

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH NEWSLETTER AT EGS 2025

Standing Firm in Power and Pride!

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## Our Black History Month Focus

Black History Month is celebrated across the United Kingdom every October, recognising the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. This year, while the national theme is *Standing Firm in Power and Pride*, our school has launched its own focus. We are encouraging students to reflect on what pride and empowerment mean within our community and to think about how these values can be shown through their words and actions every day.

## Black History Month: Week 2 Engagement

### Form Time Activities: Voices of Pride and Power

As part of Black History Month, students have been taking part in “*Reading Voices of Pride and Power*” during form time. Over the last 2 weeks forms have explored inspiring stories and poems by Black authors, celebrating pride, identity, and strength. These sessions have helped students learn more about different voices and experiences that continue to shape our world today.



## Cultural Food

This week, students and staff tucked into a tasty Cultural Food Lunch, featuring Rice & Peas with Jerk Chicken and Macaroni Cheese on Wednesday 8 October 2025. The atmosphere was buzzing as everyone came together to enjoy amazing flavours, celebrate our diverse cultures, and share good vibes over great food!

A massive thank you to Ms Roberts, Ms Jarvis, and the catering team for serving up such a fantastic feast and making the day one to remember!



### Student Quotes:

“The food tasting was amazing! I got to try dishes I would’ve never had before, and it was cool learning where they came from.” *Year 9 student*

“I loved how the food showed the mix of cultures and history. It made me realise how much influence African and Caribbean cooking has around the world.” *Year 11 student*

“It was really nice to celebrate through food — it brought everyone together and made the day feel special.” *Year 10 student*

The celebration of culture and community will carry on throughout October, with a variety of food events for everyone to enjoy.

## Cross - Curricular Focus

This month, lessons across the school have come alive as departments celebrate *Black excellence, identity, and achievement* all linked to this year's inspiring theme, "*Voices of Pride and Power.*"

In **Science**, students explored the groundbreaking work of George Washington Carver, Mae Jemison, Charles Henry Turner, and Katherine Johnson a remarkable scientist whose discoveries continue to shape our world.

In **Maths** lessons shone a spotlight on brilliant African mathematicians.

In **Music**, students immersed themselves in Blues, West African drumming, and the powerful songs of Stevie Wonder, learning how music can drive social change.

In **Psychology** students examined the work of pioneering Black British psychologists & Psychiatry, whilst In **History**, students uncovered hidden stories of Black Romans in Britain, Empire Soldiers in WWI, and inspirational figures like Yaa Asantewaa.

In **MFL** students celebrated French-speaking icons such as actor Omar Sy, exploring identity and representation through language.

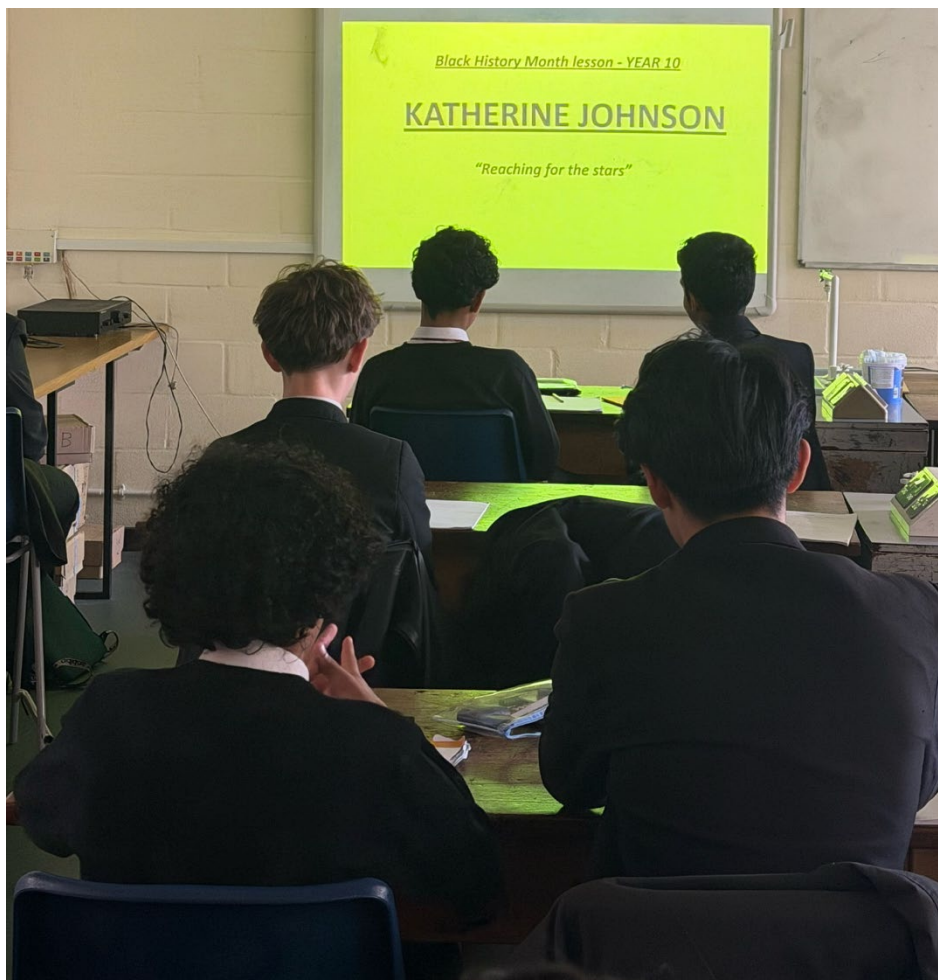
In **IT**, students explored the amazing achievements of *Black pioneers in technology!* KS3 students discovered innovators like Mark Dean, Katherine Johnson, and Clarence Ellis, creating digital presentations to celebrate their impact. KS4 students looked at how these trailblazers shaped modern tech and linked their work to GCSE topics. Some even coded their own Python programs that displayed inspiring quotes from Black tech leaders, a perfect mix of creativity and coding!

In **Business Studies** lessons focused on the remarkable contributions of Black business people to British culture, society, and the economy. Students explored innovators, past and present, learning about their businesses, their innovations, and the benefits these have brought to communities. This inspired students to think about entrepreneurship, creativity, and impact in their own lives.

Across every subject, students are celebrating stories of creativity, courage, and innovation, reminding us all of the *power and pride* found in every voice that shapes our world.



Psychology – A- level



Science - Year 10

## Change In the Narrative

On Tuesday 14 October, our students were invited to the Houses of Parliament to attend a special screening of *Romeo n Juliet 4EVA*, which was recently awarded Best Diaspora Film in Africa.

Before the screening, students took part in an engaging workshop where they explored the concept of creating their own narratives. This encouraged them to think critically about how they can reshape their own stories and perspectives, both in their lives and in the world around them.

The film was particularly inspiring, as the actors were school students who are passionate about pursuing careers in acting. Seeing young people like themselves on screen encouraged our students to recognise the power of storytelling, to stand firm in their identity, and to take pride in who they are.

Exploring Shakespeare through a modern and culturally relevant lens, the experience tied in perfectly with our Black History Month theme: “Standing Firm in Power and Pride,” celebrating creativity, identity, and the reimagining of classic stories through diverse perspectives.



## Looking Ahead

Next week, we will continue our Black History Month celebrations with more cultural spotlights, student reflections, and interactive activities that will keep the spirit of *Standing Firm in Power and Pride* alive throughout October.

Together, we remain committed to celebrating diversity, honouring heritage, and inspiring every student to stand firm with pride and purpose.

## Don't Miss Out

Join us for our **first ever Black History Month Celebration at Enfield Grammar School**. Enjoy an evening of live music, delicious food, fun stalls and fantastic performances, bringing our community together in celebration of culture and heritage.

**Tickets:** Adults £6, Children £3

Available through **ParentPay** or on the door.

**Bring your friends, enjoy the entertainment and be part of this special evening on Friday 17 October 2025.**

