

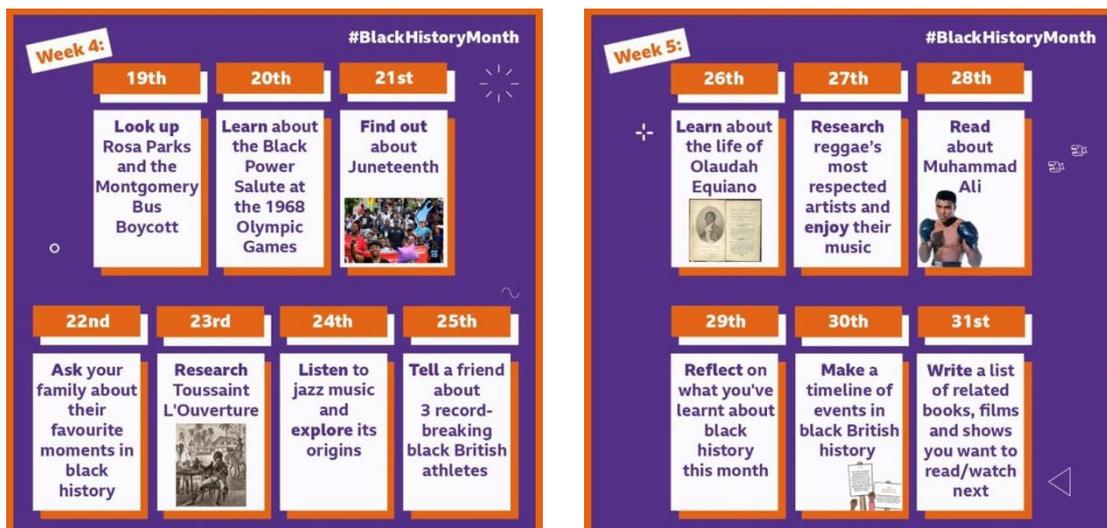
YEAR NEWSLETTER

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Black History Month

Black History Month is the perfect time for us to celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to promote understanding of Black history in general. This October, the global Black Lives Matter campaigns following the murder of George Floyd in the US sparked a much-needed discussion on race relations and race-related issues in the UK.

In House, our Black History Month notice board gives students ideas for how they might engage with Black history every day of October. Here are some for you to try out over the holidays!



Week 4: #BlackHistoryMonth

19th	20th	21st	
Look up Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott	Learn about the Black Power Salute at the 1968 Olympic Games	Find out about Juneteenth	
22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Ask your family about their favourite moments in black history	Research Toussaint L'Ouverture	Listen to jazz music and explore its origins	Tell a friend about 3 record-breaking black British athletes

Week 5: #BlackHistoryMonth

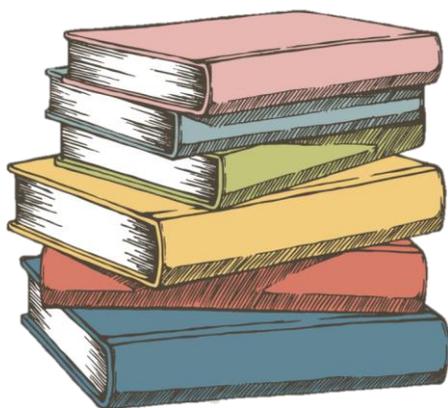
26th	27th	28th
Learn about the life of Olaudah Equiano	Research reggae's most respected artists and enjoy their music	Read about Muhammad Ali
29th	30th	31st
Reflect on what you've learnt about black history this month	Make a timeline of events in black British history	Write a list of related books, films and shows you want to read/watch next

The History Department is also running a great school-wide competition, titled **'Hidden History and Forgotten Voices'**: students have been encouraged to produce a project on an aspect of history, or a specific event or individual, that they think has been neglected.

All entries will be used to think about how students' ideas can be integrated into our school curriculum, and winning entries will receive a copy of *Black Tudors* (a really incredible book on the untold stories of African presence in Tudor Britain) as well as being included in the department's 'The Ages' History magazine!

If you haven't submitted your project yet, the half-term holidays are the perfect time for you to contribute to Wymondham College's celebration of Black history this October – whether it's a poster, a letter, a PowerPoint, or an article, have a go!!

Half-Term Revision Tips



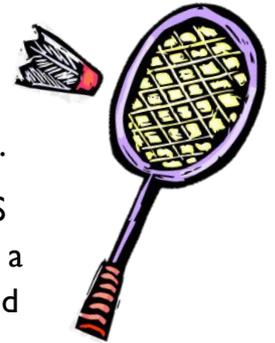
- Set up a comfortable study space, separate from where you rest so that you can easily escape when you need a break
- Stay in touch with friends & help one another stay on track – you are in this together!
- Find a balance between revising & doing things you enjoy (like spending time with family)
- Use the most effective study methods for your learning style (are you a visual / auditory / kinesthetic / read-write learner?) – check out this blog post for some useful tips: <https://www.tutordocor.co.uk/blog/2015/september/understanding-your-childs-learning-style/>
- Plan in advance what you need to revise, when you have time to do it, & how you will do it – spread out your revision over the holidays so that you have plenty of time to focus
- Decide whether to revise by time or content – will you work on English for 2 hours straight (remember to take mini breaks every 30-45 minutes!), or will you aim to cover a particular sub-topic that day?
- Make sure to spend some time on all your subjects – set up a timetable & stick to it!
For example,...

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	English 1 hour	Physics 2 hours		French 2 hours	RE 2 hours		English 1 hour
Afternoon	Biology 2 hours		History 1 hour	Chemistry 2 hours		Business 2 hours	
Evening	History 1 hour	Textiles 1.5 hours	Maths 2 hours		Textiles 1.5 hours		Sports Studies 2 hours

Wednesday Sports Night!

Wednesday evening sports night has been a huge success this term! Each week students eagerly await the signup sheets to enjoy a well-deserved break. The participation from students has been excellent, with more than half of the house enjoying their shortened prep by playing hockey with Mr Morgan, badminton with Miss Yates, or using the gym with Mr Wyndham.

The ongoing doubles badminton between Mr Summers and Miss Yates VS Joana and Lucy, with the score currently 4 – 1 to the staff team, has been a personal highlight. A huge well done to all students who have joined in and keep up the amazing participation!



Friday Night Entertainment

Since the peace and quiet of exeat weekend, we have had two exciting Friday nights of entertainment to make up for it.

In week 4 of term we held House Bingo in the prep room, with over SIXTY boarders testing their luck (and listening skills) to win bags of goodies – including a luxury Cushelle toilet roll!



At the end of week 5 boarders came together to prove their skill in our very own version of the popular TV show THE CUBE. Mr Whitbourn, Miss Steer and Miss Lambert took students through 7 tasks in which they had 9 lives to try to DEFEAT THE CUBE! While the flip-cup challenge proved the most popular challenge, the agility-balance test certainly brought the most laughter and smiles...

Well done to all who showed up & had a go!



Final Night Just Dance Competition

Mr Whitbourn ran an incredible Wii Just Dance competition for our last evening in House. Thursday-night prep finished slightly early, and cheese toasties and matrons' baked treats were enjoyed while students battled it out in pairs on the prep-room dancefloor. Through the preliminary round many pairings talents started to shine through. leading to close competition going into the quarterfinals, semi, and finals. Underdog and late sign-up Alex and Jaden sneakily brushed off competition in the early stages to set up a final showdown with Yinka and Sade. Mr Saxobeat was elected as the final song, and the final pairs were accompanied by a brilliant group of backing dancers. With the added support Alex and Jaden maintained their early form to take the championship in fine fashion. Well done lads!

Thanks to all those who took part with special mentions to our other semi-finalists: Bea and Ryan, Yinka and Sade, Sofia and Josie.

