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## The Avenue School Community

Dear parents and carers

At the Avenue we understand the importance of ensuring that equality, diversity, and inclusion is at the forefront of our minds and is embedded into the culture of our school. Understanding our identity is an important part of a child's development and it takes place in the early years of their lives and follows them into adulthood.

Part of our commitment to create an inclusive community culture, is to acknowledge our communities' religious beliefs and practices. We understand and recognise that our own worldview journey is personal and will be shaped by our own individual background, family, and cultural influences.

Our community, including staff, parents and carers will receive notifications when events occur.

Please join us on this journey, and look out for the next steps in our plan to promote a healthy inclusive environment.

# BIRTHDAY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

**12th January 2024**

Hindu

Born Narendra Nath Datta in 1863 in Calcutta, he was an Indian Hindu monk who became the chief disciple of the 19th century saint Ramakrishna. Vivekananda, as he became known, was a key figure in the introduction of the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world and helped to develop Hinduism during the latter part of the 19th century to the stage where it held the status of a major world religion. He died in 1902. He pioneered the development of the Ramakrishna Mission and the creation of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre movement first in India and then throughout the world, travelling widely and emphasising the devotional and social aspects of the teaching and practice of his beloved Guru, Ramakrishna.

Kindest regards

**Avenue team**

**Headteacher:** Rachel Rai

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