



George Floyd, Black Lives Matter and Promoting Equality for All

Following the tragic passing of George Floyd and the actions that have been driven by this e.g. Black Lives Matter protests it is essential that students and staff have an opportunity to reflect on these events, what impact they are having and what further actions the college can take to support and promote equality for all. At St Michael's we stand against systemic racism, discrimination and hate as we know that we serve a God of love, mercy and justice.

Students and staff have been invited to take part in a survey to give their feedback, express their personal thoughts and have their ideas heard. All students have also been given an opportunity to take part in a more creative reflection activity in conjunction with Black Lives Matter #Education Speaks Out activities taking place in schools across the country. In addition, students in Year 10 and above were invited to participate in a recent online Black Lives Matter Youth Voice event organised by The Southwark Local Authority Young Advisors. We ask parents to encourage their children to take part in the survey and to complete one of the #education speaks out tasks. Feedback from the survey will be used to inform the next steps we will take as a community to promote equality for all and students will have opportunities for further learning and discussion about antiracism, justice and peace, Black Lives Matters, unconscious bias etc, in CPHSE, RE, History and Geography lessons, assemblies and in many other areas of the college curriculum in the autumn term and throughout the year.

Ms Corcoran
Principal
June 2020



*Dear Lord,
We see unfairness in our world. We see cruelty dealt out by people in the high offices. We see death and injustice.
George Floyd and many other people have died because of this and all we can do is express our anger at those people that have inflicted this terrible hatred upon us.
Help us to choose our paths carefully and lead us away from the injustice in our world. Help us to rid the world of unfairness. Help us to remember those who have lost their lives to inequality in the world. We made a promise, a covenant. Help us now to fulfil it.
RIP George Floyd.
Thank You Lord.
Amen.*

Remember to take part in our survey as well
<https://forms.gle/E6uhc2eDG9arDmy76>
Include your name, year and house with your entries and email them to contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from lots of you!!!

As part of Education Speaks out, we would like to invite you to reflect on what has gone on in our community and around the world so far and give a personal response on this and how you want the world and our community to be.

It can be in any form – from a video or a story, to a review of a book or research around the background of a related topic. It can be anything.

House points will be available for:
The house that has the greatest participation and the best entries

Due: Friday 12th June

ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
– Nelson Mandela

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2020 #EDUCATIONSPEAKSOUT

To show our solidarity against injustices faced by black people globally, we ASK EDUCATORS to set work which allows students to reflect on and demonstrate how they want the world they LIVE and LEARN in, to be anti-racist.

ask your students to:


- paint
- research
- write
- read
- compose
- create
- record

Parents and Guardians, your support is needed so that all work researched is age appropriate. Let's start having some of these conversations even if they are difficult ones!

BLACK LIVES MATTER YOUTH VOICE EVENT

ONLINE INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE - 4PM-5.30PM

BLACK LIVES MATTER



EACH ONE OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. TOGETHER WE MAKE CHANGE.

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS...

- METROPOLITAN POLICE BOROUGH COMMANDER COLIN WINGROVE
- COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC HEALTH
- COUNCILLOR JASMINE ALI CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS & ADULT CARE
- COUNCILLOR JOHNSON SITU CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

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