



# Dormston School's Culture & Easter Celebration Day



Friday 27th March

A CELEBRATION OF THE DIVERSE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS  
OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND FAMILIES



# What is...



## Culture Day

Celebrating Culture Day is a way for schools to celebrate all the different backgrounds, ethnicities, languages and heritages that make up our school community – our **diversity**

<https://youtu.be/SyaLcfMeeEM?si=ksFOUly-GtzNPzw>



## Why it is important

# Discrimination in schools

Under the Equality Act 2010 – you legally have the right to not be discriminated against

This means no one can treat you differently because of who you are

It's unlawful discrimination if you are treated you unfairly because of:

- Disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, gender/sex, sexual orientation
- These are called protected characteristics meaning we have a duty to protect you from discrimination.

Some statistics reported by young black students in schools...

95% of young Black people report that they have heard and witnessed the use of racist language at school

49% of young Black people felt that racism was the biggest barrier to attaining success in school, while 50% said the biggest barrier was teacher perceptions of them – eg, being seen as “too aggressive.”

70% of young Black people had felt the need to change their hair to be “more professional” at work or school.

Black Caribbean students are at least three times more likely to be excluded than White pupils. The Guardian found in some local authorities Black Caribbean children are six times more likely to be excluded than their White peers...

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# Discrimination in schools

Survey of teachers across the UK - 55% of staff reported being aware of **incidents involving racism** in their schools over the past 24 months, with an additional 8% expressing uncertainty

**60,177 racist incidents** in 3 years – a racist incident being defined as any situation perceived to be racist by the alleged victim or any other person, including unintentional racism.

46% of schools do not have a teacher from an ethnic minority background.

Only 11% of GCSE modules studied referred to the presence of Black people in British history.

**One way we can change this narrative is by celebrating our differences and boosting inclusivity**



- It gives you the opportunity to express yourself and celebrate and represent your culture.
- Promotes unity, understanding and appreciation, allowing us to learn about and celebrate many of the amazing cultures of our students and staff
- Helps to stamp out misunderstanding and discrimination between cultures
- It is embedded in our British Values:
  - Individual liberty – we have the right to express ourselves freely
  - Mutual respect and tolerance – no one has the right to discriminate against us based on our religion, ethnicity, gender etc and we must respect others from different cultures.



- British Values:

- Individual liberty

- Mutual respect and tolerance –.

- Dormston School Values-

- - Respect

- - Knowledge



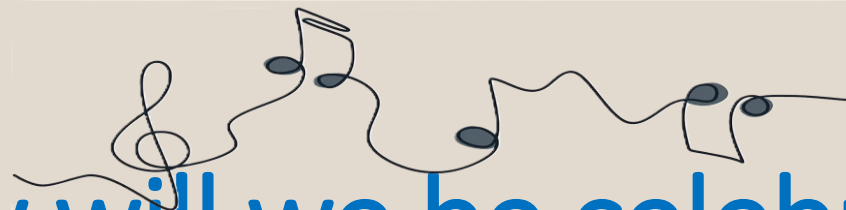


# So how will we be celebrating?



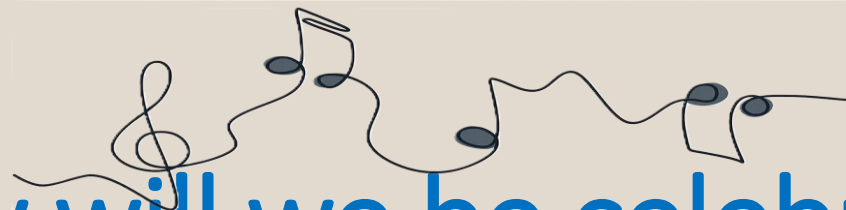
- **ALL WEEK-** flags flown in the year 11 café that represent where students or their families originate from around the world
- **LEARN NEW LANGUAGES-** Learn to say greetings in different languages and learn how to write them!
- **LEARN-** you will have time in your lessons dedicated to culture





# So how will we be celebrating?

- **FRIDAY 27th March- WEAR SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS YOUR CULTURE OR SUBCULTURE!**
- **Maybe traditional dress from your country of origin**
- **Something that is in the colour of your flag**
- **Something from history from the UK e.g. Peaky Blinders or an outfit from the past**
- **Maybe you identify with the goth culture or anime, wear that!**
- **BRING IN SOMETHING FOR SHOW AND TELL-**
- **In form in morning reg you can show off your outfit and explain it, bring in any items to represent your culture. You could do this about Easter as we are close to Easter- maybe you want to discuss that?**



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- **THIS WILL BE A COMPETITION!**
- **WHOEVER HAS THE BEST OUTFIT PER YEAR, JUDGED BY YOUR YEAR LEADER, WINS THE HOUSE COMPETITION!**



# So how will we be celebrating?

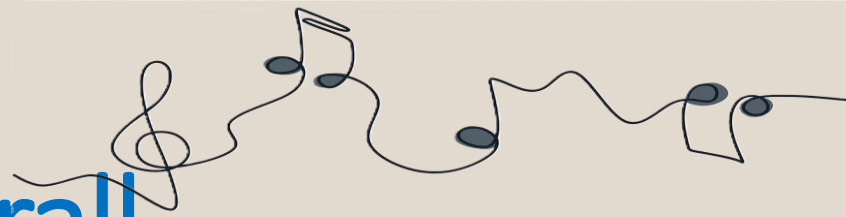


- **Snacks** from various cultures in the atrium at lunchtime (spring rolls, samosas, curry patties, plantain chips, Indian sweets, Welsh cakes, scratchings, Easter snacks)
- **Hair braiding** (popularised by black culture, with deep cultural roots linked to demonstration of wealth and heritage in African cultures and links to a means of communication during the transatlantic slave trade)
- **Henna** (popular in Indian, Pakistani, African and Middle East cultures, originating in Ancient Egypt)
- **Cultural Activities** during your lessons (learning different languages, learning about different countries and traditions)
- **Arts and crafts** to explore and demonstrate yours and others' culture
- **Guess the flag game** prizes to be won!!
- **Bhangra dancing**
- **Kabaddi in PE- INTER HOUSE COMPETITION!**
- **Music** in the atrium from a range of cultures





So overall



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Inter House competitions- Kabaddi and costume

Arts and crafts

Music

Learning new languages

Celebrating Easter and other cultures

Easter egg hunt!

Good food and snacks!

Bring in money- all food is £1 each





# What you need to do...

**BE HERE!!!** We can only keep doing these celebration days if your attendance improves... **DON'T LET THE REST OF THE SCHOOL DOWN BY BEING ABSENT!**

This is an amazing opportunity for you to learn and **celebrate** each others' differences – make the most of it!

Find your outfit – your clothes should represent your culture and respect others!!!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART- SEE MRS DOWNIE**

Be **respectful**, prepared to **learn** and engage

