



Vanguard Learning Trust

Equality Week
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2024

Vanguard Learning Trust's annual equality week will be held the week beginning Monday 19th February 2024. Schools in the Trust have collaborated to provide opportunities for students across all year groups to explore the theme of equality and diversity.

Ruislip High School

At Ruislip High School the whole school will be taking part in a variety of activities that focus on equality and diversity. During tutorials students will be exploring and discussing inclusion, gender, sexuality, disability and race. In addition, the following workshops and presentations will be delivered to various year groups.

Kathak dancing



Year 8 students will be taking part in a Kathak dance workshop led by the Sujata Banerjee Dance Company (SBDC).

Kathak dancing is one of the most elegant dance forms of India and revolves around the concept of storytelling.

Gamelan music workshop

Year 7 music lessons will focus on students performing traditional gamelan music. Students will use percussion instruments to perform ensemble music from Indonesia.

Cultural Day

All students will be encouraged to wear traditional clothing that represents their culture.

Guest speaker

There will be a presentation to Year 7 delivered by a volunteer member from The Guide Dogs charity. Should you wish to make a donation please follow [this link](#).



Cultural cooking

Year 9 students will learn how to cook a traditional Moroccan couscous dish which they will be able to take home and share with their family.



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Hermitage Primary School



Hermitage Primary School will be focusing on diversity through books and sharing their own life stories. The school will consider cultural identity, disabilities, gender and how we can celebrate our own uniqueness. Students will listen to other people's stories within the school community as well as sharing their own.

Vyners School

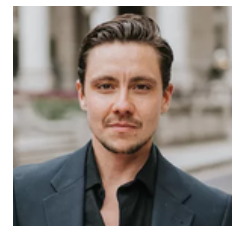
The Vyners community will be taking part in a range of activities over the week that focus on equality and diversity. Students will engage with a number of activities in PSHE, tutorials and assemblies will celebrate what makes us different. The week will be kick started with a keynote speaker and conclude with a range of activities for students to participate in.

Cultural food cooking workshops

Students will be able to sign up for an after school cooking workshop to make Anzac biscuits after school on Wednesday 21st February.

Secondary school keynote speaker

Jude Guaitamacchi will be addressing students in a keynote speech at both Ruislip High School and Vyners. They are dedicated to working towards trans & non-binary equality and offers proactive ways for trans allies to reflect their advocacy.



Create Change competition

Students are invited to take part in a creative competition 'Create Change' where they can use any form of art to promote equality and celebrate diversity and individuality. Students can submit any art form they choose, these could include photography, textiles, art, poetry and music.



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Irish dancing workshop

Students across all year groups are invited to participate in a one hour Irish dance workshop after school on Thursday 22nd February.

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Oak Farm Primary

Oak Farm will be exploring the importance of living as a rights-respecting citizen which will be linked to the United Nations Convention on rights of the Child and how it has an impact on their lives and the lives of children everywhere. Students will be taking part in many activities focused on equality and discrimination and the effects of both. Through discussion, drama and the sharing of experiences students will learn about how they can make choices and take actions that respect the rights of others and the importance of compassion. Topics will range from what democracy is and how it relates to human rights, to what changes they would like to see in the future and how they can help make that happen.

Field End Junior School

Field End Junior School are focusing on inclusion and identity. Discussion will be based on what it means to be included at school as our true selves and how we can make all others feel included. The school will celebrate cultural identities through a 'Dress as Me day', reading a variety of diverse books and using collaborative art as a means of expression.

