



Equality and Diversity Parent Newsletter

Welcome to our second edition of the equality and diversity parent newsletter. Here you will find information about upcoming assemblies and events organised by the pupil Equality and Diversity Committee, and resources put together by the staff forum to support the work of the pupil committee each half-term. All images are hyperlinked - click on image.

Equality and Diversity Committee:

Each half-term the pupil committee will be delivering a week of assemblies to all year groups on a particular theme/aspect. This year these will be as follows: Black History; Disability History; World Religion and Culture; Women's History; Neurodiversity Awareness; Asian Heritage Month; Pride. In addition they will lead on religious celebrations, historical commemorations and awareness days during the half-term.

This half-term the pupil committee will be delivering assemblies on **Disability History Month**. There will be accompanying activities and resources.



Book Recommendation:

The Pretty One: On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love with Me by Keah Brown

Keah Brown's collections of essays explore everything from her relationship with her able-bodied identical twin (called "the pretty one" by friends) to navigating romance; her deep affinity for all things pop culture—and her disappointment with the media's distorted view of disability; and her declaration of self-love with the viral hashtag #DisabledAndCute.



Update:

Thank you for all your support with **Black History Month**. The students involved in showcasing their heritage, history and culture really enjoyed sharing with staff and students. Look out for Babara Idowu's write-up for the school news page.

Every lunchtime at 1-1:15pm, the Dance Studio will be used as a **multi-faith prayer room** for private prayer and reflection.

Miss Maisey is Equality and Diversity Lead. She is responsible for overseeing equality and diversity at BHGS. She is the chair of the staff forum, provides guidance to the pupil committee and the key contact for parents. Please feel free to contact her with any suggestions or would like to be involved in a parent equality and diversity forum. smaisey@bishophatfield.herts.sch.uk

Podcast Recommendation:

You're Dead To Me:
Disability in the Ancient World

Learn about the stories of disability from over a thousand years of history, including people with disabilities excelling on the battlefield and others with very well-dressed guide dogs.



Greg Jenner is joined by comedian Rosie Jones and historian Dr Jane Draycott

Parent Resources and local ideas:

[Disability History Month Newsletter](#) - The history of disability and the treatment of people with disabilities

[Historic England Disability History](#) - A history of disability - timeline and audio clips

[KIDS](#) - Resources, support and guidance

[NSPCC - Love Life Resources](#) - Resources for young people with Learning Disabilities

If you would like to contribute book recommendations, podcasts or resources to a future edition of the equality and diversity newsletter please email Miss Maisey directly.

