



WORLD HIJAB DAY CELEBRATION

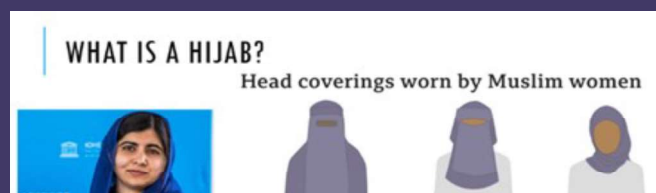


“I liked how I related to what everyone else said and it felt nice to be around people with similar experiences” – Taiba Gaffar, Year 9

“I’m glad that Muslims are now more included in school and it’s nice to know others have similar experiences” – Eiliyah Islam, Year 9



During the week of the 1st February, we were delighted to celebrate our first World Hijab Day as a school. During the week we provided education to all students about the significance of the Hijab to Muslim women, and hosted a workshop for many of our Muslim girls to attend to share their experiences and reasons for wearing (or not wearing) the Hijab.



Students also watched an assembly explaining the significance of the Hijab and were able to understand more about the experiences of Muslim women who choose to wear the Hijab.

I would like to place on record my thanks to Faiza Spittles for dedicating time to share information and a video about the meaning behind wearing the Hijab, as well as her own personal journey. Thank you Faiza for your valuable contributions.





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The Hijab is worn as part of a Muslim custom called “Purdah” which is to be modest.

Modesty can be displayed in many ways; by lowering the gaze, wearing looser clothing or by wearing a head covering such as the Hijab. Everybody will make their own choices how to display Purdah in their lives.

On Friday, we welcomed Farhana Kamali, mother of Arifah Kamali (Year 9) to the school to host our World Hijab Day workshop.

Farhana spoke brilliantly about her personal journey and connected with the students in attendance. It was great to see the connections being made and the confidence of so many young women to talk about their journey so far. Once again, thank you to Farhana for committing her time and energy into leading this workshop.



It was great to have the opportunity to celebrate World Hijab Day across the school, and we hope to take advantage of many more opportunities in future to celebrate the diverse range of cultures we welcome at our school.

If you have any suggestions for cultural events that we could celebrate, please let us know.

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