

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to be able to share with you our plans for a Cultural Dress Day to be held at Haileybury Turnford on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The plan for this day has been planned and suggested by our Black Lives Matter Committee, to raise awareness of the diversity of cultures our students and families, to celebrate our uniqueness and differences as a community.

Students can choose to wear **suitable cultural and traditional clothing**, but please do ensure the cultural clothing is in line with the school's ethos and is suitable for a school learning environment. Examples of cultural clothing may include a sari (a garment traditionally worn in India, mostly worn by women), a kimono (traditional full-length robes worn in Japan), a kilt (knee-length skirt worn by men and boys in the Scottish Highlands), an agbada (a flowing wide-sleeved robe worn by men in West and North Africa) a sherwani (worn as a coat in South Asia), Tracht – lederhosen for men and dirndls for women (traditional dress across southern Germany and Austria, flamenco dress (flamenco dancers of southern Spain).

Students and staff are invited to take part and wear suitable cultural and traditional clothing for our Cultural Dress Day. Please can we be clear that students are **not permitted to wear other items of non-uniform** and only students who choose to wear traditional cultural dress will be able to wear non-uniform. Students will still be expected to wear their student lanyards and ID cards to school.

Students who choose to wear traditional cultural dress will have the opportunity to celebrate their specific culture, identity and history.

**All students who do not have traditional cultural clothing**, will be expected to attend school wearing full school uniform on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022. **We do not expect to see students wearing their own casual clothes** and wish to make it very clear that this is not a non-uniform day. Thank you for your understanding and support in anticipation. If you are not certain and would like further clarification, please ask a member of your pastoral team. All students who do not have traditional cultural clothing, will be expected to attend school wearing full school uniform on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

### Cultural Buffet

As part of Black History Month, the Black Lives Matter Committee have arranged for a **Cultural Buffet on Friday 21st October from 3.15pm to 4.15pm**. This is an event created by the BLMC to celebrate all of the diverse cultures we have at HT. Students have arranged to bring in food and drinks for this event. All food can be placed in the Food Tech room on Friday morning. BLMC students will be given permission to be off timetable P5 to get the event ready. The food will be heated up in the main school kitchen with the help of a trained cook. This will be a **ticketed event** to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. If your child is in the BLMC they will be issued with tickets to invite family and friends to share the experience with. We look forward to seeing many of you.

We would appreciate family members to participate in the event to celebrate and showcase black history culture and achievements. If you are able to, please can you contact Mrs Megaw at [megawl@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:megawl@haileyburyturnford.com).

Yours faithfully



**Mrs M Goodes**  
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