

April 2023

Dear families

Culture Week 2023

I do hope that this letter finds you well.

As I mentioned in the McMillan Messenger last cycle, we will be holding a Culture Week next week:

- Monday 01 May – Bank Holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 02 May – Industrial Action – school closed to all students except Year 11
- Wednesday 03 May – Friday 05 May – Culture Week 2023

During Collective Learning and advisory sessions your child will be learning about what culture is and about the different backgrounds we all have in school. We will also be incorporating some learning about the coronation of King Charles III (and the significance of this in British culture) in preparation for the next bank holiday to celebrate this on 08 May 2023.

In order to celebrate the multitude of backgrounds, ethnicities and heritages we have amongst our students at DMA, on Friday 05 May, there will be an opportunity for students to wear an item (or items) of clothing which celebrate their own culture. Anything worn by students must be suitable for school and show respect to people from other cultures. We understand some items of cultural clothing may include accessories so we ask families and students to select these sensibly. If students do not wish to wear their cultural attire, they should attend in their usual uniform or business dress.

Students wearing an item of cultural clothing should ensure this does not have any logos or branding (tracksuits are not to be worn) and clothing should be professional, as per our usual expectations for uniform.

If your child is unsure about an item of clothing they would like to wear, they have the opportunity to speak to their Head of Year in school before Friday.

We ask all students taking part to contribute a voluntary donation of £1 – this will be given to the charity Islamic Relief in support of the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal.

We hope this will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our community.

Yours faithfully



Kat Lang
Principal

