

'Cleverer and kinder every day'



# Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

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## Principal Welcome

We have kick started October with a series of excellent assemblies led by our very own Mr Morrissey. He told all our students about the wonderful achievements of local Black Britons. He also took the time to tell our students about a variety of events we have planned to mark and celebrate Black History Month. We aim to help our students 'know the past and shape the future'. We will have: a House debate about racism in the UK, musical performances and spoken word events, amongst many other exciting and educational events.

I have really enjoyed meeting many local primary students from year 6. It was a pleasure to meet them remotely whilst they master portrait drawing and learning all about animal dissection. These events have all been ably led by staff and students from the art and science departments at Evelyn Grace. I look forward to seeing some of the finished portraits, so we can share them on our website.

We have been showcasing our new promotional film and had thousands of views across our various social media platforms. We are very proud of all the hard work that went in to making it. It hopefully gives a real taste of what makes our academy so special. If you have not already watched it, then please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfA3ziUBRF4&feature=youtu.be>

**Mr Tim Dainty, Principal**



## Virtual Primary Taster Lessons

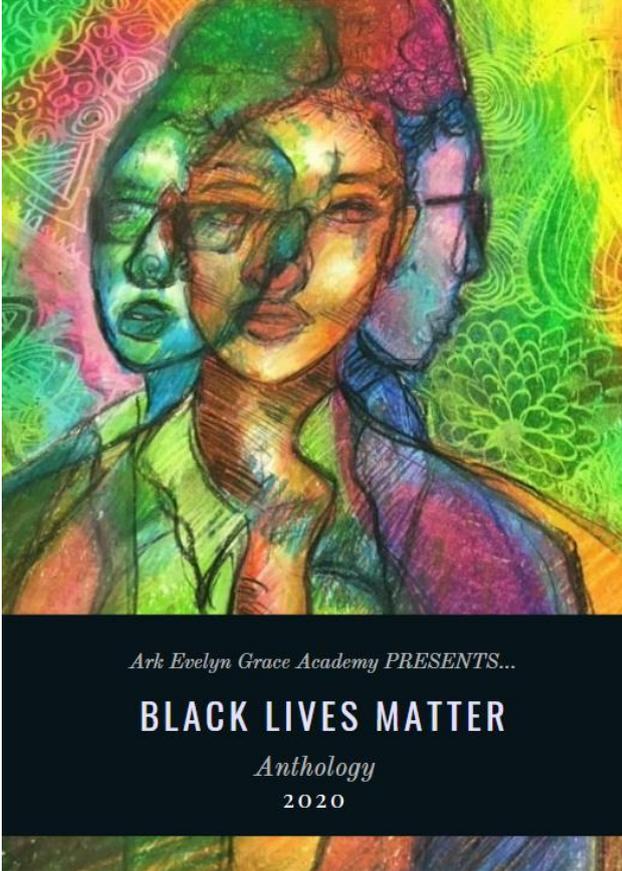


This week was an exciting week as we held our first virtual taster lessons for Year 6 students across Lambeth and Southwark. Primary schools across both boroughs were invited to part take in virtual lessons taught by our expert teachers in Music, Art, PE, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. In our art taster lesson Ms Mansell taught Year 6 students the art of portrait drawing. We had some beautiful portraits drawn! In science, Mr Wood taught students how to dissect a chicken!

All work completed during these virtual lessons will be exhibited at the academy and on our school website as part of our virtual awards ceremony of participation for each primary school.



## Celebration of Black History:



We kick start this year's celebrations with a beautiful collection of letters, art and poetry compiled by our very own students in this beautiful and inspiring anthology.

The work featured in this book were completed during the recent COVID lockdown (when protests around George Floyd's murder brought about the black lives matter movement).

Our students found a powerful way to positively impact change through writing letters to the Floyd family, expressing themselves through poetry and art. Live performances of some of the featured work will take place as part of our celebrations and feature on our school website over the next few weeks.

Read our students work here:

[https://issuu.com/evelyngraceacademy/docs/2020\\_ega\\_anthology](https://issuu.com/evelyngraceacademy/docs/2020_ega_anthology)

## Attendance highlights



**Year 7 students pictured receiving 100% attendance certificates.**

On a weekly basis our Directors of Learning (pictured below) have been celebrating students for their excellent attendance to school. What a positive testament towards how much students are really enjoying being back at school!



## U14s football success for our year 8s



Congratulations to Wisdom and Najet. Wisdom plays for Leyton Orient FC and Najet, Southend FC. We are extremely proud of both students on achieving this wonderful opportunity.