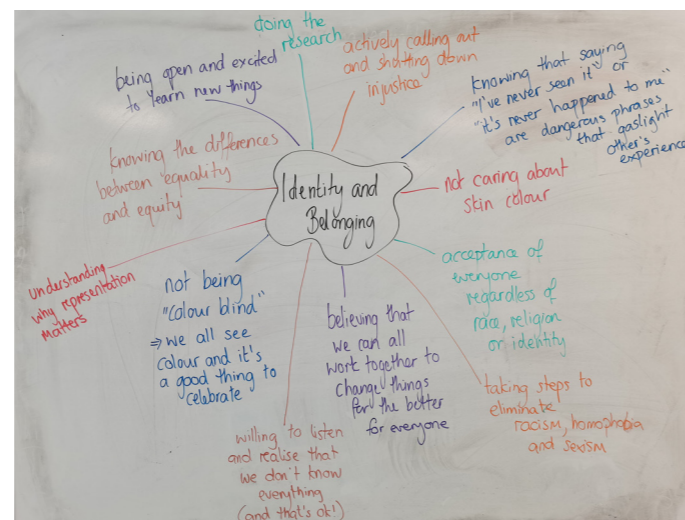




The Collective Council have had a very busy term. Firstly, we changed our name from The BAME Society as we disliked the label and feel it's an outdated and non-inclusive way to refer to diversity. The Collective Council (named by Year 13 student Luna Cliffe who is our Co-Chair) shows that we are a group that has inclusivity at the heart of what we do.

This term we've been working through an Identity and Belonging programme run by Lorraine Prince from BAMEed – a charity organisation that works with schools. During the programme we have looked at how we identify ourselves, how other schools have attempted to tackle racism and reading David Olusoga's book about Black British History. During discussions we have come to understand the differences between ethnicity, race and nationality, as well as be able to explain the definitions of antiracist, equality, equity and colourism.



The Collective Council also hosted our first event that aims to bring more varied representation to our academy. Samuel King – a poet from London – was a huge success and we look forward to hosting more events like this for everyone to enjoy.

Moving forward we will be working through the curriculum and will be meeting with teachers to discuss how to increase the positive representation of people from the Global Majority in our lessons. Other schools have started to take an interest in what we are doing and we will be starting to work with them to guide and support them through the experience of decolonising their curriculum by empowering the voices of their students in the pursuit for a more fairly represented, well balanced and diverse educational experience for all.



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