

# The **Enrichment** Insider



## **LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH & EQUALITY**

Everyone is unique in their own way. Regardless of their gender or sexuality they should be treated equally. Sexuality is when you feel love or affection for someone, but sometimes it's not always a girl loving a boy, or a boy loving a girl. This is called the LGBTQ+ community. February is LGBTQ+ history month, where we celebrate people who have fought for LGBTQ+ rights throughout history. However, in many countries this will not be celebrated as there are punishments for being LGBTQ+ or if you are part of the community. Some are quite severe - they carry the death penalty in 11 countries and in 129 other countries, you can be imprisoned for being LGBTQ+ or being connected to the LGBTQ+ in any way.

You can also be punished if you do not identify as the gender you are assigned at birth. For example, 2020 research says that in 37 countries it is illegal to be transgender and in only 96 countries gender change is legal. This unfairly discriminates against them for just living as their true gender identity, a right everyone should have.

Luckily in our country we do not have these restrictions; people can marry, love and be who they want. Although some people still face discrimination gender and sexuality choices, the younger generation are more open to these topics and choices that people have made. Although they may be supportive, there are a number of people who make small comments about the LGBTQ+ community which make people feel uncomfortable. Comments such as 'oh my god, that's so gay!' are examples of the comments that get said amongst people. People must be aware that their small actions can affect some people in different ways, even if it seems like a joke to you, you might be hurting someone else.

Famous icons such as Freddie Mercury, RuPaul Charles, Lady Gaga and Lil Nas X inspire people all over the world to not be afraid and be proud of who they are; no matter gender or sexuality.

By Blossom McGuirke, Rebecca Boyle & Molly Skaife

## YR 7 AND 8 CHINESE NEW YEAR COMPETITION!



Miss Quinn has just run a competition for years 7 and 8. In the competition you needed to create a poster about Chinese New Year. This would've needed to have something about Chinese New Year and maybe the fact that it's the Year of The Tiger or how they celebrate. On Friday The 28th of January the winner was announced – judged by Mrs England. This was the winner's poster:

By Marissa Cheslett

## INTERVIEW WITH MS SAGAR

Recently we had the opportunity to interview Ms Sagar. She was really nice and answered our questions thoroughly and honestly. Despite being shy, she stepped out of her comfort zone and we'd like to thank her for that. Here is our conversation:



**Our first question is, how has the school changed?**

I've been here a long time – for 15 years – and it is completely different. When I first started we were in the old building on Kiddrow Lane. It was cold, it was damp, it had rats – it was very different to the beautiful building we have now. But bricks and mortar aside, the feeling of the school is completely different. What we have done over the years that we have been here, that all of us have worked hard to achieve, is that we have created a really good school where students get a really good education, our staff are happy and we feel like a very, very large family.

**What challenges have you had to overcome to get here?**

There have been different challenges in my life. When I was first a teacher I used to live in Central London and I didn't have very much money at all. So I used to teach during the day and work at Burger King at night! Which was really embarrassing because kids would come in with their parents and make their order and say something like 'Miss can I have a burger and fries' and parents would say 'why are you calling her Miss?' Then they would say because that's my maths teacher! And that was quite challenging in those days. So you know, probably not having enough money has been one of the hardships I've faced, mainly because Central London is quite expensive. But also, keeping going. You get tired, you get worn down but you just have to stay strong and tough it out.

### Who or what inspired you to be a teacher?

Probably Mr Clugston who was my Maths teacher when I was at secondary school. He just used to come in every day with a spring in his step. It was quite a challenging school to be in, so some of the students were a little bit naughty, but he used to smile all of the time and he was just the most positive person I ever met. He always had a stash of Mars bars for if you were doing particularly well so he could just throw one at you. He just made learning really fun and accessible. When you were in his class everyone just got on with what they should be doing. Mr Clugston – thank you very much!

### Did you have other jobs before you were a teacher?

Well, when I was young I had loads of jobs. I really started working at a young age. I did everything from doing jobs in the village to paper rounds to cycling a bicycle with an ice cream trunk on it! I've worked so hard from being little so I had enough money to go to university. I was the first person in my whole family to get an education beyond 16. But then actually, after university I went straight into teaching so all I have ever done with my life is be at school! I've never had a gap year or been out of a classroom as either a teacher or a student – I really have spent my whole life in schools!

### Do you have any pets?

My goodness, yes! I have an amazing border terrier called Bryn who is 6 months old. He is just beautiful. And, as well as Bryn I have seven guinea pigs.



### What do you see yourself doing in the future?

In my future I would really love to travel because there is so much of the world I haven't seen.

### How would you describe the school atmosphere?

I love our school. I feel that students look after each other and teachers look after students. And sometimes, the students even look after the teachers. I love that we have developed that ethos and community and a family spirit. **By Abbie Hartley**

**Catarina Romao Hussain & Marcy Briggs**

## THE LIBRARY

The school library is a place that everyone has the right to enjoy. It is available for people of all reading calibre. Despite what people may think, the library isn't only a place for books. At the library you can use the computers for fun with friends or doing homework. You can also discover new interests that you may have never thought of exploring. Religion and social study books are also available as it may be crucial for your learning development if you show interest in those courses. In the library there is a large variety of books ranging in many subjects. From classic stories to non-fiction wonders, the library has something for everyone. In the morning from 8:00 until 8:30, you can volunteer in the library. If you are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh, this will contribute towards your volunteer aspect.

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**Mr Swindells**  
(Library and Literacy coordinator)



**Reading**  
IS DREAMING  
WITH  
**open eyes**

We have some book recommendations for you from us and staff that we asked:

- "Awful Auntie" by David Walliams
- "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall" by Anne Bronte
- "The Makioka Sisters" by Junichiro Tanizaki
- "Gaslight" by Eloise Williams
- "Billionaire" Boy by David Walliams
- "Matilda" by Roald Dahl
- "Goth Girl" by Chris Riddell
- "We Are All Made of Molecules" by Susin Neilson
- "Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13  $\frac{3}{4}$ " by Sue Townsend (recommended by Mr Greenhalgh)
- "Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda" by Becky Albertalli (recommended by Ms Hudson)

We asked Mr Swindells how he would describe the library and this is what he told us: "The library is the perfect place to come and develop your love for reading - we have thousands of resources (old and new) for students to sink their teeth into. From Shakespearean and Dickensian classics, new thriving writers like Holly Bourne and local talent such as the award-winning Nathan Parker, there truly is something for everyone! I truly believe in the saying that 'a child who reads becomes an adult who thinks'"

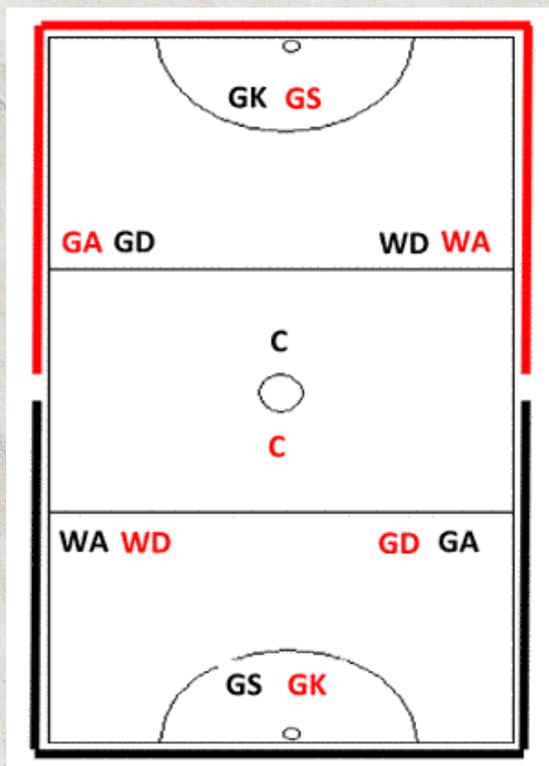
By Millie Jenkinson & Megan McEvoy

## CREATE CLUB

CREATE club is a club hosted in the art rooms. It's a place where people can go to do projects as well as a place where people can just be creative and do what they like. Currently the pupils attending the club are making giant ornaments using Chinese lanterns and paper mâché. Its quite close to completion so they should be moving on to a new project soon. It is hosted every Monday and I strongly advise you to come and enjoy some activities or just relax and do what art you like.

By Catarina Romao Hussain

## NETBALL



Each player has a different skill for the team. If you are thinking of coming, remember your P.E. kit and try your best to turn up every week. We would really appreciate it. You may know that football is on the same day as our netball club. If you want, you can do netball on one week and football on the other. Netball is a great way to make friends, have fun and keep fit!



### What are the rules?

You are not allowed to hold the ball for more than 2 seconds. Do not step out of/ into the area that you are allowed in. A throw in is taken when the ball goes off court. Throw ins are awarded against the team that touched the ball last and must be taken from off the court. The positions of the game are GK, GS, C, WA, WD, GA and GD. The Wing Defence can play in the defensive and centre thirds of the netball court. However, they cannot play in the goal circle.



We will explain the rules more in details if you want to join us. 😊

If you have any questions, then please ask Mrs Pemberton, Miss Pierce or Mrs Gabriel.

Netball is on every Monday starting from 15:05.

By Miley McEvoy & Abbie Thompson

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

There are loads of after school clubs ranging from sports to computing, newsletter to music. There's one for everyone. Last term, everyone was given an enrichment timetable telling you what clubs were on and where. There are great benefits that you get from these clubs. Like a jump boost on your skills or support for your GCSEs.



Eco club is one of the many clubs I go to. If you like being creative and making things using recycled materials then here is a club you'll enjoy. You can bring in any things you've used like bottles, crisp packets, bottle tops, milk cartons, anything like this and then you can help us make more things and not waste them.

### Now let's hear from the Club Leaders!

Miss Bates runs girls' football, and they are setting up a team to play against other schools. She enjoys running girls' football because when she was younger only boys could play. She also runs mixed cricket, and she says that once you learn the basics it's a really fun and friendly game.



"I love running Newsletter and hearing all of my students' brilliant ideas! My favourite part is when we see it printed and students are so proud of themselves! We have the freedom to write about lots of different things from causes that matter to students, to enrichment clubs - even interviewing staff and students!" - Ms Hudson

But let other people tell you about their favourite after school clubs and why they enjoy them:

Alicja 7S said her favourite after school club is newsletter because "it's fun and we have an amazing teacher."

Next, Blossom (Y9) said that drama is her favourite because "I have a good laugh".



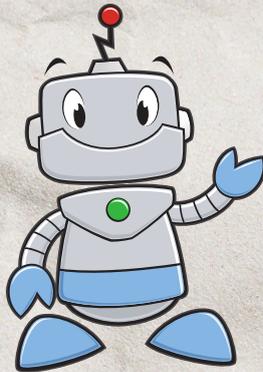
Then Lucie-Ann (Y7) shared that she likes to do Spanish and sports saying - "Who doesn't like sports and I like learning Spanish."

After, Charlotte (Y7) said that she likes Netball and Maths and wants to start doing cricket. Finally,

Oscar 7U said he loves to play football.



Miss Quinn runs MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) and this term she is doing Chinese. She said, "each term we change languages." They learn about a country's cultures and language. And this term they are making Chinese New Year Decorations.



Mr Myers runs robotics club. He states that, "Mrs Price started the club and asked me to help out. She soon left on maternity leave. The club has grown from 5 to 6 members to about 20 members." They want to win this year's Northwest Robotics Completion.



Mrs Fox runs three clubs! She says, "drama club is so much fun! We've had mini performances of pantomimes, we've created our own back story to music and we've played some brilliant drama games/challenges. Drama club is open to all students in year 7, 8, 9 and 10. We usually meet in room 204."



She also runs creative writing club with help from Miss Rawnsley. "This is a new club we've started where students can show off their imaginative skills and wonderful writing. Some of the amazing work created by students has been shared on our school social media pages. We will be running competitions too!" And she helps support our year 11s with their revision. "Y11 revision club is a club where Y11 can come and revise with their friends. There are lots of resources available to help Y11 revise and there is a member of staff on hand to help."

There is a club for absolutely everyone – so have a look at our latest timetable on the website and get involved!

By Marissa Cheslett.



## Here are the riddles we asked you last time with answers:

I'm a catchy carol and a tune which likes to rhyme. I contain twelve grand gifts that come around Christmas time. What am I?

### 12 Days of Christmas

Which one of Santa's reindeer can be seen on Valentines day?

### Cupid

Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?

Because they keep dropping their needles!

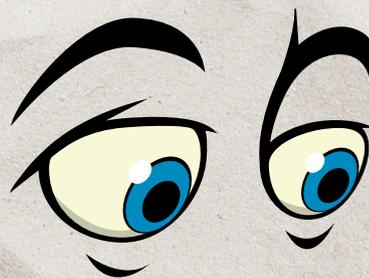


## This time we want to know:

What goes up the stairs without moving?



When there is more of me you see less - what am I?



Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I will die. What am I?



## Answers next time!