



INTRODUCING THE DYNAMIC DIVERSITY GROUP (DDG) 2026-2027



WHY THIS SCHOOL NEEDS THE DDG...

Statements we have heard in Edwinstree:

"What is your ethnicity?"

"My parents are from Thailand."

"Ergh, why are you here?"

"Why are your legs so ashy?"

"It looks like you've got a bindi spot. Are you Indian?"

"Ching chong."

"Muslims don't belong in this school."

"You're gay, aren't you?!"

"Ew, don't stand near her."

"Why do you talk like that?"

"Pass the ball or you're gay. You're gay then!"

"English or Spanish?"

"Immigrants are coming to ruin this country."





THE WORK OF THE DDG AND THE WIDER WORLD

- Diversity is not just about what makes us different. It's about the unique experiences, ideas and strengths each of us brings to our community. –
Emma B
- As we are all different, we won't always agree on everything. That is okay – listening to people who have alternative opinions to our own challenges us to think deeply about our own position.
- It also helps us to learn how to listen to differing views respectfully.

WHAT CHALLENGES DO WE FACE IN THE WIDER WORLD?

Unfortunately, we know that differences can sometimes be used as **reasons to divide people**.

Having a diversity group isn't just about supporting those who may feel left out. It's about strengthening the whole school community. When we learn from each other, we become more empathetic, more open-minded, and more prepared for the future.

Whether we go on to university, apprenticeships, or jobs, the world we'll step into will be diverse.

Knowing how to collaborate with people who see the world differently is one of the most important skills we can have.

Elsie W



Unfortunately, we know that differences can sometimes be used as reasons to divide people. We see examples of racism, prejudice, and discrimination both here and in the news around the world.

That's why schools like ours need safe places where every student feels they belong, no matter who they are or where they come from.

Our diversity group does exactly that. It's a place where students can come together to share experiences, celebrate traditions, and challenge stereotypes. It's a group that says clearly:

***Everyone has value. Everyone deserves respect.
Everyone belongs here.***

Teagan



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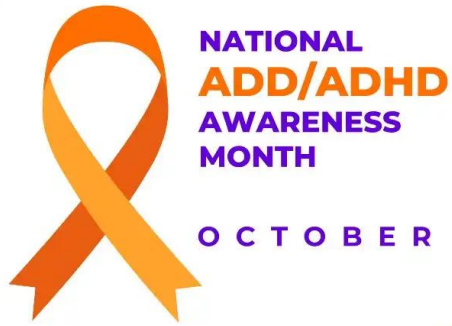


JOIN US!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to join the DDG, we ask that you complete a short sign-up sheet that will ask you your name, class and why you want to join the DDG – please do provide a thoughtful answer to this question, we only have 20 spaces to fill so please tell us in as much detail as you can about your ideas and why you feel you'd benefit from the group.

Please collect a sign-up sheet from Mrs Lane's classroom (E5) or Mrs van Wyk's Food room and return it by Friday 25th September.
Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

- **Black History Month** (October)

We are in the process of trying to arrange a half-day African cultural workshop, designed to bring music, movement, and culture to our school in a fun and engaging way. We will let you know once this has been confirmed!

- **ADD/ADHD Awareness Month** (October)

Dear God,

Thank you for making our world so bright, colourful, and full of variety. Just like a beautiful garden has all kinds of different flowers, our world is filled with all kinds of amazing people.

Thank you for the differences that make each of us special:

The different **languages** we speak and the unique ways we talk,

The beautiful variety of **skin tones**, hair, and faces we see,

The many different **traditions, cultures, and holidays** we celebrate,

The unique ways our **minds and bodies** work and move.

Help us to remember that even though we look, think, or live differently, we all want the same things: to feel safe, to be loved, and to belong.

Amen

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP,
IF YOU ARE UNSURE ON
HOW TO APPLY, PLEASE
SPEAK TO A DDG MEMBER
AND THEY WILL GUIDE YOU
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Cameron W