



FHS RAINBOW!

Forest Hill School's LGBTQ+ magazine!

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LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH!

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GREAT TEA
UGLOW
**LGBTQ+
SPEECHES**

EMPOWERING VOICES THAT ENGAGE + INSPIRE

FOREWORD BY

Peter Tatchell

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HELLO FOREST HILL SCHOOL!

Welcome back to another issue of *FHS Rainbow!* – the first of 2024!

We look forward to another great year of continuing to make Forest Hill School a safe and inclusive place, starting with this LGBTQ+ History Month edition of half-termly magazine.

FHS Rainbow! is Forest Hill School's exclusive LGBTQ+ magazine and is part of our commitment 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 editor, Mr Cox:
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We hope you enjoy this edition!

Mr Cox

Some highlights
from last edition!



LGBTQ+ NEWS

Read all about it!

Newly-unveiled Alan Turing sculpture in Cambridge divides opinion

A sculpture depicting Alan Turing has been unveiled at King's College, Cambridge, where the gay pioneering scientist studied maths in the 1930s.

The statue was designed by Sir Antony Gormley, and is in his signature abstract, blocky style.

The statue has led to much criticism. Some have said that it is not a fitting enough tribute to Turing. Others have said that it captures Turing's "single-minded brilliance".

What do you think?

Pride flags proudly raised across the UK for LGBTQ+ History Month

Flags are proudly waving across the UK in support of LGBTQ+ history month. The images below show flags at Christ Church in Oxford and Pontefract Castle in Wales.

Have you spotted any flags on display?

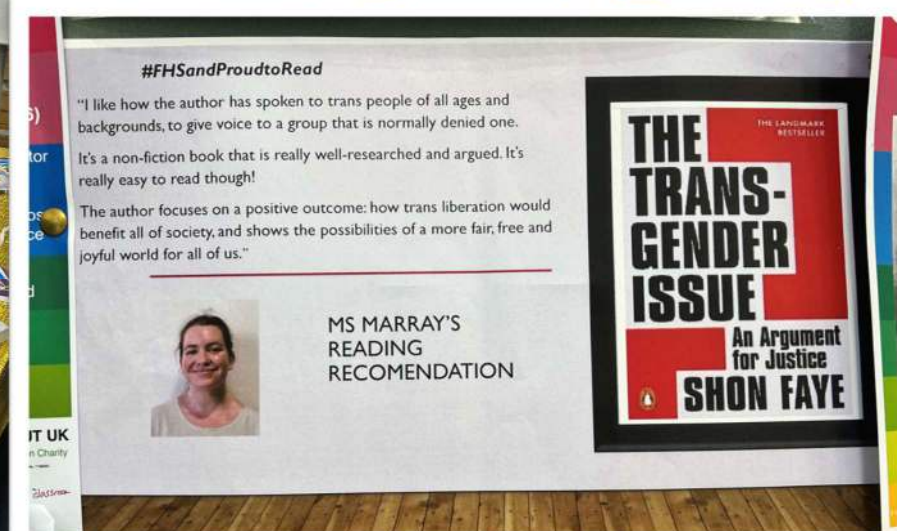


FHS NEWS

Read all about it!

FHS Celebrates LGBTQ+ History Month

With displays in the library and assemblies for all year groups, FHS is continued to its commitment for making the school an inclusive space for all!



LGBTQ+ ROLE MODEL OF THE TERM

JAMES BALDWIN

(1924 – 1987)



(Writer, Civil Rights Activist / Gay)

“Everybody’s journey is individual. If you fall in love with a boy, you fall in love with a boy. The fact that many Americans consider it a disease says more about them than it does about homosexuality.”





LGBTQ+ WORD OF THE TERM

OUTED

When a lesbian, gay, bi or trans person's sexual orientation or gender identity is disclosed to someone else without their consent.



Why have we chosen this word?

Michael Dillon, one of the focuses of this half-term's feature was outed.



FEATURE OF THE TERM

February marks LGBTQ+ History Month, and the theme for 2024 is **Medicine: Under the Scope**. This feature looks at three pioneering British LGBTQ+ people who have made outstanding contributions to medicine.

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH MEDICINE: UNDER THE SCOPE



Some text taken from:
LGBT History Month - 4 amazing LGBT Britons that
changed medicine - MediPro



SOPHIA JEX-BLAKE

(1840 – 1912)

Sophia Jex-Blake (1840 – 1912) was a leading campaigner for allowing women to study medicine, becoming **the first woman in Scotland to become a doctor**.

She faced **rejection** from Harvard University in 1867, and then the University of Edinburgh in 1869, **simply because she was a woman**.



After a second application later in 1869, Sophia and six other women, known as the **Edinburgh Seven**, were granted the right to attend all the classes for a medical degree.

This was not all smooth sailing, however. The Edinburgh Seven received **torrents of abuse**, including having mud, rubbish and insults hurled at them during their medical exams. They were eventually **withdrawn** from the medical course at Edinburgh.

Sophia did not give up. She went on to pass medical exams in Ireland, before returning to Edinburgh as **Scotland's first woman doctor**.

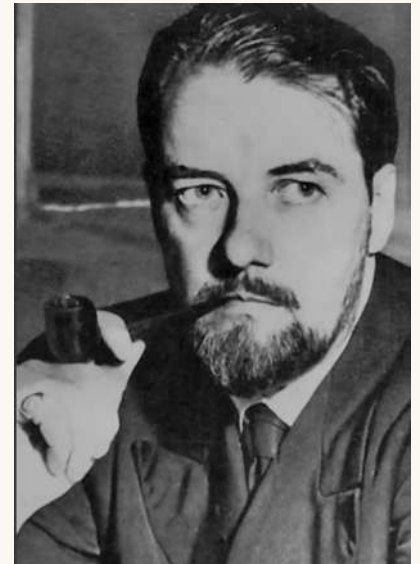
Sophia is widely believed to have been in a **romantic relationship with a fellow female doctor**, Dr Margaret Todd, who wrote an extensive biography of Sophia after her death in 1912.



MICHAEL DILLON

(1915 - 1962)

Michael Dillon was the **first trans man known to have undergone gender confirmation surgery**. While in transition, **Dillon wrote the first medical text on trans identity** and gender affirming treatments.



After being **outed** in the late 1930s, Dillon relocated his life and wrote *Self: A Study in Ethics and Endocrinology*. The book is thought to be one of the first medical works to discuss trans identity.

In 1943, he was able to change his name to Laurence Michael. Between 1945 and 1949, Dillon underwent a total of **13 surgeries**, all the while undertaking his own medical education, attending lectures during term time and undergoing surgery during breaks.

Dillon **qualified as a doctor in 1951**, joining the Merchant Navy as a surgeon, sailing with the navy for six years. However, his Navy days ended abruptly when **tabloid journalists tracked him down, outing him as a trans man**. Dillon's sympathetic shipmates kept unscrupulous reporters at bay whilst Dillon contemplated his next move. He decided to take refuge in India, where he was ultimately drawn to studying Buddhism. He became a Tibetan monk and wrote several books on Buddhism for English audiences. **Sadly, Dillon's health declined, and he died in 1962, aged 47.**



Kevin Fenton

(1966 – Present)

Professor Kevin Fenton is a senior **public health expert** and infectious disease epidemiologist.

Fenton was born in Glasgow but **grew up in Jamaica**, where he worked as a government doctor.



Fenton eventually became a senior lecturer and consultant on HIV epidemiology, **carrying out important work on HIV** in both the UK and US in the early 2000s.

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, Fenton wrote two reports about the **health inequalities** faced by minority British people. The review led to recommendations which shaped a more equitable COVID-19 pandemic response. This work was recognised with Fenton ranking second in the 2021 edition of the annual Powerlist of the **most influential Black Britons**.

Fenton was awarded with a CBE in the 2022 New Year Honours for his services to public health.

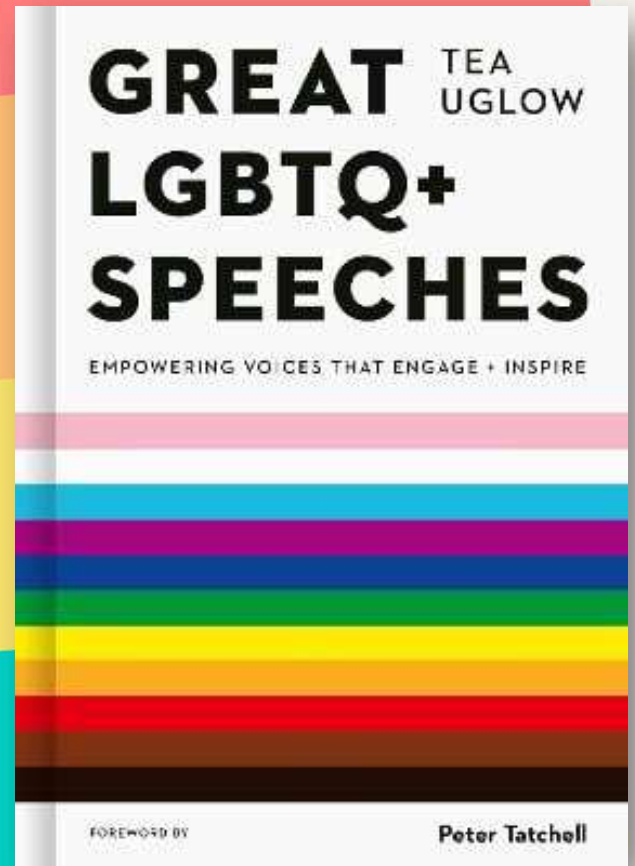
Asked about his work, Fenton has said **“As a gay man and gay leader, I’m always been committed to ensuring we can do the best we can for the communities that are hardest hit”**.





LGBTQ+ BOOK OF THE TERM

**Great LGBTQ+
Speeches:
Empowering
Voices That
Engage And
Inspire
- Tea Uglow**



Waterstones says...

From pioneering nineteenth-century voices to present day trans rights allyship, this essential volume of influential and inspiring LGBTQ+ speeches ranges across topics as diverse as the AIDS epidemic, equal marriage and more.

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



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 Ambassador: Mr Cox**
- . 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/>**





Are you interested in:

- Finding a safe space in the school?
- Improving equality within the school?
- Discussing how we can celebrate the LGBTQ+ community?
- Joining a multi award winning group?
- Going on trips?
- Playing games and puzzles?


THEN JOIN THE ...

PRIDE

AMBASSADORS



EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME
for Y8, 9 & 11
Mr Cox's Room 212
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!





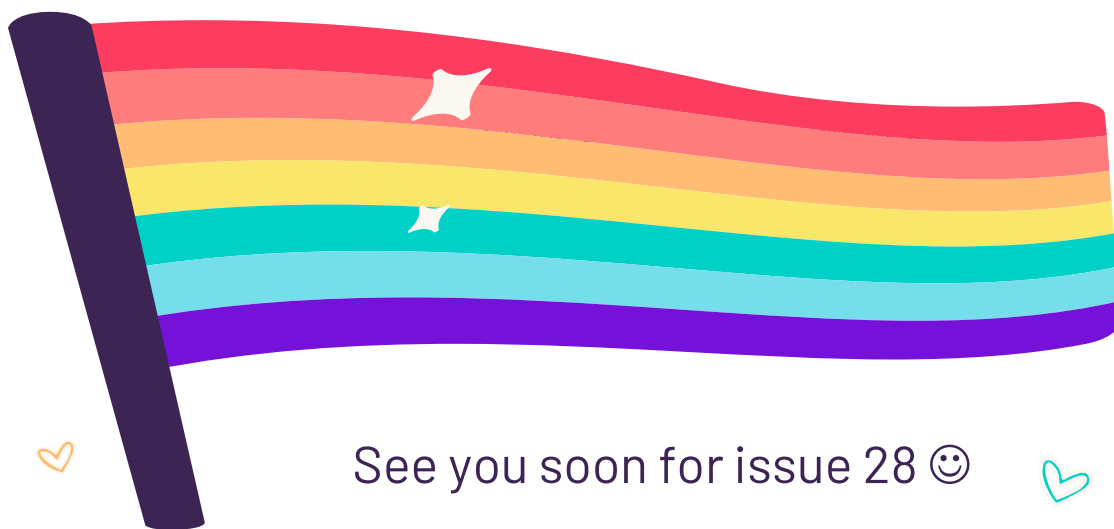
THANKS FOR READING!

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



Please email Mr Cox for any further information or support:

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See you soon for issue 28 ☺