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Dear Parent/Carer

This week we have enjoyed touring the school with lots of Year 6 students each morning. Even the wind and rain on Thursday could not keep us from showing our visitors the great teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms. We have also had our first parental event of the school year in the form of Meet the Mentor. It was fantastic to have such a high turn out and to see lots of parents beaming with pride. Thank you to all who attended. If you could not make it, please do contact your child's mentor for an update.

Love Learning

With only a week until the first Year 11 mocks begin, it has been inspiring to see them working so hard. We are averaging 130 students per day at the morning meetings (8am in the canteen) and concentration levels are certainly high in the classrooms. Some of our subjects do not have exams and I have relished seeing our photographers out and about on photo shoots. Their focus is light movement.

Our new GCSE construction course has also started extremely well with many of our Year 10s delighted that they chose this new, hands on course. I look forward to sharing some of their products with you here.

Community

Eighteen months ago we launched termly Community Breakfasts at Mangotsfield School. These happen on the last Friday of each term at 8.30 in the morning in the library. In these meetings we hope to bring together representatives from local government, healthcare, education and civic organisations to identify shared priorities within our community and develop solutions together. Our philosophy is simple: when we get the right people in a room - transformation can begin. Over the last year, initiatives such as our Community Hub, the Mango Wheels Project and funding for Crunch (see below) have been successfully launched. If you are a local leader and would like to be part of our community action work, please contact kerrie.ettle@cset.co.uk .

Challenge

For the past 4 weeks, a small group of Year 9 students have been completing a cookery course called Crunch. Funding for this has been provided through links made through our community breakfast and so far the students have excelled themselves making Chicken Tikka Massalla, Tomato pasta, burgers and fajitas. The main aim of this course is to provide the students with a lifelong skillset and focuses on some of the basic aspects of cooking such as chopping, measuring and following ingredients. The course for this group of students ends next week with a large celebration of cooking. We will be continuing this collaboration with Crunch throughout the year and look forward to working with more and more students.

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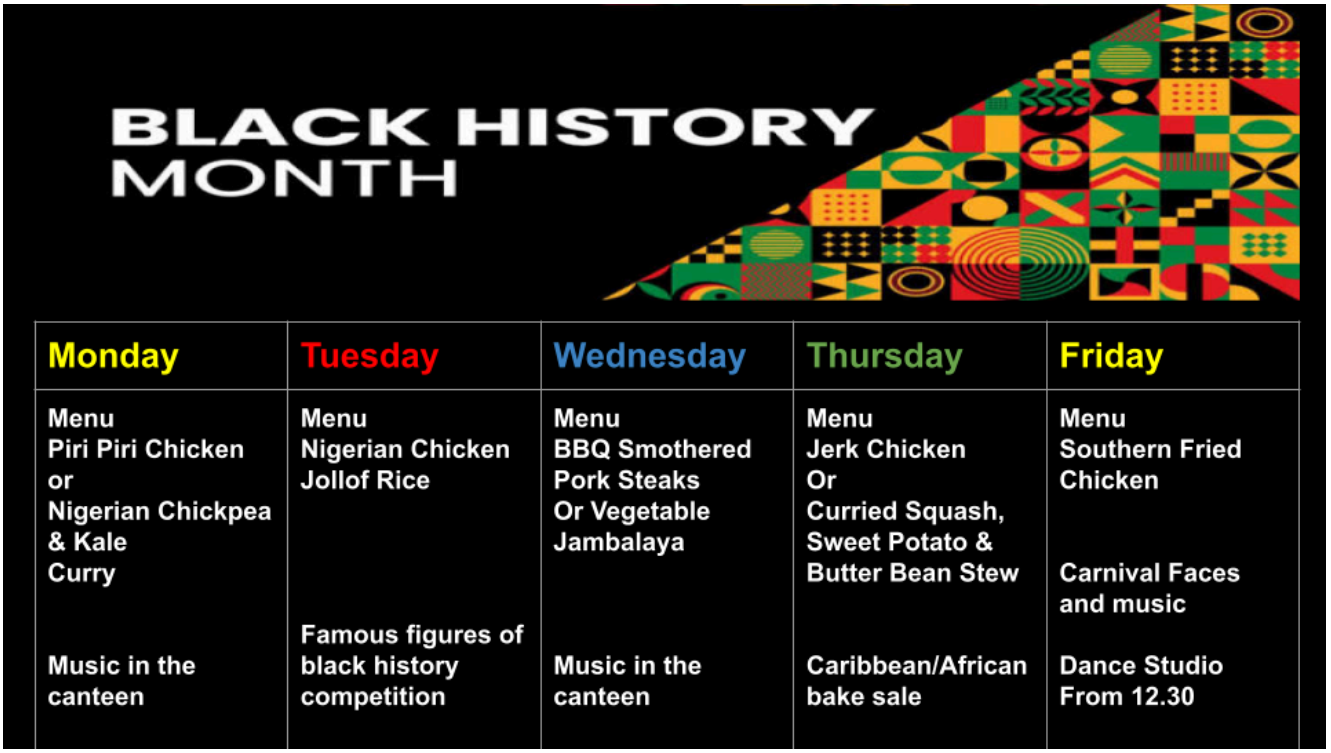
Respect

We are celebrating Black History Month across the school next week. We launched this on Friday with an assembly which focused on the Seven Saints of St Pauls Bristol. The school programme of events is below. In the canteen there will be a new special menu being available every day. A copy of the menus will be sent out with this newsletter and you can also find them on our socials.



Thank you for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Yours faithfully

Hetty Blackmore
Headteacher

Key Dates:

- **Thursday 22nd October - Challenge Day**
- **Thursday 22nd October - Year 7 Disco**
- **Friday 23rd October - Community Breakfast**
- **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd November - INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 3rd November - All students return to school**

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Important Links

School Website - Online Careers Noticeboard

Did you know that we have a fantastic 'Careers Notice Board' on our website which contains all the information you need relating to careers, work experience etc. Please take a look here.

School Website - Multilingual Family Noticeboard

The school has a fabulous noticeboard to do with all things multilingual. If you would like to find out more information please take a look at via this LINK

School Nurse Support - In School

We want to make you aware that every Wednesday lunchtime we will be having a school nurse based in the Family Support Worker's office in E block. Should your child wish to access support linked to their mental health and wellbeing please encourage them to drop in. Please see an introduction to our school nurse below:

"Hello everyone! My name is Joe, and I am delighted to be supporting Mangotsfield School as the School Nurse. I offer a drop-in clinic every Wednesday lunchtime for any student who would like support, advice, or information. Young people can come and talk about a wide range of topics, including physical health, emotional wellbeing, friendships, school worries, healthy lifestyles, or any other concerns they may have. My aim is to provide a friendly, non-judgemental space where students feel comfortable seeking help and support when they need it. I look forward to getting to know the school community and supporting your young people throughout the year."

Mangotsfield School Community Hub

We have a fabulous welcoming space called the Community Hub here at school. The space is here to provide support, help and advice to all Mangotsfield families. Please see the flyer for further information.

Please note the opening times during the October half term will be released shortly.

Watch this space!

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The Friends of Mangotsfield (FOM) have been rather busy lately organising some fabulous events. Please see the various posters below for more information.

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