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MLR/fmu/Parent Letter.BHM
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This month St Joseph's College is recognising and celebrating Black History Month.

One of our projects is a visual exhibition to celebrate pride in all the diverse backgrounds that make up our community - The Suitcase Project. We want to make this an opportunity for parents, grandparents and students to tell their stories, share experiences and strengthen the pride, cohesion and love in our St. Joseph's extended family.

If you, or your parents or grandparents, came to the UK, please join in. You can send any stories, artefacts or photos you feel will contribute to our exhibition. Your experiences will be valuable and used to inform and enlighten students and staff to demonstrate our pride in our diversity. This will enable us to focus on an important part of who we are during Black History Month. We want everyone to be able to appreciate what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes.

We would be extremely interested to hear your journey, any 'Good News Stories' or anything you (or someone you know) may have to inform us of how our community came together. You may wish to support us by sending in images: photographs, drawings, paintings of those experiences; you may have memorabilia e.g. tickets, old passports, suitcases/bags, cultural attire. If these cherished items are too important to temporarily part with, you could send in photographs and we will be delighted to display them.

We hope to encourage as many people to participate as possible. Along with this letter, forms have been included which might be used as a prompt. Simply to fill it out and send it into school for the attention of Mrs Hall.

We sincerely hope we can generate and celebrate the enthusiasm and collaborative community spirit this school is built on. Many thanks for any support you are able to offer us.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Cover supervisor

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‘My Story’ for those who travelled from afar to settle here.

Name:

Original Birth Place & Home:

What happened to cause life changing plans?

How did you cope?

Who helped you?

A kindness experienced on your journey which was most prevalent:

Moving forward...What small steps were taken in the first instance to rebuild your/family life?

Accomplishments/celebrated moments with family/home/work since.

Please return forms FAO Mrs Hall to school library



‘My Story’ for those who simply wish to share experiences

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Original Birth Place & Home:

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