





What Is It?

LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. It was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson.

So What? Why Are We Bothering?

It is important that we work together to build an inclusive school community. It is far more easy to respect one another and understand each other's perspective if we understand a little more about them. LGBT+ History month is the opportunity for us to educate and celebrate.

What Can I Do?

Get involved...properly involved!

- Listen and be willing to learn;
- Take part in the activities to show your support and help us to celebrate properly.

Let's watch this video as a quick reminder to get us started:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vi6bdib86oo>



Let's start with a little quiz to get you talking...

1. What does the 'B' stand for in LGBT+? **Bisexual**
2. When were Civil Partnerships introduced in the UK? **2004**
3. What is the symbol of the LGBT+ movement? **A rainbow**
4. This flag is for which group of people? **Asexuals**
5. What did the word 'lesbian' originally mean? **Someone from Lesbos (a Greek island)**
6. Who is this famous lesbian TV personality?
7. What is the name of Dr Who's first gay companion?
8. Who is the top selling gay singer/songwriter in the world? **Elton John**
9. The symbol of which famous global brand is a tribute to gay mathematician Alan Turing? **Apple**
10. Which one of the following celebrities is NOT bisexual?

Lady Gaga

Mary Berry

Angelina Jolie

Kristen Stewart



Bill Potts



Ellen Degeneres

11. American drag queen RuPaul has hosted a very successful reality TV show since 2009. What is it called? RuPaul's Drag Race

12. When was homosexuality between men partially decriminalised in the UK?

1967

13. Laverne Cox is a transgender actress famous for her role

as Sophia Burset in which US drama series? Orange Is The New Black

14. This is the flag for which group of people?

Transgender

15. In how many countries is homosexuality still illegal today?

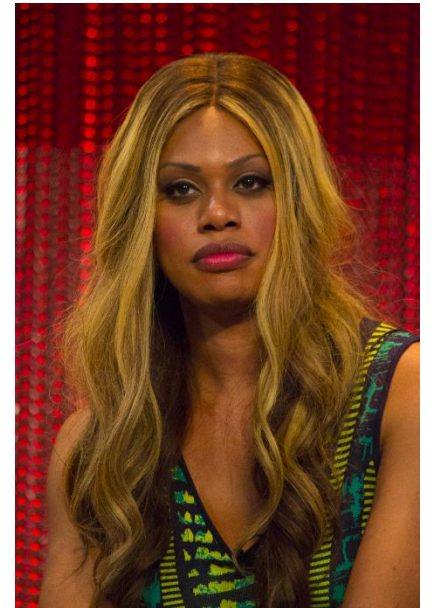
74 – homosexuality is punishable by death in 13 of these countries

16. When did homophobic hate crime become a criminal offense in the UK?

2003

17. According to LGBT+ rights charity Stonewall, what percentage of the UK population is estimated to be gay, lesbian or bisexual?

6%



Colour code the statements

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ANSWERS

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Language- Past & Present

- Language often changes to reflect attitudes & values of the times we live in.
- In the past the word bastard was used to describe a child whose parents were not married. This is totally unacceptable these days.
- When the meaning of a word changes over time, it is important that you update your vocabulary and use language which is up to date and not outdated: you might cause offence without meaning to.
- It is important that you show you respect others by choosing the right language. You might not understand how or why a word might cause offence or make someone feel uncomfortable, but that doesn't matter – you don't need to. Your job is to use acceptable and respectful language at all times.

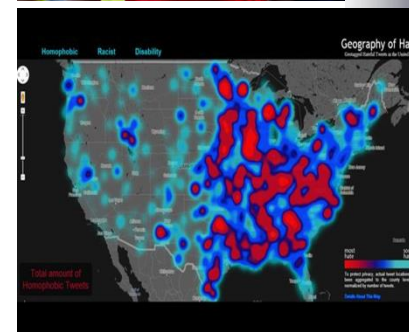


#OutOfOrder

Does it matter? My language, my business.

Not so. You could be fined, fired or arrested for your use of language (verbal or online) if it is deemed racist or homophobic or offensive (physical or mental disability).

Can you think of any stories that have made the news?





Hopefully today has started you thinking about what the language you use says about you, your viewpoint, and what message that is giving to others around you. *For example, if you choose to use homophobic or transphobic language, firstly, it says more about you than the person or community you are directing it to. But secondly, it is likely to cause enormous offence – and potentially longer lasting harm to that person.*

We would like to finish by getting you to reflect on the harm that it can cause when you are a bystander – someone who does or says nothing in response to behaviour which you know is not right. The following video shows how important it is to speak up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEfE2b5Z2lo>





What Is Going On This Month?

Throughout the month of February, subject teachers will deliver an LGBT+ inclusive lesson. This will give you the opportunity to learn even more about the LGBT+ community and its history.

We have put together an inclusive recommended reads list. If you are keen to broaden what you read and learn more through fiction, why don't you have a read of one of our recommendations? The reading lists will be displayed in the library where there will be copies for you to take, so please help yourself.

W/B	Classroom Activity	Lunchtime Activity
31 st January	ILT Session 1 – Monday 31st January: An Introduction to LGBT+ History Month and how we will educate and celebrate at OBHS.	Treasure Hunt: Collect a treasure hunt form from student reception. The Treasure Hunt will involve you following our trail to discover things you might not have known about the queer community, and get you finding clues our about famous, and not-so-famous faces. There are prizes to be won, so come along and give it a go.
	ILT Session 2 – Thursday 3rd February: Pronoun Equality: A presentation on pronoun equality and the importance of being able to identify and be addressed in the right way. Students who would like us to create a preferred pronoun and name badge for them to wear will have the opportunity to sign up in this session. Regardless of whether your chosen pronoun matches your biological sex, or doesn't, wearing a badge is a way of showing you are an ally within the OBHS community.	
7 th February	ILT Session 3 – Tuesday 8th February: An introduction to some of the challenges faced by the LGBT+ community.	Rainbow Bake-Off: students to submit their best rainbow bake to SM Office before 9.00am. Judging to take place in Room 3 at lunchtime. Thursday 10th February
	ILT Session 4 – Friday 11th February: You are Enough. This session will focus on the importance of self-love and appreciation and give you the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the things you feel proud of or thankful for.	
14 th February	Half Term	
21 st February	ILT Session 4 – Tuesday 22nd February LGBTQIA+ History: An opportunity to learn more about the LGBT+ culture and its history. This will include information on key events and people who are part of the community. We hope that by increasing understanding, we can increase respect and allies within the school.	Film Showing: 'Love Simon' will be shown in the Main School Hall during lunchtime this week and is open to students in Y9 and above.
	LGBT+ Celebration Day – Friday 25th February All students are invited to wear rainbow-coloured additions to their uniform on Friday (socks, hats, ties, hair bands, ribbons, gloves). We will have a celebratory event running during both Friday lunchtimes in the Main School Hall. There will be stalls such as rainbow face painting and nails, an LGBT quiz, a badge making stall, a bake sale, etc. There will be music frivolity and an official cry opening the event by the Official Town Crier for Thetford and Norwich Pride. We would like as many of you to come along to show your support and have fun celebrating!	



The LGBT+ Treasure Hunt





Rainbow Bake-Off

Submit your entries to Mrs Morgan's office by break time on Thursday 10th February.

Judging will take place in Room 3 during ILT 1.

Get your bake on and be creative!





Film Showing

Everyone deserves a great love story, but for 17-year-old Simon Spier, it's a little more complicated. He hasn't told his family or friends that he's gay, and he doesn't know the identity of the anonymous classmate that he's fallen for online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing.

Showing in the Main School Hall during lunchtime from Monday 21st – Thursday 24th February

For Year 9, 10 and 11





LGBT+ History Month Celebration Day – Friday 25th February

The celebration will open with a cry from the official town crier for Norwich Pride. His infamous cry of ‘Oh Gay, Oh Gay, Oh Gay...’ went viral after pride 2019. He will be donning his rainbow waistcoat and opening our celebration with our very own cry.

Following this, there will be music, merriment and celebration in the Main School Hall. Come along and get your face painted, buy a rainbow cake, or have a go at one of the games and quizzes on offer...there are prizes to be won!

It will be running throughout both lunchtimes and all students are welcome.

Don't forget to add an extra something to your uniform on Friday 25th: rainbow socks, a rainbow tie or hair band, rainbow gloves.

**We can't wait to celebrate with you
all!**

