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Forest Hill School's LGBTQ+ magazine!

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**SUPPORT THE
LGBTIQ COMMUNITY
IN UKRAINE**



**Queer
Heroes**
MEET 53 LGBTQ+ HEROES
FROM PAST & PRESENT!
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who you are.

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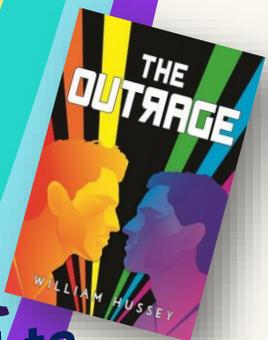
HELLO

FOREST HILL SCHOOL!

Spring has sprung and doesn't this sunshine make a difference!

Spring is a time for renewal and fresh ways of life. As such, we would like you to pause and reflect on the work you have done to be a good LGBTQ+ ally so far. But now also consider, how can you do better? Whether it's calling out casual HBT, donating to charity or simply reading this magazine, we all have a part to play in improving equality in the school and across society.

Some highlights from last edition!



Forest Hill School is committed to improving equality for everyone. If you have any ideas on how we can continue to work on this, please do let us know

#equalitymattersatFHS

We would love to hear from anyone that would like to contribute to the magazine. Please contact our editors, Ms Suart and Mr Cox: e.suart@foresthillschool.co.uk m.cox@foresthillschool.co.uk

We hope you enjoy this edition!

Ms Suart & Mr Cox

Under the new Stonewall
awards criteria, we are
the **FIRST SCHOOL IN**
LONDON to achieve the
Stonewall Gold award. We
are also only the **SECOND**
SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
THE COUNTRY to be given

Gold!

WOW!!



**SCHOOL & COLLEGE
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Celebrate

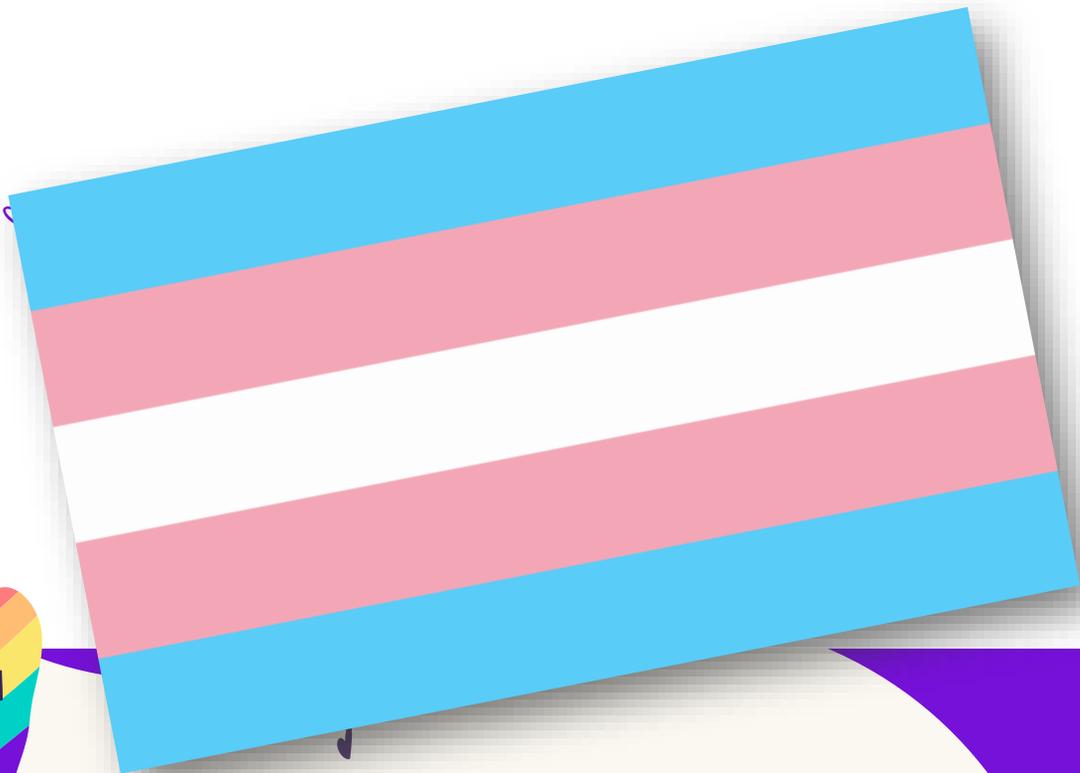




**INTERNATIONAL
TRANSGENDER
DAY OF
VISIBILITY**



THURSDAY 31st MARCH





**ASEXUALITY
DAY**

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

LGBTQ+ NEWS

This is where you can donate to support LGBTQ+ Ukrainians

Read all about it!

OutRight Action International has launched a fundraiser to support Ukraine's LGBTQ+ community as Russian forces move across the country.

<https://outrightinternational.org/ukraine>

**SUPPORT THE
LGBTIQ COMMUNITY
IN UKRAINE**

USA Trans athlete Lia Thomas receives wave of support after ending college swimming career

Lia has faced vitriol over her participation in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship. It comes amid an exhausting debate over trans athletes' right to participate in sports that's consumed state legislatures, right-wing media and conservative commentators.



FHS NEWS

Read all about it!



Armada Project continues!

Ms Suart & Mr Cox have been working with a group of pupils across Key Stage 3 to explore gender, power & post-colonialism. The focus is currently designing and making waistcoats which are decorated to represent the themes discussed. Here are some photos of the work!:



FHS NEWS

Read all about it!

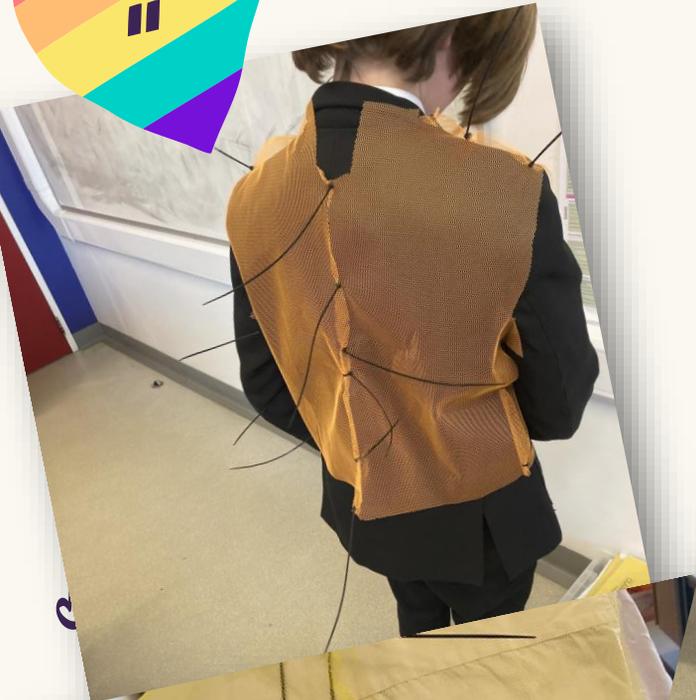
Pupils have drawn out plans and begun to create their ideas!



FHS NEWS

Read all about it!

Keep your eyes peeled for
the final products!



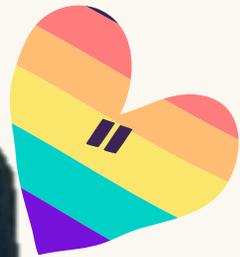
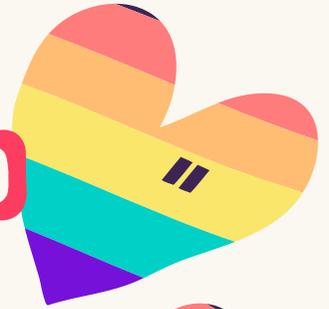
LGBTQ+ ROLE
MODEL OF THE
MONTH



Lady Phyll

(Phyll Opoku-Gyimah)

(Activist/
Co-founder of UK
Black Pride/ Lesbian)



♪ *"Growing up, I would've **loved to have seen more visibility, more representation, but also people speaking truth to power unapologetically**"*



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LGBTQ+ WORD OF THE MONTH

Abro

A word used to describe people who have a **fluid sexual and/or romantic orientation** which changes over time, or the course of their life. **They may use different terms to describe themselves over time.**

Why have we chosen this word?

People are all different! Gender and sexuality are spectrums and sometimes available vocabulary doesn't match someone's perceptions of identity.

We should respect someone's sexual or gender identity, even if this changes over time.

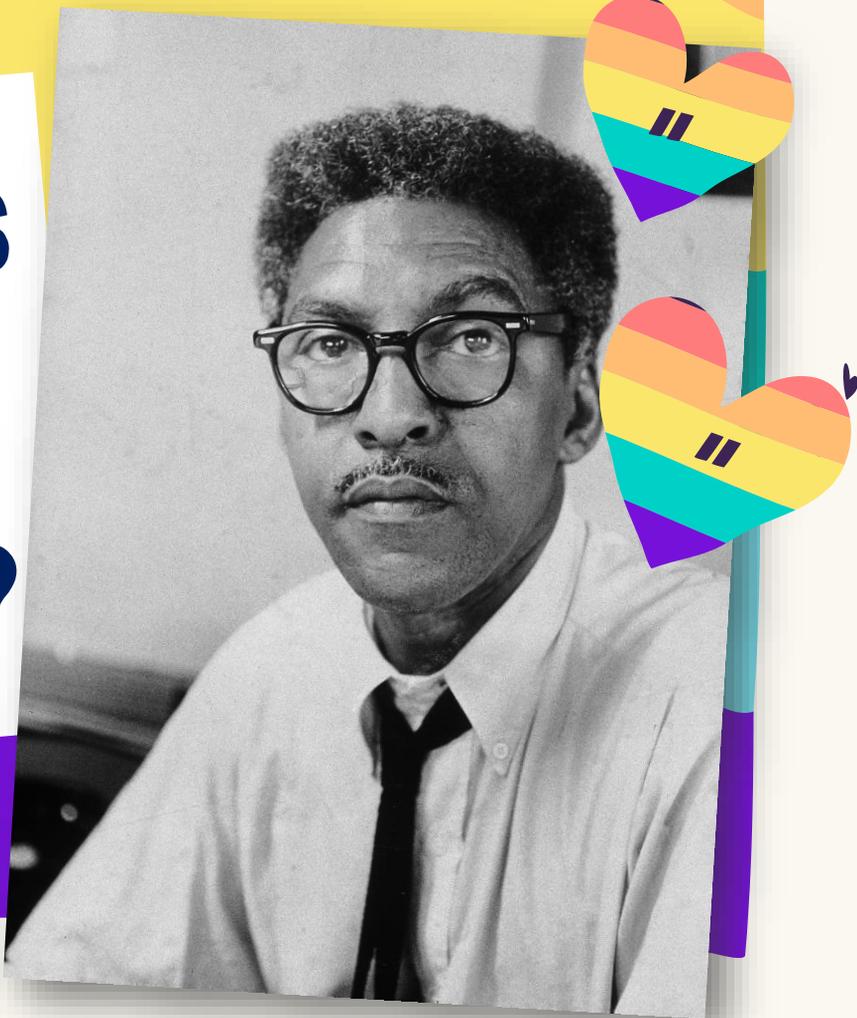


FEATURE OF THE MONTH

In honour of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, this month's feature explores a pivotal figure of the civil rights movement and LGBTQ+ campaigner. We explore...



Who was Bayard Rustin?



Text taken from:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/civil-rights-movement/bayard-rustin-gay-man-in-the-civil-rights-movement/>

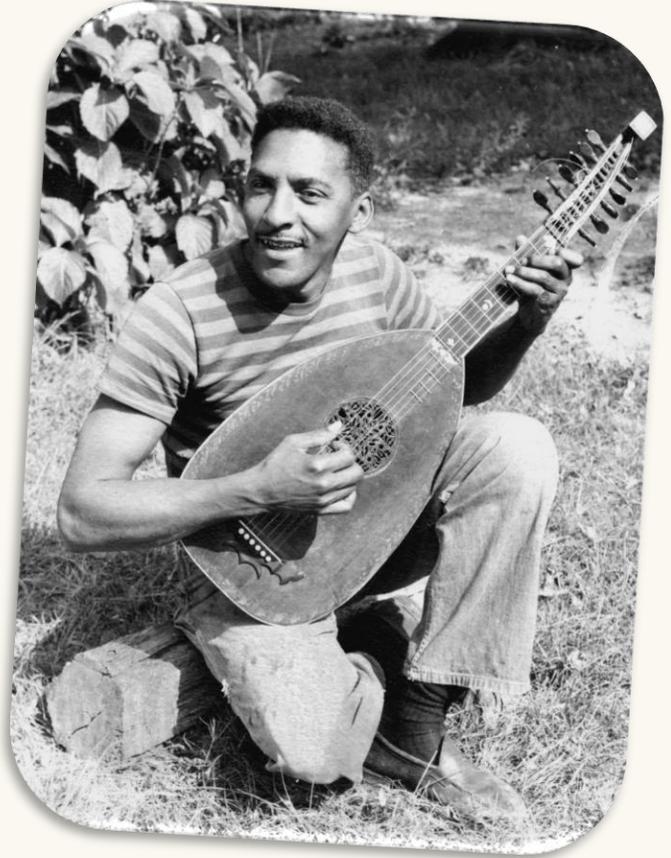


Bayard Rustin

Bayard Rustin was an American leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, pacifism and non-violence, and gay rights.

Rustin was born and raised in Pennsylvania where **his family was involved in civil rights** work.

In 1936, he moved to Harlem, New York City and earned a living as a nightclub and stage singer, and **continued activism** for civil rights.



In the pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), Rustin practiced nonviolence. He was a leading activist of the early 1947–1955 civil-rights movement, **helping to initiate a 1947 Freedom Ride to challenge with civil disobedience racial segregation on interstate busing.**



Political work

Rustin recognized Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership, and helped to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to strengthen King's leadership; Rustin promoted the **philosophy of nonviolence** and the practices of nonviolent resistance, which he had observed while working with Gandhi's movement in India. He became a leading strategist of the civil rights movement from 1955 to 1968.

Rustin was the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which was headed by A. Philip Randolph, the leading African-American labour-union president and socialist. **Rustin also influenced young activists**, such as Tom Kahn and Stokely Carmichael, in organizations like the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

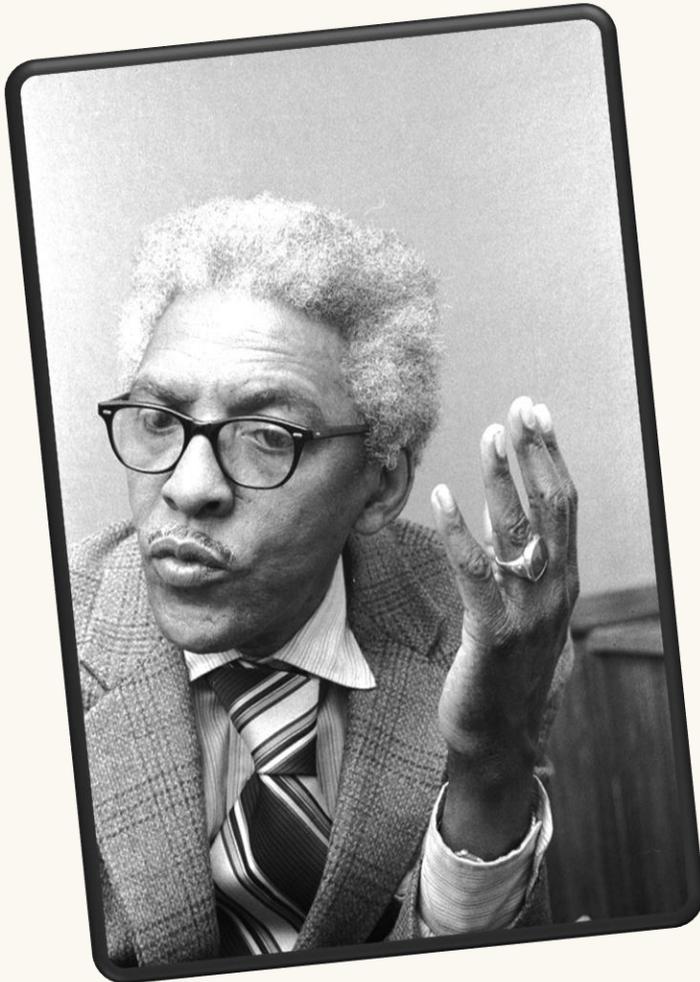
After the passage of the civil-rights legislation of 1964-65, **Rustin focused attention on the economic problems of working-class and unemployed African Americans**, suggesting that the civil-rights movement had left its period of "protest" and had entered an era of "politics", in which the Black community had to ally with the labour movement. Rustin became the head of the AFL-CIO's A. Philip Randolph Institute, which promoted the integration of formerly all-white unions and promoted the unionization of African Americans.

Rustin became an honorary chairperson of the Socialist Party of America in 1972, before it changed its name to Social Democrats, USA (SDUSA); Rustin acted as national chairman of SDUSA during the 1970s. During the 1970s and 1980s, Rustin served on many humanitarian missions, such as **aiding refugees from Communist Vietnam and Cambodia. He was on a humanitarian mission in Haiti when he died in 1987.**



Sexuality

Rustin was a gay man who had been arrested for a homosexual act in 1953. Homosexuality was criminalized in parts of the United States until **2003**. Rustin's sexuality, or at least his embarrassingly public criminal charge, was criticized by some fellow pacifists and civil-rights leaders. Rustin was attacked as a "pervert" or "immoral influence" by political opponents from segregationists to Black power militants, and from the 1950s through the 1970s.

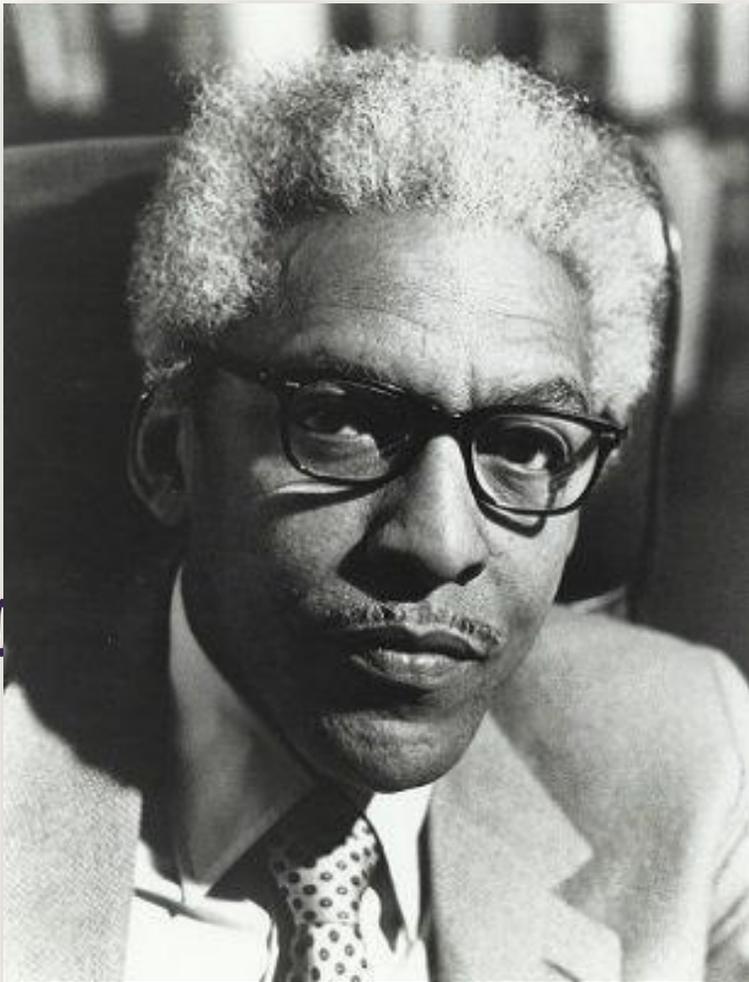


In addition, his pre-1941 Communist Party affiliation when he was a young man was controversial. To avoid such attacks, Rustin served only rarely as a public spokesperson. **He usually acted as an influential adviser to civil-rights leaders. In the 1970s, he became a public advocate on behalf of gay and lesbian causes.**



Further information

"To be afraid is to behave as if the truth were not true."



On November 20, 2013, President **Barack Obama** posthumously awarded Rustin the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**.

In 2020, Rustin was given a posthumous pardon for his arrest due to his sexuality.

For further information on the Civil Rights Movement:

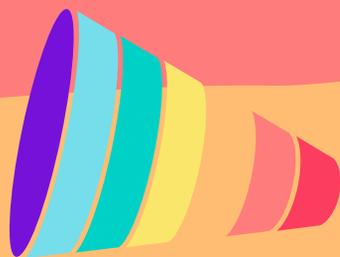
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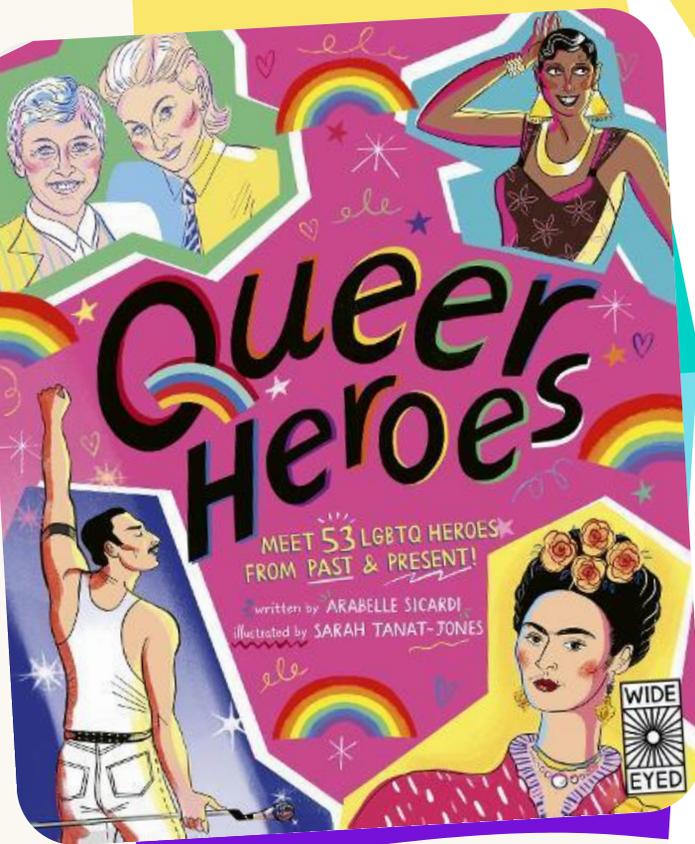


LGBTQ+ BOOK OF THE MONTH

Queer Heroes-
Arabelle Sicardi,
illustrated by
Sarah Tanat- Jones



Available
in
the
library!



Waterstones says...
"This **beautiful, bold book** celebrates the achievements of **LGBTQ+ people through history and from around the world**. It features dynamic full-colour portraits of a **diverse selection of 53 inspirational role models** accompanied by short biographies that focus on their incredible successes."

LGBTQ+ BOOK OF THE MONTH



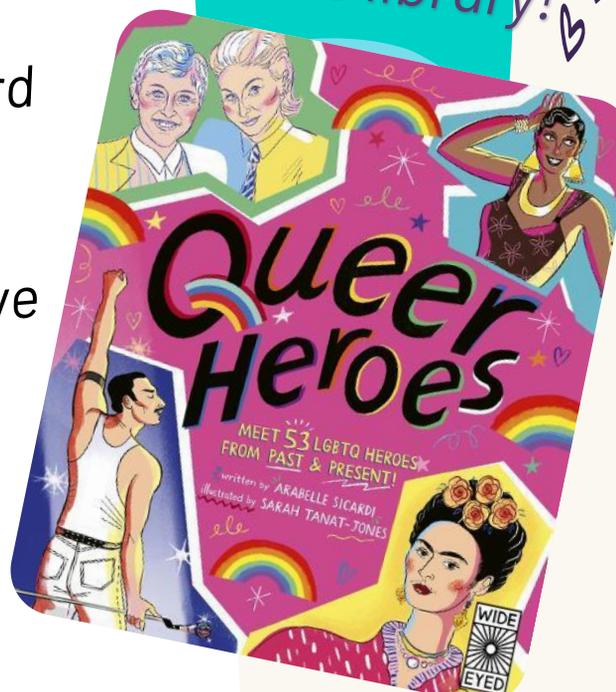
Queer Heroes-
Arabelle Sicardi,
illustrated by
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Mr Cox says...

"This book is a wonderfully illustrated collection of inspirational queer people. I have heard of lots of them before and some have even featured in FHS Rainbow!, but it was great to read about them in further detail. There were also some I haven't heard of - so I learned a lot!

I did think the book could have done better job at representing identities outside of just LGBT, such as non-binary people."

Available in
the library!



AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE IN THE LIBRARY, MRS HANS ALSO RECOMMENDS...



LGBTQ+ BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY



FOREST HILL SCHOOL
ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Our school library has lots of books with LGBTQ+ themes.

Please see below the links to find them and borrow them!

- LGBTQ+ books to read on the eplatform
- LGBTQ+ books to listen to on the eplatform
- LGBTQ+ books to click & collect from the library



PRIDE AMBASSADORS

EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME, ROOM 123

ANYONE CAN ATTEND,
REGARDLESS OF SEXUALITY OR GENDER IDENTITY.

LGBTQ+
SAFE
SPACE



Are you interested in:

- Finding a **safe space** in the school?
- **Fighting for equality** within the school?
- Discussing how we can **celebrate the LGBTQ+ community** and challenge homophobia/ biphobia/ transphobia at FHS?
- Joining a **multi award-winning group**?!?
- Learning more about these issues?

See you there!

Ms Suart, Mr Cox & Ms Learoyd





NEED ADVICE?

If you have been affected by anything in this issue, need support or would like more information, there are lots of people and organisations who can support you.

For example:

At FHS:

- **Equality Ambassadors:
Ms Suart, Mr Cox & Ms Learoyd**
- **Your tutor**
- **Your Head of Year**
- **Any member of SLT**
- **Ms Rhodes (school counsellor)**

External organisations and charities:

- **Stonewall** <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>
- **Metro** <https://metrocharity.org.uk/>
- **Mermaids** <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/>

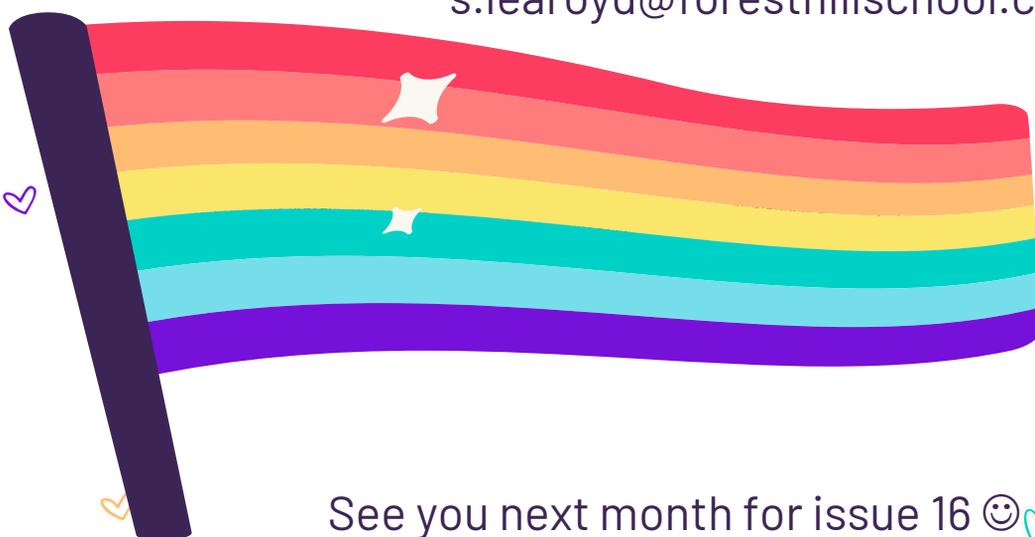


THANKS FOR READING!

For anyone needing support or feeling marginalised due to your identity... we are **PROUD** to be in solidarity with you.
You matter.

Please email Ms Suart, Mr Cox or Ms Learoyd for any further information or support:

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See you next month for issue 16 😊