

Dear families,

I would like to inform you of our Culture Day celebration event taking place on Wednesday 3 July.

This will be our first all-through Culture Day and we are thoroughly looking forward to it. On Culture Day we will celebrate cultures from around the world, which are represented within the diversity of our academy through its staff, students, their families and friends. Culture Day will be an opportunity for DTC students to learn, share experiences, ideas and memories, and to discuss the diverse cultures we represent, are part of, and show an interest in. We are very proud of our culture, our cultural experiences and would like everyone to share the things that they are proud of and are interested in.

Throughout the day students will participate in a variety of lessons and workshops which will provide education and experiences which cultivate insight into different cultures, and it will be an opportunity for students to embody our values. There will also be a Culture Day Social from 3.40pm-4.30pm, in which students will be able to socialise with their peers, take photographs and purchase sweets, snacks, and drinks. Places at this social are limited to 150 students and if your child would like to attend this event, please sign-up via this [form](#). The cost to attend the social is £2, payable via MCAS, and all money will be donated to the student council's chosen charity.

To enhance this experience, we are encouraging students and staff to come to school dressed in a way which allows them to represent a culture of their choice. This dress code can be a representation their own culture, their families, their friends, an important event/ ceremony, or a culture of interest from anywhere in the world. Please note that our own school uniform is a representation of the Dixons Trust academy, and students are allowed to wear this as their clothing on the day, if they so wish. The following items of clothing will not be permitted to be worn during Culture Day:

- Crop tops
- Inappropriate logos, images, text that may cause offence to others
- Names of courtiers, political parties or political leaders
- Hats, unless part of traditional cultural dress
- Open-toed shoes (e.g. sandals, sliders, flip flops, crocs etc.)
- False nails/ Nail polish
- False eye lashes
- Jewellery (unless compulsory by religion)
- Masks or balaclavas
- Non-prescription glasses

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in students being removed from Culture Day activities.

Culture day is highly anticipated by the staff team and student body. Please discuss the upcoming Culture Day with your child; the dress code, reflecting upon their own cultural experiences, and them being open to learn about other cultures from around the world. After Culture Day please revisit the day with them and discuss what they saw, learned and experienced.

Yours faithfully  
Miss Hickey  
Secondary Principal

