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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Culture, Heritage and Identity Day – Friday 24th July 2026

On the last day of this academic year, Friday 24th July, we will be holding 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 clothing linked to a hobby, sport, local heritage or personal identity.

This is a day to promote inclusion, respect and pride, and it is important that all students feel able to take part in a way that is meaningful to them. For some students, this may mean wearing traditional dress. For others, it may mean wearing a football shirt, a county cricket jumper, clothing linked to farming roots, or something else that reflects who they are.

All clothing must be appropriate for school, safe for the normal school day and respectful of others. Clothing must not be offensive, culturally inappropriate, revealing, or likely to cause upset to 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 for students to eat free of charge, offering students the chance to share and explore new cultural experiences together. Students with '**allergies or dietary requirements**' should check with staff before trying any food.



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Additionally, students will finish the school day earlier than normal after they have had lunch. This early finish has been arranged to help us accommodate all students for lunch without overcrowding or disruption.

Timings for Lunch and Departure:

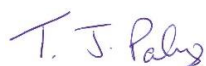
Year Group	Lunch Time	Leaving Time
Year 10 & Sixth Form	11:15 – 12:00	12:15
Year 9	11:15 – 12:00	12:15
Year 8	12:00 – 12:45	13:00
Year 7	12:00 – 12:45	13:00

As each year group finishes lunch, students will be permitted to leave the Academy at the times listed above.

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 at 3:00pm, we will provide supervision. Please contact Reception if you would like your child to stay in school 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

