



**The theme encourages Black communities to take ownership of their stories and to challenge the narratives that have historically marginalized Black achievements.**

Across the College, staff provided opportunities for students to learn about prominent black figures who are significant in a range of subjects within the curriculum.

Mrs Odita- Sani created an opportunity for students from the Prep school and Upper school to enjoy a trip to Learning Support to research famous Black people from the past to the present day who continue to influence society.





5P recreated some artwork in recognition of the work by Faith Ringgold.

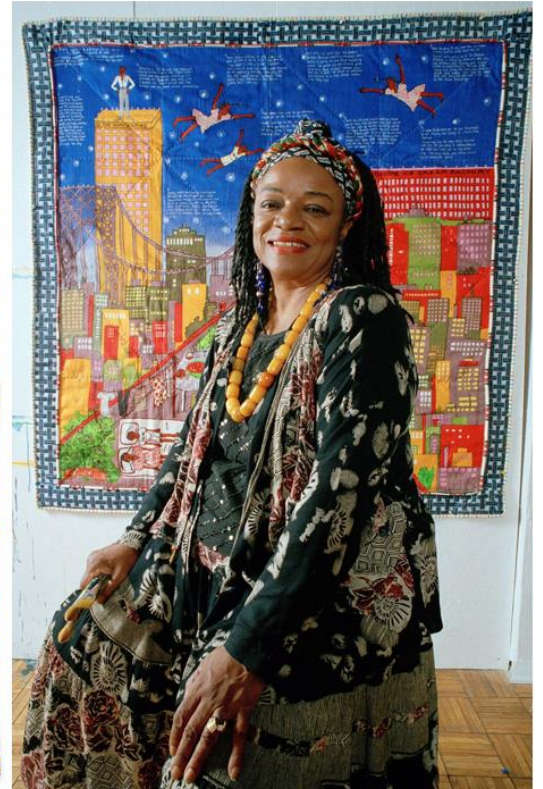
# Faith Ringgold

October is Black History month

American artist and author, Faith Ringgold, became famous for her innovative "story quilts." Each of these artworks, which are pieced together of painted canvas and fabric, tells a story.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9RKJleFdBu>





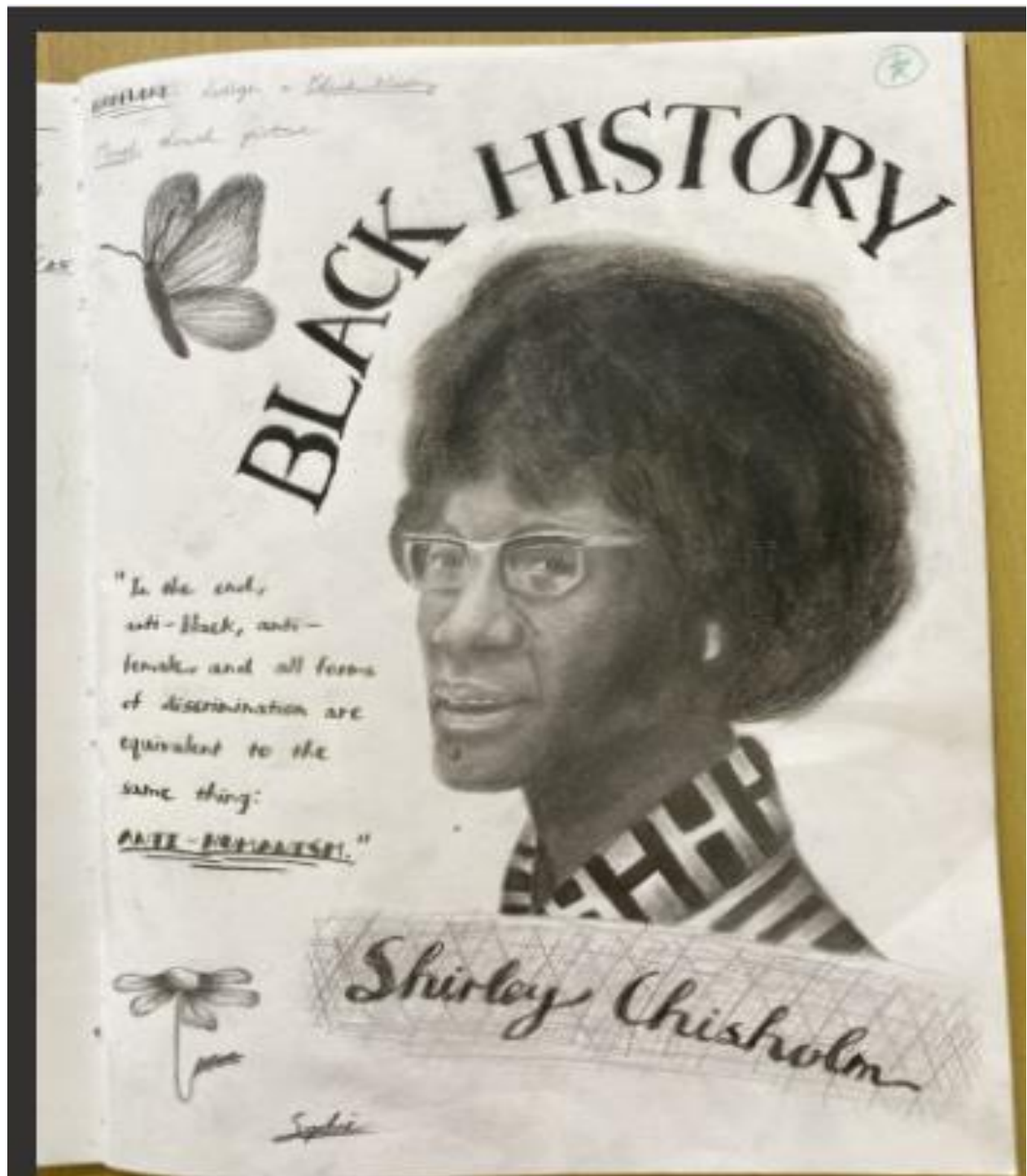
Mrs Watson charged the Houses to create an artistic poster with the theme of Black History Month: Reclaiming the Narrative. She explained that the theme is not just about revisiting history; it's about taking ownership of the stories that define our culture, our contributions, and our very identity. It's a call to action for Black communities across the UK to step into the role of storytellers, historians, and custodians of our heritage. The entries were outstanding and she will reveal the overall winner in due time.



Evie F (Ch7)

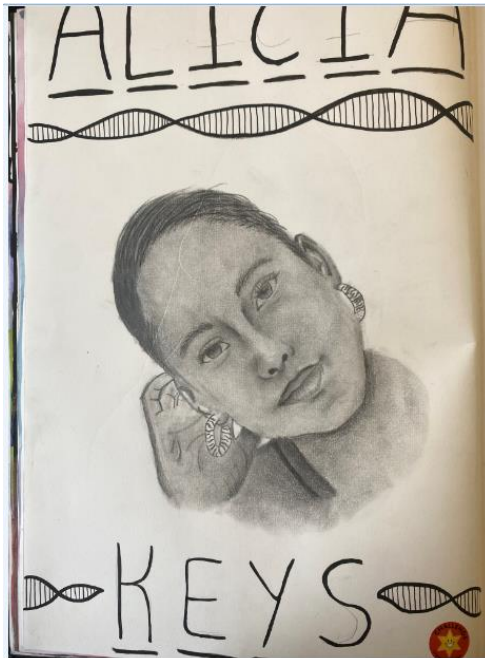


Kara M (Ch8)



In art, students researched pioneers in art and created many impressive portraits and collages.









In History students studying Russia were presented with a significant group of black men and women who travelled to Russia and influenced their culture. Many continued to live in Russia and appeared in stage shows and movies. Others returned to the West and championed Russian causes or wrote about their experiences.



**Robert Robinson** (1906-1994)

Born in Jamaica, Robinson was trained in Cuba as a mechanical engineer before his emigration to the United States in 1930. In the same year at the plant where Robinson was employed, a visiting Soviet delegation engaged in the study of Ford assembly-line production techniques invited Robinson to work in a tractor factory in Stalingrad, offering him various perquisites. Robinson lived in the Soviet Union for 44 years and returned to the United States only in 1978.

In 1988 he wrote an autobiography ***Black on Red : my 44 years inside the Soviet Union***, which was translated into Russian in 2012: ***Черный о красных : 44 года в Советском Союзе : автобиография черного американца.***

In Politics students focused on the leadership campaigns of Kemi Badenoch and James Cleverly. Discussions were also enacted about Kamala Harris and the importance of the African American vote.







## Fun facts

- her favourite colour was blue
- She was initially trained to analyse plane crashes
- She graduated from college at 18.
- had an IQ of 162

# KATHERINE JOHNSON

American Mathematician



## Who was she?

Katherine Johnson was an American Mathematician who helped NASA. She was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1918 in white sulphur spring West Virginia. She sadly passed away on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 101 years old.

## What she did

She was a American Mathematician who calculated the and analyzed the flight paths of many spacecrafts during her more than 3 decades with the U.S. space programmes. She helped NASA send astronauts to the moon and return them home safely.

## Impact on Modern Science

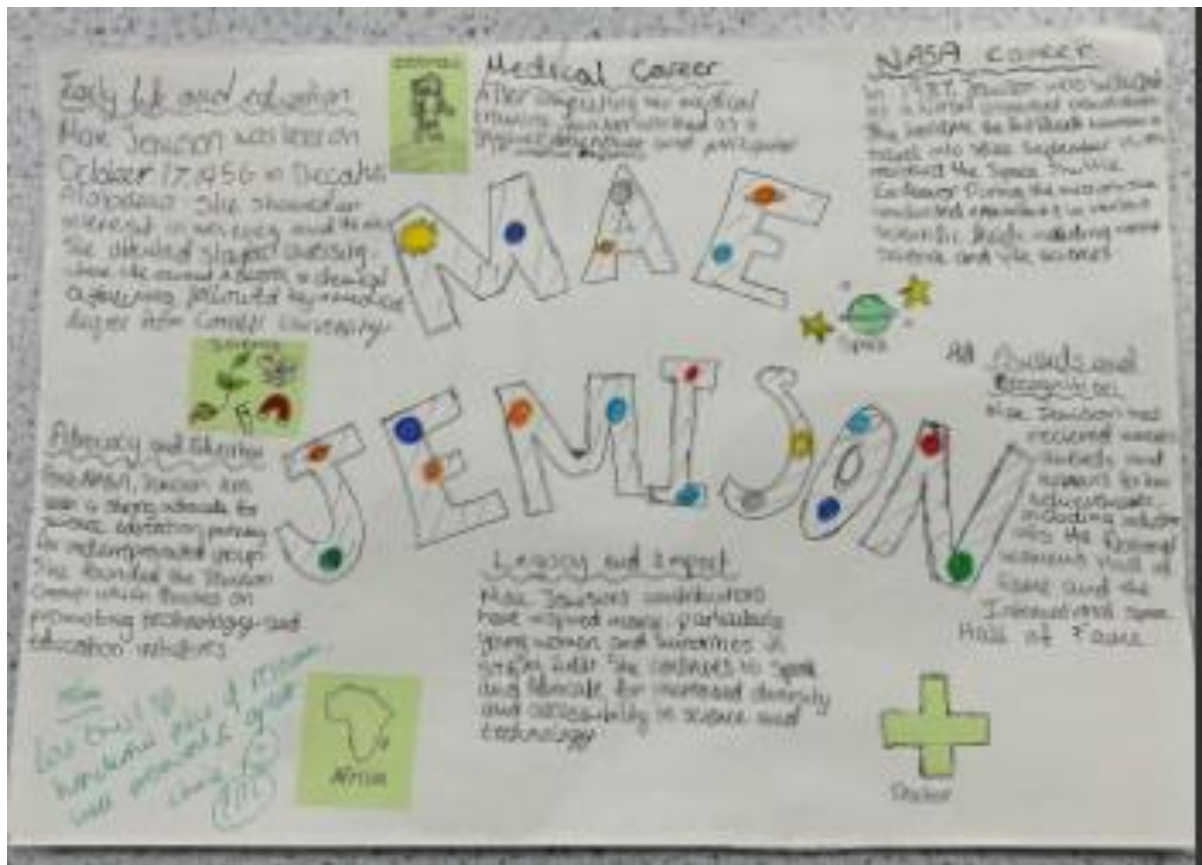
calculating the trajectory needed to get the Apollo 11 mission to the moon and back helping help to discover the more of the earth, space and the moon.

• Her wonderful presentation great research super choice & well presented to be done! 🌟

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Mrs. Johnson  
& School



In Spanish as part of the GCSE topic of role-models Chapter 10 studied Rigoberta Menchú, an activist and advocate for peace, social justice and human rights of indigenous peoples in Guatemala.

