



8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a year away from performing, we are delighted to announce we are reopening our theatre doors at AGFS!

You are cordially invited to our **Black History Month Concert on Thursday 4th November 2021, 6.00 - 7.00pm.**

This is our opportunity to join the nation in the celebration of Black History month, celebrate our cultural diversity and to appreciate the contributions black people have made over the years. The concert will have you clapping to the music, tapping your feet through the dances, and enjoying enriching performances that will remind you just how good it is to be back at the theatre!

Tickets have been designed by our own scholars, and will be sold via WisePay [here](#). Tickets are £1 for scholars and £2 for adults. Although it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask, we strongly encourage audience members to keep these on throughout the performances.

Before the culminating celebration on the 4th, AGFS is hosting several other events for our scholars. During October we'll be discussing black history in assemblies, during family dining, and more. AGFS scholars are invited to the inaugural Black History month lecture at AGFS on **Monday 11th October 3:30-4:30pm**. This year's lectures will see Ms Connolly, Ms Belch and Mr Akinwoleola discuss:

- The Kingdom of Benin: the history of southern Nigeria Empire c. 1180
- Transatlantic Slavery: From Africa to America to Greenwich Park 1450-1780
- The untold story of the British Civil Rights Movement

The university-style lecture will be followed by a Q & A session. Refreshments will be provided. All KS3 scholars are welcome to attend. All GCSE history scholars are required to attend. To provide consent for your child to attend, [click here](#).

To support this event there shall also be a **themed** non-uniform day on Tuesday 19th October 2021 where scholars will be allowed to attend school in **traditional cultural dress of countries of black heritage or an outfit in all black to show support of Black History month** so that we can celebrate Black History through visual representation as well. Those who choose to take part will be expected to pay £1 which will go to support the scholars' chosen charity. If scholars do not want to participate they will need to attend in full school uniform. The school rules remain the same in terms of our uniform expectations so there shall be no makeup, outfits with slogans and messages etc. Please support us by ensuring your child does not attend school in dress that is not in the spirit of this event.



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If your child is performing at the concert, they do not need to purchase a ticket - they will remain on site between the end of the school day and the start of the event for final rehearsals. A separate consent letter will be sent for this.

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

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