

During September we celebrated Our History Month. This is an opportunity for the members of the Saracens High School family to share their experiences with each other.

The Year 7s were tasked to interview a family member or family friend about their personal history and experiences of migration. Pupils were able to find out things that they didn't already know about their heritage and get to know each other. Learning groups listened carefully as each person presented and celebrated their success.

The Year 8s researched fairy tales and folk stories linked to their family heritage. We have members of our family who have connections to countries all over the world and the pupils were able to share this knowledge with their peers. It was fascinating to see that stories from a diverse range of countries often shared the same morals and values such as honesty, loyalty and commitment.

The year 9s wrote their own entries that could be included in a History of Saracens High School book. As our first cohort they have had the fullest experience of our school and they really enjoyed reminiscing about their favourite events.

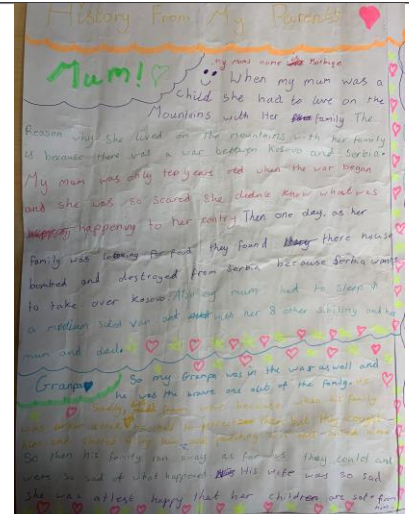
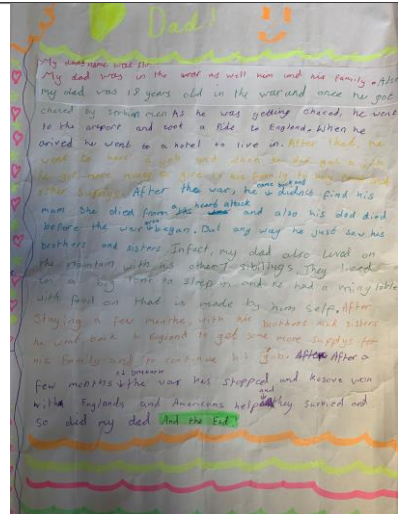
As a school we value providing opportunities for our pupils to make memories and take part in new experiences. Our staff are planning how this can be done safely, but we already have booked in speakers to present via video links about their careers and opportunities for pupils to take part in Coral Live 2020 and UK Parliament week.

October is Black History Month and we look forward to sharing with you some of the amazing work that the pupils complete during this month.

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

Year 7s

All year 7s presented their projects to their learning group and these are the winning projects voted by the pupils; *Lorena Shamolli 7OGI, Holly McLoughlin 7RMA, Oriana Abazak 7SCE and Mellisa Kilinc 7GLI.*

		<p><i>Extract from Holly McLoughlin</i> I interviews my father, Patrick, about his experiences of migration. This is what he told me.</p> <p>I was born in and grew up in Achill Island, which is a small island in the Atlantic Ocean, just off the coast of mainland Ireland. It is a very beautiful place as it is entirely countryside, there are no large buildings or main roads. It is also a very friendly place as the population is very small and so everyone knows everyone else.</p> <p>The downside of Achill being so natural and pretty, is that there is no industry there, and no employment. For this reason, I had to move to other places when I grew up, so that I could earn money.</p>
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Year 8s

All year 8s presented their stories to their learning group and these are the winning pupils; *Haroon Mezoui 8CCA, Christine Kusi Boadum 8EUR, Negareen Sharfa 8SLU, Anne Walker 8EDI, Cheryl Donkor 8MSM and Marwa Mujadidi 8WMU*. Here is an extract from Cheryl's story.

 <p>Anansi the spider</p> 	<p>Before we begin.....</p> <p>Anansi was a very sneaky trickster. In all of his stories he has used his cunning intelligence to fool and steal from others</p> <p>Ansi stories show that if we make bad choices there will be consequences.</p> <p>Now lets begin!</p>	<p>Anansi goes to grandma</p>  <p>This is Anansi's grandma. Anansi visits his grandma to see if she needed any help. Anansi's grandma wanted anansi to plant beans in the garden.</p> <p>She showed Anansi then went back into the house.</p>
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Year 9s

The year 9s presented their paragraphs for the Saracens High School History book to their learning group and these are the winning pupils; *Aliyah Adam 9REV, Gerald Collins 9REV, Rasha Pun 9REV, Nishant Shukla 9KBO, Zahra Najemi 9KBO, Amina Adam 9KBO, Nicole Keable Baines 9BHA, Yusra Ahmadzad 9BHA, Atta Amin 9JMO and Olivia Caddey 9JMO, Eddie Mulaj 9SAN and Amina Haque 9ZAT*. Below are some of their winning extracts.



One of my favourite memories at Saracens High School has definitely been when I made it onto the rugby team. This has been the most treasured memory to me because I never thought in a million years I would be standing on Allianz Park, playing for my school's rugby team. When it came to playing our first ever game, I was so scared but after a while I started to believe that it's going to be okay. When it came to the time to go and play, I was ready to make our team number 1. When I caught the ball mid-air, that was the best thing that happened in my entire life!! We ended up winning our matches we played against the schools we had in our league and that was the best game of rugby that I ever played. *Nishant Shukla*

Instead of school lessons, in Year 7, students were taken to a beautiful beach called Walton-on-the-Naze. As soon as we arrived, travelling on a humid and compact coach, everyone escaped fleeing to see the mesmerizing view of the beach. Melting ice creams, students laughing, teachers smiling, all under the same beaming sunlight. No one could forget the tranquil sound of the water, peacefully travelling back and forth, all muffled by the sound of students screaming in happiness for the feeling of the soft, mouldable sand underneath our feet. One school but a variety of different activities. As time was rapidly running away from us as if we were overstaying our welcome, it disappeared in what felt like 1 hour but was actually 3! From making sand castles to playing football or just admiring the scene, it was time to go, finishing off this one vivid memory. *Rasha Pun*



My most enjoyable moment was the literacy and humanities trip for World Book Day because I really enjoyed all the sites in London and the library. Throughout the trip I learned many things about the area I came from as well as being able to see a 3D model of London. My favourite part of the trip was getting a book from Waterstones bookstore and reading it in the greatest library I've ever been to. *Amina Adam*

