

Black Lives Matter in the news

Mark Rutherford School absolutely stands against racism and supports the raising of the issue currently in the news.

To stand against racism means we stand for anti-racism and Mark Rutherford School has always been strong enough to challenge racism and to look at our own actions and behaviours.

We are on a continuing journey to meet and promote the Mark Rutherford School Equality and Diversity Plan and conversations about the issues in the news form an important part of this.

We ask our school community to join us on this journey in continuing to challenge racism and helping us to hold our institution and ourselves to account.

At this very difficult time of partial school closure, we are truly missing the opportunity to engage in discussion with our students as we know that through discussion, we learn from each other. Voices are heard, perceptions are challenged and progress takes place.

We know that there is a strength of feeling in the school and wider community and that this is something we can work together on when our community is reunited. In the meantime, we want to hear from our students.

We want to hear from you...

We would like to encourage you to communicate your thoughts, feelings, records and desires in the artistic medium of your choice. This might be through poetry, the text of a speech, or an essay. This might be through a piece of art; a painting, a photograph, a collage, illustration, placard or sculpture. This might be through an original song or a rap. Whichever way you want to express your strength of feeling, we want to capture your work to create a digital anthology around our commitment to challenging racism which will be shared throughout our school community. The work judged to be the best will go on permanent display in the school. Prizes will be awarded to the best contributions.

Please email your submissions to competition@mrus.co.uk. If your medium of choice is a piece of art work, please submit a photograph of your creation. If you create a song or a rap, please send a sound file. Please ensure that you include your name, year group and tutor group in your email. We would like to receive your contributions by 10th July.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and ask you to join us on this journey in challenging racism and helping us to continue to build a school community in which we all have a role in challenging racism and in which all voices are heard.