



17th October 2025

Dear parents/guardians and students,

We are delighted to announce that St Thomas Becket Catholic School will be hosting a *Culture and Diversity Day* on **Friday 24th October**. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the rich diversity of cultures represented by our students and staff. This has now become an annual event that gets better and better every year.

At St Thomas Becket, we are proud of the wide variety of traditions, nationalities, and backgrounds that make our school community so unique. Culture and Diversity Day aims to foster greater understanding, respect, and appreciation for the different customs, languages, and heritage that contribute to the vibrant environment we share every day.

To celebrate this day, we invite all students to wear something that represents their identity. This could include:

- Traditional cultural dress
- The colours of their national flag
- A uniform or outfit that represents a hobby or pastime from their culture

Whether it's a sari, a football jersey from a favourite national team, or the colours of a country's flag, this day is about showing pride in our differences and learning from one another. We kindly ask for a voluntary **donation of £1** to support and raise funds for our SVP charity ([St Vincent de Paul Society](#)). This can be paid via **MCAS**.

In addition, parents can now **purchase a £1 ticket on MCAS** for their child to attend the **Walk The World** event at lunchtime — a vibrant celebration where students and staff will showcase traditional dress and cultural pride from around the world.

We encourage parents to discuss the significance of this day with your children and help them select appropriate attire that reflects their cultural background or interests. Please adhere to our [uniform policy](#) that states what is acceptable for non-uniform day as below:

Non-Uniform Day Expectations:



RESPECT



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COMPASSION



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While non-uniform days allow students the freedom to wear their own clothes, we maintain certain standards to ensure safety and decency:

- *Open-toed footwear is prohibited.*
- *Clothing considered too revealing, such as vest tops or tops that expose the midriff, is not allowed.*
- *Shorts must be of a reasonable length and should not have cut-out holes that expose excessive skin.*

The school reserves the right to determine what is deemed acceptable, acknowledging that fashion trends are continuously evolving.

Alongside the dress, students will participate in activities throughout the week that showcase various traditions and histories, promoting a deeper sense of unity and inclusivity within our school. We believe this day will not only be a celebration but also a learning experience for all as we embrace the richness of the many cultures that make up our school community.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a colourful and joyful celebration on the 24th of October.

Mr P McCahill
Headteacher



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