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Dear Family

Staff Training Day – Monday, 31 March Culture Day - Tuesday, 1 April

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Please be aware of some key dates during week beginning Monday, 31 March 2025.

On **Monday, 31 March 2025**, the Academy will be closed to students for a Staff Training Day. I appreciate that these closures can cause disruption for some families, however, it is vitally important that during this time of rapid change in education we have time to support our staff professionally. This day will allow staff an opportunity to engage with leaders in educational practice to further enhance the quality of teaching and learning within the Academy.

We are also pleased to share with you that Student Council and Heads of Year have worked incredibly hard to advise staff on the planning for Culture Day which will take place on **Tuesday**, **1 April**. The Academy promotes and celebrates the fundamental British values, and we feel this day will be a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to learn from each other and society more widely.

Sessions will vary between each year group and Mr James has arranged an exciting menu based on student requests. During break time, refreshments will be available for 50p, and students may attend the day in non-uniform.

The Academy will expect all students to dress **suitably** and **appropriately**. Tracksuits, jeans, leggings, jumpers, sweatshirts, football kits, blouses etc are all suitable items. As we will be celebrating **all cultures**, SCA would like to invite students to wear traditional cultural outfits where appropriate.

Face paints, flags, bright hair colours and heeled shoes are not permitted. The expectation of the day is sharing knowledge of cultures through traditional dress, food, activities, and voice. Students must continue to conduct themselves professionally on this non uniform day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Daly Associate Principal

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