

Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Culture Day 05 May 2023

I am pleased to share that we will be having a whole school Culture Day (Cultural Awareness Day) on Friday 5th May. This is a day where we will be celebrating all of the backgrounds and cultures of our beautifully diverse community at St Mark's. Pupils will have lessons as normal throughout the day, however we have planned some great opportunities and special activities to commemorate this day.



A special feature of the day will be the opportunity for students to wear cultural clothing that represents their culture, background or nationality on that day. To ensure that this privilege is respected, there is a criteria that needs to be followed:

- Cultural clothing must be appropriate- no crop tops, leggings, tracksuits, make-up and no exposed skin
- If a student doesn't have specific cultural clothes, then they can wear an outfit that is in the colours of their country flag (e.g. a plain T-shirt or jumper in the colour of the flag they are representing and a pair of jeans. They can also wear a football shirt from that particular country if they choose too.
- No item worn can have heavy sports logos
- Students can wear school uniform if they choose to.

If students do not follow the guidelines above, there will be sanctions on the day, which will include not being able to take part in the day's celebratory activities.

Other features of the day include:

During Coaching Time:

- A special Cultural Quiz Competition during Coaching Time where Coaching Groups will compete in answering trivia questions about the many nationalities, backgrounds and cultures represented in our school community. Prizes will be issued to the highest performing Coaching Groups.

During Break and Lunchtimes, there will be:

- Open Mic: an opportunity for students to sing a song linked to their culture or identity, to dance or perform a spoken word piece
- A Fashion Show to showcase the amazing cultural attire on the day.
- Students will have the opportunity to have photos taken of them and their friends in their cultural clothing.

After school, there will be:

- A World Cup style 'UK and Commonwealth vs. Rest of the World' Sport Tournament that pupils can enter. Pupils will be able to sign up during the week outside the PE office and also on Coaching Time on Wednesday 3rd May. Spaces are limited.

We are looking forward to this day. More information about the day will be shared with students during Coaching Time and special assemblies next week. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Rev Andrew Wignal

Director of Personal Development and Academy Chaplain

Some Examples of Cultural Clothing

This is not an exhaustive list. You can be creative. Remember the guidelines overleaf.

