

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Standing Firm in Power and Pride



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

October is Black History Month. Each year we take this time to learn, reflect, and celebrate the contributions of Black people — in the UK and around the world — contributions that have often been ignored or overlooked in the past. This year's theme is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride.”

It's about remembering those who stood strong in the face of injustice, and celebrating the creativity, leadership, and courage that continues to shape our world today.



WHAT OBSTACLES HAVE BLACK PEOPLE FACED?

Black people have been in Britain for thousands of years- Cheddar man- a skeleton found from 10,000 year ago- had dark skin- so black people have been here forever! Large immigration took place in the 1950s and 60s with the 'Windrush generation', where the British government ASKED people from the Caribbean to move here to help rebuild Britain post WW2- they took on essential roles such as nurses, train drivers and builders. However, they faced mass racism, attacks, protests, housing refusal and abuse for being 'immigrants'. There was huge backlash against black people and the country was very divided. In the 1970s and 80s, they were often labelled as 'criminals' and faced many issues. That is why it is so important to celebrate Black History Month and celebrate their impact.



This is what happens when we don't celebrate diversity



Wage gap- black people at university graduate level are paid on average 18% less than white people

Black women are 5x more likely to die in maternity services than white women

Black people are **9x more likely to be stopped and searched** by the police

Racially motivated Hate Crimes are the highest reported type of Hate Crime in the UK. **A total of 109,843** racially aggravated offences were recorded in 2021/2022 – an increase by 19%

Over 1/3 of people from minority ethnic groups have been assaulted (University of Manchester)

Between **40-50%** of people from Black Caribbean, Any other Black, and White and Black Caribbean groups reported facing racist abuse while out shopping, in parks, cafes or restaurants or on public transport. (King's College, London)

Black people are more likely to receive a **harsher police response- 5x more** likely to be charged than cautioned or warned.

UK **poverty rate is twice as high** for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups as for white groups. (JRF).

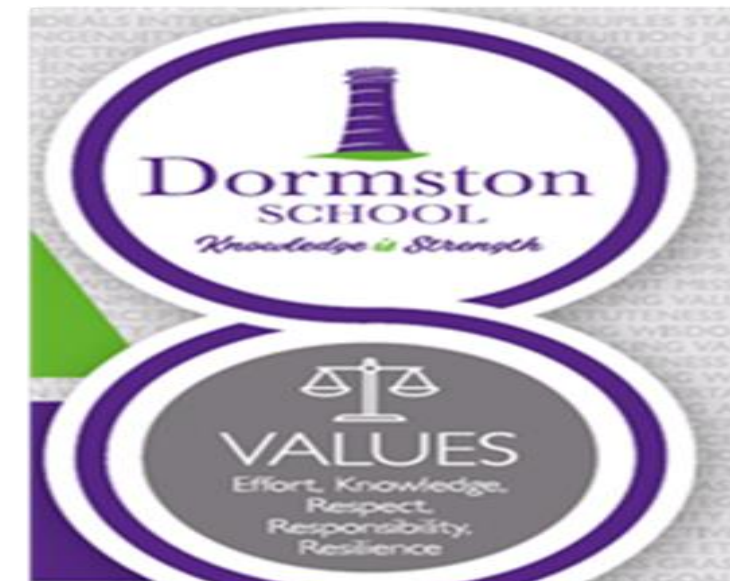
Race Equality Foundation shows that Bangladeshi households are 63 per cent and **Black African households 75 per cent more likely than white British households to suffer 'housing deprivation'** eg. insufficient heating.

Homelessness- In Wolverhampton, for example, in 2011, 26 per cent of the population were from a BAME community, but these same communities made up about **40 per cent of the homeless cases** seen by the local authority.

Why it matters

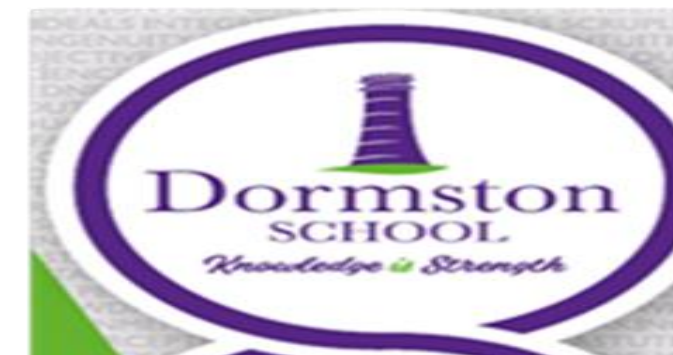
- UK census 2021- 82% of people identified with a White ethnic group, 74% White British, 9% with an Asian ethnic group, 4% with a Black ethnic group, 3% with Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups, and 2% with other ethnic groups.
- 50% of Dudley College students are non- white British
- Dudley= 82.4% White British
- Wolverhampton= 54.7% White British

Wolverhampton was the local authority with the largest proportion of Punjabi speaking residents (6.5%).



**British values- mutual tolerance and
respect**

**School values- Respect,
Knowledge, Responsibility**



Why Black History Month?

The achievements and contributions of Black people have been fundamental to history, but have often been overlooked, distorted or ignored.

It is important we highlight the history that has been ignored, and we continue to celebrate the achievements of the Black community today.

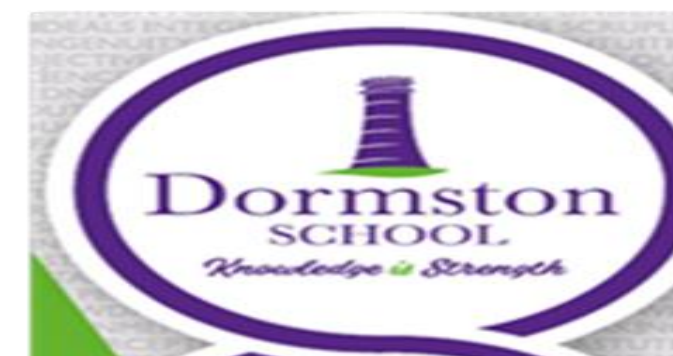
What does the Black Lives Matter movement stand for?

Black Lives Matter advocate racial equality and justice. BLM protest incidents of police brutality and all racially motivated violence against black bodies.

What does it mean to be 'anti-racist'?

"Anti-racism is an active and conscious effort to work against multi-dimensional aspects of racism,"

-Professor Robert J. Patterson



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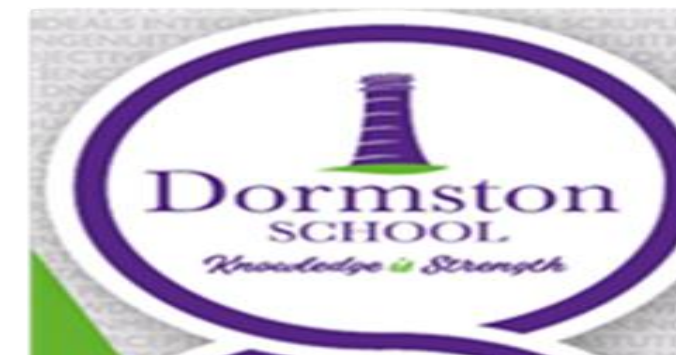
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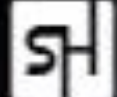


WHERE IS MY HUSBAND

RAYE


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Weeks: 2



 Official Charts Top 10 in 60 Seconds | 3rd October 2025

Keep Watching 1

Click to Unmute

 **9** **OLIVIA DEAN**
SO EASY (TO FALL IN LOVE)

Official Charts Top 10 in ... 01:05

AD How Bruce Springsle... **BORN TO RUN** 02:18

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- Raye is Ghanian- Swiss

POWER & PRIDE

WHAT DOES THE THEME OF POWER AND PRIDE MEAN?

- Power is not just about being in charge. It can mean the power of words, the power of community, the power of resilience, and the power to change things that are unfair.
- Pride is about being proud of your identity, your culture, and your story — even when others might have tried to silence or ignore it.

So this month we celebrate the people who refused to step back, who used their power in positive ways, and who carried themselves with pride in who they were.



CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

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In the UK, the civil rights movement was not just something that happened in America.

Let's look at some of the ordinary people, working together, to bring about extraordinary change...



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PAUL STEPHENSON

PAUL STEPHENSON LED THE 1963 BRISTOL BUS BOYCOTT, AFTER A BLACK MAN WAS REFUSED A JOB SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HIS RACE. HIS CAMPAIGN — SUPPORTED BY LEADERS LIKE ROY HACKETT — CHANGED THE LAW AND OPENED DOORS FOR FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN.

MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

Leading the 1963 Bristol Bus Boycott.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Helped end racial discrimination in Bristol's bus company and paved the way for the Race Relations Act.



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OLIVE MORRIS

A FEARLESS YOUNG WOMAN FROM BRIXTON, STOOD FIRM AGAINST RACISM AND SEXISM IN THE 1970S, FIGHTING FOR HOUSING RIGHTS AND SUPPORTING BLACK WOMEN IN EDUCATION AND WORK.

MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

Most well known for:
Fighting racism and
sexism in the 1970s.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Co-founded groups to
support Black women's
rights, housing rights, and
education equality.



POLITICAL TRAILBLAZERS

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Black leaders have also shaped politics in the UK. Today, politicians such as David Lammy continue to speak out on issues of race, justice, and equality. Their work reminds us that leadership means not just holding power, but using it to make life fairer for others.

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DIANE ABBOTT

DIANE ABBOTT BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1987, PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.



MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

Being the first Black woman elected to the House of Commons in 1987.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

A long parliamentary career, campaigning for equality in health, education, and politics.

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DOREEN LAWRENCE

BARONESS DOREEN LAWRENCE TURNED THE TRAGEDY OF HER SON STEPHEN'S RACIST MURDER INTO A LIFELONG CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.



MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

Her campaign after the racist murder of her son Stephen Lawrence.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Changed British law and policing through her fight for justice, and established the Stephen Lawrence Foundation.

CREATIVITY AND CULTURE

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Power and pride also come through creativity. Several black figures from the Arts show that standing firm can mean telling your story, and making space for others to share theirs too.



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BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

THE LATE BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH, ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST LOVED POETS, USED RHYTHM AND WORDS TO CHALLENGE RACISM AND CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

His poetry and performance.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Used poetry to challenge racism, connect with young people, and became one of Britain's most popular poets.



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MALORIE BLACKMAN

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF NOUGHTS AND CROSSES, HAS INSPIRED MILLIONS OF YOUNG READERS AND WAS THE FIRST BLACK CHILDREN'S LAUREATE.



MOST WELL KNOWN FOR...

Author of Noughts and Crosses.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Served as Children's Laureate, inspired millions of young readers, and opened the door for more diverse voices in publishing.

STANDING FIRM IN POWER & PRIDE

This month, let's celebrate these achievements — and think about how we too can stand firm, with pride, in what we believe is right.



Dormston

- We are celebrating Black History Month with a variety of events this month
- Displays in atrium
- Music of black origin played
- **FRIDAY 24th October-** snacks of black origin on sale in yr11 cafe
- Dance class in Gym
- Cane rows in hall in atrium
- Arts and crafts
- Singing- MOBO- have a go!
- Curriculum links
- Starter activities in lessons for BHM
- Food celebrating BHM in canteen
- Awareness Days ppt
- Restorative workshops
- 'Where in the world?' map
- Culture Day- Spring term

