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Dear Parents and Carers

School today looks very different today as students arrived off the buses in a wonderful array of festive and traditional dress, bringing some much needed colour and light to the morning.

This year our celebrations were held with a renewed sense of importance as we reflected on the story and meaning behind Diwali, the of triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and a sign of better things to come.

Students have truly enjoyed researching, presenting and devising the range of activities our team have planned that ranged from puppetry, comedy sketches and an afternoon of Garba for Year 9 in the sports hall. Those students who were sadly unable to joins us and who are self-isolating were also able to join in the activities at home and send in their work; we are looking forward to seeing more of your pictures!

We really saw how much it meant to students to celebrate this special festival (not to mention the opportunity to dress up, if the number of questions and emails about clothes we received from students was anything to go by!)

We all know that times are challenging and we are all asked to draw on our resources and our resilience, especially when we are prevented from being with friends and families at such a special time. I hope that the celebrations this weekend bring you joy, light and the hope and promise of a new year

Can I also take this opportunity to confirm that Monday will be a normal school day.

I wish you family good health and happiness and a very Happy Diwali.

Kind regards

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