



**Drop Down Day - Citizenship / British Values / Advice and Guidance - a day of learning and inspiration**

An amazing day at the school - a huge thank you and well done to Ms Miller who leads on this at the school and who did a super job of ensuring that students and staff participation was 100% and that students had the opportunities appropriate to them. Adding to the success of this term's 'Drop Down Day' were visits to a variety of places such as Art Galleries and Theatres and Museums, which students said they thoroughly enjoyed.

**International Women's Day**

We had a great day at the school today celebrating this International event. We were lucky to have some very prestigious speakers into the school to meet and speak with students on the general theme of how we can create a gender equal world. Thank you to Rushanara Ali MP, Jane Farrell, Chair of the Mulberry Schools Trust, Jessica Ihejeto who leads Oxford House, Julie Cordice Director of Communications for the Trust and Dr Katharine Vincent Principal of Mulberry UTC. Year 8 girls also visited Wadham College, Oxford University to tour the compass and experience University. Lastly, it was delightful that I could have a tea party in my office with Year 10 girls.



**Car Parking**

Please can I ask all parents/carers who pick their children up with a car to be mindful of our local residents when parking. Please do not park on the pavements surrounding the school as this can cause a significant disturbance to the public. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this matter.

**Notice Regarding Coronavirus:**

We know that there is an ongoing concern about the Coronavirus. As a school we follow the guidelines from Public Health England. The Government is closely monitoring the situation and has advised that it is still safe to send your child to school. If you are going or been to one of the areas on the 19 specified countries list please contact the school immediately. Please see list of countries on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>. Further advice about Coronavirus can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Thank you, Mrs Ruth Holden - Executive Principal

**Sixth Form**

**Careers in Law**

Gemma Seymour came in to speak to students in the school about being a solicitor. Having worked for Simmonds and Simmonds, a large corporate law firm, and more latterly working in-house as a solicitor for a law firm, Gemma was able to give a detailed insight into the field of law. Students learnt about relevant qualifications, what a solicitor does on a daily basis and the skills you need and develop. We also learnt about balancing work with family life. The talk was extremely inspiring encouraging students to think about careers for the future and the importance of hard work. Students in Year 11 asked some fantastic questions and it was clear from the amount of students who stayed afterwards that this is a career that students are really keen to pursue.



**Fast track to the Civil Service**

Halima Akhtar came to speak to students in Years 12 and 13 about the Fast track into the Civil Service scheme. Halima, completed the process just two years ago and explained to students the complex six stages to reach a place on the scheme. Halima explained about the role of the civil service and how it is integral to the work governments do. Halima is currently working on a response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy and it was incredibly powerful to here about the important work being done on this. Students were able to ask questions, the first being 'how much do you get paid!' But were left with a greater understanding of what a valued and varied role working in the civil service is.

Year 13 are firmly focused on the forthcoming mock examinations. Students have been staying after school, coming in on Saturdays and working in the holidays to consolidate knowledge. We are particularly pleased to see the collaborative nature of students teaching one another. If your child is in Year 13, please support them with their studies and encourage them to take regular breaks. Keep the good work up Year 13 as the exams are very much in sight.

Ms Wallace – Head of Sixth Form



# Spring Drop Day

Students enjoyed a day filled with exciting, engaging and hands on learning activities.

- Victoria and Albert Museum
- Science Museum
- British Museum
- National History Museum
- National Portrait Gallery
- South Bank Tour
- Kayaking and Rock Climbing
- Careers Talks and team building from the Army
- Woodwork
- Catering

Please have a look at some photographs of the day!

**Ms Miller**





## Year 8 HackerRank Trip



Last half term, a group of Year 8 girls took part in the HackerRank Coding Club. They created a range of programs, including a selfie taker using Raspberry Pi, a Microbit controller, a global food quiz Android app, a cat meme generator and a Scratch game. The club culminated with a trip to the HackerRank offices in the city, where students presented their projects to the entire HackerRank team! They were all given valuable feedback about both the software development process and their end products. Special shout outs to Mahek Yasmin and Inaaya Zahraa who won an award for Best Project and Tayha Reyad and Aliya Choudhury who won an award for Best Presentation. Runners up included Diana Lita, Amaal Mohamed, Salma Abokor, Maysa Noor and Zubaidah Hoque. A massive well done to all girls, who hugely impressed the team at HackerRank!

Ms Gillott

## Debate Mate Event at MAS



On Wednesday, we hosted round 2 of the Debate Mate League, competing against six other schools in East London. Our teams were fantastic, winning four out of six matches. Particularly well done to our Year 7 team who were competing against significantly older teams. In Year 7, Samantha Ezema showed skilful teamwork and leadership, producing an excellent summary speech and inspiring and directing her team, working well with Haniya Rashid, Yusuf Choudhury, Micah Godson, Zainab Al- Kalq and Muhsina Khan.

Years 9 and 10 were undefeated in their competition using sophisticated arguments and performing confidently. Year 10 presented a strong team, scoring the highest points in the first debate and narrowly losing the closely contested second heat. It was also a nice opportunity to meet with students from other local schools. Students built their skills and confidence in debating and we hope they will be successful in reaching the final and in the Debate Mate Cup competition in April.

If you would like to learn these skills and join Debate Mate, the club runs after school on Thursdays, 3.30pm to 4.30pm, please speak to Ms Goodrich in Room 201.

Ms Goodrich

## Attendance Figures 24<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

House Group	Attendance Percentage
Barbican 1	98.8%
Barbican 2	92.7%
Barbican 3	95.8%
Barbican 4	98.7%
Barbican 5	93.5%
Barbican	<b>95.9%</b>
Globe 1	92.7%
Globe 2	99.3%
Globe 3	97.1%
Globe 4	95.5%
Globe 5	95.7%
Globe	<b>96.6%</b>
Tate 1	92.4%
Tate 2	95.3%
Tate 3	92.7%
Tate 4	96.1%
Tate 5	95.2%
Tate	<b>94.34%</b>

House Group	Attendance Percentage
Thames 1	98.7%
Thames 2	95.2%
Thames 3	92.5%
Thames 4	98.1%
Thames 5	96.3%
Thames	<b>96.16%</b>
Tower 1	96%
Tower 2	97.7%
Tower 3	93.1%
Tower 4	94.8%
Tower 5	97.9%
Tower	<b>95.9%</b>
Trafalgar 1	98.8%
Trafalgar 2	95.7%
Trafalgar 3	97.6%
Trafalgar 4	98.1%
Trafalgar 5	98%
Trafalgar	<b>97.64%</b>
Tutor Group	Attendance Percentage
13A	96.2%
13B	96%
Year 13	<b>96.1%</b>

## Year 11 Tapas Trip



Last half term, some of the best linguists in Spanish were fortunate enough to sample some real life Spanish delicacies in an authentic setting. 20 Mulberry students visited a local tapas restaurant where they ate a variety of traditional tapas dishes ranging from patatas bravas (spicy potatoes), albondigas (meatballs) to calamari (squid ring). For many this was the first time they tasted this kind of food and with gusto tried everything the restaurant offered them. The Spanish owners mentioned how polite and mature the students were and what a pleasure it was welcoming them. Most of them even conversed and ordered in Spanish.

Mr Robertshaw

# WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

## OPTIMISTIC

### DEFINITION

Feeling hopeful about the future. Being positive and expecting good things to happen.

### EXAMPLE

Although his team hadn't won a game all year, Joe was optimistic that they would win today.

### SYNONYMS

Positive.  
Hopeful.  
Look on the bright side.

### ANTONYMS

Pessimistic.  
Negative.

### CHARACTERISTICS

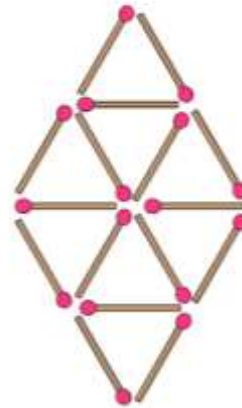
From the Latin 'optimus' = the best.  
'Optimism' is the noun.

## Maths Quiz

### Missing Matches

☆ 5

Remove just 4 matches to leave 4 equilateral triangles – they must be all the same size.



4. Times Table

Last week's answer



+ 11 hours



11 o'clock

10 o'clock

Ms Scales

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The aim of the event is to:

- Help you understand how your child is doing in each subject
- Show you what your child needs to focus on to improve
- Emphasise how the school will support your child to achieve
- Provide you and your child with a selection of valuable resources to study from

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 Parents/Carers next week.

Mr Hatton & Ms Morris

## Book Review

### Not Just a Witch by Eva Ibbotson



In this book, there is an animal witch called Heckie and she wants to make the world a better place. She turns evil people into harmless animals.

I chose this book because it looked interesting and adventurous.

The book made me feel interested to see how her friends could rescue her. I would recommend this book to people who like adventurous books.

By Naeemah Begum – Year 7