LGBT History Month

LGBTQ History Month is celebrated every year in February. It’s purpose is to promote equality & diversity throughout the UK and help to educate people on Sexual and Gender Identities.

What does LGBTQ mean?

The ‘Q’ in LGBTQ represents the identity Questioning. Anybody can question their gender or sexual identity.
First and foremost......we all have a sexual identity!

This can differ from person to person. We don’t all experience attraction in the same ways, so it is very personal to every individual person.

Some sexual identities you may have heard of could include:

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Heterosexual or Straight

You should never feel pressured to label your sexual identity and is it ok to question!
Gender Identities

And......we all have a gender identity.

Sometimes our gender identity matches our *assigned gender* (the gender we were told we were when we were born), and sometimes it doesn’t.

When our gender identity does NOT match our assigned gender, this is called **Trans** or **Transgender**.

There are many different gender identities. Some of these include:

- Trans
- Cisgender
- Non-Binary

**You should never feel pressured to label your gender identity.**
There are **many** different ways people can identity, and some people may prefer not to have a label at all.

People may choose to tell you how they identify, others may prefer not to. It is important to be respectful of this.
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Key Events in LGBTQ History

2000: The Sexual Offences Act equalises the age of consent. LGBT people are allowed to serve openly in the military.

2002: Transsexualism is declassified as an illness.

2003: Section 28 is repealed in England and Wales.


2008: Age of consent for gay men is lowered to 16 in Northern Ireland.

2010: The Equality Act comes into force protecting people from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender reassignment.

2013: The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act legalises same-sex marriage in England and Wales.

2015: A referendum means same-sex marriage will soon be legal in the Republic of Ireland.

2017: Celebrating 50 years since the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality

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I think **beauty** comes from actually knowing **who you are**. That’s **real** beauty to me.

- Ellen DeGeneres

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**LGBT Role Models**

“Look at me— a big old **black** man under all of this makeup, and if I can look beautiful, so can you.”

RuPaul

“**ONLY YOU KNOW WHO YOU WERE BORN TO BE, AND YOU NEED TO BE FREE TO BE THAT PERSON.**”

-Ruby Rose
LGBTQ History Month

LGBTQ History Month is a CELEBRATION of LGBTQ lives. There are many examples of how you can support & celebrate people’s identity.

Think of your class/form, year group and whole school.

**We are all a team.**

An example of how we can all come together is the story of Gareth Thomas.

Lets look at his story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFeo2epi-Lw
Why are we celebrating?

‘Gareth’s greatest fear wasn’t the opposition on the pitch, it was the fear of rejection from the game he loved’

We want OUR school to be inclusive.

We will NOT tolerate bullying or discriminatory language.

For LGBTQ History month we want to be a visible ally to all identities.
Being an ally means that we will be:

**VISIBLE, SUPPORTIVE & CHALLENGE**

Think about...

How can we do this?

Can you think of any allies in school? E.g. teachers, friends

Are there any celebrity allies you can think of?
"You don't have to be gay to be a supporter. You just have to be human."
Daniel Radcliffe

"Every single American — gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender — every single American deserves to be treated equally in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of our society."
President Obama

"It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals. We should stop defining each other by what we are not and start defining ourselves by who we are."
Emma Watson

"Legalize Gay Marriage"
Macklemore

LGBTQ Allies
How can we celebrate?

Celebration Events?

Displays?
Posters?

Host our own Pride event?