DC PRIDE

CELEBRATING THE CHANGEMAKERS

This year, to celebrate DC PRIDE Month, coinciding with the national marking of LGBT+ History Month, we'll focus on the theme of 'Changemakers,' building on the momentum from our College's Black History Month. This month provides an opportunity to celebrate inspirational figures from the LGBTQ+ community while reflecting on how we can contribute to change and support those who continue to face discrimination.

DC Pride Month will feature a range of assemblies, activities, events, and opportunities for students, teachers, and operational staff. The goal is to engage everyone with the achievements and struggles of the LGBTQ+ community, while promoting Dulwich College's values of Equity and Respect for All, ensuring everyone thrives in a diverse society. We hope you enjoy the DC Pride celebrations and take part in the exciting range of events available.

Mr Wignall - Head of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – LGBTQ+

We are celebrating the change makers that trail-blazed today's normal, setting the precedent for equal rights and opportunities. We celebrate history's greats that are obscured for not being heteronormative, and we look to the future knowing that a downtrodden community has accomplished so much already. With so much discord in the world, sticking up for one another regardless of identity is what we need - look out for your friends and support them; make Dulwich the welcoming and safe community that we all aspire for it to be.

Calum Skinner – Diversity & Inclusion: LGBTQ+ Prefect

Rainbow Laces



During DC PRIDE, the sports department are inviting everyone who plays sport across the College, in whatever form, to buy a pair of Rainbow Laces from the Commissariat to show their support for LGBTQ+ inclusion in sport.

Exercise and physical activity are so important for our physical and mental health that it cannot be the case that LGBTQ+ people experience barriers to them taking part – whether because of harmful stereotypes or the feeling that they won't be included. Sport really should be for everyone.

Whilst the number of openly LGBTQ+ athletes has been increasing in recent years, such as Tom Daley, Alex Scott and Jake Daniels, the fact that there are still no Premier League football players who feel comfortable enough to come out in public shows that there is work still to be done. Whilst the Premier League is not under our control, we can work together to ensure that everyone feels they can take part in sport here at the College, and knows that they will be accepted and supported on the field, in the pool, or on the river, by their friends and teammates.

Pick up your laces for free at the Comm. Ready for the Saturday 8 February fixture.

Wodehouse & Raymond Chandler Libraries

The Raymond Chandler Library & Wodehouse Library are celebrating DC Pride and LGBT+ History Month with a range of titles! Visit us in person to peruse our LGBTQ+ displays, or browse our digital reading lists:

DC Pride & LGBT+ History Month 2025: Reading for Lower School pupils

DC Pride 2025 : Recommended Non-Fiction

DC Pride & LGBT+ History Month: Recommended Fiction

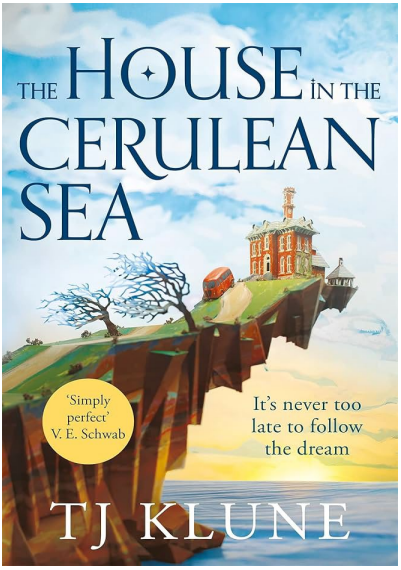


Pride Book Recommendation

An enchanting story, masterfully told, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place - and realizing that family could be yours.

Linus Baker leads a quiet life. At forty, he has a tiny house with a devious cat and his beloved records for company. And at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he's spent many dull years monitoring their orphanages.

Then one day, Linus is summoned by Extremely Upper Management and given a highly classified assignment. He must travel to an orphanage where six dangerous children reside, including the Antichrist. There, Linus must somehow determine if they could bring on the end of days. But their guardian, charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, will do anything to protect his wards. As Arthur and Linus grow ever closer, Linus must choose between duty and his dreams.



Highlights

Music & Revolution Exhibition – Protest, Fashion, Hair & Sexuality in the 60s/70s

From Wednesday 12 February
(break/lunch/after school)
The Archives

Mr Jolly will take a short tour around the current exhibition that traces students taking self-expression into their own hands. The most obvious examples of this are in breaking previous College 'male stereotypes' through students' interest in fashion, hair, writings, protest and association with a new wave of icons exploring sexuality, personified in David Bowie.





Question & Answer with Ex RAF Pilot Matt Lindley

Monday 10 February 10.50am
Edward Alleyn Theatre

Join Matt Lindley for an insightful talk about his groundbreaking experiences as one of the first openly gay men in the RAF.

Year 8 & 10 Matt Lindley Assembly

Monday 10 February
Matt will be leading two assemblies sharing his personal journey, reflecting on the challenges and triumphs of navigating both his identity and his service in the armed forces.

Sinfonietta Concert - Revolutions: A Sonic Experience with DC Sinfonietta

Tuesday 11 February 6.00pm
The James Caird Hall

The inaugural concert of the College's newest ensemble, DC Sinfonietta. Join us to explore the Minimalism movement, featuring acoustic, electronic, and improvised-instrument music by Steve Reich, Pauline Oliveros, and Michael Nyman, as well as a world premiere from College composer Thomas Purvis.



In Societies

Modern Foreign Languages

Lower School Pride Banners
Tuesday 4 February 1:45pm Lower School Playground

Come and create a banner to celebrate DC Pride 2025 using your language skills.

Click Club

Make an animated Pride flag
Wednesday 5 February 1.45pm Studio 6, Art Block

Come and learn new Blender software skills in the Art Department. We'll be making and proudly flying our animated Pride flags in a virtual domain.



Art Department

LGBTQ+ Art Before
Wednesday 5 February 1.45pm Studio 5, Art Block

A creative workshop for Y8 and Y9, where we will be making artwork influenced by key historical LGBTQ+ artists whose work lives on today.

Art Department

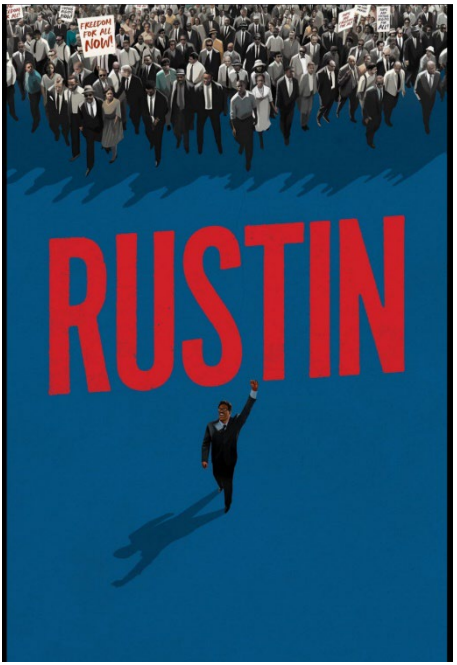
LGBTQ+ Art Now
Thursday 6 February 1.45pm Studio 5, Art Block

A creative workshop for at Y10 and over, where we will be making artwork influenced by leading contemporary LGBTQ+ artists.

African and Caribbean Society

Rustin: Race, Civil Rights and LGBTQ+
Thursday 6, 20 and 27 February 1.45pm
The Wodehouse Library

Bayard Rustin, advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the quest for racial equality, human rights, and worldwide democracy. However, as an openly gay Black man, he is all but erased from the civil rights movement he helped build. Join us at A&C Society as we screen the Oscar nominated film and share in discussions and activities.



Upper School Film Society

Call Me By Your Name
Thursdays: 6 February – 6 March 1.45pm N202

We will be watching the 2017 film Call Me By Your Name, which stars Timothée Chalamet. Set in the summer of 1983 in stunning Lombardy, Italy, Elio is spending his days with his family at their villa. He soon meets Oliver, who's working as an intern for his father. Together they discover the heady beauty of awakening desire. Please note this ongoing screening event is only for Years 12 and 13.

Philosophy Circle

Father Joshua Pollard: Living in Love and Faith - an inclusive Church of England?
Thursday 6 February 1.45pm S101

Father Joshua Pollard will be talking to the students about LLF (living in love and faith) in regards to his homosexuality and church inclusion, and how that has changed/ developed.

Geography Society

The One Child Policy & the Impacts on the LGBTQ+ Society
Friday 7 February 1:50pm S102

GeogSoc's talk will examine China's One-Child Policy and its anticipated impacts on the LGBTQ+ community. It will explore how the policy has intensified societal pressures to marry and have children, often marginalising LGBTQ+ individuals. Topics will include cultural expectations around family structures, the policy's role in perpetuating stigma, and its potential long-term effects on identity and social acceptance within the LGBTQ+ community. This session promises to offer valuable insights into the intersection of demographic policies and social inequality.



Geo Explorers Soc (Lower School)

LGBTQ+ Rights Around he World
Monday 10 February 1.40pm LS12

Join us for a Geo Explorers session focused on exploring LGBTQ+ rights around the world. Which countries have the best and worst rights for LGBTQ+ people, and how does this impact their societies? Open to all Lower School students.

BioMedSoc

Same sex relationships in the Animal Kingdom
Tuesday 11 February 2.00pm BY04

A tour of the Animal kingdom looking at everything from "bromance" in Lions to species survival in penguins!

Psychology Society

LGBTQ+ An Exploration of Psychology
Tuesday 11 February 2.00pm BY06

An exploration of LGBTQ+ psychology, including theories of sexuality, 'coming out' and identity development, as well as examining the many different aspects of the lives of LGBTQ+ people including prejudice and discrimination, the role of parenting and families.

DCRC

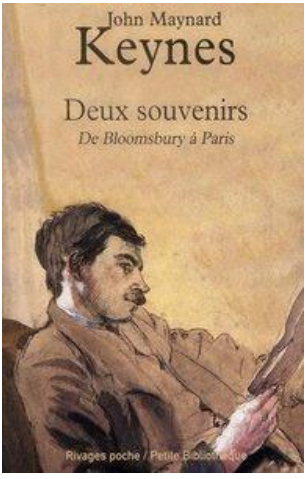
Pride Month: DCRC Flight & Talk
Tuesday 11 February 1.45pm DT

Join us for a talk about Pride in RC and Aviation, followed by flying a vibrant pride banner, created by members, soaring high behind an RC plane!

Economics Society

Keynes: the man, the myth
Thursday 13 February 1.50pm LG1

Maynard Keynes is the most significant economic thinker Britain has produced to date. In this talk from Mrs Sugden and Dr Wisson, discover how his ground-breaking theories and vibrant personality transformed economics and influenced the LGBTQ+ landscape of his time.



Art Society



Fabric of Freedom
Friday 14 February 1.45pm
Studio 4

Luca Elborn (Y13) and Kiran Kaloo (Y12) will be exploring how throughout history, people have used fabrics as expressive symbols, to communicate identities, and as forms of resistance.

Classics Society



Love, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient World
Friday 14 February
1.50pm C001

A presentation offering insights into ancient ideas about love, gender, and sexuality, through the lens of their literature and philosophy.

PrideSoc & Drama

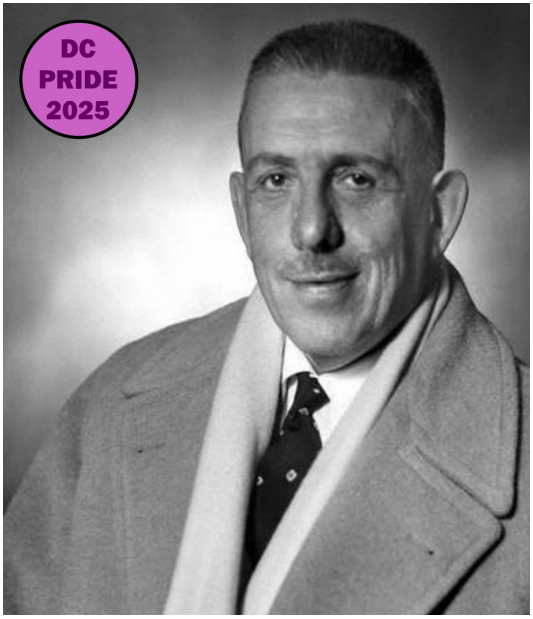
Stage of Pride Voices
Thursday 27 February 1.45pm EAT

Join us in the theatre for an exciting exploration of LGBTQ+ voices through three powerful plays. Dive into themes of identity, love, and resilience in a space where you can engage practically and through meaningful discussion. Come celebrate Pride by embracing the stories that shape our community and spark important conversations. Year 9 and above.

Pride Soc

Francis Poulenc: The Life & Work
Tuesday 25 February 4.00pm The Old Library

One of the most individual voices of the early 20th century, Francis Poulenc's music fuses the profoundly religious with the flamboyantly irreverent. Mr Sutton, Elliot Coulson and Will Harper explore the life and work of this extraordinary French composer, including live performances of music for piano and flute.





WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

1.45pm – South Mezzanine

MAKE YOUR OWN RAINBOW PRIDE BOOKMARKS

EVERYONE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF KNITTING EXPERIENCE

Junior School

At the Junior School, we are excited to celebrate PRIDE Month, highlighting the main theme of Changemakers and how this is intertwined with our Junior School values of caring for others and joining in. Our week of Free Learning will start with a presentation from some of the EDI prefects from the Senior School and the boys will hear first hand about some well known changemakers; Tom Daly and Ncuti Galwa, whilst also learning about diversity, inclusivity and what it means to be a great ally.

here will be opportunities to engage with more Free Learning in our Wellbeing lesson where the boys will have the opportunity to engage with discussions around how changemakers continue to face challenges and how we all play an important role in creating a safe, respectful and caring environment for everyone. There will also be time given to the boys to reflect upon how they can be a catalyst for positive change, by the way the promote an inclusive environment for each other.

DUCKS

At DUCKS, we are excited to celebrate PRIDE Month highlighting inclusivity, diversity, and our DUCKS value of uniqueness. From the Baby and Toddler Rooms to Year 2, children will engage in activities, discussions, and stories, such as, Heather Has Two Mummies by Lesléa Newman, The Same but Different Too by Karl Newson and Love makes a Family by Sophie Beer exploring identity and belonging. Kindergarten children will embrace differences, explore names, and celebrate what makes them special. In Pre-Reception children will create a rainbow of colourful handprints to show how we are a community and think about how all families are different, while Reception will focus on the theme "Glad to Be Me" through stories and discussions about family diversity.

In Years 1 and 2, children will create art and displays reflecting their unique qualities. Year 1 will design "classroom sunshines" from handprints, while Year 2 will craft personal flags showcasing what makes them special. Through these activities and stories, we will foster appreciation for both what makes us unique and what connects us as a community, culminating in a "Unique Talent Show" to celebrate individuality across the school.