



29 September 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

On Monday 24 October Hindus around the world will celebrate the festival of Light, called Diwali. As part of an ever-increasing religiously diverse society, we would like our students in Year 7 to explore, in an experiential way, what Diwali is like for the millions of Hindus who celebrate it. Your child will not be celebrating Diwali but will get a great insight into what it is like. We hope that by learning about different religious and cultural practices, we will help build a society where there is less division and greater tolerance.

Our Day...

On Monday 17 October Students at South Dartmoor Community College will have an opportunity to create and eat the foods that are typically consumed during Diwali. The ingredients will be kindly supplied by the school. Students will also have the opportunity to make Diwali lamps, which has come to form part of the symbolism surrounding Diwali. Once again, all material will be provided. Students will also be looking at Diwali through the lens of Dance and Drama. It will prove to be a positive memorable experience and a break from the normal curriculum on this day.

What to bring...

On Monday 17 October 2022, students should bring their pencil cases and equipment as per normal but they do not need to pack their bags with their usual exercise and text books for this day. **Students should wear their PE kit to school including trainers** so they are better equipped to take part in the fun activities on offer in Dance and Drama. **Girls must wear leggings and boys must wear tracksuit bottoms** instead of shorts with their normal PE attire. The reason for this adjustment is that food hygiene regulations state that legs must be covered in our Food Tech rooms.

Your child's tutor and Head of Year will ensure that your child knows exactly where they need to be during the school day. A new timetable will be shared with each tutor group, which will be followed on this day only.

You can find out more about Diwali by clicking the link below. The information is from the National Geographic and has video footage too; it's really very good. [Diwali is the Indian festival of lights. Here's what to know about its history and customs. \(nationalgeographic.com\)](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/diwali/)

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll be happy to help.

Kind regards
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