

25th February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Vanguard Learning Trust Equality Week- Ruislip High School

I am delighted to provide you with information about Vanguard Learning Trust's Equality Week taking place at Ruislip High School the week beginning Monday 3rd March 2025 to Friday 7th March 2025. The week is designed to celebrate diversity, equality and inclusion in our school communities and students will participate in a range of tutorial activities.

Year 7 students will also be taking part in a Gamelan Music workshop during their music lessons. Gamelan is the traditional ensemble music of the Javanese, Sundanese, and Balinese peoples of Indonesia, made up predominantly of percussion instruments.

On Friday 8th March Year 8 students will be taking part in a Kathak dance workshop led by the [Sujata Banerjee Dance Company \(SBDC\)](#). Kathak dancing is one of the most elegant dance forms of India and revolves around the concept of storytelling. Students should wear their usual school uniform. Trainers will not be required as they will perform the dance barefoot. Students who wear skirts may wish to bring in PE shorts to wear in addition to their skirt; however, this is optional.

On Wednesday 5th March 2025 all students are encouraged to wear clothes that represent their traditional culture to celebrate Cultural Day at Ruislip High School. This is optional and should students not wish to take part they are required to wear their usual school uniform. Please note that leisure and sportswear are not appropriate for this event. While we acknowledge the significance of sport and national identity, the focus of Cultural Day is to promote understanding and appreciation of different cultures within our school community.

To ensure the day is inclusive and respectful of all cultures, we kindly ask that you review our guidance on appropriate attire [here](#) prior to the event.

Should parents / guardians have any further questions regarding Equality Week please do not hesitate to contact me via the school email office@ruisliphigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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