



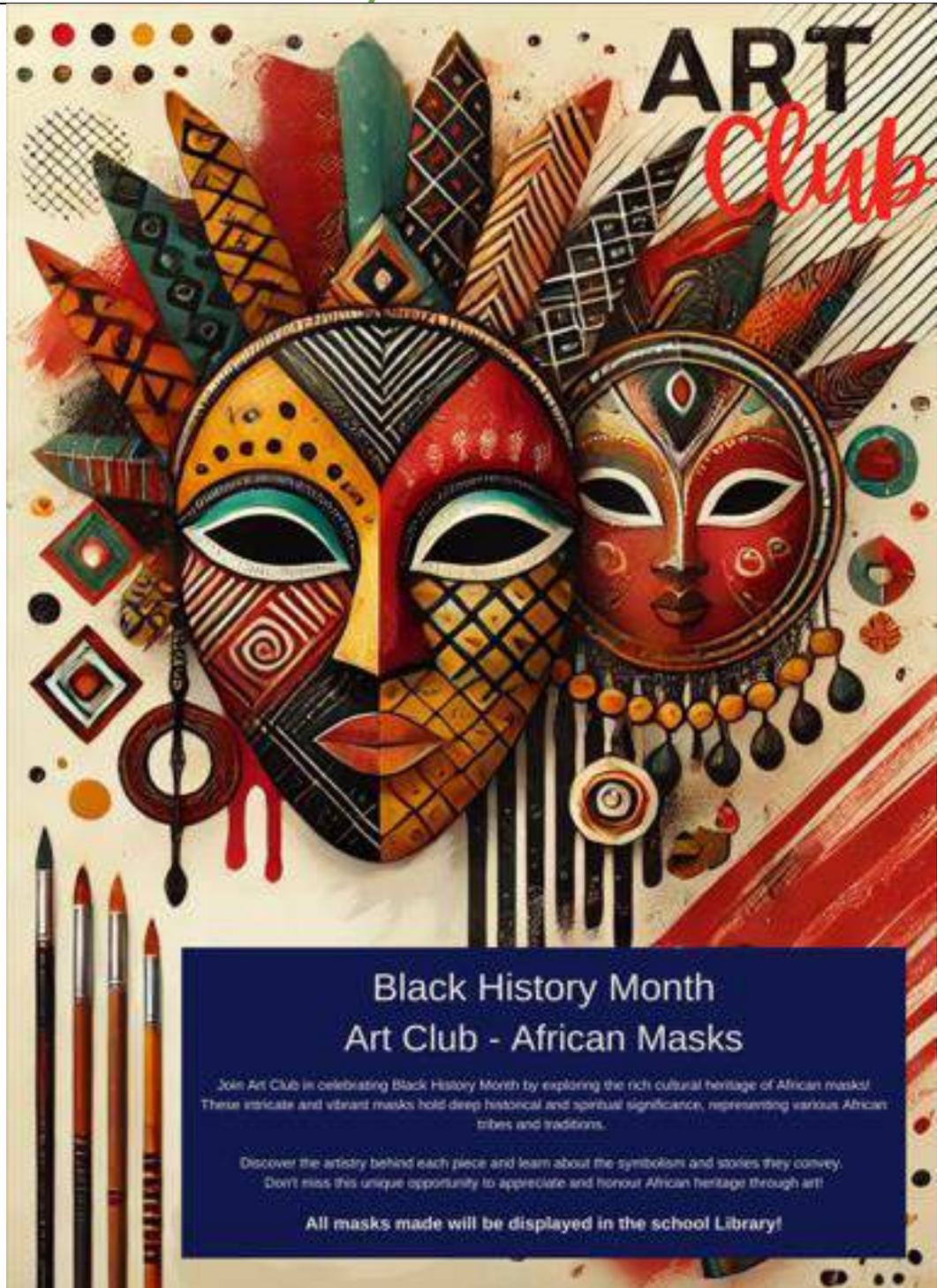
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October 2024

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Item	Notes:
1.	<p style="text-align: center;">BHM</p> <p>Form Time Program</p> <p>This month the Discussion Points during Form Time will be focused on the following:</p> <p><i>What does the discovery of Cheddar Man mean for Black History Month?</i> <i>If you are Black, can you also be British?</i> <i>Is the experience of being Black different in every country?</i> <i>How does excluding Black history and contributions to society, out of curriculums across the world, affect the understanding of British identity?</i></p>

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Black Apprentice Network

The Black Apprentice Network (BAN) is a voluntary community with 500+ members of current and aspiring Black apprentices. They strive to connect like minded professionals across a range of industries, sharing experiences and opportunities that uplift and motivate Black youth. BAN are coming to speak to our Year 9s and Year 10s about degree apprenticeships and the steps that need to be taken to secure one.



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- Ms Opara

Lunchtime Hair Care Workshops

To celebrate Black History Month, members of the Diversity Team have arranged a lunch time 'Hair Care' club which will run on the 14th and 15th October from 1.30pm to 2pm in The Hall. This will take the form of a workshop with Afro-Caribbean hair specialists.



Last day of Term

To celebrate and bring in the half term, students will be welcomed and sent off with music from the Caribbean and Africa. The music will play from 8am - 8.30 and 3pm - 3.30pm on Friday 25th October.



2.

Afromart

This month Afromart on Hertford Road are donating African snacks for the last day of term. Those with the most positive points will be receiving a little gift to snack on, as they leave school. Good luck!

3.

Diwali

Diwali is a celebration of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness, and for some also coincides with harvest and new year celebrations. The festival falls in between in the middle of October and in the middle of November but changes each year because it is set by the lunar calendar.

- The festival occurs on a no-moon night.
- It celebrates the birth of Lakshmi, Goddess of Wealth.
- It's the end of harvest season.



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- It includes the festival of Annakut.
- There are plenty of fireworks and lights!
- Diwali is celebrated by : hindus , Sikhs and Jains

Over five days, people will involve themselves in festive gatherings, fireworks displays, feasts and prayer. Diwali evolved from the original word “Deepavali,” this could also be known as “a row of lights.” Celebrants light rows of traditional clay



and oil lights outside their homes to show people the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

For North Indian Hindus Diwali signifies the homecoming of Lord Rama they would travel to Ayodhya (a city in India) and his victory over the demon Ravana. The Ravana is known as the largest ancient epic in worlds literature ! As per the Ramayana, the return journey of Rama and Sita from Lanka to north India is commemorated by lighting diyas – small candles made of oil – and clay lamps, to welcome them home.

Diwali (also known as Deepawali) is a five-day-long festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. It takes place every autumn mid-October and mid-November, with the date changing its place every year .

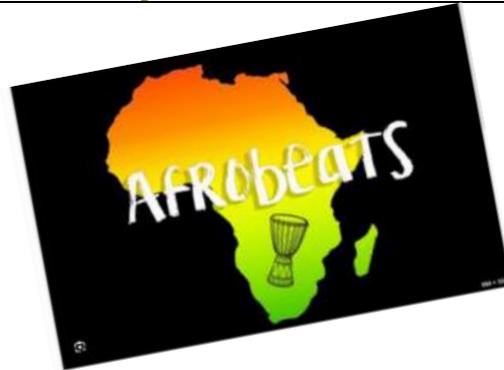
By Netti Tuti Kimbondo

4.

It's all About Afrobeats



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African music has an incredible history that reflects the continent's rich diversity and energy, evolving into modern sounds that resonate with today's youth. In Ghana, highlife music gained popularity in the 1920s, blending traditional rhythms with Western instruments like the guitar, creating vibrant dance music. Fast forward to today, and artists like Black Sherif are taking the spotlight with hits like "Kwaku the Traveller," which showcases a unique fusion of genres. Meanwhile, in South Africa, Amapiano has become a viral sensation with tracks like "Abalele" by Kabza De Small and DJ Maphorisa, keeping dancefloors buzzing and even crossing international borders with remixes. In Nigeria, the influence is undeniable, with superstars like Burna Boy and Wizkid dominating the charts. Songs like "Last Last" and "Essence" have become anthems around the world, while Rema's "Calm Down" was trending on social media platforms. But it's not just Nigeria and South Africa leading the charge; East Africa is also thriving! In Kenya, Sauti Sol blends Afro-pop with soulful melodies, while Tanzanian artist Diamond Platnumz brings Bongo Flava to the forefront with catchy hits like "Jeje." Modern African music is all about connecting the past to the present and experimenting with new sounds and styles. With the rise of Afrobeats and other genres, the vibrant and bold energy of African music is captivating the hearts of young listeners everywhere, making it a key player in the global music scene.

by Sophia Oziegbe

5.

Pride Month 2024 Art Competition Winners

Pride Month is a celebration of love, diversity, and acceptance for everyone, no matter who they love or how they identify. It takes place in June and includes events like parades, parties, and discussions that highlight the importance of LGBTQ+ rights.



This year, there was a fun competition where students created colourful artwork to celebrate Pride of all kinds, and we're excited to announce the winners!

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Congratulations to **Kittana Clarke** in Y11 for first place
BE PROUD! 😊
and an extra addition - 'I'm Proud' of where I'm from.



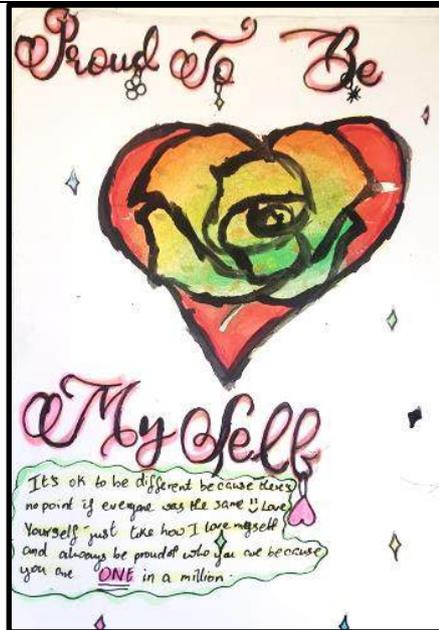
Emilia Andrasz in Y10 for second place
'Proud to be Chaotic'



Mirabel Okyere in Y8 for third place
'Proud to be myself' with a lovely message to go with the artwork

*"It's ok to be different because there's no point if everyone was the same 😊
Love yourself just like how I love myself and always be proud of who you are because you are
ONE in a million!"*

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Runner up/ Special mention - Binbin Huang in Y10

'Proud to be a collector of miscellaneous things, also proud to be random!'



Your creativity and support for Pride Month is truly inspiring and your rewards, Amazon gift cards for the top three entries, are on their way to you!

Well done to all who entered! It was very tough to judge and we were all very impressed with each and every entry! Continue being proud of yourself and of who you are!

- Mr Keating

6.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27



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"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

This passage emphasises unity, diversity, and mutual care within the body of Christ.