

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 2nd 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

We are appearing on Bangla TV for the month of October! We are very proud!

The school has made a 30 second clip which will appear on a rolling programme during and after the news on Bangla TV. The purpose of this is to show what a fabulous school we are to some of the local community. Thank you to Mr Tosowar Ali who arranged for this to take place.

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch has had an industrious and focused week. It was really lovely to meet Year 7 Parents on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to Ms McRill Head of Year 7, Ms Wills Deputy Head of Year and our Year 7 Tutors who had socially distanced one to one meetings with Year 7 Parents and students. It was important to Year 7 Parents to be able to have a discussion about how their Year 7 child has settled in after the first four weeks; what friends they have made, how their learning is going and general settling in questions answered. A great event with some very lovely conversations which has left us very pleased at the school with how happy and settled our Year 7 students currently are.

On Thursday evening we had our Open Evening from 4pm – 6pm in our main street area for Year 5 and 6 Parents and students. This was a great success and parents were able to see and meet with key staff who lead on our pastoral care through the House and Year group systems, but also our SEN and Inclusion Team and Heads of the different subjects we offer. Well done and thank you to staff.

Next week we look forward to welcoming back to the school buildings, our students who have been isolating for a two week period:

Year 11 students on Monday 5th October at the normal time and in full school uniform.

Year 12 students on Wednesday 7th October at the normal time in their smart sixth form clothes.

Students in both year groups have been brilliant at accessing and attending their Microsoft team's lessons.

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Covid 19

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.

Notices and reminders for all students and parents

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 mask 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

Again another lovely week at the school;

Open mornings for Year 6 students and parents continue to be successful and it has been lovely to meet visitors and show off our lovely school

We are celebrating Black History Month at the school as well as all of the work we have been doing around Black Lives Matter. Here is one of the displays (right) which have been put up around the school.

It was great to see Year 7 Parents this week for our 'Meet the Tutor' event. 110 parents and students came to meet their tutor in a one to one social distanced setting and it was a very positive and successful event. Thanks to Ms McRill and Ms Wills and the Year 7 tutor team for this.

Also great to see the Year 7 Choir enjoying their warm up session with our fantastic Singing teacher Kirsty.

I wish you all a very good and peaceful weekend.



Year 7 choir warming up for their class

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

Year 6 Open Evening 2020

Yesterday, 1st October 2020, we held our annual Year 6 Open Evening. Although it was a very different experience this year, we welcomed families to our lovely school in a safe and socially distanced way.

A big thank you to all who came along to meet staff, see the Executive Principal's presentation and listen to the choir. We hope the evening was enjoyable and gave a flavour of the teaching and learning, the spacious environment, our great facilities, and delicious school meals – the whole school experience that begins in Year 7 and continues through to Sixth Form.

We welcome families who would like to come and visit us from Monday-Friday at 9.15am until 24th October.

Don't forget that the deadline for submitting your choices of secondary schools for your child is October 31st 2020.

Choosing Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will ensure your child receives an excellent education and an enriching and enjoyable school experience in a caring, supportive and nurturing environment.

Here (left and over the page) are some photos from yesterday's Open Evening.



Year 6 Open Evening 2020 in pictures



Year 7 logo designs

Year 7 have been designing logos for a project called 'Student Character' looking into 6 different themes including resilience, ambition, curious, communication, reflection and respect.

The successful students will have their ideas developed and then digitally produced by our Multimedia Manager. The students will work with her to create final logos and, in doing this, they will learn skills needed in graphic design.

The ideas produced have been very creative and the students



have enjoyed using their imagination to create their design concepts.

Black History Month 2020

Throughout October our Black History month celebrations will include:

- Afro/Caribbean food
- Spoken word - performance
- Drama performance
- House Writing competition
- Pre-recorded House Assemblies
- Guest speaker (pre-recorded)
- Dance (pre-recorded)
- Black History Enrichment (tutor time)
- Where I am from: Celebrating and learning about the Heritage of our Black students and staff.

New to Year 8

A couple of new students joined our Year 8 family at the start of this term. Here is what they have to say about the school:

Maria Castelleria 8E (right)

I like it because the teachers are all very nice and my classmates are friendly. I used to go to school in Brazil, so things were very different. All the teachers would come to our classes, and we had 110 minutes of lunch and 30 minutes of break. We would start school at 7:30 and finish at 12:45. The only 'complain' I have is the weather, it's always rainy and windy!

I find school hard at the moment because it's in another language and I have missed a lot of things in year 7 but I will work hard and catch up 😊.



Inaya Yeasmin 8C

I like the school because it is big and everybody is nice. The school also looks great because it is tidy and clean. I am glad I started in this school 😊.

Tic Tac Toe

Year 12 A Level Computer Science students have been working exceptionally well from home over the last couple weeks. They have been collaborating to create various versions of Tic Tac Toe, complete with 'smart' computer players and graphical user interfaces, using advanced programming techniques. We are very impressed with the independence and resilience they have shown when working from home on a very tricky challenge!

This screenshot shows one game of Tic Tac Toe being tested by a couple students.

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player1, what is your name?Anisur
player2, what is your name?Mohammad
Anisur it is your turn, you symbol is x
choose a row 1, 2, or 3?1
choose a column 1, 2, or 3?1
['x', '-', '-']
['-', '-', '-']
['-', '-', '-']
.
Mohammad it is your turn, you symbol is 0
choose a row 1, 2, or 3?1
choose a column 1, 2, or 3?2
['x', '0', '-']
['-', '-', '-']
['-', '-', '-']
.
Anisur it is your turn, you symbol is x
choose a row 1, 2, or 3?2
choose a column 1, 2, or 3?2
['x', '0', '-']
['-', 'x', '-']
['-', '-', '-']
.
Mohammad it is your turn, you symbol is 0
choose a row 1, 2, or 3?2
choose a column 1, 2, or 3?3
['x', '0', '-']
['-', 'x', '0']
['-', '-', '-']
    
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MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Did you manage to solve the maths problem this week?

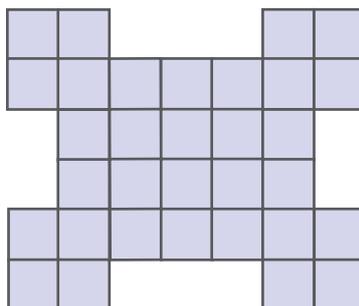
How Many Squares

How many **squares** can you see in this pattern?

How many **rectangles** are there?

Answer:

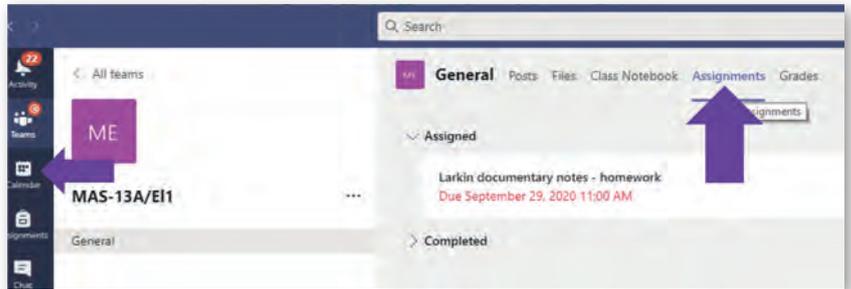
28@1x1, 16@2x2, 6@3x3, 2@4x4.
Total: 52



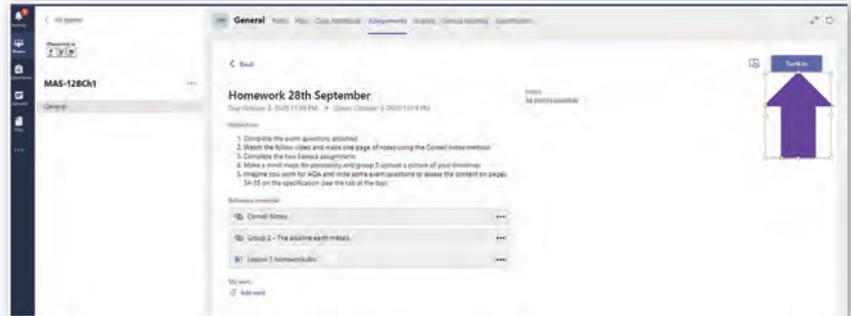
TEAMS How to...

...complete an assignment

The assignments tab will show you all the assignments you have been set from the selected class. Alternatively, you can use the assignments button in the toolbar to see all your assignments from every class



To work on an assignment, select it from the assignments list. You will be shown the details of the task along with any resources or worksheets the teacher has attached. To add work, click the 'Add Work' button - you can add new files, files from your personal OneDrive folder or files you have already created in Teams. When you are ready to hand in all your work - click the 'Hand in' button



Open Mornings
Monday to Friday
until 24th October
Time: 9.15am
Come and visit us!

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

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch

WORD OF THE WEEK

WOW!
 word of the week

OPTIMISTIC

DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
Feeling hopeful about the future. Being positive and expecting good things to happen.	Although his team hadn't won a game all year, Joe was optimistic that they would win today.
SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Positive. Hopeful. Look on the bright side.	Pessimistic. Negative.
CHARACTERISTICS	
From the Latin 'optimus' = the best. 'Optimism' is the noun.	