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Dear Parents/Carers

We are so excited to be hosting Houlton School's very first Culture and Inclusivity Day on Friday 18th September 2026!

It is so important to us that every Houlton pupil feels valued and welcomed for who they are as an individual; we want to use this opportunity to celebrate the incredible diversity and breadth of humanity that makes up our Houlton family.

What will happen on the Culture and Inclusivity Day

Pupils will be taken off timetable for either period 4 or period 5 on the 18th September. During this time, they will have the opportunity to visit the culture fair and festival.

Here, they will be able to sample foods from cultures around the world, play games and sports, join in with arts and crafts activities and watch our Cultural fashion show, as well as a range of performances from our talented student musicians.

During the school day, pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in Culture-themed quizzes and activities at the start of every lesson and during tutor time.

Pupils can take part in various stalls throughout the day, including henna, face paint, glitter tattoos, and food tasting. Prices range from 20p to £1.50, so please send your child with a small amount of change if they would like to participate.

Please note: While we have taken every precaution to avoid common allergens, please remind your child to inform the stall-holder if they have any allergies so we can cross-check our ingredient lists.

What can pupils wear?

As part of our drive to promote, establish and sustain this inclusive culture, we would like to invite all pupils to attend school on 18th September in clothing that represents their culture.

For many pupils, their outfit selection will draw from formal-wear from their heritage, such as a kilt, kimono or sari. However, we appreciate that for many pupils with European backgrounds, clothing can be more homogenous and they may find it difficult to identify one distinct outfit that sums up all of the things that make their culture unique. For this reason, we would like to issue you with some guidance around what they might wear.

Using the U.K. as an example, students may want to draw inspiration from traditional or historical outfits, such as Victorian-style clothing or, given we are in Warwickshire, Shakespearean times. Others may want to reflect our business and industry, by coming as a farmer, miner or even someone who works in the NHS.

Students may also wish to celebrate modern English culture by wearing cricket whites or they may recreate the type of kit William Webb-Ellis wore when he created rugby. Students may want to come as though they are heading to Royal Ascot.

They could be inspired by music. They might come as a punk from the 70s, wear something more neon from the 80s or take on the look of Oasis from the 90s. Similarly, they might want to come as a member of the Royal Family, or be Sherlock Holmes or James Bond for the day.

While we want our students to be creative, they can more simply wear red, white and blue to reflect the colours of the Union Flag. Of course, if your child would prefer, we are happy for them to come into school in the Houlton School uniform as they would usually.

Are there any limitations to what pupils can wear?

We ask that no flags are present in school. Similarly, we would ask that no football shirts are worn - we want the day to be about inclusivity, not discussing the strengths and merits of different football teams.

Furthermore, all of the existing rules around jewellery still apply please. It is particularly important for pupil safety that no hooped earrings or facial piercings are worn.

In addition, we ask pupils to remember that School is a context in which professional dress is appropriate. Therefore pupils will not be permitted to wear crop-tops or shorts and skirts that fall above mid-thigh.

If your child has PE on the 18th, they will still need to bring their PE kit with them to change into for this lesson. All other equipment and books for the day will also need to be with pupils, so that they are still prepared to learn.

We are so looking forward to celebrating Culture and Inclusivity day as a diverse and united Houlton community. Look out for photographs of this fantastic day on our social media and talk to your child about the amazing events that they experience.

Yours sincerely,

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