

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Media City we know it is important to celebrate and recognise the diversity of our pupil population. Throughout the year we raise awareness of different cultures and this month we will be teaching our pupils about Black History month. This year's theme is RECLAIMING NARRATIVES and we wanted to inform you of the Black History Month celebrations that have been offered to our students in October.

- Mrs. Rizvi has delivered an Assembly to all year groups outlining the origins and importance of Black History Month celebrations as well as sharing with students what they can expect from the school during this month.
- Staff have prepared and displayed their Black History Month Hero Posters; students are encouraged to ask questions about these chosen figures.
- There is an informative and inspirational display up around the Canteen for students to engage with.
- Every KS3 lesson has a dedicated lesson for Black History Month.
- Our PE department has created an interactive Black History Month Quiz.
- Students have been practicing Dance.
- Slides are shared in lessons to link subjects to Black British Achievements.
- Students have been able to engage with the following workshops on offer after school everyday with Mrs. Rizvi and our EDI Ambassadors:
- We will have careers workshops after half term for KS3.

At OAMC we offer a diverse curriculum throughout the academic year and want to ensure students have a well-rounded equality, diversity and inclusion(EDI) offer within the school community.

On Thursday 17th October we will celebrate our Culture Day. This will be an adapted day in which students will have the opportunity to receive culture focused lessons and out of classroom opportunities. These will include the following:

- Musical Welcome
- BHM Online National Assembly
- Culture Day Lesson: What is Cultural Diversity Creative Session: Art, Music and Languages
- Culture Day Lesson: Writing A Diversity Poem: READ, Literacy and History
- Culture Day Lesson: Virtual Lesson with a Focus on Geography, Maths and Science
- Culture Day Lesson: PSHE 'What is Cultural Diversity?' Personal Development
- Y11 Dance Performance

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- Students will contribute to the OAMC Diversity Tree at Break.
- There will be a variety of stall and foods for students to try at Lunch.

I wanted to share with you the great opportunity our students are being given to engage with this day, it will enable all students to understand the importance of learning about and respecting the different cultures around them and be proud of who they are. Thank you for your continued support in enabling OAMC to offer students the opportunity to expand their horizons by learning about a wider world.

Kind regards,

Paul McEvoy