



# Colston's Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Curiosity Challenge and Celebrating Diversity Day

Our final Core Value Challenge of the year will be the Curiosity Challenge which takes place between Monday 21st May (International Diversity Day) and Friday 8th June. The aim of this period of time is to encourage students to be Curious about the identity of each other so that they can better tolerate and celebrate each other in order to make the school community feel more inclusive to all students and staff.

The challenge will include a range of activities before and after half term and will end with a Diversity Day. On this day we invite students to wear to school clothing that represents them as a person. Their outfit should spark conversation about its meaning and allow them to share with the community their identity. Outfits could include cultural dress, colours or flags of their country, flags or symbols, a playing shirt of a sports team, items that they are proud of such as medals etc. We would like to make clear that this is not a non-uniform day and that it is not compulsory for students to take part; students are welcome to wear uniform as normal. This day is about celebrating and bringing together our community regardless of cultural, background, race, religion, disability, identity, gender and socioeconomic status. It would be very disappointing if students were to just use it as an excuse to wear non uniform clothes without thinking about the purpose of the day. We would like to take this opportunity to raise money for charity therefore would encourage students to bring in food to sale that is linked to their culture and background.

We hope that your child embraces this Core Value Challenge and that it acts as a catalyst for students and staff to show a genuine interest and understanding of the students and staff in our school community beyond this timeframe. As you may be aware our School Fayre is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and our theme is celebrating community and food and culture from around the world. If you are interested in contributing in any way please do not hesitate in contacting the PTA.

Yours faithfully

Kate Cooper  
Assistant Principal