

February is  
LGBTQ+ History Month





# What does LGBTQ+ mean?

Sexual Orientation

Gender Identity

Q = Queer/Questioning



# Why do we have LGBTQ+ History Month?

A BBC report showed that people being bullied in schools for being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender is the most common form of bullying.

LGBTQ+ people (especially those who are of ethnic minority) are at a greater risk of hate crime compared to cisgender heterosexual people.

Without inclusive education, many LGBTQ+ young people feel isolated, or even unwanted in school.

One in eight LGBTQ+ people aged 18-24 have attempted to end their life, and almost half of trans people have thought about taking their life.

Half of LGBTQ+ people have experienced depression and 3/5 have experienced anxiety.

Nationally, only 19.4% of survey respondents said they had been taught positive representations of LGBTQ+ people, history or events at school.

# Why do we celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month?

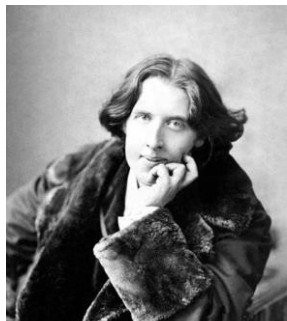
- Helps create an inclusive environment where LGBTQ+ members of our community feel safe and a part of our school.
- Highlights positive achievements of LGBTQ+ people in society, and teaches us history that we may never learn otherwise.
- Can reduce bullying and unkind behaviour motivated by prejudice.
- Improves mental health, knowledge, and acceptance.



# Famous people in LGBTQ+ history:



Alan Turing



Oscar Wilde



Marsha P Johnson



Bayard Rustin



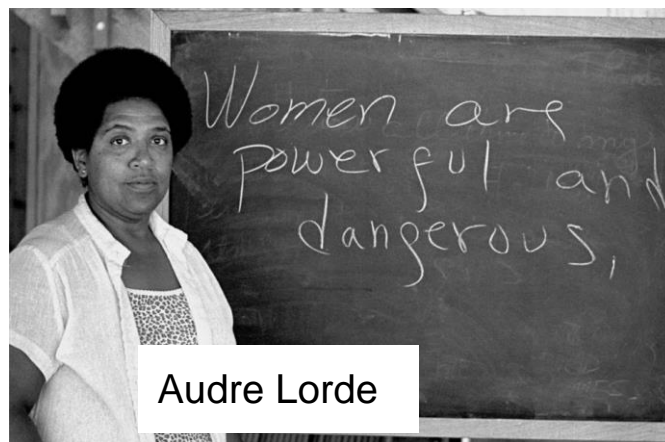
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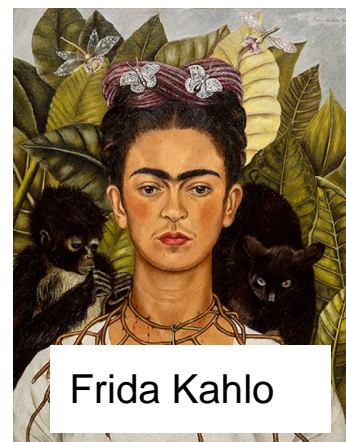
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William Shakespeare

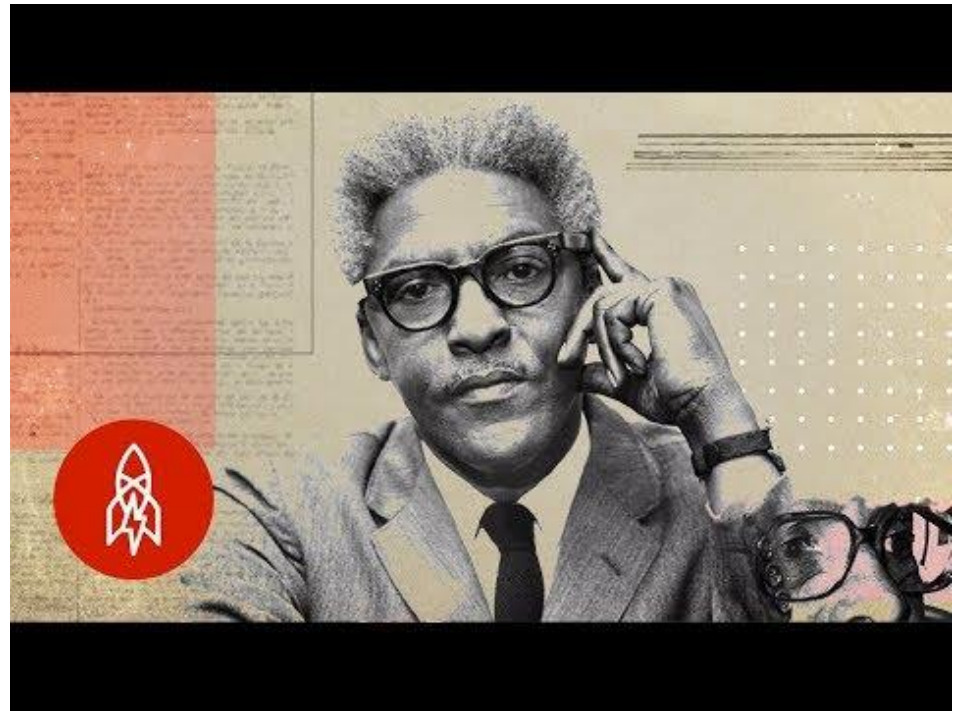


Audre Lorde




Frida Kahlo

# Bayard Rustin (1912 - 1987)



Organised 1941 March on Washington, where Martin Luther King gave his 'I have a dream' speech. Due to criticism about his sexuality he had to work behind the scenes. Activism: civil rights, workers' rights, gay rights.



# Alan Turing (1912 - 1954)



Mathematician who broke the Enigma cipher during WW2, and essentially invented modern computing.

When it was found out that he was gay, he was forced to choose between prison and hormone therapy. He chose the latter.


He was incapable of completing any of his work, having been banned from government projects, due to his persecution.


He ended his life one year later.

# Jessica Kellgren-Fozard




Disabled lesbian YouTuber who makes videos about historical profiles eg:

3  Pirates are gay and the best one was a woman // Historical Profiles [CC]  
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4  Medicine has always been sexist // The History of Hysteria [CC]  
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5  The Sword-fighting, Bisexual Badass La Maupin // Julie d'Aubigny [CC]  
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16  Was Emily Dickinson Gay? [CC]  
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17  The Hidden Deaf History of the Stars // Annie Jump Canon [CC]  
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# Being a good LGBTQ+ ally

## What we are doing:

- Working towards Stonewall accreditation
- Running staff training
- Establishing a student led body to consult on, and support these changes

## What can you do?

- Be an upstander not a bystander - **challenge** and **report** homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia
- Avoid hurtful or outdated language
- Avoid 'outing' people
- Support your LGBTQ+ peers
- Educate yourself and others
- Support LGBTQ+ Charities