

March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

### **8th Community Iftar Event: 'Ramadan Sharing Festival' - Wednesday, 20 March 2024**

We would like to invite our whole school community to come together for our **8th Community Iftar event**. This joint event for Bristol Cathedral Choir School and St Katherine's School is an amazing opportunity for non-Muslim families to join with members of our Muslim community to experience and understand the joy of iftar and the significance of Ramadan.



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The sharing festival will take place on **Wednesday the 20 of March**. We will open doors at **4.30pm** to welcome families to prepare for a prompt start **at 5pm in the Cresswell Theatre at Bristol Cathedral Choir School**. We would then like to invite everyone to **share an iftar meal at around 6.30pm**. This year's theme is going to be **the power of community**. Thanks to the efforts of our student leaders and the student community, we will be celebrating some fantastic work and hearing from some wonderful speakers from the local community.

Just as we did last year, at around 6.18pm, there will be a live call to prayer. Dates and water will be provided by the [Community Iftar Project](#) for everyone to break their fast on. After a group prayer, everyone will be invited down to our café area to enjoy a delicious shared meal prepared and cooked by members of our refugee community.

We would like to invite all BCCS/St Katherine's School students of all faiths and none, including their immediate family, to join us in sharing the celebration of this very special occasion. Ramadan, just like every religious festival, is about bringing family and friends together. We would like to come together as a school community at the beginning of Ramadan as one big family and share something special together.

**We will be providing food for the shared iftar meal. You will have the opportunity to provide donations which will be going towards local charities.**

**Please complete this [google form](#) by 9am on Monday 18 March, 2023.** As we have limited capacity in the Cresswell Theatre and Café, admission will be given on a first-come first served basis upon receipt of your completed form. **You will be asked to indicate how many people will be attending** - we ask that only immediate family members of BCCS/St Katherine's School students attend in order to allow as many people in the community to come as possible.

We are inviting not only members of staff to take part in a sponsored fast if they wish, but also any students who would like to try and fast on the day. They are welcome to share their

experience with friends and family. Our students will be choosing a charity and sending out a link next week - all money raised will go towards supporting the chosen charity. Muslims in Bristol who are fit and able will be fasting from 4:23 am till 6:18 pm on the 20th of March according to the sunrise and sunset times.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Ramadan Sharing festival. If you have any additional questions, please email [hlacey@bristolcathedral.org.uk](mailto:hlacey@bristolcathedral.org.uk) / [sfuller@bristolcathedral.org.uk](mailto:sfuller@bristolcathedral.org.uk) (BCCS) or [school@skdrive.org](mailto:school@skdrive.org) (St Katherine's School).

Yours sincerely,

Ms Helena Lacey, Ms Tanisha-Hicks Beresford, Mr Lynton Moore - BCCS EDI team


Mr Stephen Fuller, Deputy Headteacher

*Please note that CST cannot accept responsibility for any of the food that is being prepared; this is to be enjoyed at your own risk.*

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