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Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Black History Month 2023**

October is **Black History Month** and DSTC wants to celebrate the invaluable contribution of black people to British society. Black people have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. However, despite their countless contributions to society, the achievements of black women, in particular, have too often been overlooked or forgotten. That is why, this year, we will be celebrating the exceptional achievements of black women at DSTC.

The theme of '**Saluting our Sisters**' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. This year's Black History Month global celebration will showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more. We aim to inspire our students to find out more about the achievements of black women and in turn inspire themselves to make a difference in their community.

On Wednesday 11th October, Years 7 & 8 are invited to a Movie and Popcorn event after school from 3.15-5.15pm where the film, '**Hidden Figures**' will be shown. The film has a 12A rating, so by agreeing that their daughter is able to attend, parents are giving permission for this. The film showcases the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S space program.

Parents need to give permission for their daughter to attend on the following Google form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZYJwHzUlvZmPFWvmxfdwe0ehTAFtVRycc8CoAcQ6jQ56P1A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZYJwHzUlvZmPFWvmxfdwe0ehTAFtVRycc8CoAcQ6jQ56P1A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please sign up by Tuesday 10th October 2023.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah', is written over a light grey circular stamp.

Deborah Ellis  
Senior Vice Principal  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



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