

June 2025

Dear parent/carers

UHS Culture Day 2025

On Tuesday 15th July we will be hosting our annual Culture Day. This event celebrates our wonderfully diverse school community. As part of the event students will have the opportunity to sign up to a variety of workshops, please see schedule below:

Period/Time	Activity
Period 1-2	Normal lessons
Period 3 & 4a	Bhangra, Djembe, Indian Folk dancing and steel pans professional workshops <i>Please note that anyone not participating in a workshop will attend normal lessons.</i>
Period 4b -5	Culture Day Carnival for students in Years 7 – 10 & Year 12 as well as sporting activities throughout.
2.40pm to 3.40pm	Cultural fashion show and sporting activities.

The carnival will consist of the following activities:

Bowling, splat the rat, hula-hoop challenge, hook a duck, guess how many sweets in the jar, bazaar where gifts and ice pops will be sold, henna and rangoli art, plus an area of fun outdoor games. There is also a fantastic chance to win a signed Declan Rice football shirt as part of a paid raffle competition run by Halo – one of the charities we are raising money for.

Each activity/stall will cost 50p, **cash only**. There will be a chance for students to win tokens for free games throughout the Carnival if they successfully complete our specially designed Culture Day quiz, run by the Student Leadership Team.

As part of the Culture Day, we are supporting Halo and Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH). Halo are a bereavement services charity, closely aimed at children, and provide a vast range of services for various needs, allowing children the opportunity to express themselves. They help families rebuild their lives and provide support, so they do not grieve alone. GOSH is one of the top five children's hospitals in the world and one of the most technologically advanced. It is an international centre of excellence in child healthcare. Since its formation in 1852, the hospital has been dedicated to children's healthcare and finding new and better ways to treat childhood illnesses. All monies collected at the Culture Day will be donated to Halo and GOSH.

The aim of Culture Day is to learn about the diverse community at our school and as such, we would like all students to participate by wearing clothes that represent their culture and ethnicity. If you are stuck and would like some ideas, we recommend dressing from a historical period, for example Victorian, 1960's hippy, 1970's disco area or 1990's pop! You could even choose a character from a British franchise like Harry Potter, or a role model that represents the values of Britain which are common to us all, equality and individuality. Students can also wear shirts with their national flag on.

If you would like your child to wear their own clothes for the day, we ask that you make a donation of at least £1.00 on your Arbor Portal.

We are looking forward to celebrating our diverse school community.

Yours sincerely

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