



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH: P4C

Be curious: Our #BlackBritishHeroes 2020

1 You probably know **Marcus Rashford** for his skills on the football pitch, but that's not why he's our **#BlackBritishHero** this year.

Do you know why Marcus Rashford is our #BlackBritishHero?

During lockdown, Marcus started a **campaign to ask the Government** to provide **free school meals** for children from **low-income families** over the summer holidays.

After writing an **emotional letter** and **demanding change**, Prime Minister Boris Johnson personally called Marcus to tell him that he would be **giving food vouchers to families** over the holidays.

2 **Dzagbele Matilda Asante** is nearly 93 years old, yet came to England to train as a nurse when she was just 20.

Not only did she **dedicate her entire life to looking after others**, she also spoke up **against racism**, got involved in **politics** and went on to become **Ghana's High Commissioner to the UK and Ireland!**

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3 **Lavinya Stennett** is the founder of a new organisation called **The Black Curriculum**.

At **just 23 years old**, she started the organisation because she's **passionate** about every young person **learning about Black British history**, and has even spoken to the **Government** about her plans.

Click the image to hear from Lavinya on what inspired her to start the Black Curriculum.

4 **Tony Warner** is the founder of **Black History Walks** – a way to discover the hidden African heritage around the city of London and across the UK.

He is also the **director of education at 100 Black Men of London** – a charity that **mentors and empowers young Black people** to achieve their potential in their education and their health and wellbeing.

B:M2020
DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

It's **Black History Month** here in the UK – a month to learn about and **celebrate the achievements of Black people in Britain**.

This year, the conversation feels **more important than ever**, as there have been many events, protests and discussions about racism, both here in the UK and across the world.

One of the discussions that has been amplified this year is **whether the school curriculum teaches young people enough about Black British History**, and whether it provides enough **Black British role models** for young people today.

Click below to hear part of a poem by Samuel King. Do you agree with him?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNfH41-LI4w>

What is representation?

Representation means that we see **all different types of people** in what we read, listen to and learn about. This could be through:

- The **people you see on TV and in films**
- The **people you read about in books**
- The **characters you see in games**
- The **faces in adverts or magazines**
- The **people you learn about at school**
- People we see in positions of power**

On your own or with a partner, can you think of three characters in films, TV, books or games that you feel "represent" you? It could be...

- Someone who **looks like you?**
- Someone who **acts like you?**
- Someone who has a **similar story to you?**

How easy or hard was it for you to think of these examples? Why do you think that is?

Rokeby's last **Philosophy for Children (P4C)** session focussed on issues relating to Black History Month. All students take part in P4C sessions every half term, which is an enquiry based form of learning. The sessions provide students with an opportunity to discuss, as a class, issues that are important to them. Through P4C, students appreciate that it's not about winning an argument but about taking part in reasonable dialogue, listening to and respecting others' views, becoming more confident speakers and reflecting on all sides of an argument before reaching a conclusion.

*P4C allows us to express our views without fear of being criticised or judged. During our last enquiry we discussed Black History Month and the achievements of important people from history, such as Rosa Parks and Muhammed Ali, as well as current role models such as Barack Obama. We also talked about recent events that have been in the media and the Black Lives Matter movement. I really enjoy P4C; discussions might get lively but students respect each others' views and it is important to talk about these issues. **Essa, P4C Champion***



Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Nothing changes if nothing changes”

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to six Year 8 students who have been selected to take part in the regional finals of the languages Spelling Bee. The competition will take place on Monday, 2nd November and if successful the students will go through to the national finals in the summer term.

The aim of the Spelling Bee is for students to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling and memory skills in French, Spanish and German and to raise the profile of language learning through class, school and regional competitions.

The **French** spellers are:

Hisham (8E)
Kaif (8R)
Umair (8R)

The **Spanish** spellers are:

Sazid (8Y)
Syam (8Y)
Sinan (8Y)

Bonne chance!
Buena suerte!
Good luck!



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Ms Sarumi, MCFL Department

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Could you be the next Student Leader?

The role requires you to:

- ★ Be the ‘face’ of Rokeby;
- ★ Present to governors and school leaders about projects and changes you are involved in;
- ★ Be available to attend all school events such as parents’ evenings, awards evenings and concerts;
- ★ Have good attendance and punctuality;
- ★ Be a positive role model at all times
- ★ Work hard in all lessons, always ‘daring to be the best’.

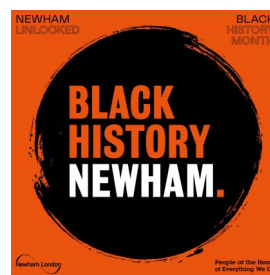
STUDENT LEADER

To be considered, applicants must speak to Ms Hobbs and complete this [application form](#).
Deadline: Friday 13th November.

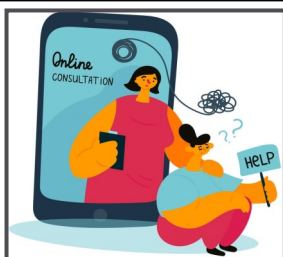
HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

There’s lots of activities taking place over half term for both students and families. Click on the links below to find out more.

- ◆ The Youth Empowerment Service runs [weekly programmes](#) of events at each of its youth zones.
- ◆ There’s a wide variety of activities and events taking place across the borough to celebrate Black History Month including family quizzes, films and virtual theatre performances. [Newham Unlocked](#) has a full events listing.
- ◆ [Newham Bookshop](#) is running a series of virtual author events.
- ◆ [Active Newham](#) has partially re-opened its leisure centres and is running a revised programme of activities in-line with COVID-19 guidelines.



STUDENT REMINDERS:



CALENDAR

W/b Mon 26th Oct
Half term

12th November
Yr9 Parents’ Eve

18th November
Yr7 Inspiring Futures

30th November
Staff Learning Day

[View all events](#)

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:

90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week.

90% attendance over one school year = 4 whole weeks of missed lessons!

How is YOUR tutor group doing?

Congratulations this week go to:

7E with 100% attendance

WORD OF THE WEEK

Can you find the meaning of the word below and make a sentence?

Word: Perspicuous

How about really challenging yourself and making a sentence in your language subject.

 **Clair(e)**

 **Claro/a**

 **Заметный**

Once you have made your sentence(s), see your English teacher and/or your language teacher for an achievement point.