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## Welcome to the Inscape newsletter!

I cannot believe we are already approaching October half-term. This first half-term has not been without its challenges, we continue to grapple with the complexities that Covid-19 brings and I thank each and every one of you for your understanding in helping us to keep our school community safe.

I'm thrilled that so many of our students have put themselves forward for School Council. We will be holding the elections for representatives very soon. In other news, our students have been engaging actively in Black History Month. C1 enjoyed listening to a range of music from influential black musicians. These included, Bob Marley, Stormzy, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner and Emeli Sande. The class were supported with visuals to share their thoughts about the songs and artists. James said that Bob Marley was, 'Worth for style!' U2 learnt about Ted Brown, who helped to organise the first LGBTQ+ Pride event in London. Some of our Upper School students spent their art lessons looking at the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat.

It was wonderful to be able to host our first face-to-face parent partnership event in over 18 months. On Friday 8th October a group of parents joined us for breakfast to discuss the theme of school-based anxiety. We cannot wait to host

more of these events and we will be in touch with the dates for after half-term shortly.

We have some exciting work planned over the coming weeks...

- refurbishment of our soft play area
- redevelopment of our outdoor forest school area
- a new playground for lower school
- installation of new outdoor gym equipment

I look forward to sharing the photos with you in due course.

Thank you to those of you who have put yourselves forward for the parent governor vacancy, we will be in touch after the half-term break.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing, happy and healthy half-term and we look forward welcoming your child back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term on Monday 2nd November.



**Hannah Stollar, Interim Head of School**



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# News stories

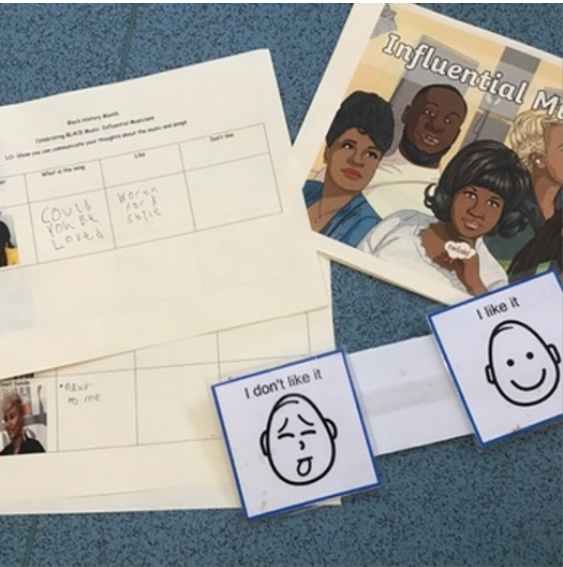
## Black History Month activities

This month, classes C1 and U2 have been learning all about Black History Month through a variety of activities.

During our morning breakfast group, we listened to a range of music from influential black musicians. These included, Bob Marley, Stormzy, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner and Emeli Sande. The class were supported with visuals to share their thoughts about the songs and artists. James said that Bob Marley was 'Worth for style'.

Champions and Explorers in classes C1 and U2 then watched a presentation for Black History Month. They learnt about Ted Brown who helped to organise the first LGBTQ+ Pride event in London. Students learnt about racism and were then prompted to think about one act of kindness they could do today. Students then carried on with colouring activities and wordsearches based on important Black figures and LGBTQ+ vocabulary. James also designed and displayed a poster for Black History Month in Post 16. Great work!!

Photos from the activities can be seen below:





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## Fishing success

Pupils access the fishing lake at Brookside Fisheries and Greenwoods nature reserve each week, this activity provides time for Inscape student Jack to focus on his interests and time to talk with staff in a calming environment. When Jack first accessed fishing, he was a novice but now after catching Inscape's record carp of 10ILB 6 ounces, he is now a confident fisherman. Great work Jack!



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## Plenty of visitors to the new library

The new library has been a roaring success with our students; it has been a very busy place indeed: with Storytime sessions, lunchtime book clubs, National Poetry Day celebrations, work experience sessions, Black History Month and the travelling library for students that prefer to have their library experience in-class.



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## New partnership with Manchester United Foundation

Inscape has created a new and exciting partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. Emily Read is the new SEND Officer from the Foundation, who is working with students across school to increase their physical fitness through fun and engaging sports sessions. She will also be implementing whole school programmes, to get everyone moving more!

As well as this, the Manchester United Foundation will be creating exciting opportunities for students to experience all things Manchester United. On Wednesday 29th September 4 students were awarded tickets to attend a football game at Old Trafford. The parental feedback was very positive about how amazing the experience was for the students. There will be many more opportunities throughout the school year for other students to attend.

If you would like more information about the role, to express your interest in taking your child to a game or would like your child to work with Emily, please drop her an email at [emily.read@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:emily.read@togethertrust.org.uk)



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## World Mental Health Day 2021

Do more of what makes you happy!

Last week in C1 we talk about our emotions and what we can do to help regulate ourselves when we are having difficult time.

Students wore yellow, baked yellow cakes, and painted in yellow.

Great work C1!



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## Student Council

We are re launching our student council this half term - students are being asked to nominate themselves as members and present a manifesto. These manifestos will then go to a democratic vote. This is an excellent opportunity for students to have a voice and be an active part of school life.

For more information, please speak to [Kate Donovan](#), Head of Upper School.



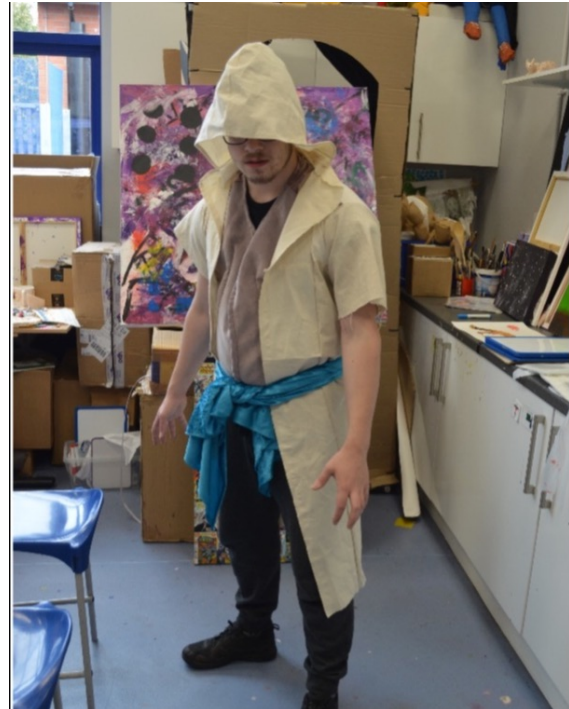


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## Fantastic work in Art

This half term we have seen some wonderful pieces of art created by students at Inscape.

Two examples of this can be seen below with Faye and Mackenzie proudly displaying their works in progress. Faye is painting Trent Alexander Arnold and Mackenzie is sewing a Assassin Creed's outfit. They both look great!



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