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Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you will be aware October is Black History month, and here at The Sir Christopher Hatton Academy we will be celebrating the month with a variety of events. Alongside learning opportunities within lessons and student forums, all students will have the opportunity to attend film screenings in the auditorium after school on various days throughout October. Each film or documentary on offer will focus on a different area of black history and have been handpicked by our student led Diversity and Equalities Board. If students wish to attend they will need to meet the age certification requirements, and register their attendance prior to taking their seats. All screenings will begin at 3.15pm and students will have the opportunity to purchase drinks and snacks from W Block café prior to the film screening beginning.

The films being shown are as follows;

9th Oct - Black Panther Wakanda Forever (12A) A journey back to Wakanda, a film full of cultural significance and a tribute to the late Chadwick Boseman

10TH Oct – Hamilton (12) The original Broadway production of the award winning musical tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, blending hip-hop, jazz and R&B. We will be running a workshop in school to discuss the casting of Hamilton, and the cultural significance of the music.

16th Oct - The Hate You Give (12) The story of Starr Carter, an African-American teenager who faces pressure from various communities. This is an opportunity for students to see the film version of a book which we study as part of our English curriculum.

31st Oct - Homecoming (12) A musical celebration and representation of Black history from Beyoncé

Attending one of the film screenings is just one way in which our students will be able to celebrate Black History Month, and will also give valuable opportunities to learn about various aspects of Black History.

This coming Monday we will be launching Black History Month with a 'raising of the flag ceremony' and we are incredibly proud of our student speakers, who will be courageously sharing their Black History with our community.

We are looking forward to what we are sure will be a month of learning, reflection and togetherness within our student and staff community.

Yours Sincerely

Laura Stewart
Diversity Lead