

26th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Black History Month Events at Mulberry UTC - October 2024

As part of our commitment to celebrating Black History Month (BHM) at Mulberry UTC, we have planned a series of exciting events in October, based on feedback from our students. We encourage all students to take part and enjoy the diverse range of activities.

Please note that most events will cost £1, so we advise that students wishing to participate bring cash to school for their contributions.

We are also excited to announce that all funds raised during BHM will support a special cause. Five students from Lenana Girls High School in Kitale, Kenya, have been invited to London to attend the **Global Girl Leading Summit**. This summit is hosted by the Mulberry Schools Foundation and Mulberry Schools Trust, in partnership with Applied Stories, a UK-based audio drama production company. The funds will help cover their travel, food, and other costs while they are in the UK. Your contributions will directly support these students during their time here!

Below is a breakdown of the events scheduled for the first week of October:

BHM Events:

Tuesday, 1st October

- **Face Painting** – The View & Café (£1)
- **Aluminium Boat Contest** – The Café (£1)

Wednesday, 2nd October

- **Loom Band Making** – The View & Café (£1)
- **Rock Paper Scissors Contest** – The Café (£1)

Thursday, 3rd October

- **Movie Night: Black Panther** – Theatre, 4:00pm to 6:15pm
(£1 entry; £1 for snacks – popcorn &/candy)

Friday, 4th October: BHM Celebration Day

- **Optional 90s Theme Non-Uniform Day** (£1 donation on arrival)
Students can come dressed in 90s-themed outfits or their own clothes.
 - **Lunch Event: 12:20pm - 1:20pm**
 - **Special performance by Tanzanian musician Freddy Macha** (speaking drums)
 - **Student performances** (spoken word, poetry, rapping, singing, dancing)
 - **Staff Jollof Rice Cook-off: Nigeria vs. Ghana**
Five staff volunteers will compete in this exciting cooking contest!
 - To allow students to fully participate in the Friday lunch event, students will be dismissed from lessons at 12:20 PM. **Sixth Form students may choose to leave the site and finish for the day at this time, but only if they do not have a Period 5 lesson at 1:20 PM.**
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Throughout October:

- BHM hidden history assemblies
- BHM-themed resources in tutor time
- Themed music played throughout the school
- Weekly themed cuisine from the Caribbean and the African continent

We hope that these events will encourage our students to engage with and celebrate Black History Month in a meaningful way. Your support in encouraging participation and ensuring students have a small amount of cash for activities is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to contact the school office.
Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,



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