With Growth Mindset in our hearts, we know that in order to make a better future, we need to learn from the past, and also learn more inclusively. (Interested to know about the stats we're referring to? Have a look here: (Ethnicity-facts-figures.gov.uk 1, 2; The Guardian 1, 2; BBC)

Focusing on one important issue does not mean other issues are not of value. Furthermore, during Black History Month, we are taking time to talk about antiracism and the very real problems faced by People of Colour. We talk about other issues in other lessons and during other events.

The whole country is looking at how to address racism, and at Fullbrook, one of the ways we are doing that is by showing we value all parts of our history. We want all our pupils to feel seen, included, and celebrated.

As you can see from the rest of our growing Equalities in our Community area on our website, we strive to educate our school and community on all matters of equality and to celebrate all protected characteristics including race & ethnicity, sex, gender, sexuality, religion and age.