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Promoting Diversity, Equality and Courageous Advocacy in Assembly

This report highlights the Trust-wide weekly assemblies, where diverse and courageous individuals are presented to promote inclusivity, equality, and advocacy for human rights. These figures represent various aspects of diversity, including BAME, LGBTQ+, gender equality, disability, and more, and are aligned with the Trust's values. Each advocate below is an example of who we cover and why- we have a complete list on the trust website. The Advocates we cover have been chosen based on ideas from pupils, staff, and parents and their cultural impact.

A selection of Key Figures and Their Contributions to our Trust Diversity and Equality Objectives:

- 1. Mother Teresa – *Altruism and Care***
 - *Religious, Humanitarian*
 - Mother Teresa's life work focuses on caring for the most vulnerable, aligning with the Trust's values of compassion and care for all, regardless of background.
- 2. Yoko Ono – *Peace and Creativity***
 - *Asian Heritage, Women in Arts*
 - Ono's activism for peace and creative expression highlights the intersection of arts and advocacy for social justice, representing Asian cultural contributions.
- 3. Anne Frank – *Resilience and Refugee Experience***
 - *Jewish Heritage, Refugee*
 - Frank's story brings awareness to the struggles refugees face, promoting empathy and understanding of displaced communities.
- 4. Harriet Tubman – *Black History and Freedom***
 - *BAME, Civil Rights*
 - Tubman's leadership in the fight against slavery emphasises the importance of Black history and advocacy for racial justice.
- 5. Emmeline Pankhurst – *Women's Rights and Gender Equality***
 - *Gender Equality, Women in Leadership*
 - Pankhurst's work for women's suffrage shows women's significant role in advocating for societal change.
- 6. Rosalind Franklin – *Scientific Contributions and Gender Equality***
 - *Gender Equality, Women in STEM*



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- Franklin's scientific discoveries in DNA research exemplify the contributions of women to science and the ongoing struggle for recognition.
- 7. **Muhammad Ali** – *Faith and Individual Identity*
 - *BAME, Religious Freedom*
 - Ali's advocacy for civil rights and pride in his Islamic faith teaches pupils the importance of religious freedom and racial equality.
- 8. **Alan Turing** – *LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Innovation*
 - *LGBTQ+, Neurodiversity, STEM*
 - Turing, a computing pioneer who faced persecution for his sexuality, serves as a role model for the LGBTQ+ community and neurodiverse individuals in STEM fields.
- 9. **Amanda Gorman** – *Empowerment and Disability Advocacy*
 - *BAME, Disability Advocacy*
 - Gorman's rise as a poet despite a speech impediment inspires pupils to overcome challenges and excel in their passions.
- 10. **Stephen Hawking** – *Disability and Scientific Excellence*
 - *Disability Advocacy, STEM*
 - Despite his ALS diagnosis, Hawking's contributions to physics highlight the potential of people with disabilities to achieve great things.
- 11. **Malala Yousafzai** – *Education and Female Empowerment*
 - *Gender Equality, BAME, Education Rights*
 - Malala's advocacy for girls' education emphasises the Trust's commitment to equal access to education for all pupils.
- 12. **Marcus Rashford** – *Social Justice and Black Excellence*
 - *BAME, Social Justice*
 - Rashford's campaign for children's right to food emphasises social justice, while his success as a Black British athlete is an inspiring role model.
- 13. **Wilma Rudolph** – *Disability and Athletic Achievement*
 - *Disability Advocacy, Women in Sports*
 - Rudolph's success in athletics, despite her disability, shows pupils the value of determination and perseverance.
- 14. **Frida Kahlo** – *Disability and Artistic Expression*
 - *Disability Advocacy, Women in Arts*
 - Kahlo's life and work highlight the power of creativity in overcoming personal challenges inspiring students to express themselves.
- 15. **Oscar Schindler** – *Ethical Leadership and Human Rights*
 - *Humanitarian*
 - Schindler's courageous actions during the Holocaust demonstrate the importance of protecting vulnerable people and standing up for human rights.



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16. **Mahatma Gandhi** – *Non-Violent Resistance and Human Rights*
 - *BAME, Civil Rights*
 - Gandhi's commitment to non-violence and civil rights advocacy inspires social justice and equality movements.
17. **Maya Angelou** – *Empowerment and Voice for Marginalized Communities*
 - *BAME, Women's Rights, Civil Rights*
 - Angelou's poetry and activism highlight the importance of speaking up for marginalised communities and standing against injustice.
18. **Kamala Harris** – *Representation and Equality in Leadership*
 - *BAME, Women in Leadership*
 - As the first woman Black and South Asian Vice President, Kamala Harris exemplifies diverse leadership and emphasises the importance of representation.
19. **Zaha Hadid** – *Women in STEM and Middle Eastern Representation*
 - *BAME, Women in STEM*
 - Hadid's architectural achievements challenge gender and ethnic stereotypes, promoting the importance of diversity in technical fields.
20. **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** – *Gender Equality and Legal Justice*
 - *Gender Equality, Legal Advocacy*
 - Ginsburg's fight for gender equality under the law underscores the need for ongoing legal protections against discrimination.
21. **Bruce Lee** – *Cultural Influence and Overcoming Prejudice*
 - *BAME, Asian Heritage, Cultural Icon*
 - Lee's impact in martial arts and film highlights the challenges of racial prejudice, encouraging pupils to embrace their heritage with pride.
22. **Andy Warhol** – *Creative Expression and Potential Neurodiversity*
 - *Creative Arts, Potential Neurodiversity*
 - Warhol's innovation in the art world and his possible neurodiverse traits highlight the importance of embracing different ways of thinking.
23. **Queen Elizabeth II** – *Service and Dedication*
 - *Women in Leadership*
 - Queen Elizabeth II exemplifies dedication and continuity in leadership, providing a powerful example of service that transcends traditional gender expectations.