

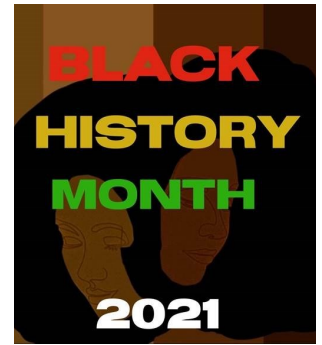


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# Year 10-13

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# BLACK HISTORY ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

In anticipation of Black History Month in October, this exciting competition is open to all students in Year 10-13. The purpose of the competition is to encourage students to undertake independent research, think critically and communicate clearly about an aspect of black history of interest to them.

**THE CHALLENGE:** write a 500 word essay on ONE of the following topics:

- **Science:** a discussion of the notable contribution of a black person to science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics
- **Humanities:** a discussion of black history, society and/or culture in a country of your choice
- **Journalism:** a newspaper-style article recounting a prominent moment or event in black history

**NEED INSPIRATION?** This essay could be on anything from the origins of the Notting Hill Carnival to the discovery of Ivory Bangle Lady, from the New Cross fire to Marcus Rashford's campaign for free school meals. There is so much you could explore: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2020/jul/11/black-history-timeline>



**CRITERIA:** essays will be judged based on their structure, content, independent research, use of examples, and balanced discussion/evaluation of the topic chosen. Where possible, a list of references used should be included at the end (but not included in the word count). Supporting images may be used.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Email your essay as a Word document to [cpd@gsal.org.uk](mailto:cpd@gsal.org.uk)

**DEADLINE:** 1600 on Wednesday 6 October

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Mr Dodd