

June 2020 is....

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PRIDE MONTH



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Read on to see how to celebrate and participate.

Mr Lewis' Guide to Pride

Just before closure, we were delighted to launch an LGBTQ+ lunchtime club that the participating students named PRISM. The purpose of this club was to create an LGBTQ+ presence where everyone is welcome.

You might know the month of June marks the beginning of Pride Month for the LGBTQ+ community.

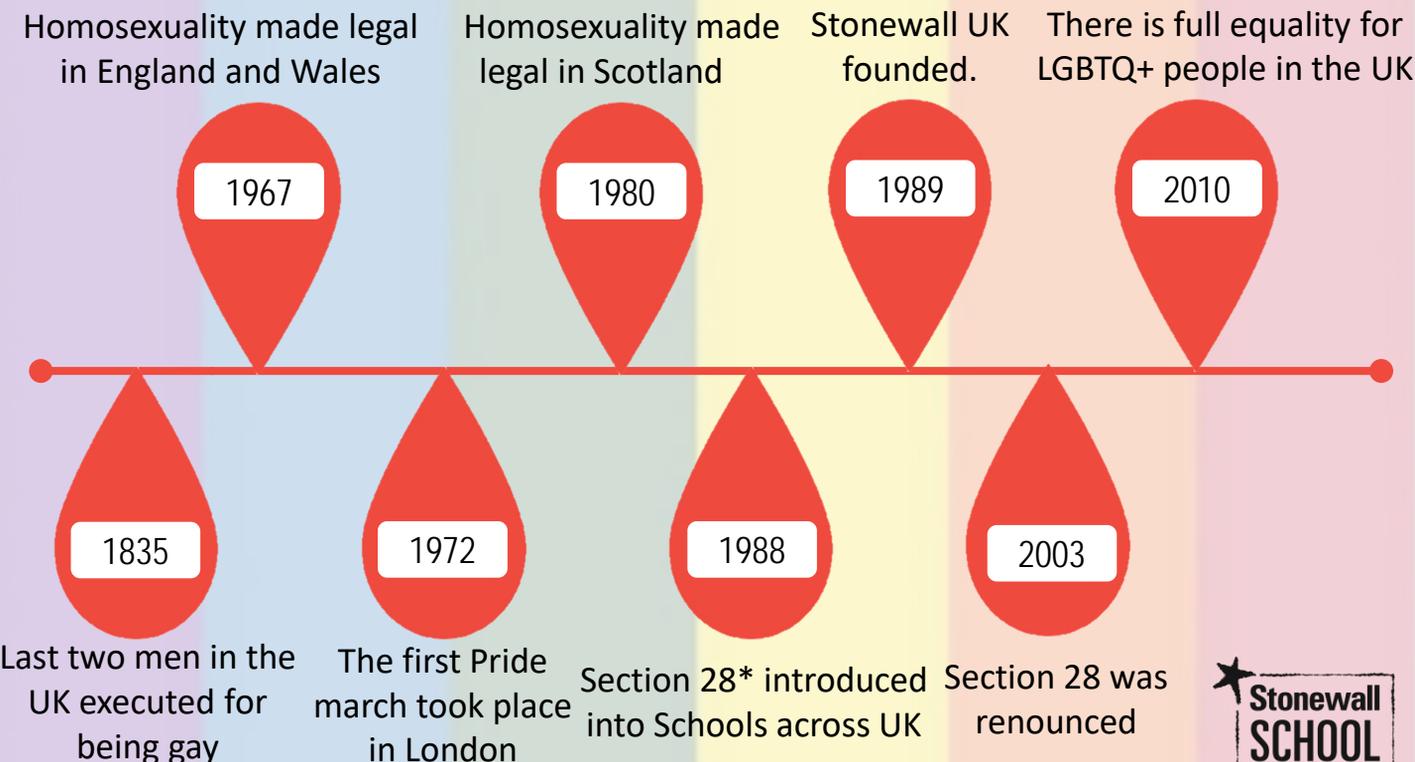
During these difficult times we, as a community, want to celebrate what it means to show pride and how it is unique for each person.

When thinking about Pride it is important to consider why Pride is something which is celebrated all around the world, but even more specifically why it is so important in our own British community.

In the past few weeks, we have seen how prejudice and discrimination can cause much pain and sadness for people from minority backgrounds. In today's society it is even more important to educate ourselves on the difference of people and how being different is ok.

Your parents have been sent a resource on how to support you if you have any questions on racism and violence.

Below is a brief layout of the history for the fight for equality in the LGBTQ+ community and why it is something people feel so strongly about when celebrating Pride.



Section 28 effectively banned the 'promotion of homosexuality' in schools



As you can see, in 2010 a law was introduced which made the discrimination of people who are LGBTQ+ illegal. This does not mean however that subtle acts of prejudice and discrimination no longer exist.

As a school we have a responsibility to educate you on all different aspects of life and to help you develop core British values. One of these values is mutual respect and tolerance toward people from different beliefs, creeds, races, genders and sexuality.

Further to this we have a duty to make sure that you are treated equally and fairly and that all students feel safe in their school. HBT (homophobic, biphobic and transphobic) bullying can be a problem in schools and still affects students to this day, sometimes with devastating consequences. By reminding our students that being different is OK, and indeed learning to respect and celebrate our differences, we aim to ensure that no member of the Goffs community has to face HBT bullying.

To this end we have organised three ways for Goffs students to become involved in Pride.

This is part of the current Personal Development Challenges, to research and/or participate in LGBTQ+ Pride activities. A start is to try to answer these questions:

***Do you know what all the letters stand for and why there is a +?
Which colours were added to the rainbow flag recently and why?***

If all you do is educate yourself a little more than you were before on the LGBTQ+ community, then reading this link is enough:

[Four young LGBT activists you should know about](#)

Alternatively, you can get creative and bake some rainbow cupcakes with this recipe [Rainbow cupcakes recipe](#).

If you want to do more, then here is our idea:

Answer this question ***'What does Pride mean to you?'*** in any or all of the following ways:

1. Make a poster responding to the question. You can make or colour in a logo you find that represents Pride.
2. Take a photo as a response to the question. Maybe even holding your poster.
3. Make a 10-15 second video as a response to the question.

Please make them as colourful as possible as we want to fill the new LGBTQ+ noticeboard by the LRC which was put up just before lockdown that is just waiting to be filled.

Please send entries to Mr Lewis jls@goffs.herts.sch.uk by Thursday 25th June.

Goffs Academy *g*

PRISM

*This new club is all about
creating a LGBTQ+ presence*

*Every Wednesday
@ 1.30pm in S15*

*Everyone is welcome
to join our group*

*If you have any questions
please ask Mr Lewis in S15*