

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Ref: Cultural Dress Day: Friday, 15 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday, 15 March 2024, we are encouraging our students to wear cultural dress to celebrate the richness and diversity of our community. For some, this may be national dress, and for others they will wear their own clothes. We are using this as an opportunity to fundraise for Comic Relief with some of the proceeds also being used to reduce the costs of the Year 11 and Year 13 prom events to students. We request a discretionary donation of £1 is either paid in cash to your child's form tutor or via the SCOPAY system. If you would like to donate a different amount, this is also at your discretion. However, we politely request larger donations are made via SCOPAY and students do not attend the Academy with larger sums of cash.

Some students will be participating in PE on Friday; it is important they can change into and out of their chosen attire with relative ease. This will allow them to access the curriculum which is our priority. In addition to wearing cultural dress, our Year 13 students will be hosting a samosa sale. To purchase a samosa, students will need to bring a small sum of cash circa $\pm 1 - 2$.

During the summer term, we will be hosting a number of other events to celebrate and promote inclusion and diversity amongst our community. I would encourage students with ideas and proposals to speak to their form tutor or directly with me. Wherever possible, we will seek to introduce events that compliment our curriculum and provide our students with an enriched cultural experience.

On Friday, 15 March 2024, students will attend their regular timetabled lessons, starting with their form tutor at 08:30.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tim Mullen-Furness
Principal

