

16th May 2025

'It Takes a Village...'2025 – 'In it to win it!'

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to formally invite you to attend our annual **'It Takes a Village...' 2025** event on **Thursday 17th July at 3:30pm – 6:00pm.**

For those of you not familiar with It Takes a Village (ITAV), it is specifically aimed at improving outcomes for Black children here at Daubeney, children whose families hail from Africa or the Caribbean.

ITAV has been running at Daubeney since 2019 and sits under the umbrella of what was Hackney Education's (HE) Improving Outcomes for Young Black Men (YBM) initiative of which you can learn more about by accessing the link. <https://hackney.gov.uk/young-black-men>

We are very proud to announce that we will have the **Rt Hon. Diane Abbot MP** as one of our keynote speakers this year. She was the first Black woman elected to parliament and is the longest-serving Black MP, as well as the longest continually serving female MP since 2024, making her the Mother of the House. We look forward to hearing her speak in person and inspiring some of our young people to develop their leadership capacity and what it means to be, 'in it to win it'.

We will also have **Shade Ajigbeda**, cofounder of Black & Global Majority Parents' Group at Clapton Girls' Academy (CGA) as our second keynote speaker on the day. Shade will discuss what brought about the group and the benefits that the group brings for pupils, parents and the wider school community at CGA.

As parents, and major stakeholders in our school community, you are all warmly invited, especially those of African/African Caribbean heritage and/or those who have a desire to contribute to improving the lives of Black and Global majority children, to attend the meeting and join the celebratory event that will also include wonderful musical, poetry and dance performances by current students and testimonials from former students.

Our annual celebratory ITAV event is one of the highlights of the academic year here at Daubeney with food and beverages on sale and the opportunity to purchase books and art & craft items that have an Afrocentric focus.

If you have never been before we implore you to at least pop into the Hop Garden on the day and try to resist the urge to enjoy the music, the food, the atmosphere, the keynote speakers, the testimonials and the sense of belonging!

It Takes a Village: Order of Events	
15:30 – 15:45	Music
15:45 – 15:50	Welcome from Mr Logan & Annwen Johnson BEM
15:50 – 16:00	Student performances
16:00 – 16:20	Guest Speaker Shade Ajigbeda Black & Global Majority Parent Group
16:20 – 16:30	Audience Q&A
16:30 – 16:40	Student performances
16:40 – 16:50	Student performances
16:50 – 17:00	Testimonials (Margaret, Kimberly)
17:00 – 17:20	Guest Speaker Rt Hon. Dianne Abbott
17:20 – 17:30	Audience Q&A
17:30 – 17:55	Student performances
17:55 – 18:00	Closing remarks, farewell & thank you from Mr Logan

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher

