



LGBT History Month 2014

- The purpose of LGBT History Month is to *celebrate* the achievements of LGBT people throughout history.
- At Neatherd we celebrate everyone's achievements – but sometimes we need to *focus* on the certain groups of people. People who have been treated badly or *oppressed* throughout history.
- LGBT History Month challenges *heteronormativity* within the curriculum.



What does LGBT mean?

Lesbian

Gay

Bisexual

Transgender



But why talk about it in school?

- Homophobia is endemic in our schools.
- The Stonewall Report has proved that over 95% of students hear homophobic comments in school.
- Around 2/3 of out LGBT students are bullied.
- Many go on to leave education earlier than planned.
- The attack on the Trans community more broadly in society – Lucy Meadows.

Benjamin Britten

- Benjamin Britten was born in Lowestoft in 1913. He was born on the 22nd November, the feast day of Cecilia, the patron saint of music. His mother, a keen amateur singer, hoped he would –after Bach, Beethoven and Brahms become the “Fouth B”.



Benjamin Britten

- Indeed, Benjamin became a global musical figure. In just 63 busy years, he wrote some of the best classical music of the twentieth century. He was hailed as one of the all-time great opera composers, and – with his partner, singer Peter Pears – performed around the world.



Benjamin Britten

- He was a progressive cultural figure too and was ahead of his time on issues including pacifism, homosexuality and the role of artists in their communities.



VIDEO-CLIP: Benjamin Britten

<http://www.britten100.org/new-to-britten/the-man>

Azealia Banks

- Azealia Banks was born in 1991 and is an American, rapper, singer and songwriter. She grew up in Harlem.
- She topped the NME's cool list in 2011.
- Her first album is due to come out in March 2014 called "Broke with expensive taste".



Azealia Banks

- She is openly bisexual but is opposed to labelling. She told the New York Times: “I’m not trying to be the bisexual, lesbian rapper. I don’t live on other people’s terms.”



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VIDEO-CLIP: Azealia Banks

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7R3SiE_ufo

Reflection



- How would you react if one of your friends “came out”? Are you someone people would feel comfortable speaking to?
- Is it fair that the achievements of certain groups of people have been hidden throughout history?
- Do we do all we can to include **everyone** in our school community?



Can you think of any more LGBT musicians?

- Jessie J
- Will Young
- Angel Haze
- Freddie Mercury
- Elton John
- Fergie
- Lou Reed
- Brett Anderson (Suede)
- Joe McElderry
- George Michael
- Alison Goldfrapp
- Janis Joplin
- Patrick Wolf
- Michael Stipe (R.E.M)

