



Pupils and staff at Dulwich College are marking International Women's Day on Monday 8 March with a week-long programme of talks and presentations.

Echoing this year's IWD theme of **#CHOOSETOCHALLENGE**, we will be championing individual stories, hidden and forgotten pioneers and women's rights in order to raise awareness against bias and the importance of gender parity.

The week will open with an assembly about why we need an International Women's Day, led by Mrs Angel, Deputy Master Pastoral, who introduces a short film made by staff celebrating female pioneers across all fields.

Pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 12 have chosen their pioneers which will form the basis of further discussion in tutor time.

#CHOOSETOCHALLENGE will be a special lesson in our wellbeing programme for all classes throughout the week.

#CHOOSETOCHALLENGE will also be threaded throughout lessons for all year groups – not just this week but with the aim of incorporating it throughout the year, as inspired by A'yaan in Year 9:

“It would be most effective to weave the campaign into the current curriculum across the subjects. So, for example, when studying the suffragette movement in history or studying a female pioneering artist in art, teachers could use the hashtag and in this way students would receive the message throughout the year in a variety of contexts without it seeming tokenistic.”



DCMusic – A playlist that features some of the fantastic music composed by women, both past and present.



EVENTS AND TALKS

● ● Science Society – The Covid vaccine – one woman’s story
Tuesday 9 March, 2pm – Zoom

● ● African and Caribbean Society – Women’s rights are human rights
Tuesday 9 March, 1.50pm, Room M21

Working women who have had to leave their East African countries and live in exile because of war, politics, gender and religion which leads to the question of where human and women’s rights begin and end? Spotighting individual stories of these hidden and forgotten ‘pioneers’.

● ● Politics Society – Jessica Asato on Women in Politics
Tuesday 9 March, 1.45pm – Zoom

A talk by Jessica Asato, Head of Public Affairs at SafeLives, a charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse. Jessica is a former Labour councillor, parliamentary candidate, adviser to Tessa Jowell MP and Director of the Labour Yes Campaign for the AV referendum in 2011.

● ● Thinking About... Being happy in your own skin with Pam Dusu
Tuesday 9 March, 5pm – Zoom [Register now](#)

Pamela Dusu is a lawyer with Globeleq, one of the leading power developers and operators in sub-Saharan Africa. She co-founded the Creating Pathways Programme to actively support talented young BAME lawyers.

● ● Lower School Scholars’ programme
Thursday 11 March, 10:50

Are female leaders handling Covid-19 better than their male counterparts?

◆◆ Art Society – A Tea Party after Chicago
Thursday 11 March, Studio 4

A Level Art students are invited to a tea party inspired by Judy Chicago's seminal artwork 'The Dinner Party'. Students and staff will take seat at a table, where a pioneering female artist is placed at every table setting. The open table will be a chance for an open and safe dialogue to discuss issues around the representation of women artists and how the performance of both male and female gender can be explored within artworks.

◆◆ History Society – Women and History
Friday 12 March, 4pm

A roundtable discussion led by MQI, K LW and HG, on women in history, how women see history, and whether the history we teach at schools and universities has responded effectively to the feminist critique.

Y13 in the LG; Y12 in S106; all welcome on the History Society Team.

◆◆ Classics Society: Speaking the silence: women writers in the Ancient World
Friday 12 March, 2pm – Teams

A brief survey of the surviving writings by female poets from Greece and Rome, and also an exploration of some known lost writings.

◆◆ English classes – Championing pioneers in poetry and fiction: Maya Angelou, Grace Nichols, Carol Ann Duffy, Arundhati Roy, Mary Shelley, Toni Morrison

These poets and writers are an integral part of the English curriculum at the College. As part of teaching over the next few weeks, classes in various year groups will be engaging with their work.

◆◆ Thinking About...

Engineering with Dr Adele Nasti, Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG
Tuesday 16 March, 5pm – Zoom [Register now](#)