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Get to know

During Black History month we will celebrate local Black people of significance, celebrate their successes and learn their stories.

Today's black history month success story:

Vital statistics!

Name: **Dave**

Age: **22**

Born: **Brixton, raised in Streatham**

Famous for: **British rapper, singer, songwriter, record producer and actor**

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Dave, British rapper, singer, songwriter, record producer and actor

Dave has won many awards for his music including the Mercury Prize & Album of the Year at the Brit Awards in 2020

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Early Life:

Dave was born David Orobosa Omoregie on 5 June 1998 in the Brixton area of South London, the youngest of three sons born to Nigerian parents. His father is a pastor and his mother a nurse.

He was raised in nearby Streatham, where he began composing music at an early age before engaging in music production after his mother gave him a piano when he was 14.

Dave attended St Mark's Academy, a Church of England school in Mitcham, and, later, Richmond upon Thames College in Twickenham, where he studied law, philosophy, and ethics while also completing an additional module in sound design and politics. He secured a place at De Montfort University in Leicester to study law but never attended, choosing instead to focus on his musical career.

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Above picture: Dave performing at the Brits after winning Album of the Year 2020

Career 2015- present

Dave made his debut appearance on a platform named BL@CKBOX in May 2015 and he made a number of appearances over the next two years, including on the BBC. After releasing a range of non-album singles, Dave released his debut album, *Six Paths*, on 30 September 2016.

In October 2016, Drake premiered a remix to Dave's song "Wanna Know". The song debuted at 72 on the Official Singles Chart and peaked at 51, becoming Dave's first entry on the chart.

Throughout 2017 Dave released singles and announced a tour 'Game Over'. Dave's debut album *Psychodrama* was released on 8 March 2019. *Psychodrama* debuted at number one in the UK, selling 26,390 copies in its first week, with 79% of its total generated by 26.3 million streams.
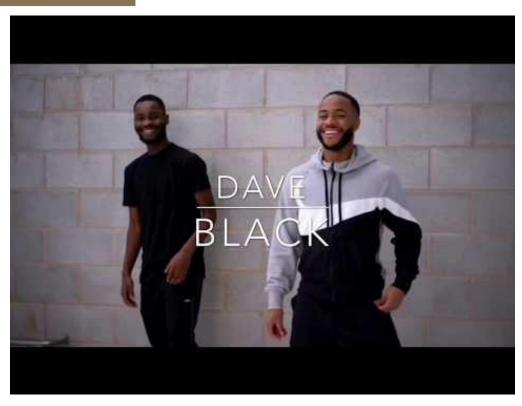
On 18 February 2020, Dave performed "Black" at the 2020 Brit Awards. At the ceremony, *Psychodrama* won Album of the Year.

Look, black is beautiful, black is excellent
Black is pain, black is joy, black is evident
It's workin' twice as hard as the people
you know you're better than
'Cause you need to do double what they
do so you can level them
Black is so much deeper than just
African-American
Our heritage been severed, you never got
to experiment
With family trees, 'cause they teach you
'bout famine and greed
And show you pictures of our fam on
their knees
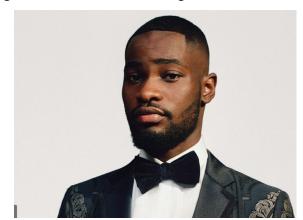Tell us we used to be barbaric, we had
actual queens

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Now you know

Today's black history local hero:

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Who inspires you most and why?

COMPETITION

During Black History month we will celebrate local Black heroes, honour their successes and learn their stories. We would like to know who inspires you the most of all of the local black heroes and why? We want to share how these individuals may have inspired you with the local community

Format: There are no rules on the format! Design a poster, write a poem, song or rap; choreograph a dance, write an essay; paint or draw a picture - the possibilities are endless!

Entries: Submit your your entry via your form tutor between 01 / 10 / 20 to 23 / 10 / 20

Prizes: 1st - £20 voucher | 2nd - £10 voucher | 3rd - £5 voucher **Winners will be announced on Monday 2nd November 2020**

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