

4th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

For Black History Month 2023, we will see the return of our Trust-wide Black History Month competition.

Previously, we have received an overwhelmingly large response which has been fantastic, with more than 150 entries submitted from all ages across the Trust. The range of pieces created and the awareness schools raised around the importance of diversity and inclusion was excellent.

This year's theme is "Saluting Our Sisters" and will focus on the crucial role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities.

It's encouraging people to dig deeper, look closer, and think bigger when it comes to the influential role black women have had on society to make it a better place for everyone.

With this in mind, we invite our students to create a piece of art focusing on the theme "Saluting Our Sisters". Whether a group of pupils wish to work together to write and present a poem or an individual desires to create a painting, any medium of art is welcome.

This Black History Month Art Competition is run by the Trust, and it gives our students a chance to use the Trust's platforms to showcase their artistic talents and celebrate black people in both modern and past history that are important to you and who inspire you.

LAUNCHES: Monday 2nd October | **CLOSES:** Friday 20th October

Prizes:

1st place - **£100 voucher**

2nd place - **£50 voucher**

3rd place - **£25 voucher**

Ready to enter? Here's what you need to know:

- Create a piece of original artwork on the theme of: "Saluting Our Sisters". Share with us who and/or what inspired you to create this piece of art.
- Submit your entry by Friday 20th October 2023 to admin@thinking-creative.com
- Include your name, year group, and school with the submission. We cannot judge any entries without this
- Awards will be announced before the end of October and after half term.
- Artwork can be submitted as an individual project, a group project, or a class project.

Accepted Media Includes:

- Paintings/Drawings/Collage/Digital illustration
- Photography (digital, black and white, or colour)
- Audio/Video (animation, documentary, narrative, radio) Limited to 2 minutes
- Musical (music, singing) Limited to 2 minutes
- 3D (papier-mâché, sculpture, quilting, etc...)
- Written (poetry, script, spoken word, comedy, story, etc ...)
- Movement (dance, performance)

How to submit your artwork:

- Please submit original work
- One entry per person
- All submissions to be emailed to admin@thinking-creative.com for judging
- If you have made a physical piece of work (such as a painting), please email a clear photo of your artwork
- When emailing, please fill out the following details:
 - **Name**
 - **School name**
 - **Name of the submission**

Entries must be submitted with a short paragraph explaining why you have chosen to create your representation this way and how it reflects the "Saluting Our Sisters" BHM message.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Lock
Assistant Principal