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Dear Pupils and Families

CULTURAL AWARENESS MORNING – MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

We are excited to announce that St John Henry Newman Catholic School will be hosting a Cultural Awareness Morning on Monday 23 September 2024 for our Year 8 pupils during our half-termly Speaking and Listening Activity Day (SALAD) (to be repeated for other year groups at a later date if it is a success). This special event has been proposed by our pupils to celebrate the rich diversity within our school community and provide a platform for pupils to learn about different cultures from around the world.

To make this day a success, we are inviting pupils from all year groups and their adults (parents, carers, other family members) to run a stall that showcases your unique cultural heritage. This is a wonderful opportunity to share aspects of your culture which could include national dress, traditional foods, music, dance or simply talking to pupils about any aspect of your culture.

We believe that your participation will not only enrich the experience for all attendees but also foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse backgrounds that make up our school community. We encourage as many people as possible to get involved from all walks of life – this is not simply about different nationalities but about different cultures so we welcome contributions from our local Traveller communities; from Black British culture; from Welsh, Scottish or Irish Gaelic communities; from different religions; as well as from varied nationalities.

If you would like to contribute, this would entail setting up a table-top stall in our sports hall. We would bring two classes of Year 8 pupils to explore the displays between 9.15 am and 10.10 am and another 2 classes to explore between 10.30 am and 11.30 am with break time in between the sessions.

To volunteer, please email Miss Lowrey at bookings@newman.cumbria.sch.uk by Friday 6 September 2024 with a brief outline of what cultural heritage you would like to present. Pupils from any year group who wish to present are welcomed and will be excused from their other allocated SALAD day activities on this morning.

This idea has come from the pupils – it is something they have asked for and are taking a significant role in organising. I know that our school has a wealth of diversity and I look forward to making this day a success with you.

Yours sincerely
E Lowrey

Miss E Lowrey
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Humanities