



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: UNITY Festival 2023 for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Student and Guest Invite**

We are incredibly excited to announce that, after the success of last year's festival with Year 7 and 8, we are running our 2023 Festival for Years 7 – 10 and Year 12 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

UNITY at Cox Green School was established in 2020 with the key focus being to further educate students, staff, parents and carers on all matters of race; to talk openly about race and to encourage discussions internally and externally to support change and appreciate others. UNITY also prides itself on building a culture of trust, where pupils feel confident to come forward and know that they'll be listened to.

We are looking forward to celebrating our diverse range of cultures within the school community at the UNITY Festival with a range of performances from staff and students. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience, share and appreciate cultures from around the world. Students will be watching a variety of performances and participating in activities on the School Field, so we would encourage them to bring rugs or seat cushions to ensure that they are comfortable, as well as a refillable bottle of water, sun cream and a hat if desired. We would also recommend bringing along some **healthy, nut free** snacks for them to enjoy whilst watching the show. There will still be the option to purchase food and drinks from DINE during Break 1 and Break 2. Staff, students, parents and carers are encouraged to wear traditional national clothing from their heritage to this event. If you decide not to do this, students are expected to wear full PE kit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students that attendance to this event is subject to continued good behaviour on the date of the festival. We reserve the right to withdraw students who fail to meet our expectations of behaviour and school values. If these values are not followed on the day of the festival, students will be directed to a supervised classroom. In addition, if the school assesses any students are a Health and Safety risk to themselves or to others, they will also be placed in the supervised classroom for the school day. The phone policy will continue to apply, so students will not be permitted to have their phone out at any time.

All students in Years 7 – 10 and Year 12 will be attending the festival and we would like to extend an invitation to parents and carers of these students to come and enjoy this event. If you are able to attend, please complete the RSVP form on this link before Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Parents will be able to attend from 11:00am – 1:30pm. The registration desk will be sign posted near the school library/sports hall.

Please click the link to RSVP to the event here <https://forms.office.com/e/ppu2vepfZ1>

We look forward to welcoming you to our celebration.

Kind Regards,

Mr Matthew Gullick  
Associate Senior Leader & Learning Leader PE, Sport & Health

