



16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Victory Celebration Day – ‘Celebrate All’**

2025 is an opportunity for us to celebrate as a school community. It is our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and we also have two new buildings that will be opening: The Victory Harbour and Sixth Form Centre.

The Victory Harbour is a Specialist Resource Provision which will provide additional support for students with Special Educational Needs. Our new Sixth Form Centre will ensure we are able to continue providing high quality resources for our ever-growing post-16 students.

To mark these occasions, we will be holding a day of celebration on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July!**

All students are to attend school as usual. They have a choice on this day to wear:

- Full school uniform
- Full cultural dress to celebrate diversity within our community
- A national sports team jersey, eg. England football or rugby shirt/equivalent
- A red t-shirt in support of anti-racism

Other than the individual items listed above, all students will be expected to wear their uniform. We would encourage students to discuss their plans with their Form Tutor or Head of Year so any support and guidance can be given well in advance. (Separately to this, the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, will be full non-uniform day.)

Students are expected to be on site by 8.30am as usual. During Learning Periods 1-4, students will attend lessons as normal but these will be linked to the theme of ‘Celebrate All.’

### **Birthday Picnic**

During Learning Period 5 (12.25pm), we will be holding a 10<sup>th</sup> birthday picnic on the field (alternative plans are in place should the weather be unseasonal!). Students will be able to purchase from all food points across the school site as normal at break, but **all food outlets will be closed at lunch**. Instead, students will be able to bring their own packed lunch or alternatively, purchase a ‘picnic bag’ lunch.

To assess catering needs for all students, we ask please that **all student picnic lunches are pre-ordered via PlusPay (whether your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or not) by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Picnic bags will be made to order and available for student collection on the field. The picnic bag lunch options will be available on PlusPay shortly for you to pre-order. All options are priced at £2.80 each and free to students who are in receipt for Free School Meals.



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In addition to this lunch offer, students will be able to purchase various cultural culinary delights from food stalls, so please ensure they have some spending money with them. During this time, there will also be some performances linked to our theme for the day. Students are welcome to sit on coats or bring in picnic blankets for the event. Please ensure your child has a suitable hat and wears sunscreen. Water and squash will be provided.

Students will leave school site at 1.15pm, allowing for the set-up of our Annual Academy Awards. Bus companies have been notified of students' early finish.

### **Academy Awards**

At 4.00pm, we will welcome back to school student nominees for awards in the categories of:

- Subject Awards
- Victory Virtue Awards
- The George Hughes Award – In memory of our former student George Hughes who sadly passed away in August 2022. This Award is for a student who demonstrates positivity in all they do, to someone who embraces all new experiences with enthusiasm and whose attitude is relentlessly optimistic.
- The Sam Rooks' Award – In tribute to our former colleague who passed away July 2020. This award is given to a student who prioritises their learning, who tries their best every single day, and someone who never makes excuses.
- Headteacher Award – This Award is for a student who has shown real excellence and has had an exceptional impact on the school community over their time with us.

Colleagues are considering nominations now and we will be in touch with you to confirm if your child is a nominee. Those students who have been nominated should return, in full school uniform, in time for the event starting at 4.00pm.

I do hope students enjoy this day of celebration and look forward to meeting those of you who can join us for the afternoon Awards event. For those parents/carers able to attend the event, there will be an opportunity for a tour of the new buildings after the ceremony has finished.

Yours sincerely

Mr O Owen  
**Headteacher**