

## Equality and Diversity Parent Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn H/T 1 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. All images are hyperlinked - click on image.

### Equality and Diversity Committee:

This half-term we will be celebrating **Black History Month**.

The theme for this year, is **'Saluting our Sisters'** to highlight the crucial role of Black women in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities.

The pupil committee be delivering assemblies, providing accompanying optional form-time activities and resources, and organising a lunch-time celebration exhibition.

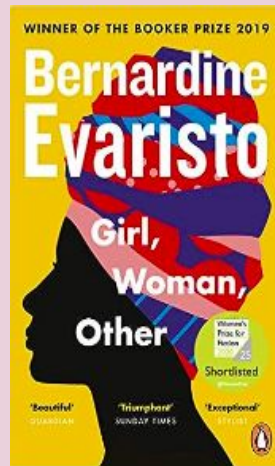


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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

### Book Recommendation:

*Girl, Woman, Other*  
Bernardine Evaristo

This is Britain as you've never read it. This is Britain as it has never been told. *Girl, Woman, Other* follows a cast of twelve characters on their personal journeys. They're each looking for something - a shared past, an unexpected future, a place to call home, somewhere to fit in, a lover, a missed mother, a lost father, even just a touch of hope . . .



### Parent Resources and local ideas:

[BHM National Poetry Competition](#) - Black History Month Official website

[Our Black History Heroes](#) - cbbc series featuring many Black heroes from history.

[Talking to children about racism](#) - NSPCC resources, support and guidance.

[Ballet Black: Pioneers](#) - Ballet Black: Pioneers at Watford Palace Theatre - 17th October 2023.

### Update:

The pupil Equality and Diversity Committee is an integral part of Equality and Diversity at Bishop's. They group lead on celebrating diversity, promoting equality and raising awareness. Each half-term, they deliver a week of assemblies, host an event, and provide form-time activities and resources for 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; Pride and Asian Heritage. In addition, they lead on commemorations and awareness days.

The committee is open to all pupils who would like to get involved and meet weekly after school on a Friday. They are supported by Miss Maisey, our Equality and Diversity Lead who is responsible for overseeing equality and diversity. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email her.

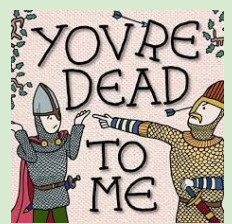
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Case Study on the pupil committee - pgs. 195-205 [Great Representation Digital Book](#)

### Podcast Recommendation:

*You're Dead To Me:*  
Mary Seacole

The episode explores her childhood of practising healing techniques on her pets, the perils of Panama, her experience of cholera, how she dealt with racists, the risks of running a business in a warzone and why she loved being famous.



Greg Jenner is joined by Prof Gretchen Gerzina and special guest Nathan Caton

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.

