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Dear Parents/Carers

Non-Uniform Day, Thursday 4th July

This week Morton Academy is celebrating School Diversity Week, along with hundreds of thousands of pupils across the UK. The focus of the week is celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) equality in education and in wider society.

Growing up can be really difficult for LGBT+ young people: 40% have thought about suicide, 52% have harmed themselves and 86% still hear homophobic or intolerant comments. As you'll know yourselves being a teenager is difficult enough with pressures in school, with peers and on social media platforms. We like to encourage our students to have a healthy and positive view of themselves and others.

To raise money for the charity behind School Diversity Week (Justlikeus.org), Student Council have organised a non-uniform day for Thursday 4th July. Students who want to take part should attend dressed in any of the colours that make up the pride flag. Students that don't want to participate will be expected to attend in full school uniform. Student Council will be collecting donations of **£1** in Team Time.

Year 10 English Masterclasses

Year 10 students have nearly completed their end of year assessments and will be taking part in work experience next week. During this week myself and Mrs Sabuda will be teaching Year 10 English Poetry Masterclasses to help prepare them for Year 11 and the GCSE English courses. I'd like to also say a big thank you to all parents for their support with the 50-mile walk, many of our Year 10s really surpassed their own expectations of themselves and they were a credit to the academy and to you.

End of Term Arrangements

The summer term ends on Friday 19th July, 2019. The academy will close at the end of P4 for students at 12.40pm. Students with free school meals will be able to pick up a grab bag lunch. I will be writing to you all before the end of term with updates for next year and to celebrate some of our students' great achievements this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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