

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope you are continuing to be well and safe and managing the current situation as best you can.

You will have seen in the news that The Government has issued new guidance for schools about fully opening in September. I will be writing to you before the end of term which is Friday 17th July, with the detail of how Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will be putting this guidance into place in September.

This term - it continues to be delightful to see students back in the school this week – we have had Year 10 and 12 students into the school and going into classrooms to supplement their home learning – for Year 10 this was in GCSE Maths. We also were able to see many Year 7, 8 and 9 students this week who had come into the school for their welfare interview with a member of staff. Staff who came in on those days certainly enjoyed seeing students and the usual rapport between the staff and students at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch was clearly evident!

We also this week began to interview our new Year 6 students who came in with parents/carers on a rota basis to collect their welcome packs and meet a member of staff and of course there is our special dedicated area of the website for Year 6-7 transition with our lovely transition video in place.

Lastly on Friday, we also managed to see a lot of our Year 11 students which was really special because we really miss them and Year 13 and feel the most apologetic and sorry for them as cohorts and the disruption that Covid 19 has brought to their public examinations and to their end of year celebrations.

I am delighted to show some images of our new Science laboratories which have been completely redesigned and refurbished during the lockdown period. The school put in a bid for some funding from the Wolfson Trust and won! We were awarded a particular amount of money that had to be spent on two science lab refurbishments and it is almost complete! We are so happy - the Labs look fab and I cannot wait for students to be in them having proper Science lessons.

As you know, schools are being asked to begin to open as part of the Government's easing of lockdown restrictions and to do so safely and in line with public health safety guidance. As I said in my previous letters, it is important that we manage expectations and I am clear that we are supplementing home learning and will not be operating anything like a full timetable with limited staffing, and whilst ensuring social distancing can happen. The school will not be providing PPE, but if students wish to wear PPE they may.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have volunteered to come into the school to help run these sessions for students in rather challenging circumstances and unprecedented times.

Next week beginning 6th July 2020

Year 10 students - please wear your PE kit or school uniform and bring your own water to drink

Monday 6th July - if your surname begins with the letters **A-J** – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be in the subject of GCSE Modern Foreign Languages.

Tuesday 7th July - if your surname begins with the letters **K-Z** – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be in the subject of GCSE Modern Foreign Languages.

Year 12 students - please wear your own clothes and bring your own water to drink.

Wednesday 8th July - ALL Year 12 students – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from **9-11am**, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for your A levels and BTECs.

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Thursday 9th July - ALL Year 12 students – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from **9-11am**, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for your A levels and BTECs.

On **Friday 10th July** we continue to interview our Year 6 students and their parents coming in to the school and we have written to and invited them in on an individual basis.

If you, or a family member you live with are displaying any symptoms of a continuous cough, high temperature, loss of change to sense of smell or taste then please stay at home and inform your Head of Year or a member of the Senior team.

Please continue to check our website for updates and news. We continue to set online learning for all students in all year groups and this is our priority.

Stay alert and stay safe and have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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