



The  
**Birkenhead Park**  
School

**Spiritual**  
**Moral**  
**Social**  
**Cultural**

## October Newsletter

### Assemblies

01 / 10 / 18	V&V / T&L / Books
08 / 10 / 18	Black History Month
15 / 10 / 18	Character: Thoughts, words and deeds
29 / 10 / 18	Human Rights

### Form Focus:

- ★ Black History Month - What is it and why do we celebrate?
- ★ Role Models - and uncelebrated heroes in Black history
- ★ Keeping Safe Everyday - Workplace, road and internet safety

## Black History Month

### What is it and why do we celebrate it?

Students studied the history of black people across the world, looking at notable achievements and contributions from both famous figures and lesser known activists.

They looked at the progress made throughout American history and the challenges still faced by black communities today - questioning whether America has made much progress at all given the number of recent clashes between police and black civilians.



THEME OF THE MONTH

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### Charity Triathlete

Year 10 student Amena attended an audience with The Princess Royal in recognition of her fantastic contribution towards the families ongoing charity efforts.

As part of the Tri 4 Life group, Amena frequently completes gruelling triathlon events and raises money for a number of charity causes in the process. They've supported local Wirral charities as well as the Samaritans, CALM mental health and Rubicon's overseas disaster response team - contributing aid and 400 bicycles to the British Virgin Islands recovery efforts after Hurricane Erma caused devastation in 2017.

Princess Anne had lunch with Amena and her family to celebrate these fantastic achievements.

### Character

As part of our Character programme, students have committed sentences to the front of their exercise books. These sentences detail their aspirations and act as a daily reminder of the type of people they are aiming to become and the kind of influence they would like to have on their friends, family and the community.

Following on from last months lessons, where students learned the formalities of introducing yourself using the proper mannerisms such as a firm, confident handshake and making eye contact, students have been putting this into practice to meet and greet various visitors to the school.

### History

**Spiritual:** Students looked at the beliefs of the medieval church, its beliefs and the growth of Witchcraft influenced by James I's book Demonologies. We also discussed society's religious tolerance then and now.

**Moral:** We studied Civil Rights and the treatment of Black Americans in 1950/60s USA, discussing progress and recent clashes between white police officers and black civilians.

**Social:** Year 7 discussed the importance of the UK in Europe and belonging to the European Union

### British Values

Students reflect upon the loss of life during the two world wars, focusing on Armistice in history lessons and preparing homework projects ahead of our Remembrance service.

### Careers News

Year 11 were invited to Birkenhead Sixth Form College's Open Evening. We have an excellent partnership with the College that gives our students favourable access to the UK's Sixth Form College of the Year. They're able to study a vast range of courses and there's an excellent extra-curricular provision, plus plenty of support and opportunities to go onto University, apprenticeships or into exciting employment opportunities in a diverse range of fields.

**Next Month: Remembrance**