



# Quarrydale Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Non-Uniform Day – Celebrating Culture, Heritage and Identity**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

On our last day of this Academic Year Tuesday 29th July, we will be having a Non-Uniform Day with the theme of celebrating culture, heritage and identity. This will be a special opportunity for our school community to come together and recognise the things that make us proud of who we are.

Students are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects something meaningful about their cultural background, family traditions, personal heritage, or simply what makes them proud to be themselves. This could include traditional or cultural dress, colours or symbols of a country or region, or even clothing related to a hobby, sport or because that represents their heritage and/or identity.

This is a day to promote inclusion, respect and pride that includes everyone. Students are warmly encouraged to celebrate their identity in any way that is meaningful to them. For some, this might mean wearing a football shirt, or items reflecting local heritage, such as a county cricket jumper or farming roots.

All clothing must be appropriate for school, safe for the normal school day, and respectful of others. Students who do not wish to take part are very welcome to attend in full school uniform.

There is no cost to participate in this non-uniform day. To enhance the celebration, world foods will also be available to try free of charge offering students a chance to share and explore new cultural experiences together. Additionally, the students will finish the school day earlier than normal at the following times, following having their lunch:



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### Timings for Lunch and Departure:


Year Group	Lunch Time	Leaving Time
Year 10 & Sixth Form	11:15 – 12:00	12:15
Year 9	11:15 – 12:00	12:15
Year 8	12:00 – 12:45	13:00
Year 7	12:00 – 12:45	13:00

As each year group finishes lunch, students will be permitted to leave the Academy at the times listed above. This early finish has been arranged to help us accommodate all students for lunch without overcrowding or disruption.

If you are unable to collect your child at the earlier time or would prefer them to remain in school until the normal end of the day (3:00pm), we will provide supervision. Please contact Reception if you would like your child to stay until 3:00pm.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a vibrant, creative, and meaningful day.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Paling  
Headteacher

