

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Firstly, I would like to send you my good wishes to you and your families and I hope you are all in good health.

**Please find attached our Newsletter, I hope that you enjoy it!**  
**Please also look at our website regularly to see our news and updates.**

### News about the school

It has been a delight to visit some of our feeder Primary schools over the last few weeks, in particular the fantastic Virginia Primary school, Old Ford Primary School, St Monica's Catholic Primary school and Sebright Primary schools in Hackney. It is so important to keep up to date with all of the excellent work taking place in Primary schools, so that we ensure that our Year 7 students are challenged in their work and are really looked after when they arrive with us in Year 7.

It was lovely to have had a visit this week from Ms Tracy Smith who heads up the Tower Hamlets Education Partnership. It is always nice to have colleagues from the Local Authority visit the school so that we can show case all of the great things that we are doing.

Year 10 and 12 and 7A return to us on Monday, following their 10 days of self-isolation and being taught on Microsoft Teams.

### Academic tracking and grade information

If you are the parent/s of Year 9, 11, 12 and 13 students you will receive tracking and prediction of grades in the post next week.

If you are the parent/s of Year 10 students this will be sent home after the half term break.

If you are the parent/s of Year 7 and 8 students, this will be sent home at the end of the Autumn term.

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Covid 19

**If your child has Covid Symptoms and you have sent for a test, please do not send your child into school until they have received a negative test result.**

Please go on to our website and click on the special section called Covid 19 for all up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education and from Public Health for England and from the school.

Year 10, Year 13 and 7A students have been brilliant at accessing and attending their Microsoft Teams lessons whilst they are at home. Attendance and engagement is very high and teachers have actually been enjoying teaching students in this blended way. Obviously 'normal' lessons in school is what we all want, but whilst in this Covid crisis I am proud of the way that the students and staff have found way to teach and learn effectively. As well as our teachers and staff being brilliant at delivering lessons to students on Microsoft Teams, they have also made it a priority to ensure that students' welfare is good and that they are doing everything they should for school.

Notices and reminders for all students and parents

**We break up for the October half term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for two weeks. Students should return to school at the normal time on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Half term revision school is open for the full two weeks of the holiday – this is for Year 11 and 13 students only.**

**Revision School will start at 9.30am and finish at 11.20am. Any students arriving after 9.40am will not be allowed entrance to the school.**

There is hand sanitiser available all over the school and each year group will be taught in their own bubble with their own classrooms, desk, chairs and toilets.

A face masks must be worn by all students and staff in all circulation spaces and fluid areas of the school at all times.

All Government guidelines are in place and that students and staff are safe.

Students must wear full school uniform to school and Sixth Formers must wear business dress.

The school will be teaching all subjects and students will have their own timetable within the year group bubble.

Thank you for working with the school in this difficult and challenging time.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Ruth Holden  
Executive Principal

## Executive Principal's News

### The Mulberry House system

Well done to our amazing Heads of House Mr Stokes, Ms Bartlett, Ms Moreno, Mr James, Mr Webb and Mr Calderon for working very hard with each year group to keep our lovely House system at the school alive and kicking. They have been busy this week and last appointing their House Captains and leaders to their positions and organizing some events and online events for students. Well done to them!!

### Afternoon tea with Year 11

It was absolutely fantastic to have afternoon tea this week with three separate groups of Year 11 students as a reward for their excellent engagement on Microsoft teams during their two week isolation, and for their positive and hardworking start to this academic year.

Well done to:

Solieman Abu Sittah, Khalid Ali, Taher Kadir, Ismaeel Ahmed, Janan Saadani, Muna Mohamed, Idris Ibrahim, Junaid Islam, Ebenezer Kassa, Sonia Mehegran, Safoan Miah, Zia Chowdhury, Nusaybah Gutierrez, Amanda Segen, Sumaiyah Akhtar Uddin, Arpo Debnath, Abdullah Al Mujahid, Mehdi Ali,



Manha Teevana, Cassie Truong, Umayya Rahman, Ihsan Rashid, Zahir Ahmed, Zain Ilyas, Juliann Gaskin, Callum Seagrave-Ronan, Zain-Ul Islam, Amin Miah, Fred Knowles, Matias Konto, Tahamina Fidaus, Farzana Begum, Nashera Begum, Ella Dalglish, Jamila Ibrahim, Lorcan Spanyol-Woods, Imran Reiaz, Imtiyaz Masud, Ahsan Islam, Mohamed Abokor, Abeda Mannan, Augusta Spanyol Woods, Maria Loskor, Mahida Rahman, Maliha Nousheen

### Year 10

Well done to Abid Alam Joy, Nebeyu Nolawi Dawit, Laila El-Wahabi, Salman Haque, Yusra Mohamed, Abdirahim Nur, Sara Tasnim Sarker, Muhammed Ehsanul Haque, Hamidah Modupeore Enitan Ahmed, Zaqwan Hasan Choudhury, Zayyaan Ahmed Waafi and

Tahiyyah Begum who will be taking part in the 'Catalyst After school programme' involving them being part of the London Stock Exchange, meeting The Lord Mayor of London and will take place all throughout the year and culminate with students having a two week work experience placement at an asset management company.



### Notices

The weather has now turned cold and often wet – please can students wear a dark colour or black coat appropriate for to and from school.

**A reminder that all students should have a mask to wear inside the school**

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

## Sixth Form Update Oxbridge applications

Congratulations to three of our amazing year 13 students who have applied to Oxford and Cambridge. Tracy Bediako has applied to read Psychology and Linguistics at the University of Oxford, Ismail Hussain has applied to do Computer Science at the University of Cambridge and Wahida Rahman has applied to read Human, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge. We wish them all a massive good

luck and hope they get the offers they deserve! A special thank you to Ms Larkin, Ms Sitch, Ms Begum, their year 13 tutors, who went above and beyond to ensure everything was completed to such a high standard. Thank you also to their subject teachers and Ms Wallace and Ms Earle for their support too. We have an outstanding team to help students with their applications!

K Frankum,  
Director of Sixth Form

## Music tuition



Many of our students are learning to play an instrument or further developing their musical skills through our free guitar, brass and strings lessons each Friday.

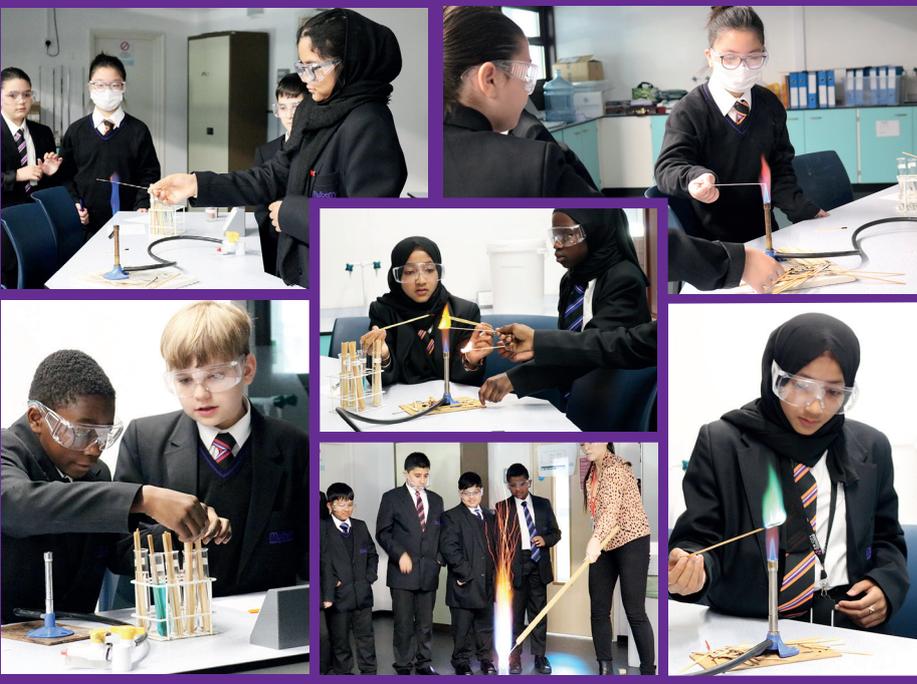
# Year 7 voices

Year 7 choir has begun successfully this half term. They practice in their socially distanced groups once a week on a Wednesday. We are going to be making a music tutor group in year 7 to provide them more opportunities to practice and perform. The students really enjoy having the opportunity to participate in the choir and it is really nice to see how proud they are to be involved.



# The Science of Fireworks

Head of science Miss Hunnisett held a session for some lucky Y7 students this week, where students learned about the science of fireworks. Students learned to use the Bunsen burners and used their practical skills to identify the different elements involved in making colourful fireworks and the combustion reaction that fires them into air. Students had a great time - future chemists in the making! Well done year 7s!



# COMPETITION

#Merky Books is an award-winning book publishing imprint founded by Stormzy and Penguin Random House UK



They have launched the New Writers' Prize.

This is a competition to connect with young writers (Aged 16-18), in which a fresh work of fiction, non-fiction or poetry will be discovered and the winner will have their work published through #Merky Books.

## YEAR 11-13

**What to do:** submit a 200-word synopsis and 1,500-word extract for works of fiction and non-fiction, and a 200-word synopsis and 500-word extract for works of poetry. The topic/ content of their submission can be about anything.

## THE PRIZE

Winner/s will receive a publishing contract with #Merky Books.

Please send your submission to:  
emilton@mulberryschoolstrust.org

**Submission duration:**

Monday 14 September 2020 – Friday 30 October 2020

# PECULIAR PERSPECTIVES

## YEAR 7 COMPETITION

**Task:**

Write a short story with an **unusual narrator**. It should be maximum **400 words**.

You could write from the perspective of:

an object



an animal  
an unconventional narrator (a baby, a criminal, a homeless person for example)

**DUE DATE:**  
16TH OCTOBER

You need to complete your writing as homework and hand it in to your teacher next week (Week 8) OR You can bring your writing straight to the English office!

## PRIZE!

There is a mystery prize for the winner and for their whole English class too!

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# TRAPPED

## Gothic Writing Competition Winners!

All of Year 8 entered the Young Writer's competition this term. Students were asked to write a 100 word mini-saga with the theme 'Trapped' and completed some excellent pieces of writing! The entries have been sent off and we look forward to seeing whether we have won any prizes. A big well done to Eijazul Haque (8A) and Ezinne Bako-Johnson (8D) who won our internal prizes for their mini-sagas and to Alex Johnson (8F) and Haniya Rashid (8C) who won the runners-up prizes. Please see the winning pieces below!

### I'm not MAD!

Psst! Come here! Yeah you! Help me out! Let me free! I'm not supposed to be in here, (you are) - no I'm not! I didn't kill him. Yes, yes, I didn't kill him - I'm not MAD! This cushioned cage is not meant for me! (It is meant for you) - no it's not - oh freedom! Something I can't have. Guards linger by the door, with snide sneers on their faces. They're laughing. They're LAUGHING! (They're not) - who is then? (You). No - I'm not. Ha ha ha! I did not end my own father! The knife was possessed, (no) - I'm not MAD!

Eijazul Haque, 8A

### Trapped!

Eyes wide in terror, I shuddered. I could see my mother comforting my siblings (who were huddled in a corner). The air was infected with cries of others. Mother always told me to count to ten when stressed. "One...two" footsteps drew nearer, "Three... four" my siblings' squeals got louder, "five... six", the metal doors burst open, making a deafening "Clang". "Seven... eight" I could hear my mother's oinks of protest as she was dragged out by barbarous hands. "Nine...ten" my eyes flung open, she was gone. I saw her head dangling solemnly amongst the heads of the other deceased pigs.

Ezinne Bako-Johnson, 8D

## Year 8 House Leadership

This year, a number of our year 8 students have applied and been selected to be house leaders.

Here is what Maymuna Rahaman 8E has to say about being a house leader:

**What house position do you hold? What does your role entail?**

Last year, I was a community leader, which meant I was responsible for representing the school community through working with students in other houses as part of student council in weekly meetings. This involves helping and taking an active role in organising events and campaigns.

This year, I hold the position of fundraiser vice-captain, and this means I must be responsible for organising and managing a series of charitable events. I am excited to take part in fun events, help others and see the difference I can make.

**How does it feel to be a student leader as a year 7/8??**

To be a student leader in year 7 and 8 is very rewarding. I am given a lot more opportunities than my peers. I can go on trips and residentials, attend workshops, learn how to organise events and lots more. It can be quite challenging to work with someone older than you and with more experience, but with a lot of communication, you get used to it.



Ruth Tilahun, Maymuna Rahaman and Anthony Smith discussing the issues they will be raising at student voice next week.

## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

### Crooked calculator

Eric has got all the sums wrong. Each time he pressed exactly **one** wrong key.

$$\begin{aligned} \% 25 + 36 &= 900 \\ \% 5 + 3 + 2 &= 317 \\ \% 8 + 8 + 2 &= 3 \\ \% \sqrt{16} + 1 &= 41 \end{aligned}$$

Can you work out which keys he actually pressed?

Eric manages to press the right keys but gets them in the wrong order.

Can you get the keys in the right order?

$$\begin{aligned} \% 23 + 56 &= 61 \\ \% 5 + 3 - 2 &= 0 \\ \% 8 + 842 &= 103 \\ \% \sqrt{31} + 6 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

### Answer:

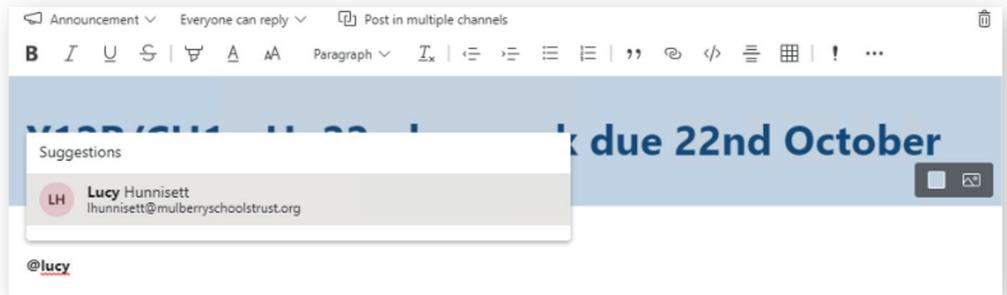
$$\begin{aligned} \% 25 \times 36 &= 900 \\ \% 5 + 312 &= 317 \\ \% 8 \div 8 + 2 &= 3 \\ \% \sqrt{16} + 81 &= 41 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \% 25 + 36 &= 61 \\ \% 3 + 2 - 5 &= 0 \\ \% 824 \div 8 &= 103 \\ \% \sqrt{36} + 1 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

# TEAMS How to...

## ...make sure your Teacher gets a notification

If you are posting in one of your Teams and you want your teacher to receive a notification you should use @teacher name. This will mean that your teacher receives a notification that there is a message for them.



# Open Mornings

Monday 19th to Friday 24th October at 9.15am  
**Come and visit us!**

## House Points Scoreboard

Tower <b>1230</b>	Trafalgar <b>1140</b>
Globe <b>1213</b>	Barbican <b>1183</b>
Tate <b>1228</b>	Thames <b>1144</b>

## Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

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# WORD OF THE WEEK

Wow!

## Tenacious

**DEFINITION**

Holds tightly onto something.  
 Is determined to do something even when it becomes difficult.

**EXAMPLE**

Peter was a *tenacious* interviewer; he insisted that the politician answered the question.

**SYNONYMS**

Persistent.  
 Strong-willed.  
 Relentless.

**ANTONYMS**

Half-hearted.  
 Uncommitted.  
 Hesitant.

**CHARACTERISTICS**

Pronounced like this 'tuh-NAY-shus.'  
 Originates from the Latin word 'tenere' = to hold.