

Henry Morris Report

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Who are we?

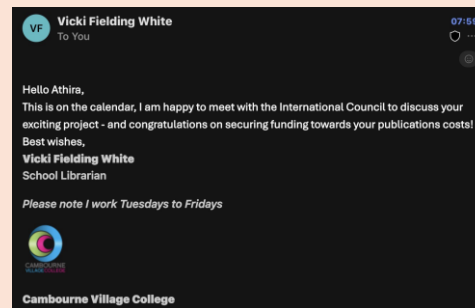
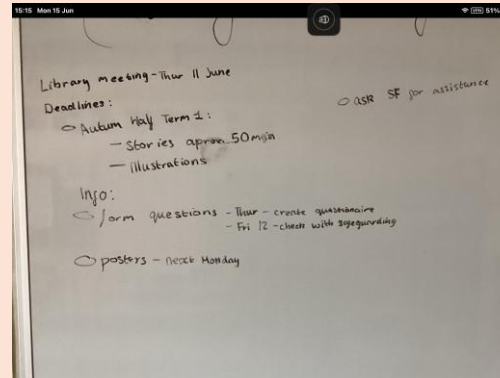
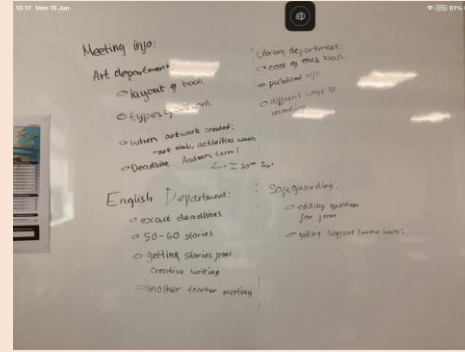
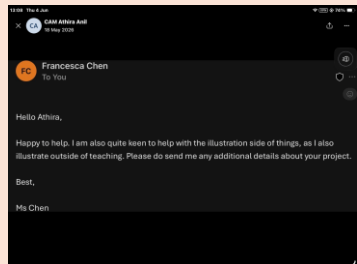
- We are the International Council, people from different countries, different cultures, who have been meeting every Thursday lunchtime since 2023.
- We aim to create a sense of community through inclusivity and diversity in our school and town.
- We are in the process of making a book with a collection of migration stories from across our school and community

What is our project?

- We, as an International Council, aim to create a sense of community through inclusivity and varied diversity in our school, town, and ideally further. We want to create a small book with stories from the lives of our students. These stories unique about their cultures. With this book we want to raise awareness that behind every seemingly identical person there is a unique experience and background. We will collect materials that students can send themselves and edit it, possibly adding illustrations. We will sell the printed books at school, and the proceeds sell be used to buy books in languages other than English for our library, so that every student can enjoy reading in their home language and don't forget their culture

The process

- Meetings
- Assemblies
- Posters, notices, videos, social media
- Fundraising
- International talent evening (future)
- Box for teachers
- Forms sent out for students
- Photoshoots for promotion



- Since we began working on our project, we've been having almost daily meetings with each other. We, in addition to this, also have meetings with other departments, members of staff and even students to discuss how to assemble and organise our workload. We currently have employed our English department, safeguarding, and even sixth form students amongst others.
- Each of our working departments and students have volunteered for specific jobs we needed help with. For example, our art department is helping to collect art works students and others submit for our book!



Assemblies

In order to spread word of our project both quickly and efficiently, we organised assemblies to present our ideas to the different year groups over the course of a few weeks. Our assemblies typically consist of what our project is at its core, what we want from the students, and upcoming deadlines. This helps to promote our project on a larger scale, and even inform teachers!

Posters, notices and socials media

- But our work to promote our book doesn't stop there. We've created a multitude of posters to put up around our school, all of which containing a QR code to scan to put forward a submission for the book! We've also created videos for our school's social media page to spread this awareness to the larger community, and even sent out form time notices reminding people of what we've been up to in recent weeks!



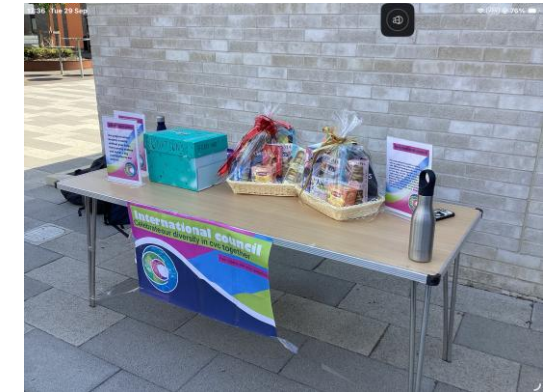
Boxes for teachers

- As much as we're grateful for our student submissions, we are also accepting submissions from our teachers! We are super fortunate in the fact that we have a vast diversity of teachers all from varying countries. From Spain to South Africa to even Hong Kong, we have a beautifully diverse staff that we work with.
- For this reason, we're encouraging teachers to get involved with our book, and this, hopefully, will influence other students and teachers alike to put forward their stories of migration!



Fundraising

- Since being awarded the grant, we have been working tirelessly to collect and source our own money for extra expenses, as promised in the interview. As pictured, as hosted an after school event on our culture day, selling raffle tickets and prizes as one way of earning money. Overall, we have raised £55, and hope to continue. Alongside this, we are also working on our International Talent Evening to continue this fundraising by selling drinks, and collecting general donations!



Promotions photo shoot

- To continue publicising our work, we even got in touch with our photography department to take photos of us and other students in cultural clothes symbolic of their home countries. As aforementioned, we have such rich diversity in students, and thus had so many cultures to choose from for this photoshoot, the result of which is currently being edited and produced.
- The aim of this photoshoot was not only as a nice touch to the book, but to continue to spread word of what we are doing. We want to create that safe space for foreign communities, and feel this was a fun way to exercise our creative side!

The process (part 2)

Ongoing process

Where are we going from here?

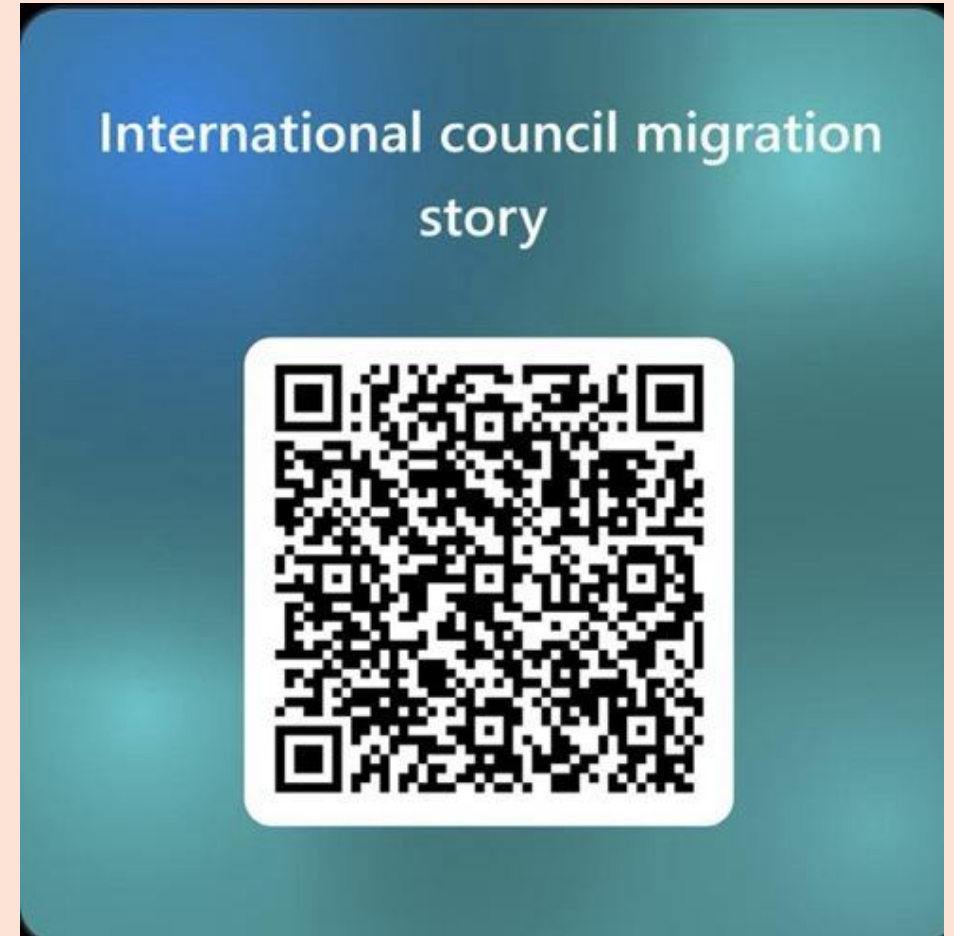
- As we continue with our project, we have set out plans for what we still need to cover. We want to remain organised in our endeavour, and thus have constructed a plan. As we progress, we will continue to raise money (e.g: International Talent Evening), and will continue working with students for their stories of migration. Collecting these stories will result in more potential submissions for our book, creating a wider variety in stories!

International talent evening

- Our annual International Talent Evening (ITE) will go ahead as usual, but we aim to get involved! Already a celebration of many cultures, the ITE is an event where first year students - Year 7s – come together to sing in another language, recite poetry in a mother tongue, and even perform cultural dances! By attending and helping host this event, our goal is to further our fundraising by selling non-alcoholic drinks and food at the event for both students and parents to purchase throughout the performances!

Forms For Students

- Lastly, we are still in the process of collecting student submissions for the book itself. We, as seen in the poster, created a form for students to complete if they wish to submit their work, using the QR code. We have begun to receive some students stories, and are working to polish grammar, talk to safeguarding if necessary, and ask questions about experiences. If they do not wish to submit a story via the QR code, students have been invited to email their works instead!



Thank you!

- We just want to say a final big thank you for working with us, we know it is no small feat.
- The International Council can't wait to hear from you!
- If you wish to contact us, please continue to email Ms Collado-Canas, or, alternatively, one of our members, Jaime, at jaimenicmcc@gmail.com