



Pastoral: Cultural Awareness Week Commencing Monday 23 January 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to make you aware of our fourth Awareness Week of the year, which is on the topic of Cultural Awareness. It will take place during the week commencing Monday 23 January, and will integrate into form time, departmental activities and even in the lunch menus for the week!

This particular Awareness Week will be coordinated by the Collegiate's International Liaison Officers, with assistance from current Key Stage 4 students and some international Old Ethelburgians (alumni who left in 2021). Their purpose is to increase focus on important topics to bolster our holistic approach and support, where we combine three of our community-wide initiatives including THRIVE@QE, our Digital Wellbeing Strategy, and the NHS's 'Five ways to wellbeing.'

The major event of this week will be on Friday 27 January, where we will have a celebratory International Day for the whole collegiate, but with particularly targeted activities for Chapter House students in the afternoon. The day will be a non-uniform day for Years 6-13, with a theme of 'national dress'. We are encouraging students to wear typical clothing of their culture. Please note that this dress should be school-appropriate, should not be military wear, containing flags or using face paints. In addition, there will be snacks from various countries available to enjoy, cultural music and language exchange stalls.

Lastly, if you have any expertise in the upcoming Awareness Week topics, we are open to stakeholders of Queen Ethelburga's to participate. If you would like to be involved, or have any other questions about Awareness Weeks, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant School Team; college@qe.org, faculty@qe.org, kingsmagna@qe.org or chapterhouse@qe.org.

Yours sincerely

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