

Press Release

Hailebury Turnford celebrates Black History Month

October marks the month in which Black History is celebrated across the country. Haileybury Turnford have marked this important month with a series of events created by a dedicated team of students, 'The Haileybury Turnford Black History Month Committee' and led by the school's Personal Development Coordinator, Mr Stuart.

Mr Stuart said: "I developed the committee as a means of enabling all students to better connect with the different aspects and importance of Black History that are not focused on in the National Curriculum. The aim the committee had was to help all students begin to understand how Black History has helped to shape what it is to be British today."

The Committee developed assemblies and posters to highlight different aspects of Black History which have allowed all students to grasp the importance of the Month long event. However it was the committee's Black History Month workshops they put together led by Shumba Arts and Steel Pan In Motion that have had the biggest impact on students. The aim of the workshops were to give students the opportunity to gain a sense of African and Caribbean culture and develop an understanding of how these two regions in particular have contributed to British culture. The workshop led by Shumba Arts focused more on the African influence and was supported by the Mayor of the Borough of Broxbourne, Cllr Steve Wortley.

As an alumnus of Haileybury Turnford Cllr Steve Wortley attended the Shumba Arts Workshop and said: "It was wonderful to be back at Haileybury Turnford and to be involved in such a wonderful and inclusive event that celebrates the importance of Black History. It is clear that at Haileybury Turnford there are an array of special opportunities put together for the students to access that were not necessarily available previously." A member of The Haileybury Turnford Committee also said: "It is coordinating events like this that will make my application to university stand out from other students – I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity given to me."

