



A community of transformation founded on love, hope & trust

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Principal: Hannah Fahey

Dear Parents and Carers,

18 October 2023

RE: Black History Month Celebration Evening, Wednesday 8th November: 5:00pm-7pm

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your families to join us at our Black Excellence Celebration Evening to commemorate the end of our Black History month celebrations.

The theme of Black History Month at St Mark's this year is: **Celebrating Excellence**. Here at St Mark's we are celebrating the excellent contributions that black people have made and continue to make to our community, our country and our world. As a diverse Church of England Academy underpinned by the values of love, hope and trust, the focus has been affirming and celebrating identity, inspiring our students to see excellence within themselves and to lead excellent lives.

Throughout the month of October, we will be engaging our students in workshops, led by outstanding members of the community, who are excelling in various fields and careers. Our students will also have the opportunity to enter a piece in our Black Excellence Poster Competition, participate in assemblies, and interact with writing material from black authors.

The event on Wednesday 8th November will be a night of great celebration through music, drama, and spoken word. The evening will include:

- Our Academy Choir
- Our Academy drummers
- Amazing Gospel singing
- A special live DJ Black History celebratory music compilation
- Delicious Cultural Refreshments and more.

We will begin the evening with refreshment – a taste of cultural cuisine – at 4:30pm. You are also free to wear cultural clothing on the evening if you so desire, as we celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

It promises to be an amazing evening of fun, food and fellowship. You do not want to miss it!

How to book:

The event is completely free. However, you must register using the link below. Any Year 7-11 student that wants to attend must attend with a parent/carers (only Year 12 and 13 students can attend unaccompanied). Please complete a separate form for each child/student attending the event with you. You can access the form by clicking this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KsvbZhe81d>



Spaces can be booked from today, throughout the half term and up until Friday 4th November. However, once bookings have reached the capacity figure, we are unable to issue any more tickets. We therefore encourage you to book early. The only people who do not need to book tickets in this way are those who are performing on the evening.

Any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to email Mr. Richard Young, the event coordinator at ryoung@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Fahey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hannah Fahey
Principal