

## HEADTEACHER'S BULLETIN

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Drop Down Day - the school had the second of three Drop Down Days that we have introduced into the school. Drop Down Days are where all students and staff are off their normal timetable to have fun workshops and sessions delivered to them around the subject of citizenship and skills. We had visitors from KPMG and The Prince's Trust and from a company who delivered sessions to Year 11 and 13 on Maximizing Success for Exams and revision techniques. The day was a great success and I would like to thank Ms Miller for leading it for the school.



English National Opera - A fantastic onsite workshop took place on Wednesday at the school for our fabulous students. Well done to the following students who took part with Ms Taylor: Mohammed Mizan Ahmed, Sopnil Bapary, Bruna Oliveira Barros, Iqra Basit, Mohammad Jahan, Carlotta Joffe, Siham Mohamed, Mohammed Rafi, Imran Yasin Rouf, Kelly Kristine Soares Moutinho, Maisha Uddin, Aylin Uguz, Rabiah Uygur, Tina Yirga, Sultan Yussuf, Adibah Nushrat Ambia, Ella Dagleish, Umayya Rahman, Nabaha Ahmed, Fateha Begum, Maksymilian Biskup, Jahisha Fitzgerald, Sheikh Mohammed Zain Ilyas, Riocca Julier, Matias Konto, Shala Lazarus, Acsa Jasmine Munoz Sarmiento, Navon Zevontino Roberts, Daniel Senyr and Manha Teevana.



It was simply amazing!

Year 8 Subject Options – all week Ms Gibson, Ms Earle and I have been leading Parents' Evenings for Year 8 Parents/Carers and students to explain our curriculum and curriculum choices for Year 8 students as they think about what they want to do for GCSEs and A Levels. It has been delightful to meet parents again following Parents' Evening just before Christmas.

**Very sadly this week we heard that Mr Abdul Chowdhury, a very longstanding member of staff at the school, passed away following illness; he was at home with his family, which is a blessing. We keep Mr Chowdhury in our thoughts and prayers at this time, and his family.**

**The school will be remembering Mr Chowdhury in a variety of dignified and appropriate ways.**

**May He Rest in Peace.**

**Thank you, Mrs Holden – Executive Principal**

## Sixth Form

Congratulations to Sandra Kuekia who has got onto the University of Cambridge Law Conference which is being held over four days at the end of March. Sandra is one of our Sixth Form students who joined from another school. We are really happy she has made the most of every opportunity and got onto this prestigious course.

Well done also to Somaiya Chowdhury. Not only has she been attending the Sutton Trust Programme that is being held at the top Russell Group Universities in London but she is also on the King's College London K+ Programme. Following the History and Politics strand, Somaiya will be participating in academic days, culture

days and careers days culminating in a summer school in July. We have also had nearly ten students apply for the Sutton Trust Summer School Programme, a highly competitive and extremely valuable opportunity. We have supported students with these applications and they have all earned outstanding references from me so good luck to them all.

Finally we had a fantastic drop down day on Monday. All Sixth Form students were involved in subject specific workshops in the morning where they were able to focus on one or two of their key subjects. In the afternoon, they took part in the Independent Learning Workshop with an external company where they learnt key skills such as time management and revision skills.

Feedback was excellent and many students commented on how they would apply the skills they learnt.



**Ms K Frankum**

## Creative Cook School

Creative Cook School went really well this week. Saleban made the garlic bread mixture with the help of Zahra which tasted delicious, probably one of the best tasting garlic bread we have ever had at Cook School. Saleban has been great these last few weeks and really owned every task yesterday and was a great help to staff whilst clearing up. Sumaiyah and Nabihah made a delicious pistachio and lemon cake, which went down a treat with the elderly.

Zahra and Naheeya were really confident in their music sessions as they sang and will hopefully be performing a song next week. All the young people were great at speaking with the elderly yesterday, after prepping questions with Kate in the morning. Eman was absolutely fantastic at this.

Students went on a trip to Bean and Wheat, a cafe with a luxury restaurant, The Frog Hoxton at the back. The chain is owned by Adam Handling, a celebrity chef. We were hosted by Darren, the Assistant Manager, and Jamie Park, the Executive Chef and Master Chef Professional Finalist. The young people loved it and asked loads of questions about the menu, and the team serving other celebrities.

Ms Taylor



## Attendance Figures for 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Tutor Group	Attendance Percentage	Tutor Group	Attendance Percentage
7ABr	97.58%	10AHo	99.31%
7ARo	95.45%	10AHq	98.57%
7JBi	98.40%	10CKi	98.71%
7LGi	96.83%	10CMc	96.56%
7LHu	93.91%	10HSi	96.67%
Year 7	96.50%	10LGu	97.33%
		Year 10	97.83%
8AFI	97.64%		
8HRa	96.15%	11ABa	98.10%
8MBe	94.62%	11ADv	94.62%
8MCA	89.63%	11AWe	96.36%
8MVa	96.43%	11BHo	94.17%
8SAn	95.71%	11RCo	98.18%
Year 8	95.01%	11SWr	96.00%
		11TMs	92.00%
9AHe	97.93%	Year 11	95.61%
9JLa	94.67%		
9KHo	96.67%	12HOp	95.65%
9MPr	95.00%	12NHi	96.00%
9MRh	96.55%	Year 12	95.85%
9NHu	89.33%		
Year 9	95.00%	13NYa	96.84%
		13PMa	96.46%
		13SBm	98.80%
		Year 13	97.50%

## Our Pact

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find details of an Internet Safety app forwarded to the school by the Metropolitan Police. We believe that it is a very useful tool that will help parents control their child's internet and mobile phone usage:

<https://ourpact.com/>

This is an app that parents can download. It will allow parents/carers to control their child's internet usage.

The app allows you to set the times that your children can access Wi-Fi/4G on their mobile phones, and it can be done remotely so that your child has no control over it. It also shows you what applications your child downloads too.

We hope that this will be of some use to you and help keep your child safe.

Mr Collis

# Drop Down Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday was Mulberry Academy Shoreditch's second Drop Day. The day was a very busy one and saw a wide range of visitors coming to work with our young people. Throughout the day our students focused predominantly on Careers.

The Prince's Trust came in and delivered The Enterprise Challenge to 36 Year 9 students. The programme is designed to increase young's people's understanding of business concepts and how they can apply them. Interaction with the mentors focused on increasing students confidence, employability and self-efficacy.

As part of the day students played a business simulation game where they establish and run their own business. Students really enjoyed pitching their business ideas focusing on improving their community and working as a team.

Year 7 and 8 worked in their tutor groups for the day, playing 'The Real Game', an interactive role-play programme in which students are assigned a career and learn key vocabulary and concepts about working life such as 'work-life balance', 'leisure time' and 'budgeting'. At the start of the day, students sketched out their dream lifestyle and worked out how much this would cost them. But once they learnt how much their salary was, they had to re-prioritise according to their budget, making changes so that they were living a rewarding life without getting into debt! Groups worked really well together and learned a lot about jobs they never knew existed!

In addition, throughout the day Year 7 had workshops on online safety which were delivered by Tower Hamlets PREVENT lead Tom Llewelyn Jones. Tom was really impressed with Year 7 'the students were very well-behaved and they engaged with a difficult topic with enthusiasm. The subject matter wasn't easy but despite this, they were able to understand the key parts of the story and were able to correctly identify many of the online dangers that were present within the simulation.

There was one particular student who was able to summarise the session succinctly and was able to work out the complex story in its entirety. I was incredibly impressed with this. The students were polite and it was a pleasure to teach them.'



Year 9 spent the day working with The Princes Trust and KPMG where they completed a wide variety of activities linked to careers and employability. Students who worked with the Princes Trust had a day packed with completing an enterprise project and really enjoyed pitching their business ideas to each other:

'The game was fun and interactive'

'I have a better understanding of how businesses'

'We started to think about business ideas and developed our confidence through pitching'

'I developed my confidence'

In addition we also had 14 visitors in from KPMG who delivered really exciting, engaging and challenging workshops. The workshops were all linked to employability, students practised an elevator pitch, had an opportunity to explore careers within KPMG, developed their interview techniques, gained an insight into personal finance and stress management.



Year 10 engaged in workshops where they met with professionals from the publishing industry. The publishers delivered an insightful view of the careers involved in the world of literature, from the writers to the wealth of peripheral but important roles of design, print, marketing, PR, distribution, etc. They answered all questions honestly and the group were all engaged in the question and answer session. Students were offered the opportunity to take up a work experience placement and this was greeted with enthusiasm. The whole group session was both enjoyable and informative. CV writing sessions and workshops enabling students to explore careers were also a great success.

'We explored potential jobs that we might be interested in. I looked at two in particular, a Sports Coach and a Sports Therapist'

'I did a questionnaire linked to things I enjoy and subjects I'm good at and it gave me loads of job options to consider. I looked at a dentist, a nutrition therapist but I'm more interested in becoming a surgeon'

'I enjoyed the day and I had the time to look at options and to think about my future'

Year 11 and Sixth Form had workshops with an external company 'lifeskills' where they experienced workshops tailor-made to develop their skills to maximise success in the forthcoming exam preparation period.



The Year 11 feedback was as follows:

- Good tips to help us organise and revise using different strategies
- I learnt lots of new revision techniques which are really useful!
- I liked that it has helped me to become motivated to revise and revise in new ways
- All the tips were very helpful and I will use them to revise.



The Sixth Form feedback was as follows:

- I enjoyed learning new skills and tips that we can incorporate into our studies – really helpful
- It was extremely interactive and the activities were fun
- I liked the activities in the workshop and how it taught me new skills to use
- I enjoyed learning about the importance of independent learning
- I took away numerous ways to enhance my studies
- I gained useful knowledge on how to manage my work/life balance
- Informative and can be applied to real life.

**Ms Miller**

## ThinkForward ambassadors

I am proud of our ThinkForward ambassadors and youth board members from Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. Hamse Ahmed, Nana Ahlijah, La'Jeurne Scalon and Darnell Geraldo gave their Saturday to start a partnership project with 2 organisations: 'the 5Rights Foundation' and 'We are Snook'. The campaign aims to put young people's voices first in shaping the future of the internet/digital environment.

They will support the development of:

- The Right to Remove
- The Right to Know
- The Right to Safety and Support
- The Right to Informed and Conscious Use
- The Right to Digital Literacy

The programme will be delivered over six months (February - June 2019). It will include a series of five workshops, a visit to a large technology company and will end as the ambassadors and youth board members graduating as a Youth Commissioner.

To find out more you can read

here: <https://5rightsfoundation.com/about-us.html>



## Who Makes a Book?

Year 10 students were a part of an interactive careers workshop, on Monday. The Vice President of the Association of Author Agents Isobel Dixon, her colleague Kate Burke, along with literary agent Sam Edenborough and his colleague May Wall came to give an insight into the processes that are involved in making a book.

The workshop was very inspirational and lots of questions were asked and answered.

### Ms Mitchell



## Book Review

### Drama by Raine Telgethama

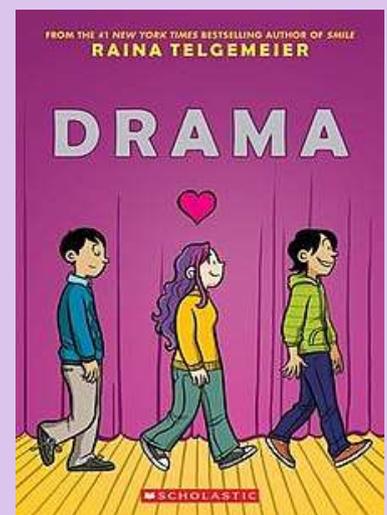
It is about a girl called Callie who is in the stage crew and is doing a play and has drama on and off stage and when two twins join in it gets rowdy.

I liked the title and front cover and I know they say don't judge a book by it's cover but it showed that this will be an interesting read.

It made me feel so entwined with the book an urge was raging at me to turn every page.

It is a book for both visual readers and normal readers. I would give this book 8/10.

Maysa Noor Year 7



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Spring  
2019

	Club/Activity	Time	Place	With	Year
Monday	Boys Football	7.30-8.20	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	7-9
	Fitness	7.45-8.15	Gym	Mr Jones	10-11
	Haven club	1.00-1.30	401	Ms Warner	7-13
	STEMETTES	3.30-4.30	416	Ms O'Connor	Girls – All Years
	Bengali club	3.30-4.30	223	Mr Ali	7-8
	Homework	3.45-4.20	502	Ms Begum	7-9
	Construction Club	3.30-4.30	401	Mr De Souza	10
	Book Folding Club	3.30-4.30	The Library	Mrs Mitchell	All Years
	Boxing/Karate (Boys) (sign up required)	3.30-5.30	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	All Years
	Karate/Boxing (Girls) (sign up required)	3.30-5.30	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	All Years
Tuesday	Fitness	7.45-8.15	Gym	Mr Jones	10-11
	Boys Football	7.30-8.20	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	7-9
	Haven club	1.00-1.30	401	Ms Warner	7-13
	Yoga	1.00-1.30	Dance Studio	Ms Laskus	7-13
	Korean club	1.00-1.30	223	Mr Omar	7-13
	Mini Science club	1.10-1.30	412	Mrs O'Conner	7-13
	CREST Awards club	3.30-4.30	LRC	Mrs O'Connor	7-13
	Netball (Girls)	3.30-5.00	MUGA	Ms Hererra	7-10
	Design Technology	3.30-5.00	401	Mr De Souza	9
Wednesday	Fitness	7.45-8.15	Gym	Mr Jones	10-11
	Badminton	7.30-8.20	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	7-11
	Table Tennis	7.30-8.20	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	7-11
	Meditation	10.50-11.05	Dance Studio	Ms Laskus	7-13
	Mini Science club	1.20-1.40	414	Ms O'Connor	7-13
	Boys Football	3.30-5.00	MUGA	Mr McCabe	9
	Gardening club	3.30-4.45	Garden	Mr Hodgson	7-13
	Robotics club	3.30-4.30	513	Mr Hussain	7-13
	Count on us	3.30-4.30	314	Mr Murphy	7-9
	Community Leaders	3.30-4.30	Library	Ms Taylor	7-9
	Afro-Street Dance club		Dance Studio	Ms Moreno	7-13
	Football	3.30-4.30 3.30-5.00	Sports Hall	Mr Coffey	7
	Thursday	Fitness club	7.30-8.20	Gym	Mr McCabe
Haven club		1.00-1.30	401	Ms Warner	7-13
Spanish Music Club		1.00-1.30	Music Room	Ms Holdcroft	7-9
Years 7 & 8 Drama Club		3.30-4.30	Main Hall	Ms James	7-8
Girls Football		3.30-5.00	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe	7-10
Boys Football		3.30-5.00	MUGA	Mr Jones	10
Science club		3.30-4.30	413	Mrs O'Connor	7-13
Debate Mate		3.30-4.30	201, 202, 302	Ms Bartlett	7-10
Construction		4.30-6.30	401	Mr De Souza	7-8
Duke of Edinburgh (invite only)		3.30-5.00	Main Hall	Ms Taylor	9
Studio Ghibli film club		3.30-4.30	402	Ms Gullick	7-13
Art club	3.30-4.30	405	Ms Kilmanaite	7-13	
Friday	Basketball	7.30-8.20	Sports Hall	Ms Herrera	7-11
	Fitness	7.45-8.20	Gym	Mr Jones	10-11
	Haven club	1.00-1.30	401	Ms Warner	7-13
	Cooking club	1.00-1.40	403	Ms Howe	7-10
	Boys Football	3.30-5.00	MUGA	Mr McCabe	8
	Chess Club	3.30-4.30	313	Ms Flood	7-13
	The Berry Good Readers	3.30-4.30	LRC	Mrs Mitchell	7-9
	Cricket Club	3.30-4.30	Sports Hall	Mr McCabe & Cricket Coach	7-9
	Cricket Club	4.30-5.45	Sports Hall		7-9

# INTERVENTION SESSIONS YEAR 11

## MONDAY

### Options C/D

Economics

Business

Studies

PE

Psychology

Art

Hospitality

Computer

Science

Drama

IT BTEC

Music

Sociology

## TUESDAY

### Options A/B

History

Geography

Spanish

Bengali

Latin

## WEDNESDAY

English

## THURSDAY

Mathematics

## FRIDAY

Science

# INTERVENTION SESSIONS SIXTH FORM

**MONDAY**

No intervention sessions

**TUESDAY**

Politics  
Spanish  
Art

**WEDNESDAY**

Maths  
Psychology

**THURSDAY**

English  
Science  
Economics  
Business  
IT  
History (after 4.30)

**FRIDAY**

Drama