

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Culture Day at Hendon School on Friday 31st January 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our upcoming and exciting Culture Day at Hendon School which is set to take place on Friday 31st January.

Celebrating culture is important to us at Hendon as we are a multi-diverse school welcoming more than 50 different cultures. A day like this can promote understanding and inclusion between individuals as all students and staff members are able to learn more about the cultural backgrounds of one another.

We are asking all students and staff to come in their traditional, cultural clothing to mark this day. However, we understand that not all students own cultural wear therefore students can represent their culture in alternative ways such as wearing the colours of their countries flag or wearing their countries football shirt. It was great to see the students represent their culture through clothing last year and we can't wait to see this year's outfits!



Due to recent events around the world, we would like the day to be inclusive and tension-free, therefore we are asking all students to refrain from bringing in their countries flag. We would like students to focus on how they represent their culture through their unique traditional wear rather than focussing on their nationality. We will be holding a cultural marketplace over student lunchtimes which we would like to decorate with countries flags. In the weeks leading up to the event we will be asking students to loan flags to Hendon for the display to ensure all nationalities at Hendon are represented.

There will be a number of events happening across the day to celebrate the large range of cultural diversity at Hendon.

1. **Fashion Show**- Students can sign up to be part of the fashion show and represent their cultural clothing. Applications will take place via Frog between Monday 9th and Friday 13th December with students will be selected prior to the Christmas Holidays. Students who would like to be part of the audience will have the option to purchase a ticket for just £1 via parent mail.
2. **Cultural Stalls**- Students can volunteer to represent their culture at their cultural stall over the lunchtime periods. Stalls will be decorated with posters made by students and items from their culture. All students will be invited to attend the stalls over the lunchtime periods to learn about their peers' cultures.



All student opportunities will be shared within the pastoral program through mentoring sessions and via Frog. If students would like to sign up to be involved in the above two opportunities the deadline to complete the application form set on Frog is Friday 13th December.

If you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to contact the school or myself directly via email. Upcoming reminders and updates will be posted on the official school's Instagram account @Hendon.School

We look forward to seeing your child represent their culture on this special day.

Kind Regards,

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