Black @ Imperial

Enhancing Student Transition & Progression SIG

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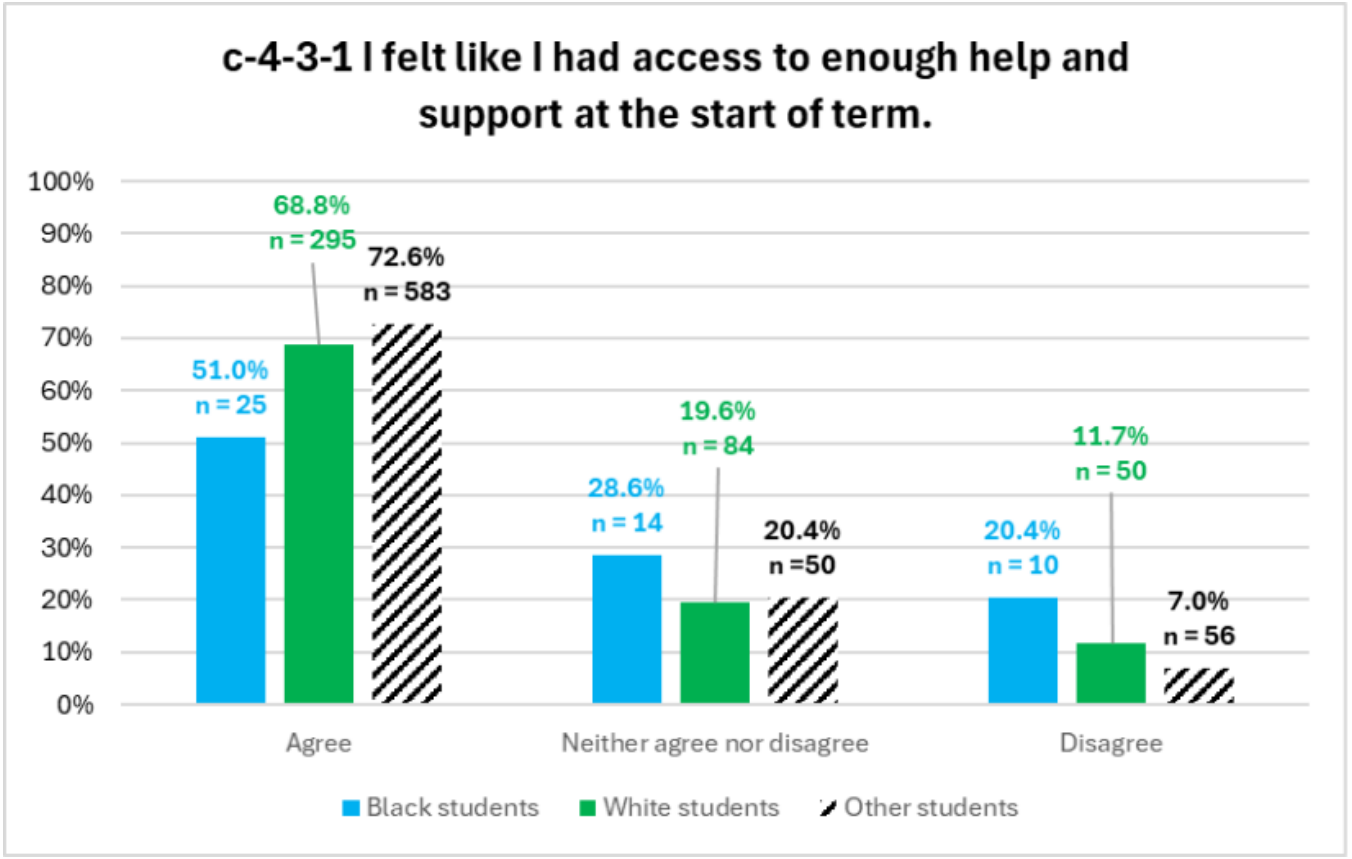
Agenda

Programme overview
Rationale
Impact
Future plans

What is Black @ Imperial?

- Wraparound support for **all** Black heritage students at Imperial
- All faculties, all levels of study and both home and international students
- Delivered by EPC and two student ambassadors
- A supportive space to connect, build community, and access opportunities that help students thrive throughout their time at Imperial
- Events: socials, wellbeing, careers

Why is Black @ Imperial needed?
Student Experience Survey



Three survey years: 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24

Only UG students

Definitely agree + mostly agree → agree, neither agree nor disagree = neither agree nor disagree, mostly disagree + definitely disagree → disagree

Why is Black @ Imperial needed?

Focus Group

“If I were to name every racist experience I had at Imperial, we’d be here all day.”

June 2025, 6 UG Black students, mainly first years

Why is Black @ Imperial needed?

APP

Objective 1 (Local Risk A): to increase the proportion of Black entrants to Imperial to 8.2% by 2029.

Objective 5 (Local Risk E): to decrease the continuation gap between Black students and White students to 4.1 percentage points by 2029.

Impact
Events so far

Black @ Imperial events:
Board games social, October 2025, 24 attendees

Snack & chat, November 2025, 10 attendees

Black Doctoral Network partnership events:
Bunmmi Adekore Talk, November 2025, 17 attendees

Colin Williams Talk, November 2025, 10 attendees

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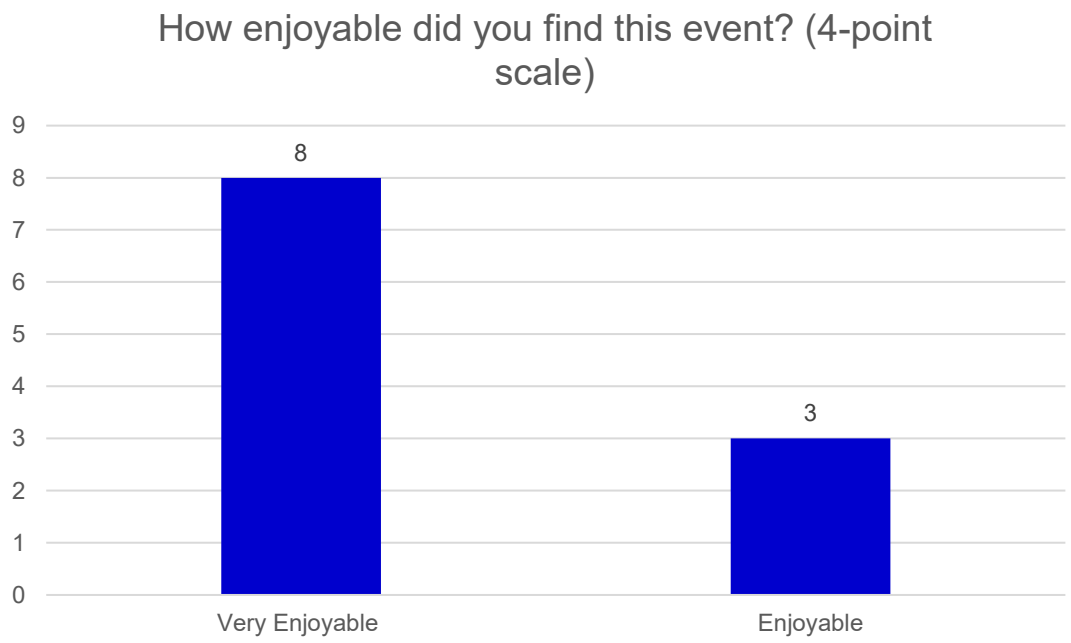
Evaluation – Board Games Social



"…great to meet another person from the Caribbean…so glad to be able to meet people since I'm new to London/Imperial."

"I liked that we had the chance, early in the semester, to meet and find students…to come together (to) talk and share experiences."

Future Plans

2025/26

Dr Faith Uwadiae – Thursday 19 February, 18.00 – 20.00, SKEM 301

Biola and Kunle Babawale – Thursday 5 March, 18.00 – 20.00, SKEM 301

UG Careers: No Internship? No Problem – Thursday 19 March, 17.00 – 19.00, SKEM 060A

PG Wellbeing Dinner – Wednesday 25 March, 18.00 – 20.00, WC88-G02A

UG Wellbeing Dinner – Friday 1 May, 18.00 – 20.00, Room TBC

Trivia Night/Pizza socials – TBC

Q&A